

**Brush & Bulky Trash
collection calendar**
Always the 4th Monday of the Month

Pickup week:	Place out after Thurs:
September 25	September 21
October 23	October 19
November 27	November 23
December 25	December 21

CHECK US OUT!
HillcrestForest.org

You know that we have a web site. Go there to renew your membership!

There is also information about Zoning, neighborhood Security Patrols, Schools, Recycling, and more.

We update our web site more often than we can mail newsletters, so check back regularly to see what's going on!

YOUR NEWSLETTER and RENEWAL FORM enclosed!



Hillcrest Forest
Neighborhood
Association

HillcrestForest.org

Fall 2023

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - Just \$25

With your support, we work to maintain and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Members receive seasonal newsletters, email updates, and our annual Member's Directory.

Use the enclosed envelope, or pay by credit card at www.HillcrestForest.org, or scan this code:



**South of Forest Lane and east of Hillcrest Road,
your \$250 membership includes both Hillcrest
Forest and the important 5 Star Patrol service**

**THE 5 STAR PATROL
HAS REDUCED CRIME
BY OVER 60%**



PATROL BENEFITS:

- 4-hour patrols by uniformed Dallas Police on weekdays.
- Night-time armed private security patrols by Special Response Group (SRG)
- Members receive SRG's dispatch number. Add this to your cell phone.
- Members can request added surveillance when out of town.

The Churchill Way Patrol, north of Forest Lane and west of Hillcrest, is also managed by Hillcrest Forest. Paid Hillcrest Forest members in that area will receive information on the Churchill Way Patrol.

From President Bruce Wilke



Our annual dues, amazingly, have not changed since 2006. Since then, expenses including newsletter and directory printing, postage, and July 4th parade have gone up significantly. So finally, an increase is unavoidable. However, we are still lower than most neighborhood associations!

5 Star Patrol dues (south of Forest Lane, east of Hillcrest Road) are also increasing a little. This spring, our off-duty Police officers received a pay increase from \$35 an hour to \$40, their first raise in 10 years, and our aging night patrol vehicle had to be replaced. So 5 Star Patrol dues will increase \$25, to \$225. This service is vital to improving neighborhood security.

The 5 Star Patrol is now part of our association. It was founded by Beverly Houston in 2013 as a separate organization, but we have always worked closely together, and we handled their memberships for them. We already manage the Churchill Way Patrol, north of Forest Lane, so it made sense for 5 Star to also be under our umbrella. Beverly will continue to lead it, as chairman of our 5 Star Patrol committee.

Hillcrest Forest's mission is to protect and add to our quality of life, including strong representation on crucial zoning issues. And the launch of the 5 Star Patrol in 2013 reduced crime by over 60%. We could not do this without everyone's support!

4th of July Parade!

The streets around Kramer Elementary turned red-white-and-blue on July 4th, for our annual parade! Neighbors brought their classic cars, bikes, kids, strollers, wagons, and some crazy pets. We had an ice cream truck and patriotic giveaways for the kids. Regrettably, the City of Dallas fire truck didn't make it this year, because they got a last minute fire call.

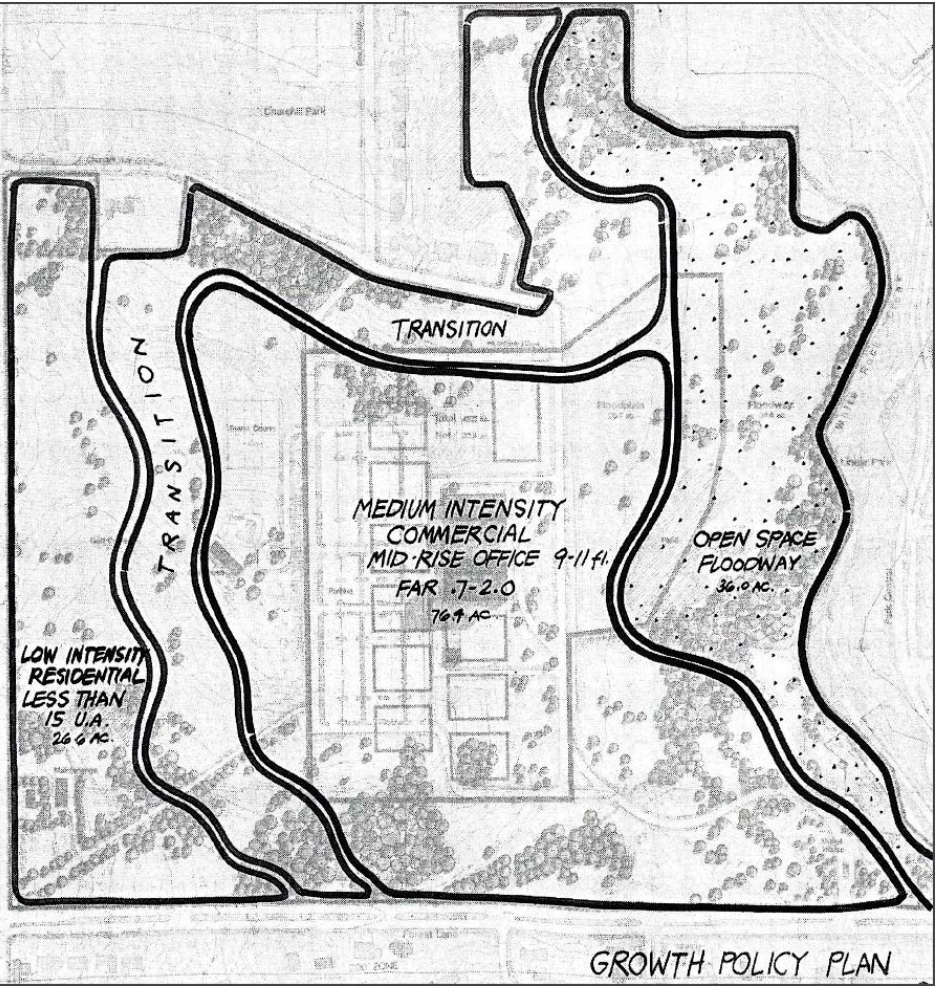


Hillcrest Forest board member Brian Bramhall organized it, and Kramer PTA President Mika Manaster (also on our board) managed it. Thank you, Brian & Mika!

To see some great photos by professional photographer, Bill Naifeh, please visit our website, www.hillcrestforest.org.

Some Hillcrest Forest Milestones

1984 – Our Association was founded to fight the EDS proposal to rezone their 170-acre mostly-vacant campus at the northeast corner of Hillcrest Road & Forest Lane for 3 million square feet of commercial and 700 apartments, up to 15 units per acre. Hillcrest Forest organized an alliance of 11 neighborhood associations and HOAs, including the Citadel, Hillcrest Villas, Forest Place, and Waterford on the Park.



1993 – After a lengthy hold by EDS, the Hillcrest Forest alliance reached an agreement with EDS on a conceptual zoning plan, 42 pages long, that would primarily be single-family homes. As part of the deal, EDS agreed to donate 2.7 acres at Churchill Way & Hillcrest Road to the city of Dallas for a future recreation center.

1996 – We negotiated a revised zoning plan with the new owners of the former EDS site, who planned the Lake Forest gated community. Even the smallest details of the plan were carefully reviewed by Hillcrest Forest, and often revised.

1997 – Hillcrest Forest approved the design for the new Churchill Recreation Center, to be built on the land donated by EDS. It has become an important amenity for our community.

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2004 – A group of residents supported by Hillcrest Forest reached an agreement with the problematic Hillcrest Church [at Willow Lane, now Gateway Church], to zone it into a restrictive Planned Development district to halt their continued purchase and demolition of single-family homes to turn into parking lots.

2013 – Beverly Houston founded the 5 Star Patrol and became a partner with Hillcrest Forest to improve neighborhood security. The number of crimes dropped by over 20 a year!

Separately, HFNA raised over \$10,000 to construct a new rest area with 3 stone benches on the Northaven Trail, near St. Jude's.

2014 – Hillcrest Forest and its members raised \$14,000 to help Kramer Elementary School buy some major new pieces of equipment for its aging playground.

2015 – HFNA and neighbors near Alcuin School on Churchill Way reached an agreement with Alcuin to allow them up to 135 high school students. In return for our support, Alcuin agreed to pay \$100,000 a year for 10 years for security patrols in that area. Hillcrest Forest manages these patrols for the neighborhood.

2018 – We raised funds and installed street sign toppers saying "Hillcrest Forest", at 32 prominent neighborhood intersections.

2019 – Hillcrest Forest and its members donated \$8,000 to the 5 Star Patrol to add more security patrols in the tornado-damaged area, which was experiencing a wave of thefts from the unoccupied homes.

2022 – Hillcrest Forest played a key role in the in-depth 635 *Corridor Study* initiated by our City Council member, Jaynie Schultz. The outcome was a conceptual plan for the low-rise office properties on the south side of LBJ, adjacent to our homes, and it excluded the zoning being sought there by developers to construct hundreds of apartments.

These milestones do not include the many parades, home tours, city council candidate forums, ongoing support for Kramer and the Northaven Trail, and many other activities over the years.

For a lot of good neighborhood information
Visit our web site: www.HillcrestForest.org

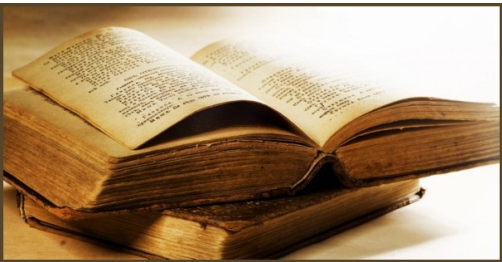
Our Annual Meeting, May 2023



Our guest speaker, Kamika Morris, City of Dallas Recycling Coordinator, told us:

- No plastic bags of any kind should ever go in the Blue recycling cart, not even containing recycled items. No shredded paper, either.
- Items contaminated with food or unemptied liquids cannot be recycled and will be sent to the landfill. Plus, they often contaminate and ruin nearby items.

DID YOU KNOW – if your recycling is in a plastic trash bag, that it **may never be recycled**? At the sorting center, trash bags are pulled off the fast automated line because it takes too much time to tear them open and empty them. Often those full bags are sent to the landfill. It's okay to save your items in a trash bag, but then empty them loose into the Blue cart and re-use or dispose of the bag.



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. Go to www.HillcrestForest.org and click "Book Club".

Our Board 2023-2024

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