

COME TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us! Saturday, May 3 -1:30 PM

Gateway Church, Hillcrest Road at Willow Lane

Our Hillcrest Forest Board

2024-2025

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From president Bruce Wilke

Your Important Vote in the City Council Election May 3rd

Our Hillcrest Forest board believes that it is crucial that we have a strong, vocal neighborhood advocate on the Dallas City Council. We want someone who is emphatically committed to protecting single-family neighborhoods, whether it be from upcoming changes in the zoning code or from developers pushing proposals that would harm our community.

We need a City Council representative who will tell developers “NO” to zoning proposals detrimental to us, including those that are contrary to the established **635 Corridor Study** – and tell them that *before* we have another year of grinding negotiations and time-consuming neighborhood meetings forced upon us.

We will have a new City Council representative after the May 3rd election. As you weigh your vote, consider how clear they are about protecting our neighborhood from harmful zoning changes. Vote for someone who is willing to say, “NO”, when it’s called for.



Be sure to vote on Saturday, May 3rd. Turn-out is always low, so every vote makes a difference.

H-E-B Preliminary Site Plan as of February



H-E-B has purchased the 3 older office buildings along the LBJ service road at the southeast corner of Hillcrest Road and 635. The following information is as of the 4th week in February. They are still refining their plans.

The Tom Thumb at Preston Forest is about 50,000 square feet. The H-E-B would be a 125,000 square foot Big Box. The front will face east, toward a 2-level parking garage. The rear of the store and loading docks will be on Hillcrest Road. Customers can enter and exit either at the traffic light at Hillcrest Plaza Drive or from the 635 Frontage Road.

We have multiple concerns, listed on our website. H-E-B has promised to listen to our neighborhood. We will keep you informed.

Copper Thieves cut ATT lines

Have you lost internet or landline service for a day or more in recent months? There have been several instances where copper thieves have used pole saws or other equipment to cut ATT's telephone lines, to steal the copper.

They typically work in alleys, out of sight. If you see unauthorized people who may be cutting lines, call 911 immediately. Try to get a license number or even a photo from a safe distance.

Our Free Churchill Way Patrol Service to End this Year



Many of you remember that in 2015, our Association engaged in intensive zoning negotiations with Alcuin School on Churchill Way. After months of meetings and discussions, Alcuin finally offered us a deal: The school would fund security patrols in our area north of Forest Lane, west of Hillcrest Road, at \$100,000 a year for 10 years. \$1 Million for neighborhood security. It was a remarkable accomplishment by our Association.

That was in 2015. Now it's 2025, and Alcuin's funding will soon end. We hope to be able to continue the patrols north of Forest Lane as resident-funded. If we can put this together, residents in the Churchill Way patrol area will be able to support continued security patrols with a \$225 annual patrol membership, similar to the 5 Star patrol area south of Forest Lane, east of Hillcrest. Watch for more information in our Fall Newsletter.



Each year on our membership form, we have a line where people can note any neighborhood concerns. These were the top concerns during renewals for this year.

Number of Mentions:

- 176 More security, less crime
- 46 Preventing detrimental zoning changes
- 45 Homeless people encroaching on our neighborhood
- 31 Speeding on residential streets
- 12 Street maintenance
- 11 Alley condition and maintenance
- 9 Traffic in general
- 7 Vacant and occupied homes not being kept up
- 5 Teardowns and the original older homes being replaced