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# Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association

HillcrestForest.org

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## Support Your "BEST NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY!" ~Dallas Morning News

### JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Membership Envelope enclosed

When you join or renew, you will receive:

- Newsletters, plus periodic email updates with timely information
- Notices of any zoning request and land use changes in your area
- A "Good Neighbors" directory in the early spring, with your neighbors' contact information
- Invitations to neighborhood meetings and events
- An invitation to the members-only HFNA annual meeting and Home Tour in May, next spring.



Your membership supports our volunteers in protecting and improving the quality of life in our neighborhood.

### SUPPORT THE 5 STAR ENP PRIVATE POLICE PATROL!

For residents South of Forest Lane, East of Hillcrest Road

As a convenience for our HFNA members who live south of Forest Lane and east of Hillcrest Road, we are again combining our annual membership with that of the 5 Star ENP, the private Police Patrol in that area.

We are separate organizations, but due to our common interest in making our neighborhood more secure, the HFNA works closely with the ENP ("Expanded Neighborhood Patrol") and supports their efforts. HFNA President **Bruce Wilke** serves on their board.

If you live in that area, the membership envelope enclosed with this newsletter gives you the option to join either group, or both. We hope that you will choose both. Likewise, if you pay online through our web site (which uses the PayPal system to process credit cards), you will have the same option. Our organizations appreciate your support at any level.

If you live north of Forest Lane and west of Hillcrest Road, there is a new Security Patrol coming to your area soon! Details on the next page.

To pay online, go to our website: [HillcrestForest.org](http://HillcrestForest.org).  
Please renew now for 2016 to save us a reminder notice! Thank you!



### ONLY HFNA MEMBERS ATTEND OUR POPULAR SPRING HOME TOUR!

Be sure and join us so you can tour some of the best homes in our best neighborhood. Check out some past homes at [HillcrestForest.org](http://HillcrestForest.org) . . . then join us!!

### ABOUT YOUR PET'S MICROCHIP

If you have a dog or cat, be sure that it has a microchip. They're tiny (like a grain of rice), inexpensive, painless, and can be inserted by any vet. A registered microchip can save your pet if it's lost.



If your pet already has a microchip, ask your vet to scan it and verify that your information is in the national database and is current. Your information is not on the chip itself – the chip only has a number. The number allows it to be looked up on the database. A surprising number of chips have never had the owner information added to the database, or the information there is out of date.

### BULKY TRASH & BRUSH PICKUP



Reminders:

- Our pickup is always the week of the 4th Monday each month. It is not the last Monday when there are 5 Mondays in a month.
- Place at the curb no sooner than Thursday of the week prior to our pickup week. Earlier can result in a citation from the City!
- Bulky items only. If it will fit in your trash can or recycling container (like cardboard boxes that can be flattened), that is preferable to setting it out as Bulky Trash.

### LBJ TEXPRESS LANES OPEN IN SEPTEMBER

Learn more at: [LBJTExpress.com](http://LBJTExpress.com).



See how the LBJ TEXpress Lanes, general highway lanes and frontage roads are located adjacent to each other in these cross-section maps of I-635/LBJ Freeway and I-35E/Stemmons Freeway.

Check out [LBJTExpress.com](http://LBJTExpress.com).

### 2015 - 2016 STEERING COMMITTEE

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CHECK IT OUT!  
[HillcrestForest.org](http://HillcrestForest.org)

Many of you know that our neighborhood association has a web site, [HillcrestForest.org](http://HillcrestForest.org).

If you haven't seen it recently, check it out. There are links to topics including Home Security, Zoning, Traffic, Recycling, Schools, Churchill Recreation Center, City Service Phone Numbers, and much more.

We update our web site much more often than we can mail out newsletters, so you may want to add it to your "favorites" or "bookmarks" and check back regularly to see what's going on!



## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BRUCE WILKE

New Security Patrols north of Forest Lane

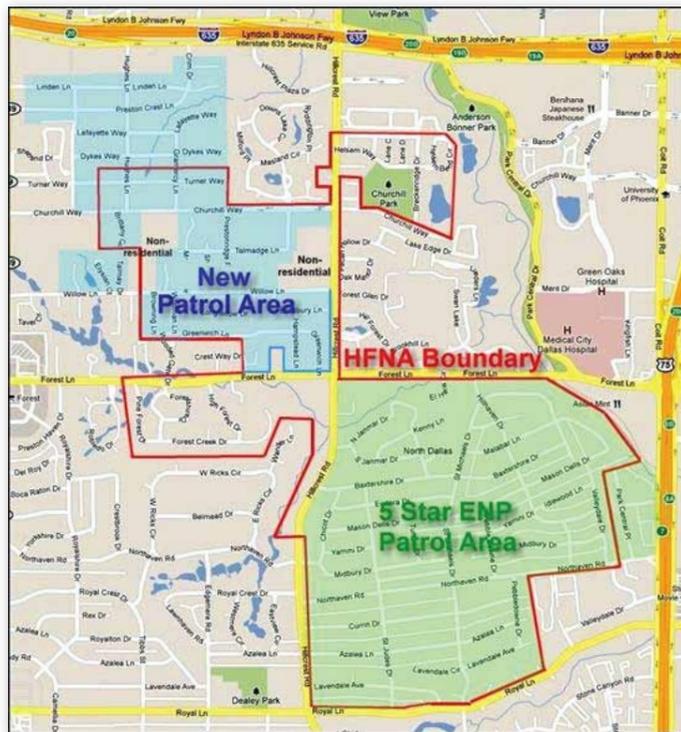
Our area south of Forest Lane and east of Hillcrest Road has a very successful private Police Patrol, the "5 Star ENP", started 3 years ago by neighbor **Beverly Houston**. They are a separate organization from us, but we work closely with them, and I serve on their

board. For those of you who live in that area, THANK YOU for your support! The more members, the more patrol hours, so we hope that everyone will join. The 5 Star ENP is now fielding 8 and sometimes 9 four-hour patrol shifts a week – up from 7 just two years ago – and we hope to increase it again this year by adding more members. Every household is important to making the neighborhood more secure, so if you live in that area, please add your support!

And we have big news for many other HFNA members. New security patrols are also coming west of Hillcrest Road, from Forest Lane to north of Churchill Way. Detailed information will be provided to our members in that area soon.

NOTE: This new patrol will be managed by the Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association, so if you live in the future patrol area shown in blue on the map, you will need to be an HFNA member to receive communications. Therefore, I hope that you will join or renew your membership in our association now. It's only \$15 a year. Be sure that you are on our list to receive information and updates on the upcoming security patrols!

For those of you outside of these two patrol areas, at some point in the future we would love to add patrols on your street. It will depend on the depth of neighborhood support, and it requires finding a volunteer in that area to manage it.



## A FABULOUS DAY FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND HOME TOUR

In May, members were invited to the HFNA's Annual Home Tour, organized by **Melinda** and **Keith Cross**. Our thanks to the great neighbors who opened their homes for 2 hours. See the photos at [www.hillcrestforest.org](http://www.hillcrestforest.org).

If you would be interested in showing off your house in May, please contact president Bruce Wilke at [b-wilke@swbell.net](mailto:b-wilke@swbell.net)!

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COMES TO KRAMER!



Kramer Elementary has a strong tradition of developing globally-minded students, critical thinkers, and problems solvers. During the 2015-2016 school year, Kramer will continue its growth as it becomes an International Baccalaureate (IB) campus.

Changes will include providing a second language acquisition for all students, and Kramer will continue its leading-edge Dual Language program as an option. IB students will participate in Project Based Learning, where they connect what they learn at school to their daily lives and the world around them.

In addition, Franklin Middle School will offer the Middle Years IB program, and Hillcrest High School will soon offer the highly-regarded IB Diploma Program. Our neighborhood kids will have the opportunity to complete a vertically aligned and academically rigorous International Baccalaureate Program from Kindergarten through 12th grade!

If you have pre-school children, neighbor **Abby Mayer** on Baxtershire Drive has formed a group to provide enjoyable opportunities for parents to get to know each other and share information regarding area schools. For more information, please contact Abby at [abbymayer4@gmail.com](mailto:abbymayer4@gmail.com).

## THROWING AWAY BOXTOPS?



Our local Kramer Elementary school collects "Boxtops for Education", the tiny pink coupons found on BigG (General Mills) cereals, Progresso soups, and other grocery items. Each one is worth 10 cents to the PTA, and of course the money is used to provide "extras" for the kids.

Last year, Kramer's PTA added approximately \$760 to its fund this way. If you can save a bunch of them, mail them to the Kramer PTA, 7131 Midbury Drive, 75230. It adds up!

If you shop at Tom Thumb, you probably have one of their "Reward" cards. You can have Kramer designated on your account to receive a small portion of the value of your purchases. To do that, take your Reward card to the customer service counter at the front of the store and fill out the form to select Arthur Kramer Elementary as your designated organization. The donation will be automatic with all future purchases. Last year, the Kramer PTA received an additional \$1,500 from this generous Tom Thumb program.

## OUR BEST 4TH OF JULY PARADE YET!

The streets around Kramer Elementary turned Red-White-and-Blue on the 4th of July, with over 200 neighbors participating in the HFNA's annual parade. Classic cars, tricycles, strollers, wagons, kids, neighbors, and some crazy pets were dressed in patriotic colors.



Photos by **Bill Naifeh**, Naifeh Photography

HFNA board member **Abby Mayer** and her team of volunteers organized the parade again this year (thank you!) Supporting participants included:

- Whole Foods Market
- The Gent's Place
- Kramer Elementary PTA
- DFW's Furgotton Friends
- Teazzer's Lemonade
- Top Pot Donuts
- Cheerleading.com
- Advocate magazine
- Naifeh Photography
- Friends of Northaven Trail
- Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
- Hillcrest East Crime Watch & VIP Patrol
- Churchill Recreation Center

We had a face painter, balloon artist, and lots of refreshments. Our Grand Marshall was Kramer's principal, **Katie Wanserki**. We also had a special guest appearance by our Texas State Representative **Jason Villalba**! Go to our web site, [www.hillcrestforest.org](http://www.hillcrestforest.org), to see the great photos!

And a big THANKS to parade volunteers: **Abby & Garrett Mayer, Tracey Bailey, Jeff Kitner, Carolyn Johnson, Lynne Fletcher, Jill Carleton, Mika Manaster, Mary & Rick Payne, George Palmer, Bill Boyd** – and all who came and participated!

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