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Hillcrest Forest
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YOUR FALL NEWSLETTER!

CHECK IT OUT!
HillcrestForest.org

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

You can use it right now to renew your membership!

There is also information about our 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 you might add it to your bookmarks or favorites and check back regularly to see what's going on!



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SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLEASE JOIN, OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Hillcrest Forest needs your support to help us maintain and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

JOIN or RENEW for the coming year with the enclosed envelope. Or pay by Credit Card at HillcrestForest.org.

Hillcrest Forest membership is still only \$15!

60% Drop in Crime in the 5 Star ENP Patrol Area

AND THE 5 STAR ENP
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT
TO PAY FOR PATROLS
AND KEEP CRIME LOW



REASONS TO BELONG TO THE 5 STAR ENP:

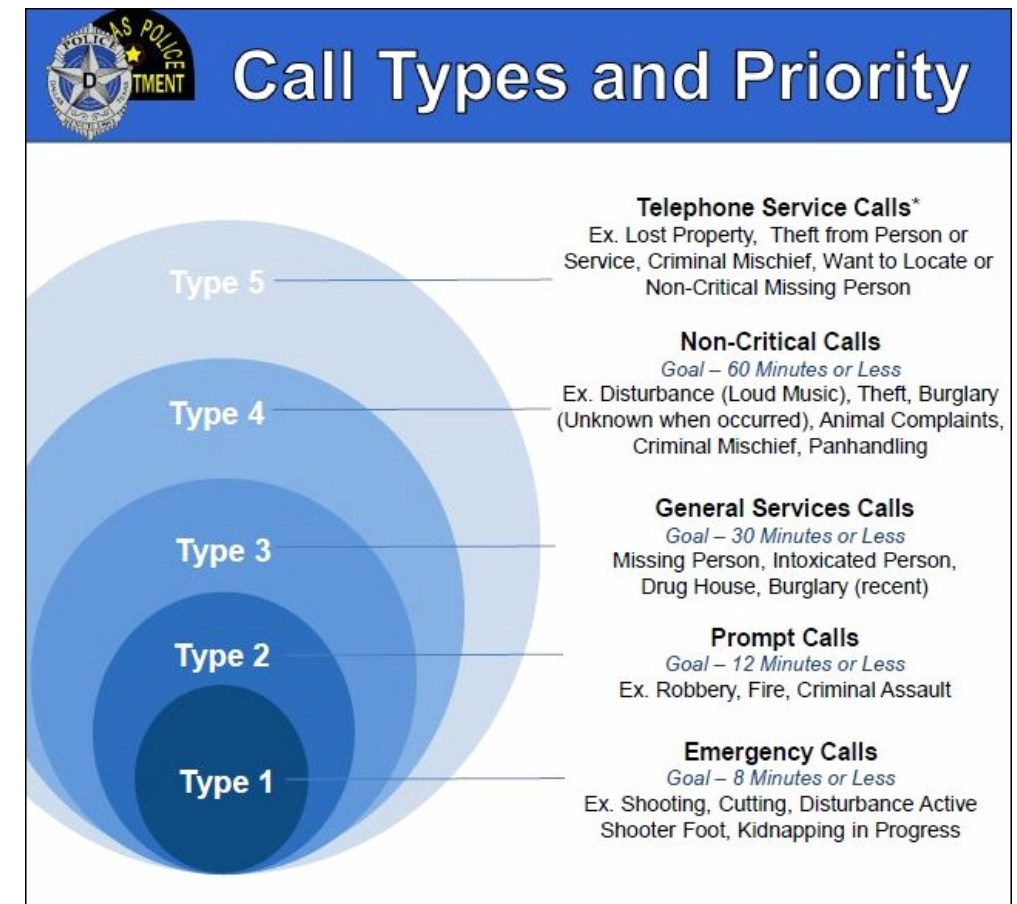
- **SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY.**
- PLUS, paid members receive Smith's late night dispatch number. Add this to your cell phone, and during Smith's hours, you can call them directly if you want something checked out. If you are away from home and your house alarm sends an alert, call Smith and their officer can be at your home within minutes, during their patrol hours.
- 4-hour Dallas Police patrols on weekdays.
- All-night armed security patrols by Smith (members know nights & times).
- Police periodically run radar on streets with a high incidence of speeding.
- Members can request added surveillance when out of town.

THE PATROL NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

The **5 Star ENP** ("Expanded Neighborhood Patrol"), south of Forest Lane, is separate from the Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association, but we work closely with them. The **Churchill Way ENP**, north of Forest Lane, is managed by the Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association. As a paid Hillcrest Forest member in that area, you will receive information on the Churchill Way ENP.

How Police Prioritize Calls



Have you ever wondered why the Dallas Police sometimes take a long time to respond? It's due to priorities and officer availability.

Response times depend on the type of call and whether an officer is available. 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.

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FROM PRESIDENT BRUCE WILKE *Street Sign Toppers*

As you drive around Dallas, you have probably seen the small "street sign toppers" above some corner street signs, naming the neighborhood. This is a City of Dallas program offered to homeowner associations. The city believes that the signs provide a sense of identity and community. The city doesn't pay for the signs, but it does provide inexpensive installation.

A few months ago, we surveyed a random group of half of our members to see if they liked the idea of "Hillcrest Forest" street sign toppers for our neighborhood. 92% liked the idea.

We did a follow-up survey and offered a variety of sign designs, in both white and green backgrounds. 60% preferred the design below.



The signs will be added at the neighborhood entrances, mostly along Hillcrest Road, Forest Lane, and Royal Lane. The signs will not be obtrusive. They are somewhat smaller than the street signs.

Some residents have already offered to donate, and we would love your help. Just go to our web site, HillcrestForest.org, and click the link there. If you can help with a donation, thank you!

The signs cost about \$150 each, and any amount would be appreciated. We believe that we can cover the cost of the project with a combination of resident donations, plus some money from our general fund.

We hope to see the signs installed by the end of this year. Watch for them!

LOSE A DOG? OR FIND ONE?

If you lose a pet and are a paid Member of our association, you can contact us through our web site, HillcrestForest.org, and we can usually put out a neighborhood-wide email within hours. This is a service we provide to **members**, so be sure to join or renew!

Also, if you are enrolled at the NextDoor.com web site, posting a notice there is another good option. And be sure that your pet is **micro-chipped**, and ask your vet to verify that your contact information in the national database is current!

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES IN THE 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 the police running radar on heavily-traveled Willow Lane and Churchill Way.
- Added the **Hillcrest Villa** and **Waterford on the Park** subdivisions to the security patrol – 140 homes within our Hillcrest Forest area.
- Supported the **5 Star ENP** patrol group, 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.
- Supported our affiliated book club. Donated a large poster stand and world globe that the Preston Royal library needed.
- Produced & mailed 2 newsletters & a neighborhood directory.
- 645 Hillcrest Forest members, a new high! We could not do it without you!

TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Still only \$15. Membership envelope enclosed.

When you join or renew, you'll receive:

- Newsletters plus periodic emails with timely information.
- Notices of any 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.
- An invitation to the Hillcrest Forest Annual Meeting.

And most importantly, your membership supports our volunteers in improving and 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 a mailed reminder, and we can put that money to better use!

The DALLAS POLICE say

"PLEASE DON'T GIVE CASH TO PANHANDLERS!"

The panhandlers seen at major intersections "go where the money is". Giving them cash only attracts more – some of them aggressive – and the money is often spent on drugs. If you want to help, the Police ask that you please donate to organizations that can effectively help them. You can find them online, including **The Bridge, Union Gospel Mission, Austin Street Shelter, Genesis Women's Shelter, The Stewpot**, and others.

OUR 4TH of JULY PARADE ROCKED!



Photo by Logan Rosenberg Photography

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, neighbors, and some crazy pets were dressed in patriotic colors. Kids enjoyed a balloon maker, a face painter, and a chance to see the inside of a City of Dallas fire truck which led the parade.

Hillcrest Forest board member Abby Mayer & friends organized the parade again this year (thank you!) We also want to thank our many sponsors and supporters!

MICROCHIPS NOW MANDATORY IN DALLAS!

As of June, 2017, all Dallas dogs AND cats over the age of 4 months must be micro-chipped. It is for their protection, so they can be returned to their owners if they are lost.



Microchips are painless -- no larger than a grain of rice.

Your dog or cat can be micro-chipped by any veterinarian, at many mobile clinics, or at Dallas Animal Services for only \$15.00.

Don't take a chance with your pet. Be sure that it is micro-chipped, and ask your vet to verify that your contact information is current in the database.

