

# Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association

HillcrestForest.org

Fall 2017

## SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

### PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Your membership supports our volunteers in protecting and improving the quality of life in our neighborhood. An envelope is enclosed to renew for the coming year. Please do it now and save us the cost of a reminder mailing! Thanks!

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

Reported crime dropped dramatically during the first 3 years of the 5 Star ENP patrols – **down over 60%**.



In addition to 4-hour daytime patrols by Dallas Police, both ENPs in our area employ 8-hour, late-night patrols by Smith Protective Services. Capt. Max Schanbaum patrols the Churchill Way ENP, and Brady Lain works 5 Star ENP. These officers patrol our streets while we sleep.

If you live in the **5 Star ENP** area, your financial support enables:

- 4-hour Dallas Police patrols on weekdays and some weekends.
- All-night armed security patrols (members know which nights & times).
- Police periodically run radar on streets with a high incidence of speeding.
- Members can request added surveillance for their home when out of town.
- 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 see or hear something suspicious or if your car alarm goes off. 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.

This added security is only possible with your support, so if you live in the **5 Star ENP** area, please renew or join now – and be sure to add your \$15 dues for our neighborhood association! To pay by credit card, go to **[www.hillcrestforest.org](http://www.hillcrestforest.org)**.

The **5 Star ENP** ("Expanded Neighborhood Patrol"), south of Forest Lane, is separate from the Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association, but they are within our boundaries and we work closely with them. The **Churchill Way ENP**, north of Forest Lane and west of Hillcrest Road, is funded by Alcuin School and 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.

# RECYCLING

## PAPER



## PLASTIC



## CARDBOARD AND CARTONS



## METAL



## GLASS



- The City prefers that recycled items NOT be in plastic bags that they have to open and empty before they can sort the items. Just dump the recycled items in your big blue bin, save the bag, and re-use it.

- Cardboard boxes should be opened on both ends and folded flat. It saves room in your blue bin, and it saves room in the recycling trucks.

- The City has to manually sort and discard items that have food or grease on them – plastic containers or paper plates for instance. So those should go in the trash. The **top** of a pizza box can be recycled; the greasy bottom half cannot. Glass and metal containers should be rinsed of food and totally emptied of liquids that can spill and damage recyclable paper in the trucks.

- Only plastics with a number in a triangle can be recycled – no plastic bags or wrappers. Remove plastic bags from cardboard boxes, such as cereal or cracker boxes.

- No tin foil, pie plates, clothes hangers, Styrofoam, or batteries.

- No paper towels, toys, electronics, or hardback books (paperbacks are okay).

- No light bulbs or window glass.

Your help saves money for the city and smooths the entire recycling process.



## OUR 2017 - 2018 BOARD

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## FROM PRESIDENT BRUCE WILKE

### Security tips from the pro's

On our annual surveys, Security is the most-mentioned concern of our members. We now have part-time Security patrols covering 85% of our area, and even Hillcrest Forest streets without patrols benefit, because thieves don't know where the patrolled areas begin and end.

That being said, no amount of patrolling can totally prevent crime. So...

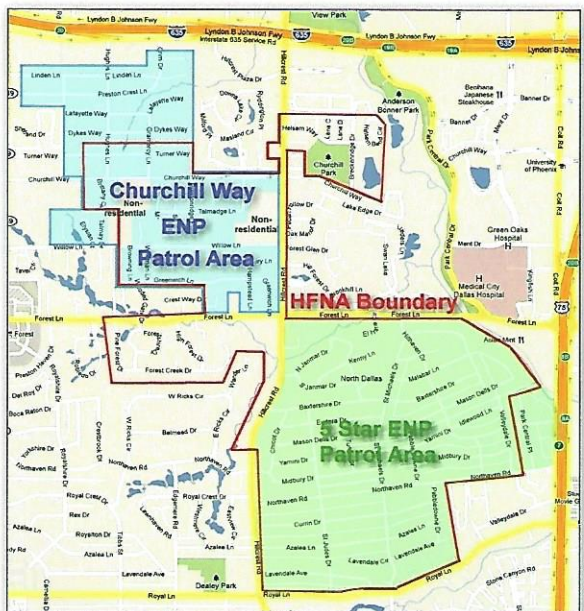
- **If you have an alarm system, use it every time** you leave home. If you don't have one, please consider it. They are inexpensive, but do get 2-3 quotes.
- **Post a "NO SOLICITORS" sign** at your front door. It will eliminate 90% of unwanted solicitors. Many styles are available on **Amazon.com**.
- **If a solicitor knocks**, you may not want to answer. But If they think that the house is unoccupied, they may go around back to see if you left an unlocked door – or attempt to break in. It may be safer to bluntly tell them through the closed door that you're not interested.
- **If you park a car outside overnight, try to get it in the garage.** 40% of our neighborhood crime is against vehicles parked outside at night. Never leave anything in the car, especially a garage door opener.
- **Don't leave your garage door open**, even for short periods. Thieves dart in, grab, and run. Garages with alley access are especially at risk.
- **When you're going to be gone:** Set a light on a timer, stop your mail and newspaper, and have a neighbor watch for unexpected fliers on your door or in your yard. If they aren't removed, the house looks unoccupied.
- **Don't hesitate to call 911** if you see anything suspicious. The Police say that we are their eyes and ears.
- **Be sure to support your ENP!** Sign up with the enclosed membership envelope, or enroll online at **www.hillcrestforest.org**.

## CHURCHILL WAY PATROL

This patrol is north of Forest Lane and west of Hillcrest Road (in blue on the map). It is funded by Alcuin School and is managed by our Association.

All paid Hillcrest Forest members are members of this patrol. Members receive patrol details, the late night Smith Patrol dispatch phone number, and updates by email.

So be sure to join our Association – or renew your membership now! Use the enclosed envelope, or pay online at **www.hillcrestforest.org**.





## ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At our Annual meeting in May, 40+ members got the inside scoop on plans for the former Valley View Mall site which will become part of the "Midtown" area. City Plan Commissioner (and longtime Hillcrest Forest member) Jaynie Schultz explained plans for office, retail, and residential development, anchored by a major new park.

Hillcrest Forest President Bruce Wilke updated members on our association's activities and accomplishments of the past year:

- Managed the Churchill Way ENP security patrol.
- Supported the 5 Star ENP patrol group in enrollment and communications.
- Funded radar to reduce speeding in the 5 Star ENP area.
- Organized a highly successful 4th of July Parade. Thanks, Abby Mayer!
- Worked with City zoning officials and Churchill Way residents regarding an incompatible zoning application on Churchill Way. It was rejected.
- Sponsored neighborhood events on the Northaven Trail.
- Sponsored the Kramer Home Tour, raising funds for their new sports court.
- Donated \$5,000 to Kramer Elementary for construction of the sports court.
- Produced & mailed 2 newsletters & a neighborhood directory.
- Arranged for trimming the trees on Forest Lane & Hillcrest Road.
- 643 Hillcrest Forest members, a new high!

## HILLCREST FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**It's time to renew! 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 Home Tour.

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



## OUR BEST 4TH OF JULY PARADE YET!



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 17, 2017, all Dallas dogs AND cats over the age of 4 months must be microchipped. It is for their protection, so they can be returned to their owners if they become lost.



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

Your dog or cat can be microchipped 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 microchipped and verify that the your contact information is registered in the database.

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