



Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association

HillcrestForest.org

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Thank you for your membership in our association!

Enclosed with this newsletter is your Good Neighbor Directory. The first half lists Hillcrest Forest members alphabetically. The second half lists members by street address. The front pages contain helpful neighborhood information.

Annual Meeting

Our association's public annual meeting will be on **May 6, 2023 at 1:00 PM** at the Churchill Recreation Center. Our special guest will be a representative from the City of Dallas recycling department. Mark your calendar. Everyone is invited!

Garage your vehicle!



The Dallas Police consider Hillcrest Forest to be a "low crime" neighborhood, but they have told us that nearly half of the crimes that do occur involve vehicles parked outside overnight. They are a magnet for thieves.

IF you can make room in your garage and park your vehicle inside, please do so. If it is outside, even under a light, it is a potential target.

If you do park outside, be sure to remove anything of value. Thieves will not hesitate to break a car window if they see something that might be of even minimal value. Also be aware that if your car has a garage door opener, it could allow a thief to open your garage and possibly even gain entry to your house.



Please Don't Bag Your Recycling

If you save your recycling in a kitchen trash bag, the City of Dallas asks residents to please dump the recycling items LOOSE into the big blue cart. Empty the bag and use it again. The recycling center is a high-speed process, and bagged recycling requires time for an employee to individually open and empty each bag.

Also, plastic bags of any kind cannot be recycled by the city. They jam the equipment. Plastic grocery bags can be taken back to your supermarket for recycling.

Gateway Church Park

In 2003, the Hillcrest Church, at the intersection of Hillcrest Road and Willow Lane, reached an agreement with the surrounding neighbors on a list of contentious issues. The agreement became part of the church's zoning. It includes a small park on Willow Lane, which although it is owned by the church, is to be an amenity for the entire neighborhood. However, over the years, some of the trees and landscaping in the park have died.

The church is now the Gateway Church. The Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association has contacted with them about the decline in the Park. Church management was gracious and said that they will make improvements to the park, to restore it.

Mosquitoes Coming!



Spring is here, and the mosquitoes are not far behind. Anything in your yard that holds water could become a breeding pool for them. Empty items such as flower pot saucers, and change water in bird baths regularly. Some mosquitoes carry the dangerous West Nile Virus.

Kramer Elementary Expansion

Arthur Kramer is our neighborhood public school. Plans are being finalized to expand the building with 12 new classrooms on the east end (Tunica Drive), where the playground is currently. The playground will be relocated to the north side, adjacent to the paved basketball court. It will still be open to residents after hours and on weekends.

There will also be a small addition at the front of the building for new administrative offices. We were especially pleased to learn that the portable buildings will be going away. The new classrooms will be ready in the fall of 2024. The number of students at Kramer will remain about the same. You can find more information on our website, www.hillcrestforest.org.



Kramer is a jewel in the DISD system. Its students have been winning academic honors for many years. We know of parents who have bought homes here, just to be able to send their children to Kramer. We are fortunate to have many great schools in our part of Dallas - both public and private.

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