



Friends of the Preston Ridge Trail

A non-profit corporation based in Dallas, Texas

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Friends of Preston Ridge Newsletter (#7)

Dear Members, HOA Leaders, and Neighbors --

Two exciting events are planned for the Trail...starting this Saturday and then on December 10th:

Saturday, November 5th – Hundreds of Trees to be Planted

The first major planting along the entire Trail is planned for Saturday, November 5th, rain or shine. More than 400 trees -- including a variety of crepes, redbuds, pampas grass and photinias will be planted at 11 points up and down Meandering Way and along the Trail's junction just south of Campbell where the western spur begins. Most of the trees are from the City of Dallas Parks & Rec Department, and they will also be providing the hole-digging equipment to help the volunteers get all these trees planted in one day.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 4th Ward has agreed to adopt the Trail and will be providing more than dozens of volunteers to perform the planting. The 4th Ward has also agreed to handle watering these young trees for the next 2 years -- at which time the trees will be strong enough to thrive on rain water. A HUGE commitment.

The community is invited to join the 4th Ward and the Friends anytime during the day of planting, which will begin at 8:30 am at Belt Line and run until 4pm. Just bring gloves and a shovel and find a volunteer group along Meandering Way.

COME AND GIVE OR GET A PAT ON THE BACK!

The 4th Ward has invited the entire neighborhood community to join the volunteers for a short, early evening stroll beginning at 4pm. The group will start walking from Bowie Elementary heading north for the trail junction where complimentary ice cream will be served.

For more information, contact Rod Scales, Friends VP Design at rscales@thomasgroup.com, cell 972 679 8359.



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Saturday, December 10th – First Bench To Be Installed

Former Dallas City Councilmember Sandy Greyson, who played a leading role in the original construction and on-going enhancement of the Trail, will be honored on Saturday, December 12 at 10th -- when the Trail's first bench will be unveiled -- in her honor. The event will occur along the Trail on Meandering between Heathermore and La Bolsa.

The community is invited to visit with Sandy and hear brief remarks by Sandy's successor, Councilmember Ron Natinsky, and predecessor Max Wells, along with the Friends leadership. This is not only the first bench, but it's also the first of many enhancements expected in 2006 -- using private donations.

Sandy's bench is sure to be popular and be a terrific kick-off to the Capital Campaign that the Friends will be launching in early 2006 when Ground Breaking occurs for the Master Plan amenities project and the expansion of the Trail into Collin County.

Both of these events are continuing examples of how the Friends of Preston Ridge Trail continues to partner with the City of Dallas to beautify and expand the Trail. Thank you for your support of time and funds. Please continue to visit the Trail website (www.prestonridgetrail.org) and call the InfoLine at 972-770-0436 for updated information about the Trail.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in the Friends of the Preston Ridge Trail.

On behalf of the Board of the Friends,

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