

# Whispering Hills News

*A Community of Neighbors*

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

OCTOBER 2023



## Hey!! Let's Get Better Acquainted!

We're losing our sense of community. We miss the days of nearly 200 neighbors with families gathering at Friendship Park.

A neighborhood is not just membership in an association--it's knowing each other and supporting each other. It makes a big difference in crime control. WHNA membership is not mandatory to be part of the neighborhood community (though appreciated --and needed).

The WHNA Board is pondering several ideas for gatherings over the next year. Suggestions on the type of activities families would enjoy are welcome. Send them to [WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com](mailto:WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com) or let Board members know your thoughts. We have a very culturally diverse neighborhood. It would be wonderful if our gatherings reflected that. Get your Asian, African, Middle Eastern friends together and join in at the next gathering.

The question becomes, how do we get messages out? Many say they don't know about things going on. The WHNA News goes out every two months, which, unfortunately, often means announcements come far in advance, or miss the event. WHNA pays for the use of a private messaging system called Campaign Monitor which we use for Community Corner to send out email notices to Whispering Hills residents for whom we have email addresses. If you would like to be added, send your name, street, and email address to [claughli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:claughli@sbcglobal.net). Not getting your emails? Be sure to add [news@whnadallas.com](mailto:news@whnadallas.com) to your address book.

Other neighborhoods have reported having similar issues with getting together, but we can be different, regrow our sense of community.

## What Are WHNA Membership Dues Used For?

All work done for WHNA, including the Board, is done by volunteers. Membership dues are used to fulfil such needs as:

- Mowing, wall and irrigation maintenance
- Printing of newsletter
- WHNA website, Campaign Monitor for Community Corner emails
- Some social events, and gift card drawings.



*Have a  
Bewitching  
Halloween*

## All of the 2023 WHNA Board Members Have Been Re-elected to Serve in Their Current Positions During 2024.

Contacts for all of them, including Committee Chairs are listed on page 2.

## Vote on Constitutional Amendments Tuesday, November 7th

Early voting started October 23rd.

**There are 14 Amendments  
giving authorization relating to:**  
Taxation and Appraisal  
Wealth Tax

Teacher Retirement fund  
Conservation Fund for State Parks  
Which level of government  
controls local properties

### Want to Do Some Research?

You can view your sample ballot and check to see if you're registered at:  
[dallascountyvotes.org](https://dallascountyvotes.org)

The League of Women Voters has a non-political, pro/con review of the amendments at: [lwvtxas.org](https://lwvtxas.org) in four languages.

## WHNA Board & Committee Chairs

### NEXTDOOR NETWORK:

nextdoor.com

### WEBSITE:

www.whnadallas.com

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be in the  
**Know**

Stay Connected in  
Whispering Hills

## Check Out the WHNA Website at [www.whnadallas.com](http://www.whnadallas.com)

(You don't need to sign in)

You Can Find:

- ⇒ Bulk Trash Pick-up Dates
- ⇒ How to Receive Community Corner Emails
- ⇒ How to Become a WHNA Member
- ⇒ Copies of Previous Newsletters
- ⇒ Whispering Hills Street Map
- ⇒ Crime Watch Stats and Info
- ⇒ City Staff and Services Contacts

Don't Know If Your  
WHNA Membership  
is Up-to-Date?

Check with the  
Treasurer at  
WHNA treasurer  
[@whnadallas.com](mailto:@whnadallas.com)

## NOTICE

At the suggestion of some neighbors, auto pay through PayPal has been added to the WHNA website, [whnadallas.com](http://whnadallas.com). To subscribe, go to the bottom of the "Join Now" page on the site.

## WHNA Community Meetings

Now in-person! Usually held  
the 2nd Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00 in the Liberty Library.  
Any resident of Whispering  
Hills is welcome to attend

No meeting  
in December.

Announcements are  
sent by email, or you can go to  
[whnadallas.com](http://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.



## We Enjoyed a Low-key National Night Out

On Tuesday night, October 3rd, 20 to 30 residents attended the come-and-go NNO event at the southeast corner of Lawler Rd. and Whispering Hills Dr. It was a pleasant evening of catching up with each other, but somewhat disappointing that more neighbors didn't come and get acquainted.

D10 Councilwoman Kathy Stewart, her husband, Robb Stewart, and her District 10 policy analyst, Alek Pearlman, stopped by to visit, answer questions, and hand out a flyer with a QR code to submit requests for things needed to improve Whispering Hills or keep us safe. Kathy Stewart is 4th from right and Aleck is 3rd from right. Several attendees had already left by the time Kathy and her husband arrived.



## How Did This Happen-- Without Damage to the Wall on Walnut?!!



On September 21, This car was being chased by Garland police when it ran up the guy line to a power post. No other details were available.

Neighborhood  
Crime Watch



## CRIME WATCH RECRUITS NEEDED

Neighborhood  
Crime Watch



Let Mike Gorman know if you would like to take the training to become a neighborhood Crime Watch volunteer. Contact Mike for forms. His contact is:  
[WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com](mailto:WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com)

### Next Training

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9 a.m.– 1 p.m.  
DPD Northeast Patrol Division  
9915 E. Northwest Hwy. Dallas, TX. 75238

## You Think English Is Easy??

Can you read these (right) correctly the first time?

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
5. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
6. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
7. They were too close to the door to close it.
8. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
9. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.

## Update From Our D10 Council Member, Kathy Stewart

One cut-thru in the median east of Whispering Hills Dr. on Walnut St. and another to the west, together costing \$75K, are in the planning and execution stage. This activity has been requested for years to reduce U-turn traffic and accidents at the Walnut intersection and at the Whispering Hills / Branwood intersection due to Briarwyck Apt. residents' difficulty in entering and exiting the complex.

Plans for a rededication of Friendship Park with the new lighted walking path and pickleball courts with parking are in the works.

Let Kathy know of improvement needs in the neighborhood (bad alleys, sidewalks, etc).  
katherine.stewart@dallas.gov 214-670-5958

Make known where you feel City bond funds should go at: [Tinyurl.com/BondPriorities](https://tinyurl.com/BondPriorities)

## Deermont Speed Cushions

Report from the Dallas Department of Transportation

Staff conducted two traffic studies on Deermont, one in June and one in September. According to the data collected, the qualifications for speed cushions were not met.

The findings from the 24hrs in-house traffic study conducted on 06/29/2023 are as follows:

- 85th Percentile Speed (speed at which 85% of drivers travel) - 32 MPH
- Average Speed - 27 MPH

The findings from the 24hrs in-house traffic study conducted on 09/14/2023 are as follows:

- 85th Percentile Speed (speed at which 85% of drivers travel) - 31 MPH
- Average Speed - 26 MPH
- Total Average Daily Traffic (ADT) - 380 Vehicles

Common engineering practices recommends the installation of speed cushions on local residential roads where the 85th Percentile speed equals/exceeds 35 MPH and has an ADT of 500-8,000 vehicles. Due to these characteristics, the installation of speed cushions on Deermont Trl from Whispering Hills Dr to end of Dallas city limits is not recommended.

This information will be added to SR 23-00294383 and closed out.

Mr. Tiju Kuruvila is the new District Engineer for D10  
[iju.kuruvila@dallas.gov](mailto:iju.kuruvila@dallas.gov)

## Neighborhood Association (NA) vs Homeowners Assoc. (HOA)

WHNA is a NA

**A Neighborhood Association (NA)** is a volunteer organization of residents who work together to improve and maintain the quality of life in its neighborhood. Associations can form out of concern over a particular issue or as a means of enhancing a "sense of community."

Features of a Neighborhood Association:

- ☐ Membership is voluntary and open to all residents, not just property owners, in the neighborhood.
- ☐ Participation is optional and boundaries are established by the association.
- ☐ Membership dues are voluntary
- ☐ There is no legal authority to enact or enforce maintenance or design requirements beyond those established by City ordinances.
- ☐ To ensure a visibly democratic process, the organization establishes formal or informal bylaws to provide for at least one general membership meeting per year and to require an annual election of officers.

**A Homeowners Association (HOA)**, unlike a neighborhood association, is a formal legal entity created to maintain common areas and enforce private deed restrictions. Most condominium, town house developments and newer single-family subdivisions nowadays have home owner associations created when the development is built.

Features of a Homeowners Association:

- ☐ Membership is mandatory for all property owners within the boundaries of the development.
- ☐ Members are charged mandatory dues.
- ☐ Homeowners associations have the legal authority to enact and enforce maintenance and design standards in addition to those established by city ordinance.
- ☐ Homeowners associations are corporations, with formal bylaws, which have a governing board that may be elected annually

## Interested in Coordinating a Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale?

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



## Recent Criminal/Suspicious Activity

From Recaps by Mike Gorman, Crime Watch Coordinator

08/27 **Echo Ridge** Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle (UUMV)  
 08/28 **Lawler** Theft of student's electrical bike  
 08/29 **Whispering Hills** DPD activity Eviction Dispute  
 09/03 **Whispering Hills** Property theft  
 09/09 **Rita** Bike stolen and recovered  
 09/09 **Sunridge** Tools stolen  
 09/09 **Cimmaron** New garage door damaged  
 09/09 **Bettywood** Suspect in alley asking for money  
 09/09 **Chisholm** Knocking on door about fire next door  
 09/11 **Buckthorne** Bottle thrown at window  
 09/11 **Whispering Hills** Suspect from 09/09 seen at corner by an alley and walking south on WH with Amazon package.  
 09/16 **Whispering Hills** Property Theft  
 09/16 **Rita** Suspicious Activity reported by resident  
 09/16 **Buckthorne** Suspicious Activity Teenage mischief  
 09/16 **Desert Willow** Crisis Intervention Call  
 09/20 **Whispering Hills** Loud noise at Short Term Rental  
 09/21 **Walnut St.** Car ends up against south wall during chase.  
 09/23 **Cimmaron** Property theft from vehicle  
 09/24 **Cimmaron** Hit and run vehicle damage  
 10/01 **Whispering Hills** Break-in of Motor Vehicle  
 10/06 **Cimmaron** Illegal Dumping of Furniture in Alley  
 10/07 **Buckthorne** Teenage Criminal Mischief  
 10/07 **Whispering Hills** Major Accident with New DFR Truck  
 10/07 **Laingtree** Police Activity  
 10/07 **Chisholm** Break-in of Trailer in Driveway  
 10/09 **Rita** DPD Suspicious Person Call Activity  
 10/11 **Cimmaron** Attempted Break-in Vehicle with Damage  
 10/11 **Desert Willow** Attempted Break-in Vehicle with Damage  
 10/11 **Chisholm** Break-in and Theft of Vehicle  
 10/11 **Bayard** Suspicious Activity  
 10/12 **Bernardin** Stolen Vehicle

## 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 to Still call 911:

Medical Emergency

Witnessing a Crime in Progress

When Criminal is still present

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

After you make a report to DPD, send Mike Gorman an email (do not call) at [WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com](mailto:WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com)

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

## Garage Sale Information

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



Informed Mail Delivery  
 USPS.com  
 Digitally preview your incoming mail

## 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](http://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](http://marykay.com/wendyphynesjennings)

Email: [wendyphynes12@gmail.com](mailto: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).

### 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](mailto:JPool@kw.com)

Greetings as your dedicated local

### Realtor and Lender,

serving within the heart of our beloved  
Whispering Hills community.

Art & Lucy Trejo

[Lucy.Trejo@Fairwaymc.com](mailto:Lucy.Trejo@Fairwaymc.com) 214-803-1806

**Remember to renew  
your membership for 2024 if you  
want to continue your ad after the  
December newsletter.**

### 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](mailto:WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com)**

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

## White Rock Lake on the List of Most Haunted Places in North Texas

Lady of the Lake, a well-known legend, is about a ghost that haunts the White Rock Lake Park.

The story first came out in 1943 when Anne Clark published “The Ghost of White Rock.” In the story, a young couple was parked on the shore of White Rock Lake. They switched their headlights on and saw a woman dressed in a sheer white, wet dress coming towards them. She stated her boat was overturned and that she needed a ride home. She crawled into the couple’s car and gave them an address in Oak Cliff. They drove to the address and met a man who told them his daughter drowned while sailing on the lake three weeks before. They were told they were the third couple who had come to his house with the same story, according to WhiteRockLake.org.

In 1953 a similar but much more detailed account of the Lady of the Lake legend was included in Dallas author Frank X. Tolbert’s book, Neiman-Marcus, Texas: The Story of the Proud Dallas Store. In this account, a beautiful blonde girl appears on the road near White Rock Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Malloy, directors of display for Neiman-Marcus, spot her standing as if she had just walked up from the beach.

Upon seeing the girl standing in the beams of their headlights Mrs. Malloy said:

“Stop, Guy. That girl seems in trouble. She must have fallen in the lake. Her dress is wet. Yet you can tell that it is a very fine dress. She certainly got it at the Store.”

Meaning, of course, Neiman-Marcus. The friendly girl asked them to take her to an address on Gaston Avenue in nearby Lakewood. She didn’t offer an explanation for her state, and the Malloys were too polite to ask. Her long hair began to dry in the night breeze. Mrs. Malloy was now sure the girl’s dress was from Neiman-Marcus. The girl got in the back seat of the two-door sedan. When the car started, Mrs. Malloy turned to discover the girl had vanished. The only trace of her was the damp spot on the back seat. Puzzled, the Malloys went to the address she provided them. A middle-aged man met them at the door. He informed them that his blonde daughter, who wore nothing but Neiman-Marcus clothes, drowned two years before when she fell off a pier at White Rock Lake.

## 3-2-1 Cake Bites--Perfect for an After School Snack

Even the kids could probably make them!

These individual little cakes are amazing and ready to eat in one minute! They are perfect for whenever you feel like a treat without all the fat and calories that cake can have. Genius idea!

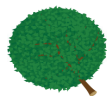
**INGREDIENTS:** 1 box Angel Food Cake Mix   1 box Cake Mix - Any Flavor   Water

**DIRECTIONS:** In a gallon Ziploc bag, combine the two cake mixes together and mix well. For each individual cake serving, take out **3 Tablespoons of the cake mix combination** and mix it with **2 Tablespoons of water** in a small, microwave-safe container. **Microwave on high for 1 minute**, and you have your own instant individual little cake! 3-2-1! **KEEP** remaining cake mixture stored in the Ziploc bag and use whenever you feel like a treat! You can top each cake with a dollop of fat free whipped topping and/or some fresh fruit. Especially good with Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla ice cream.

Try various flavors of cake mix like carrot, red velvet, pineapple, lemon, orange, etc. Just remember that one of the mixes has to be the angel food mix; the other is your choice. The flavor possibilities are endless!

**Warning:** The Angel Food mix has egg whites in it so do not serve this recipe to anyone who is allergic to egg whites.





## 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:

**October 23 and November 27**

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays, October 19 and November 23

**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](http://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](http://dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation)



## 2024 WHNA Membership Form

2023.S0.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**

Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

(tax deductible)

(tax deductible)

**I would like my information to be included in the 2024 membership directory (circle one):**

**YES NO**

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

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

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

**For PayPal/Venmo go to [www.whnadallas.com](http://www.whnadallas.com)**

**2024 Membership Period—January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024**