



Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association

HillcrestForest.org

Spring 2017

ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us!

Saturday, May 6, 1:00 PM, Churchill Recreation Center
6906 Churchill Way... S/E corner of Hillcrest Road and Churchill Way.

Featured Guest to discuss Midtown (the former Valley View Mall). Beck Ventures (Lead developer of Midtown), will have a company executive share future plans for the Valley View Mall conversion to Midtown. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation.

There will be **no home tour** after the meeting this year. Instead, our Association is a sponsor of the Home Tour by our neighborhood public school, Kramer Elementary. Their tour is on **April 8**. We will send an email with the details prior to the Tour.



Expansion of private patrol sends crime stats to 4 year low.

Our area has always been categorized as “Low Crime” by the Dallas Police. With the launch of the **5 Star ENP** private patrols in 2013, crime in our area declined even further – **down 68%** in

2016, compared to the annual average prior to the patrols. We expect that residents in the new **Churchill Way ENP** will see a similar decline. Our thanks to everyone who supports the patrols!

<http://hillcrestforest.org/ENPs.html>



LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BRUCE WILKE

Private Police Patrols Reduce Crime

We now have TWO private patrols which cover about 85% of our association area: the **5 Star ENP** (a separate organization that we support) and the new **Churchill Way ENP**, which we manage. The latter is funded by Alcuin School as the outcome of our zoning negotiations with them. You can see a map on our web site, www.hillcrestforest.org.

The patrols are similar, with off-duty Dallas Police averaging 4 hours a day on weekdays, and then an armed officer from Smith Protective Services patrolling late nights, 5 nights a week.

Since the 5 Star ENP began in 2013, reported crime has dropped dramatically: by 22% in 2014; by 45% in 2015; and by 68% in 2016, compared to the 3-year average prior to the patrols.

The patrols reduce crime through deterrence. It would take luck for an officer to actually catch a crook in the act, but the mere sight of a patrol car cruising our streets -- or parked in a high-profile location, announcing their presence -- is enough to send the crooks elsewhere. They don't know the exact area that the officers cover, or their schedule.

I occasionally hear that someone hasn't seen a patrol car lately. Be assured that they're out there. The dramatic drop in crime shows the results. The yard signs also help. **Police Patrol signs** are available to members for only \$17.50. Please contact us via the Email link on our web site, or email HillcrestForestDallas@gmail.com.



MELINDA, WE MISS YOU

Longtime Hillcrest Forest board member, Melinda Cross, passed away recently. She left us much too soon. Melinda produced our elegant newsletters, directories, and other printed materials. She was founder of Stationery Ranch and the creative inspiration behind countless invitation designs cherished by individuals and companies alike. She is greatly missed. Her husband Keith also serves our board. For the production of this spring newsletter, our deep appreciation goes to Kenny Lane resident Sharon Nolan for volunteering her services. Thank you, Sharon!

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KRAMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOLADES

Our neighborhood school, Kramer Elementary on Midbury Drive, is now qualifying as an International Baccalaureate school. Several years ago, it added a leading-edge dual language program, and soon will offer Immersion Spanish. These optional programs start students as young as Pre-K on the way to bilingual fluency. Kramer is highly competitive in regional academic events, and in 2016 was honored by the Texas Education Agency for being among the 1 in 17 Texas schools to earn 'Distinction' in all measured categories. Congratulations, Kramer!



“OR CURRENT RESIDENT”

Ever wonder why your address on our mailing always has “or Current Resident” below your name? It’s because the Post Office requires it for the less-expensive Bulk Mail rate. We know that you’re there, but if the addressee has moved, the Post Office wants permission to leave the mail for the “Current Resident”.



WATER RESTRICTIONS PERMANENT!

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is limited to no more than twice per week according to the MANDATORY schedule. No watering is allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays and from April 1-October 31, watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the allowed watering days. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering are allowed on any day and at any time.

City of Dallas Maximum Twice Per Week Watering Schedule

Last Digit of Address	Watering Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sundays and Thursdays
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturdays and Wednesdays
No address number	Sundays and Thursdays



TIPS FOR DOG OWNERS

City law requires that dogs be kept on leashes if they are not in a fenced yard, and dog walkers should always carry a plastic bag. Also, don't forget the plastic bag if your dog is taking you for a walk on the Northaven Trail! The leash law also applies along the Trail.

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