

My name is Mel Kirkland. I have been living in the Silver Oaks portion of Forest Oaks for 10 years. I relocated from the northern San Diego area of California and fell in love with the Texas Hill Country and the quality of people living in Texas.

I own a small but, busy landscape company specializing in medium to large residential installs. Currently, I am a member of the BBB Accredited Program, the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, Native Plant Society of Texas, Texas Gardeners and the Ladybird Wildflower Center.

I have always enjoyed volunteering. It is one of the best ways to be involved and support ones community. While in Texas I have volunteered at Cox Elementary, assisted in several election campaigns, spent 9 years on Cedar Park's Tourism Advisory Board. Recently I was moved to the City's 4B Corporation Board.

For the last two and a half years I have been the landscape committee for our Association. My responsibilities include working with our landscaper to maintain the common area and greenbelt portions of the property, working with the City Parks and Maintenance Departments to maintain their areas: the parks and trails within the subdivision, overseeing the landscape maintenance contract, recommending additional work to the association, improving the look and feel of the landscape while dealing with the current water restrictions. Most people don't know that there are 27 commercial grade irrigation controllers within the subdivision, and 22 acres of City Park's, and approx. 150 acres of association greenbelt and maintained right of ways.

Previously I was on the association board and landscape committee for the Villages of Bridgehampton HOA in San Marcos, CA and the landscape committee for Vida Pacifica HOA in Encinitas, CA.

I have really enjoyed my years in Cedar Park and look forward to many more years in the Forest Oaks Subdivision.