

Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

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A Glimpse into the Birth of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

*By Sonia Harms with Helen Meyer contributing
From an Interview with Billye Crumlish and Jody Chambers*

The Whispering Hills neighborhood is actually composed of 3 separate development plats. The first was Cimmaron I (Cimmaron to Panther Ridge from Garland to the west wall), approved by the City in 1974, followed by Richland Meadows (between and Walnut and Bunchberry, approved in 1976), then Cimmaron II (???). The section including Rita, Bettywood and Lawler west of Whispering Hills Drive was originally coded for townhouses.

Forestridge Elementary (1968) and Liberty Junior High (1978) were built for RISD children living in Garland. Many of the early neighbors' children were among the first class to attend Liberty.

The area between Panther Ridge and Buckingham, (which was 2-lane at the time) was still mostly sunflower fields in 1977, but the Panther Ridge and Deermont area was already going strong with building in 1976. The duplexes on Daystrom were added in the mid-80s. One neighbor said their house was the only one on Bettywood when they moved in.

Residents living in the Richland Meadows division were the first to have a Neighborhood Association which included a president, a VP and a Secretary/Treasurer, Billye Crumlish. The Crumlishes were the first to build on Branwood and the Chambers' house was among the first on the southern section of Whispering Hills, beginning in 1977.

Following are some things Billye and Jody shared regarding their memories of the early days at the south end of the neighborhood.

There was no police, fire, water or electric service. The belief was that Garland or Richardson would handle issues with those type of problems. Because of a crisis due to a massive chemical explosion near LBJ & Audelia, a group of neighbors went to the City to discuss the problem, leading to services being put in place by Dallas.

There were no trees in the area, only streets and sidewalks laid out. Billye said they could see all the way to Lawler from their back yard on Branwood.

There were few kids at first and they had the run of the neighborhood, enjoying going down to the creek and the railroad tracks, and making hangouts in the room-sized diggings made for new-home sewer connections. It took about 2 to 3 years, then suddenly it seemed there were lots of Big Wheels and tricycles.

The middle section of Whispering Hills Dr. was completed in late 1977. Then the racing started, even worse than more recently. The kids used to call it the Starsky and Hutch strip, named after the late 70's show about cops speeding around trying to catch criminals.

At that point there was also beginning to be a feeling of being a neighborhood. Neighbors were getting to know each other as they were outside working in their yards and also having social events such as dinner clubs and cookie exchanges.

WHNA began organizing as a NA in 1985.

Many fond memories of those beginning days.

Confused About When It's Okay to Water Your Lawn?

Odd number addresses may run sprinklers on Wednesday and Saturdays even numbers on Sunday and Thursday.

No sprinkler watering is allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays from April 1-October 31.

Watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on all days of the week, including the allowed watering days.

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President's Notes Announcing Annual Meeting in Person Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 PM

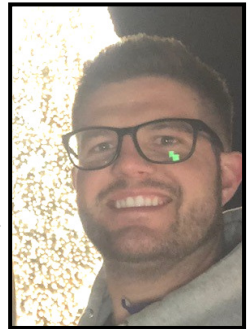
By Jake Bruch

Hello fellow neighbors. I hope everyone is staying cool as we experience the record-breaking heat. There are several exciting things going on in our neighborhood at the moment. If you have not driven by the park recently, the renovations are going very well. The new pickle ball courts with extra parking, lighting and sidewalks are almost finished. Our streets are becoming safer with the City's decision to add more speed cushions.

I would like to announce that for the first time in a few years our monthly WHNA meeting will be held in person on Sept 12 @ 7:00 PM. We are very thankful that Liberty school will be letting us use their library for this event. Please enter through the main doors.

Next month will be our Annual Meeting which means we will be holding open elections for all of our board seats. All of our current members are running for re-election, but it is open to any WHNA members in the neighborhood. Please email me or anyone else on the board if you would like to run. We will hold our vote during the meeting. We ask that you be present if you would like to run and be willing to answer a few questions regarding the election. Anyone in the neighborhood is welcome to come to these meetings to voice concerns or give ideas for improvement. Only members are eligible to vote.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Feel to reach out to me by phone or email if you have any neighborhood issues to discuss.



Neighborhood Dine Out September 26

Rocco's Italian Cafe, 908 Audelia Road, Richardson

Please RSVP to Paulette Standefer by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the dinner at WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com or text to 972-897-7565.

WHNA Board Meetings

Now in-person! Usually held the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Announcements are sent by email, or go to whnadallas.com for information

ATTENTION WHNA MEMBERS!

The 2023 WHNA Member Directory was emailed to all members for whom we have email addresses. If you did not receive it, please email WHNAcommunications@gmail.com.

July Gift Card Winners--Dave and Popi Johnson

Interview by WHNA Feature Writer, Helen Meyer

Dave Johnson has lived in Whispering Hills for the last 29 years. He moved here in 1994 with his wife, Cathy. After she passed away, he met and married Popi, whom he found on an internet dating site he jokingly calls "OldChicks.com"! They just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on July 4th.

Dave was born in St. Louis, Missouri and lived there until the age of 15 when his dad was transferred to Dallas with Southwestern Bell. After graduating from Hillcrest High School in 1957, he joined the Air Force and was stationed at Walker AFB in Roswell NM with the Strategic Air Command, working on B-52 Bombers and KC-135 Tankers.

After his time in the military, Dave worked in the auto industry for about 45 years. His interest in the military, however, has never wavered. He has quite a collection of

die cast aircraft models as well as around 2000 military shoulder patches.

Popi grew up in the foothills of Mount Vermion in the beautiful town of Veria, Greece. She came to America in the mid 80's and served as a nanny for all of her working life. Perhaps growing up in such a beautiful setting is what led to her giftedness in landscaping. Neighbors who walk down Whispering Hills can't help but slow down just a bit to take in the delightful view of her Yard of the Month winning handiwork!

Dave has one living son and 3 granddaughters. Popi has 2 sons, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. They greatly enjoy getting to visit them all as most of them live nearby.

They also enjoy visiting and shar-



ing with neighbors. After Roxanne Singletary, WHNA membership volunteer, and her 3-year old daughter, Lois, stopped by the Johnson's house to deliver the gift card, she reported that they enjoyed the time so very much and that now Lois has "new neighborhood grandparents!"

Dead Tree Report to "Our Dallas" Results in Quick Response

By Maija Wallace

My in-laws were visiting and we noticed that the large tree over Friendship Park was mostly dead. They asked if I could report it to the city. The tree looked like it could be hazardous for the park equipment or even for children if it fell, and I decided to find out how to report it.

I learned that the City has a mobile app called "OurDallas" that can be used to place 311 service requests. It is much easier than calling and waiting on hold! Plus, you can track the status of your request through the app, see what service requests have been made by others in the area, and browse what kind of service requests are routinely addressed. For example, if sanitation services misses pickup of your trash, recycling or bulk trash, you can easily put in a service request and have them come back.

I downloaded the app and made a report, attaching a

photo of our park. I was pleasantly surprised with how quickly the city responded and how they took affirmative action to trim not only the tree I flagged, but also others in the park. The forestry supervisor sent me a personal email thanking me, and I got the impression that he was glad to have received my report. It seems the city has the resources to do a great many things, but they rely on citizens to let them know that those things need doing.

Here's the message I got back from the Forestry Department: "Our Forestry crew was out this Wednesday and was able to remove the dead tree in the middle of the playground and raise the low limbs around the playground as well. Thank you for submitting this to us and have a happy weekend."

Thank you, Maija, for taking action!

A Message from New D10 Council Member, Kathy Stewart

I am both honored and excited to have been elected as your new District 10 - City of Dallas Council Member.

Like many of you, I love our District. My husband, Robb, and I have lived in Lake Highlands for 40 years – raising our three children here – all of them graduating from Lake Highlands High School. I've had the opportunity to own a small business here, Highlands Cafe, and serve this community as a volunteer and as the Executive Director of both Lake Highlands public improvement districts.

As your Council Member, I am committed to working with each one of you to ensure that District 10 is a safe, prosperous, and vibrant place to live, work, and raise a family. I want to hear your ideas, concerns, and suggestions. Together, we can create positive change and build a brighter future for our community.

As the work begins – be on the lookout for announcements from our office for future community meetings on the Budget and 2024 Bond projects.

I look forward to serving as your Council Member for District 10!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully,

Kathy Stewart
City Council Member, District 10
district10@dallascityhall.com

CONNECT WITH THE CITY:

Call 214-671-CODE to report illegal dumping and speak directly with a Code Compliance Services team member.

Have questions related to your residential-permit application? Call (214) 948-4480 to speak with a Building Inspection representative.

Visit dallascityhall.com/calendar/Pages/default.aspx for a complete list of all events open to the public.

DALLAS POLICE ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM



**Non-emergency reports
must be filed online!**

**NO WAIT TIME!
EASY! QUICK!**

ONLINE REPORTING

Accident Reports - Harassing Phone Calls
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle - Graffiti
Theft - Credit/Debit Card Abuse
Criminal Mischief - Reckless Damage
Identity Theft - Lost Property
Theft of Service - Burglary of a Coin Machine
Shoplifting - Interference with Child Custody

The investigative process is the same as if an officer took the report at the incident scene.

DPD Online Reporting for Non-Priority 1 or 2 calls became mandatory as of 7/1/23 (dallaspolice.net)

Reasons for Required Online Reporting

1. DPD 500 Officers short (currently 3,023 active officers, down from 3500+ in 2014)
2. Attrition is still a big problem (157 officers have left from January to April 2023 and 96 hired)
3. Voluntary Online Reporting saved 51,000 officers hours of non-patrol response time.
4. Response times have increased from January to April 2023 period.
 - a. Priority 1 Emergency Calls have increased to 10 minutes from 8 minutes or less goal (increase of 6.2% over January to April period last year).
 - b. Priority 2 Calls are 91.89 minutes (over 1 ½ hours), a 42.4% increase over 2023 period.
 - c. Priority 3 Calls are 583 minutes (increase of 53%).
 - d. Priority 4 Calls are 574 minutes (increase of 30.2%)

Reasons to Still call 911

1. Medical Emergency
2. Witnessing a Crime in Progress
3. When Criminal is still present

For special service requests, use this site to help you contact the correct department :
dallascrm.force.com/public/servicetypes

Recent Criminal/Suspicious Activity

From Recaps by Mike Gorman, Crime Watch Coordinator

7/01-7/10 The only reports were for fireworks.

7/11 Friendship Park Suspicious group activity and vehicles, one of which was seen during the day making repeat return trips.

7/15 Whispering Hills Prowler videoed

7/17 Whispering Hills Numerous gunshots heard coming from SE

7/19 Morgan Meadow Prowler in garage confronted by resident and recorded on camera

7/19 Hornbeam DPD Drug arrest at Friendship Park

7/22 Cimmaron Trl. Suspicious activity--patio furniture observed being carted down the alley.

7/22 Chisholm Trl. Loud music from Short Term Rental

7/25 Cimmaron Trl. Gunfire or fireworks in Garland area

8/04 Cimmaron Trl. Unknown Suspect reportedly trying to access garage door entry.

8/07 Whispering Hills Report of loud noise (believed to be an explosion at Sherwin-Williams paint factory at corner of Forest Lane and Shiloh Rd.)

8/13 Whispering Hills Unknown person(s) bashed windows on driver's side of two SUVs parked on the street.

8/14 Whispering Hills Unknown person walking north on side walk from two SUVs that had windows bashed.

8/14 Whispering Hills Unknown prowler taking items from front porch. This same suspect has been reported 8 times since 2/20/2023. Picture of face posted on Nextdoor.

8/15 Chisholm Trl. Unknown person(s) stabbed tire and damaged inflation stem on work trailer parked in driveway.

Thanks

to Alan Ravkin!!

**The broken section
of the west wall
at Lawler is repaired!**

Crime Watch Training

Let Mike Gorman know if you would like to take the training to become a Crime Watch volunteer. He will send you a flyer from DPD when the next training date is set. His contact is on Page 2.

If You See Something Suspicious,

Report it through the DPD online reporting system. (See p.3) Then send Mike Gorman an email at WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

In your report, include what aroused your suspicion, along with date, time, and location where the incident occurred.

Dallas Alert Emergency Notification System

The City of Dallas developed the Dallas Alert program to enhance the emergency notification system. This OPT IN system will notify subscribers to potential risks with information on the event and/or actions (such as evacuation, flooding, chemical emergencies) that the City and local Public Safety Officials are advising. **Alerts about mosquito spraying in the area are also sent.**

Dallas Alert allows for additional communication options including cell phone and email. The information you enter will only be used for emergency purposes.

To register with Dallas Alert, visit <https://bit.ly/3se4cx1>.

WHNA IS LOOKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Use the membership form on the back page to join, and to support the fellowship, security and beautification of Whispering Hills.

Take or mail the form to the address listed, or use PayPal or Venmo at whnadallas.com/join-whna.

Whispering Hills Buy Nothing

Join on Facebook and search for
**Buy Nothing NE Dallas - North Lake Highlands/
Whispering Hills**

Learn more about Buy Nothing here:

www.buynothingproject.org/about

No charge, no membership fee.

Whispering Hills Family Group

Search Whispering Hills Families on Facebook and request to join.

The group is "private" for safety reasons.

Mental Health Hotline

Call 988

People experiencing a mental health crisis can now simply call or text 988.

The new number is modeled after 911 to quickly connect people in a mental crisis with a mental health professional at a crisis center closest to them. If that center is busy, the call gets sent to a back-up center.

Check QR Code or Website for Garage Sale Requirements

*[dallascityhall.com/departments/codecompliance/
Pages/garage-sales.aspx](http://dallascityhall.com/departments/codecompliance/Pages/garage-sales.aspx)*

Basics

- Permit from Code is required. Libraries are no longer issuing them.
- There is a limit of two (2) garage sales at a premise during any twelve (12) month period (**NOT by calendar year**) and each sale may not exceed more than three (3) consecutive calendar days in length.
- Signs must be placed on private property; Signs placed on medians, public property or utility poles are illegal
- Signs must be removed within 24 hours of sale.
- 1st Garage Sale -No Fee
- 2nd Garage Sale -\$25.00 (No Cash)



CLASSIFIED ADS

Tamales by Blanca

Chicken in green sauce or pork in red sauce; homemade with quality ingredients.

\$16 a dozen with hot sauce.

Please text Blanca at 409-392-8416

Wendy Phynes-Jennings

Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant Star Team Builder

Inspiring Women's Lives--I bring beauty to you.

Website: marykay.com/wendyphynesjennings

Email: wendyphynes12@gmail.com

972-679-0570

Need pet care?

Neighborhood dogs & kitties give great reviews on the loving & watchful care!

References Available

Helen Meyer, 469-387-6094

(feature writer for newsletter).

Shower Enclosures Glass Work Kitchen & Bath Updates

Family-owned Company 17 years in Business!

Local Neighborhood Rep

Ultra Glass Technology

Brad McWilliams: 469-907-6287

Joshua Pool - Your Realtor Neighbor

Offering representation with listing/purchasing residential property.

Free Comparative Market Analysis to support a tax protest

Call/Email - #972-978-7701 JPool@kw.com

About Classified Ads

This is a service for resident WHNA members.

Send name, address, phone, and email ,along with ad copy to: **WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com**

Please limit ad copy to 25 words or less. No graphics.

Interested in Coordinating a Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale?

**Contact a WHNA Board member for
information on what's involved.**

The Network of Community Ministries Handyman Program

The Network Handyman Program ensures that seniors in the community are able to stay safe, happy, and dignified in their homes.

This incredible group of men regularly give their time to ensure that the seniors in our community are safe and happy in their homes. When we receive a maintenance project that needs to be taken care of, our Handymen are always there to help. Whether it be yard work, minor electrical or plumbing fixes, or even just changing the battery in a smoke detector, our handymen are always happy to help.

This program is available to all over the age of 60 in our service area (RISD area). If you know a senior in the community who is in need of home repair or assistance, please let them know about the program and encourage them to reach out to our Seniors' Net Coordinator Jane at jko-vacs@thenetwork.org.

Volunteering Opportunity— If you'd like to donate your time and talent to become a Handyman, we'd love to have you! To get involved, reach out to our Volunteer Manager Caroline at cwold@thenetwork.org.

Neighborhood Teen Works to Restore His Grandpa's 1949 Chevy

Two years ago, 17 year-old Aidan Lord started looking for a project car. He had no experience with cars, but thought it would be a fun project. Aidan got a job working at the Mobil One to earn money and get basic car experience. He also convinced his parents to give up the garage to work on a car.

For more than 40 years, Aidan's grandfather had a 1949 Chevy Sedan but never got around to restoring it. Aidan spoke with his grandfather and arranged to have the Chevy towed from Frederick, MD in May of 2022.



The car needs a lot of work; body, brakes, transmission, engine, and the interior. He has been slowly teaching himself all aspects of car restoration: how to rebuild an engine, drive a "3-on-the-tree" manual transmission, remove rust, weld, replace the brakes with modern disc brakes for safety, body work, and eventually interior work. About a month ago, he was able to drive the car around the block successfully, but in doing so, discovered it still needs a lot of work.

Aidan's grandfather passed away in November of 2022 due to cancer but the family looks forward to his legacy living on in a restored 1949 Chevy.

THE COST OF NOT WATERING YOUR FOUNDATION DURING LACK OF RAIN

Submitted and adapted by Mike Gorman from a Nextdoor post

Not watering your lawn while in the current drought conditions, can cause severe foundation issues and can also destroy underground plumbing and PVC pipes. During heat waves and lack of rain, the ground contracts and hardens like concrete, pulling on pipes, PVC, sprinkler systems, and most importantly, the foundation of your home.

Not watering your lawns at least once a week can cause permanent damage to your home, landscaping, and trees. Summer stress on trees from heat will make them even more vulnerable to winter freeze damage because a lack of water damages the roots. When you don't water, tree roots go in search of wherever they can find water, in some cases, breaking into pipes and plumbing. Saving on your water bill now can cost you much more down the road. In addition, it will improve the appearance of your property and our neighborhood.



BRUSH & BULK



To avoid a Code citation, watch for signs posted on Whispering Hills on

Thursday before pick-up week.

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

August 28 and September 24

Set out on curb beginning Thursdays,

August 24 and September 21

before 7am on the Monday of pick-up week.

Separate bulky trash from brush.

No glass or electronics

Get the 2023 schedule and reminder texts at:
dallascityhall.com/sanitation

Take These Items to the Chemical Collection Center at 11234 Plano Rd, Dallas 75243:

Chemical products	Cleaners & polishes
Aerosol sprays	Computers & cell phones
Batteries of <u>all</u> kinds	Fluorescent light tubes
Paint & home repair products	
Automotive fluids & oil filters	

Call 214-553-1765 for hours of operation.

What Goes into the Blue Bin?

No Garbage or Yard Debris

Only These Items

(Do Not Put Items in Plastic Trash Bags)

Glass Bottles and Jars--NO window glass, light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, ceramics, mirrors or Pyrex

Plastics--containers (rinsed) labelled #1-5 & 7 (found at the base of the container in the recycling emblem) **NO** plastic grocery bags (take those to the store), plastic wrap, plastic utensils, chemical containers or Styrofoam

Metals--steel, tin and aluminum(cans) **NO** foil or foil containers used for baking; no electronics or toys

Paper Products and Cardboard--newspapers, books (both paper and hardback) magazines, catalogs, envelopes, food and detergent boxes, paper egg cartons, 1-pack drink cartons, cereal boxes, folded corrugated and cardboard boxes; **NO** food contaminated boxes or plastic or foil-lined boxes or shredded paper

Order new or replacement roll carts at:
dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation



2023 WHNA Membership Form

2023.JA.NL



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

<Person 1

Person 2>

Home/Cell

Phone

Home/Cell

Please indicate if number is home or cell number.

eMail

eMail address will be added to the email blast system for community meetings and events.

Dues: **\$50**
(tax deductible)

Additional Donation: _____
(tax deductible)

Please indicate your interest in helping in one or more of the following ways:

- ☐ Volunteer Crime Patroller ☐ Making phone calls ☐ Attending Dallas civic and government meetings
☐ Distributing newsletters or directories ☐ Pet Registry ☐ Helping at neighborhood social events
☐ Judging Yard of the Month/Christmas Lights ☐ Working your street/block for the membership drive
☐ Serving on the Board or committee ☐ Other

Send check (made payable to WHNA) to WHNA at 10323 Cimmaron Trail, Dallas, TX 75243.

For PayPal/Venmo, go to www.whnadallas.com

2023 Membership Period—January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023

Payments after October 1, 2023, apply to 2024 Membership.