

# Forest West Newsletter

## President's Letter

*A Message from David Ojeman*

It has been another successful swim season for the Forest West pool. We had a total of 129 approved pool applications, with 366 pool cards being issued, a total of four private parties to date, and Anna Kinton had 20 people regularly attend her water aerobics classes. The pool will be open on weekends during the month of September. Pool hours will be sent out each week, by email, for the next weekend.

The newly assembled Deed Restrictions Committee met for the first time on September 6<sup>th</sup> to review our outdated covenants and to start outlining possible changes. The committee consists of two FWCIA board members, Ben Tuma and Tonya Cantu, two Civic Committee members, Jaci Bell and Kendra Yarbrough Camarena, and six residents from the Forest West neighborhood. I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to this lengthy process.

FWCIA will now mail the newsletter to residents starting in January. To residents who receive the newsletter in their email and / or who do not wish to have one mailed, please email me and Elizabeth Tuma with your name and address so we can remove you from the mailing list. Our emails will be at the bottom of this letter.

The annual statements will be in the mail the first part of November. Our collection rate for this year has been very good -- at about 96%. As a reminder, if you are past due with your dues, please contact Brent Miller with Beacon Residential Management to arrange a payment plan. Email addresses: David Ojeman - david@forestwest.com | Elizabeth Tuma - elizabeth.fwcc@gmail.com | Brent Miller - brent@brm.com

The next newsletter will be the December issue. Newsletter article submissions will be due by 11:59pm November 24<sup>th</sup>. Have a wonderful fall season.

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*Forest West is a deed-restricted community; restrictions are enforced. Deed Restrictions are available on our website at forestwest.com or by written request to: FWCIA, PO Box 920955, Houston, TX 77092-0955*

## Civic Committee News



### July 4<sup>th</sup> Kids' Parade Was a Success!

Thank you to all of the residents who celebrated Independence Day at the Forest West Annual Kids' Parade. We had 70 participants this year. Our neighborhood Houston Police Officers and Houston Fire Fighters met with residents, and children had an opportunity to explore a real fire truck. Fire fighters explained how the various tools on their fire truck help them to extinguish fires. A large red fire truck led the kids' parade, and children eagerly chased the truck on their bicycles, tricycles, wagons, and strollers. Parade participants went "all out" with their decorations, and many children dressed up especially for the

parade. It was amazing to see so many residents who stepped outside of their homes to greet parade participants as they passed by this year! At the end of the parade, fire fighters attached their fire hose to a fire hydrant and then provided a nice mist for participants to cool off in. Awards were then given to the most festive decorations from the parade, and a delicious meal was provided by the FWCIA and by outstanding food donations from Forest West residents.

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#### COMMUNICATIONS

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#### Important Contacts

Texas Poison Control 1-800-222-1222  
 HPD Non-Emergency 713-884-3131  
 Houston 311 713-837-0311  
 \*\* To report illegal dumping, water pollution, chemical or gas odors in Houston, call the City of Houston Hotline at 713-525-2728

## Citizens' Patrol Program (CPP)

The North Division Community Positive Interaction Program will meet at 7pm at the HPD North Command Station (9455 W. Montgomery) on October 21st. The public is invited to attend this community meeting. For more information, call 281-405-5341.

The next Certification Training Class for citizen patrol volunteers will be announced through Forest West's email program, when available. All new volunteers for Citizen Patrol must fill out and return the application forms to HPD. Applications and directions for submission can be found at [http://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/vip\\_citzpatrol.htm](http://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/vip_citzpatrol.htm)

## Photos from our July 4<sup>th</sup> Kids' Parade



## Garden Club News: Fall Gardening Tips

Remember to water your lawn and garden well but less often, in order to encourage deep roots. To discourage fungal diseases, avoid watering in the evenings. Put mulch in your garden and shrub beds. Mulching keeps plant roots cooler, helps control weeds and conserves water. Put mulch about 3" deep in your garden and around trees and shrubs. Apply compost around annuals, herbs, and vegetables.

Plant your fall vegetable garden. Your last chance to get tomatoes and peppers in the ground is early September. Between September and January, plant cool-season vegetables such as cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, mustard, lettuce, and kohlrabi.



*July Yard of the Month*

**Bertie and Ray Morgan,  
6107 Greenmont**

*August Yard of the Month*

**Tracy Baumgarten,  
6111 Autumn Forest**

*Take notice of the efforts of  
these Forest West residents!*

*Heavy trash pickups (yard only) are September 25<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>  
Heavy trash pickup (waste + yard) is October 23<sup>rd</sup>*



# Join us for “America’s Night Out Against Crime” at the Forest West Pool on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

National Night Out is an opportunity for residents to meet their neighbors and to develop a safer environment for their families. Please come out on October 7<sup>th</sup>! At this event, residents will be able to:

- ◆ Meet your neighbors, as well as active board and civic members
- ◆ Learn about National Night Out
- ◆ Meet our HPD patrol officers and address any questions or concerns
- ◆ Complete fun activities with kids
- ◆ Learn about our Citizens Patrol Program
- ◆ Join our communication programs, including our email program
- ◆ Pick up important brochures, such as emergency preparedness kits
- ◆ Learn about various clubs and groups in the neighborhood



Residents who wish to donate fixings or side dishes for the fajita dinner should contact Josephine Choy at josephinechoy@att.net.

FWCIA wants to accommodate the needs of all of our residents. Starting in January, the newsletter will be mailed to all residents unless a different method is requested. Please select the option below that best suits you, then detach & mail to our correspondence address at PO Box 920955, Houston, TX 77092-0955. You may also email your preference to david@forestwest.com or elizabeth.fwcc@gmail.com

- I prefer an electronic version of the newsletter ONLY, which will be sent through the Forest West Email Program
- I prefer to have a print version of the newsletter mailed to me
- I prefer to have a LARGE PRINT newsletter mailed to me

Resident Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_