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YOUR NEWSLETTER and RENEWAL FORM enclosed!

CHECK IT OUT!
HillcrestForest.org

You probably know that we have a web site, HillcrestForest.org.

Go there to renew your membership!

There is also information about neighborhood Security Patrols, Zoning, Recycling, Schools, City service phone numbers, and more.

We update our web site more often than we can mail newsletters, so add it to your bookmarks or "favorites" and check back regularly to see what's going on!



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Fall 2019

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Hillcrest Forest needs your support to help us maintain and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. RENEW for the coming year with the enclosed envelope. Or pay by Credit Card at www.HillcrestForest.org.

Hillcrest Forest membership is still only \$15!

60% Drop in crime in the 5 Star ENP Patrol area (South of Forest Lane, east of Hillcrest Road)

**THE 5 STAR ENP
ASKS YOUR SUPPORT,
to PAY FOR PATROLS
& KEEP CRIME LOW!**



YOUR BENEFITS:

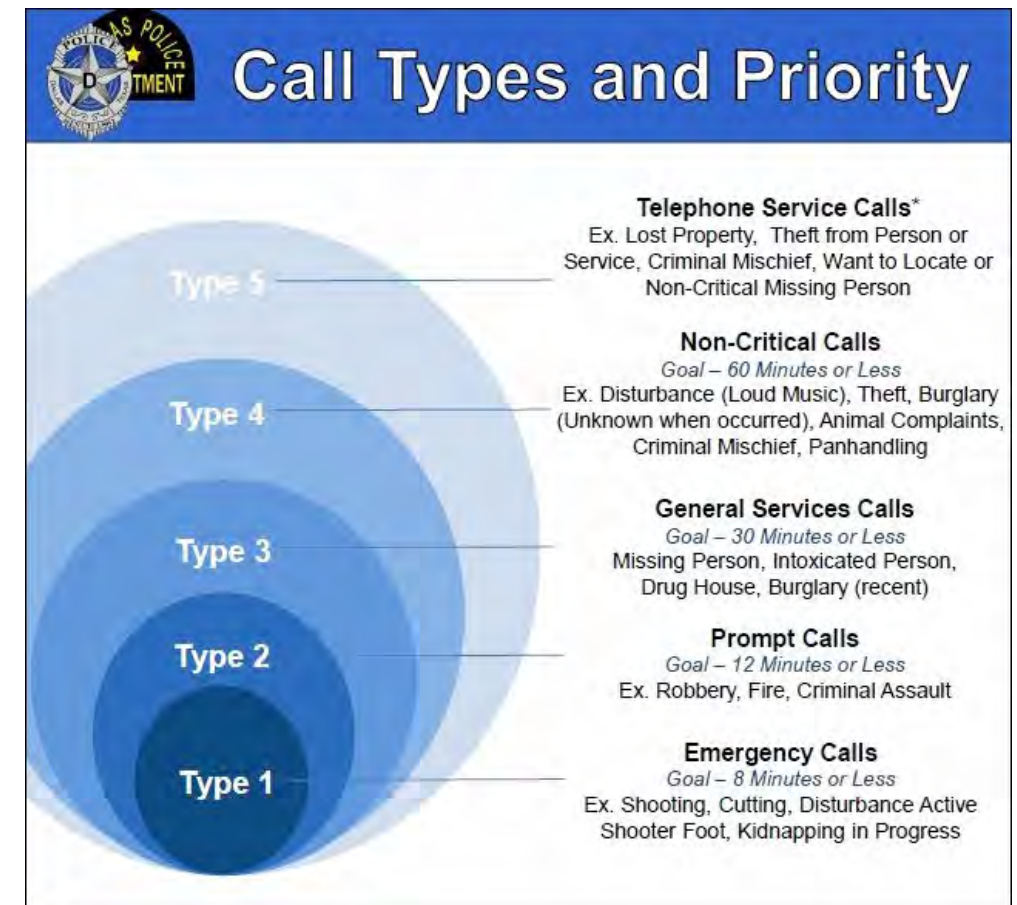
- 4-hour patrols by uniformed **Dallas Police** on weekdays.
- Police periodically run radar on streets with a high incidence of speeding.
- All-night armed security patrols by Smith (members know nights & times).
- Members receive Smith's late night dispatch number. Add this to your cell phone, and during the Officer's hours, you can call them direct if you want to report something. If you're away from home and receive an alarm notification during their patrol hours, call Smith Dispatch to have it checked out.
- Members can request added surveillance when out of town.

THE PATROL NEEDS EVERYONE'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT

To pay by credit card, go to www.HillcrestForest.org.

The **5 Star ENP** is separate from the Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association, but we work closely together. The **Churchill Way ENP**, north of Forest Lane, is managed by Hillcrest Forest. As a paid Hillcrest Forest member in that area, you will receive information on the Churchill Way area patrol.

How Police Prioritize Calls



Everyone knows that the Dallas Police are short-handed. That's why we're lucky to have TWO private security patrols in our neighborhood.

The length of time that it takes to respond to a 911 call depends on the priority of the problem and officer availability.

A 911 call regarding a "suspicious person" is a non-critical Type 4 call. The response time goal is 60 minutes, or less. A call about a shooting-in-progress is a Type 1 call with a response time goal of 8 minutes or less. But lower priority calls might still receive a fast response -- if an officer is available.

Our 2019-2020 Board

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FROM PRESIDENT BRUCE WILKE *Brush & Bulky Item Issues*

The city had its hands full this summer, picking up thousands of truck-loads of tree limbs, storm debris, and downed trees. The City asked that residents withhold placing bulky items at the curb during the month of July to enable crews to catch up with the wreckage from the storm.

The time it took for pickup was frustrating, but now that things are back to normal, let me address some questions that I hear from residents.

- Our week for the pickup of brush and bulky items is the week of the 4th Monday of the month. If there are 5 Mondays, it's still the 4th Monday.
- Pickup can be any time that week, Monday through Friday. It is not necessarily on Monday or Tuesday.
- Cardboard boxes should be flattened and put in a recycling bin. Items small enough to fit in your regular trash should go there, if you have room.
- City law says that brush and bulky items can be put at the curb **no earlier than the Thursday prior to the 4th Monday**. And no later than 7:00 AM on the 4th Monday, in case crews come on Monday morning.
- If bulky items, brush, or bags of leaves are put out too soon, the city may issue a citation. It doesn't occur often, but it does occur.
- Items accidentally set out too early can happen to any of us (once in a while). No big deal. But if a certain home disregards the rules regularly, it tends to detract from the appearance of that street.
- I have been asked, what can be done if it's a frequent occurrence? The answer is to call the City Services number, **311**, and report it. The City receives many such reports. It's best to call during the first two weeks of the month, because it can take up to 10 days for a Code inspector to pay a visit, and you want the items to still be there when they do.

We hope that everyone will keep our elegant neighborhood beautiful!

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The panhandlers seen at major intersections "go where the money is". Your cash only attracts more. Some are aggressive and some are pro's. Others spend the money on liquor or drugs. If you really want to help, our Dallas Police tell us: Instead of giving cash to the panhandlers, PLEASE donate it to the organizations that can provide them with assistance. You will find them online,

including The Bridge, Union Gospel Mission, Austin Street Shelter, Genesis Women's Shelter, Salvation Army, The Stewpot, and others.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES THIS PAST YEAR

You may not always see it, but we've been busy! At our Annual Meeting in May, Hillcrest Forest president Bruce Wilke updated members on our association's activities to improve quality of life in our neighborhood:

- Managed the **Churchill Way security patrol**, which includes Dallas Police running radar on heavily-traveled Willow Lane and Churchill Way.
- Assisted the **5 Star ENP** patrol organization, handling their enrollments.
- Funded **radar** to reduce speeding within the **5 Star ENP**.
- Organized a fun-filled **4th of July Parade**. Thank you, Abby Mayer!
- Sponsored events and activities on our section of the **Northaven Trail**.
- Sponsored the **Kramer Home Tour**, raising funds to improve school facilities.
- Supported **Hillcrest High School's** award-winning Journalism program.
- Produced & mailed two **newsletters** and a neighborhood directory.
- 655 Hillcrest Forest members, a new high! We could not do it without you!

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Still only \$15. Membership envelope enclosed.

When you renew, you'll receive:

- Newsletters plus periodic emails with timely information.
- Notices of zoning requests or land use changes in your area.
- A "Good Neighbor" Directory in the early spring, with your neighbors' contact information
- Invitations to neighborhood events.

And most importantly, your membership supports our volunteers in protecting the quality of life in our neighborhood!

Use the enclosed membership envelope, or you can pay by Credit Card on our web site, HillcrestForest.org. Doing it now will save us the cost of mailing a reminder, so we can put that money to better use!



Preston Royal Book Club

**Sponsored by the Preston Royal Library
and the Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association**

Everyone is welcome to join us & discuss the books the members have chosen. For information, go to HillcrestForest.org and click "Book Club"!

OUR 4TH of JULY PARADE ROCKED!



The streets around Kramer Elementary turned red, white & blue on the 4th of July, with over 200 neighbors participating in our association's annual parade. Classic cars, tricycles, strollers, wagons, kids, and some crazy pets were dressed in patriotic colors. The kids enjoyed a balloon maker and two face painters!

Our board member Abby Mayer & friends organized the parade again this year (thank you!) And thanks to our many sponsors and supporters!



Good Citizenship for Dogs!

1. Outside, always be on a leash. Off-leash, you could accidentally knock down small humans or scare them. Also, remember that a leash is **required** on the Northaven Trail!
2. On a walk, be sure that Mom or Dad takes a waste pickup bag with them -- maybe two!
3. #2 applies double on the Northaven Trail and at Kramer Elementary School. Children play and could step in things!
4. And be sure you have a microchip -- it's now City law -- and that your parent's name and address are up-to-date on the database. If you get lost, it might be the only way that you can get home!



They're done! Look for the street sign Toppers at most entrances to the neighborhood, along Hillcrest Road, Forest Lane, and Royal Lane.

Many residents donated to this project, and our general fund dues paid the rest. Our sincere thanks to everyone who so generously contributed!