

Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

FEBRUARY 2024

WHNA Social Committee Has a New Chair and Plans

Thank you, Joshua Pool, for stepping up to the job of Social Committee Chair, and to Jacy Cochran, Maija Wallace and Roxanne Singletary for being willing to help. Thanks go to long-time chair, Paulette Standefer, for her **many** years of service. Her monthly Dine-outs have enabled us to meet so many neighbors and support local businesses. She has also hosting the annual WHNA volunteer appreciation dinner, among other events.

Joshua's crew has met and come up with several ideas for social events within the neighborhood, including: Mom's night out, guys night out, pickleball, an egg hunt. If you have ideas, pass them on to Social Chair Joshua at: pool.joshua@gmail.com.

Be sure to check the WHNA Facebook page or WHNAdallas.com to stay up-to-date on activities.

Love Your Neighbor Ice Cream Social Braums (518 Centennial)

Saturday, February 24 from 3-4 pm.

Check the WHNA Neighborhood Facebook page for details and post a comment with the number of adults and kids you're bringing.

Or call/email jacycochran@gmail or 972-333-0880

Dine Outs Are Back!!

Join the group at this new place!

Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30

Yummy Thai

Located on Buckingham, south side of Fiesta

Let Joshua Pool know you are coming

972-978-7701 pool.joshua@gmail.com

It's Time to Take Voting for Local Politicians Seriously

The Primary Election is coming up on March 5th with Early Voting beginning on February 20th. It is too late to register to vote, but if you're registered, it's time to see who you can vote for, and what their stand is on issues important to you.



To ensure your registration and to find the sample Democratic and Republican ballots for Dallas County, go to dallascountyvotes.org. You'll have to decide in which party's primary you want to vote. Then check your voter registration card to find which candidates are running on the ballot for our precinct, 2127, by checking the list of district on the card.

The work of local politicians can have a more direct effect on our lives, and can respond to local issues, more likely than national politicians.

The League of Women Voters (vote411.org) and Common Cause, along with the Dallas Morning News give nonpartisan details on where candidates stand on issues.

You can vote anywhere in Dallas County. Nearby voting locations are: Audelia Creek Elementary, Jess Harben Elementary and Dallas College, Richland Campus.

For mail-in ballots, go to: dallascountyvotes.org/absentee-voting/ Applications are due 11 days before election day.

USE YOUR VOTE AS A VOICE!!



Next Community Meeting

Tues, March 12 7:00pm

Liberty Jr. High

WHNA Board & Committee Chairs

NEXTDOOR NETWORK:

nextdoor.com

WEBSITE:

www.whnadallas.com

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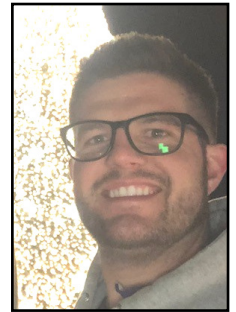
2024 WHNA Board Members

Jacob Bruch, President---Year 2

Came from Wichita, KS. Went to Kansas State University and graduated with an Architectural Engineering degree. His wife is from Eudora, KS. She went to Kansas University.

Sells commercial HVAC products, working with engineers and owners to design systems that will fit their needs.

Likes to stay active playing different sports: golf, softball, basketball, pickleball, tennis. Loves lounging by the pool.



Davene Morgan, Vice President---Year 3

Grew up in a small town southwest of San Antonio and moved to Dallas after graduation from Texas A&M. Has visited this neighborhood since the early 1980s during trips to see her extended family, and has lived on Deermont Trail since 2005. Works as an architect specializing in programming and planning of healthcare facilities. Hobbies include walking her dogs, gardening, putting together puzzles, and reading. WHNA concerns included reducing the speed of traffic along Whispering Hills and Deermont Trail and enhancing the south end gardens.

Anne Meadows, Secretary---Year 3

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Attended Southwestern State (Weatherford, OK). Graduated with a business degree. Has 4 grown children, 2 grandchildren, & a step-son. She and her husband moved to Whispering Hills, in September, 2020 from the Copperfield Townhomes addition. She served on its board for 3-years as Secretary and as a member of the VIP. Has worked at Fletcher-Farley law firm as the receptionist / secretary for 21 years. Has a pilot's license and enjoys flying a Cessna 172. Is a dog mom to 2 Chihuahua mixes and a miniature Australian Shepherd. Likes to travel.



Cynthia Houck, Treasurer---Year 6

Grew up in Northern Kentucky. Worked as an administrative assistant at Procter and Gamble for 30 years--13 of those in Dallas after her husband was transferred to DFW with American Airlines. Has lived in Whispering Hills since 2001. Performs with the Shufflin' Shoes Cloggers, and is Founding Queen Mother of the Big D Re-Gals Chapter of the Red Hat Society. Joined the Board to use her skills for the benefit of the neighborhood and feels that she can best contribute as Board Treasurer.



Wendy Kelly, Member-at-Large---Year 3

Grew up in Traverse City, Michigan. Attended San Diego State in Southern California. She married Michael in 2008 and they moved into the neighborhood in 2013. Works for a non-profit, coaching inner city teachers how to effectively teach outdoors, embedding science and math using standard-aligned lessons. She presents at national education conferences, and leads district-level panels and presentations in Texas. Loves to travel, spend time with family and friends, and sailing her sloop, "Selah," on Lake Ray Hubbard.



NOTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE WHISPERING HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Submitted by WHNA Secretary, Anne Meadows

The first meeting for the new year of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association took place on Tuesday, January 9th at Liberty Junior High School. Since Jake Bruch, President, began the in-person meetings last fall, attendance has grown, and interest in participating in the associations' activities has increased.

At the November meeting, the principal for Liberty Junior High School, Irene Aquilar, addressed the association, providing an inside view of the daily activities at the school. Located in the center of Whispering Hills and with approximately 600 students, the school impacts daily on the lives of us all. Also, from the Dallas Public Library, the Manager of the Audelia Branch brought applications for library cards and provided details on the new hours of operation as well as upcoming events scheduled for the Audelia Branch Library.

2023 saw a number of improvements to our neighborhood with the restoration and beautification of the south wall, the re-planting of the plant beds near the south entrance, and the city's renovation of Friendship Park. Building on this momentum, the January meeting focused on increasing membership in the association and participation in sponsored activities. One such activity includes drawings for gift cards. Those who were members as of January 31, 2024 were entered into a drawing for a \$100 Kroger gift card.

Other actions include expanding participation in the neighborhood Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) headed by Mike Gorman. VIP is a great way to meet your neighbors, report suspicious activities, and take a bite out of crime. Discussions also centered on updating the WHNA Facebook page to better serve the Whispering Hills Community.

Do you wish to better your community, have a suggestion for a fun outing, or a desire to join VIP? Everyone is encouraged to join the Association. Dues are only \$50 a year. Use the membership form in the WHNA monthly newsletter, join via whnadallas.com, or better yet, simply attend community meetings scheduled for the 2nd Tuesdays, of the month at 7:00 in the library at Liberty Jr. High.



Keli Kincaid, Past President---Year 3 (VP 4 Years)

Grew up in Palestine, IL. Has an MBA in Project Management. Moved from Falls Church, VA to Whispering Hills in the summer of 2015 to be closer to family. Was WHNA Vice President 2017-2019 and is a VIP member. Recently purchased a business which is keeping her busy. She enjoys the friendly neighbors, walking her dog, Odin, spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren, and probably has too many houseplants.

WHNA Facebook Group Has Been Set Up

Many in the neighborhood have stated they were no longer enjoying Nextdoor. At the January community meeting, there was discussion about making the WHNA Facebook group private for sharing information among neighbors.

Thank you to Jacy Cochran and Cynthia Houck for getting that going.

You, or someone in the family, will need to have a Facebook page and search for Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association in Dallas Group to join.

Whispering Hills Family Group

Search Whispering Hills Families on Facebook and request to join.

The group is "private" for safety reasons.

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.

Update Notes From Our D10 Council Member, Kathy Stewart

Dallas Greening Initiative, aims to transform unused city-owned land into vibrant green spaces for our community to enjoy.

Trust for Public Land is excited to share that the property located at Bushmills Rd. (10600 Black Walnut Dr, Dallas, TX 75243) is part of the Dallas Greening Initiative. This means that it will be designated as a neighborhood greenspace that will be open to the public.

Also, coming soon to District 10: Parkland Health is set to open a clinic next year on the Dallas College Richland campus at the Walnut and Abrams corner!

The clinic will offer many services like adult care, children's and infant care, women's care, optometry, podiatry, pharmacy, lab services, patient financial counseling, radiology and drive-through vaccination once opened and fully staffed.

The City of Dallas filed a request on Dec. 26 to a state appeals court, asking to reverse the temporary injunction that blocks the city's efforts to prohibit short-term rentals (STRs) in residential areas.

You can sign up to receive the D10 Newsletter by googling D10 newsletter and click the sign-up box.



Winner of the Gift Drawing Congrats, Dee Forst!

Interview by Helen Meyer

At the February Community Meeting, a random drawing from the list of 2024 WHNA members was held. The winner received a \$100 gift card to use at Kroger.

Dee Forst grew up on a farm "way out in the boonies" just east of a small town called West, Texas. From her experience of long hours picking cotton for 1 1/2 cents a pound, she decided to pursue a career as an accountant so she could make a good living doing something she greatly enjoyed-- working with numbers.



She moved to Whispering Hills in 1994. She retired after 40 years in the accounting field, and now one of her favorite interests is growing flowers, especially purple ones. In the Summer, Spring and Fall she spends at least 2 or 3 hours a day working with them in her yard. She is joined by Mr. Tut, a feral cat now 9 years old who she found injured in her yard when he was very young.

Dee enjoys connecting with the long time neighbors on her cul-de-sac, meeting new neighbors as they walk by commenting on her flowers, and is glad to be a WHNA member as well as a volunteer for VIP.

The 2023 Holiday Light Winners were:

Judges Choice: 10102 Bettywood

Best Religious: 10105 Panther Ridge

Best Secular: 10224 Chisolm

Congratulations!!

Pictures are not included due to black-and-white depictions not showing the beauty of the displays.

You can view them in color at whnadallas.com.

It's Your Neighborhood! Support It!

- ⇒ Show appreciation for those who volunteer many hours to help all of us.
- ⇒ Take the opportunity to get involved in your neighborhood. Ask how.
- ⇒ Expand social contact with your neighbors; it helps keep crime under control.
- ⇒ Help keep property values up.
- ⇒ Join the Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association! All residents, both owners and renters are welcome! The form on the back page shows you several ways to submit payment.

Crime Reports 12/15-02/08

From Mike Gorman, VIP coordinator

02/08 Domestic violence
01/31 Domestic Violence-person arrested
01/26 Suspicious person in alley reported at 3 addresses
01/24 Suspicious person in alley
01/18 Dangerous driving on Whispering Hills
01/01 Unannounced ATMOS contractor at residences
12/27 Package Theft by SP
12/27 Found property in alley
12/25 SP trying to open front door.
12/22 Package theft by teen-agers
12/22 Suspicious activity in alley
12/13 Suspicious activity at back gate
12/15 Theft of tools from open garage
12/15 Suspicious activity --second incident, same address

Here is a list of the number of January reports from all sources that I found since 2017:

2017-15
2018-18
2019-14
2020-20
2021-19
2022-11
2023-15
2024- 8

I am excited by the change and I believe it has to do with speed/traffic control, Nuisance Abatement work by DPD at the FM market on Walnut at Audelia, and the on-going activities of our Crime Watch/Volunteer in Patrol program.

Want to be a Volunteer in Patrol (VIP)? Hurry! Deadline for Applying is Short

Upcoming Training Date

When: Saturday, February 24, 2024

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Where: Northeast Patrol Station

9915 E. Northwest Hwy Dallas, TX 75238

RSVP: Monday, February 19, 2024

Copies of the requirements, application, and waivers can be requested from:

amber.oliver@dallaspolice.gov

You must attend all 4 hours of this class to get credit and to receive your VIP ID.

****If you would like to attend this training class**

YOU MUST turn in a completed VIP application no later than Monday, February 19, 2024.**

Return applications by email to

Senior Corporal Amber Oliver

#10113 the Northeast Patrol Division.

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 dallascrm.force.com/public/service types to contact the correct department.

After you make a report to DPD, send Mike Gorman an email (do not call) at WHNAVipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

In your report, include what aroused your suspicion, along with date, time, and location of incident occurrence.

Is It Right to Pass On the Right?

Several residents have reported drivers speeding past them on the right parking lane because they wanted to go faster. A main concern is a person getting ready to turn right into their alleyway.

According to the Texas Transportation Code Section 545.057, an operator may pass to the right of another vehicle only if conditions permit safely passing to the right, and the vehicle being passed is making or about to make a left turn. Passing on the right by leaving the main traveled portion of a roadway is not allowed except as provided by Section 545.058.

It does not seem that passing on the right to avoid the speed cushions would be safe, especially since cars park there.

Transportation Code SEC. 28-84

PARKING FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS PROHIBITED

A person commits an offense if he leaves standing or parked in a public street, alley, or other public place, an unattended vehicle or other private property for a continuous period of time longer than 24 hours.
(Ord. 14584)

No head-in parking on streets.

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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 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)



Stolen?

Informed Mail Delivery

USPS.com
Digitally preview your incom-
ing mail

CLASSIFIED ADS

This is a service for resident WHNA members.

Send name, address, phone, and email,
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Limit ad copy to 25 words or less. No graphics.

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Need pet care?

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References Available

Helen Meyer, 469-387-6094

(feature writer for newsletter).

Joshua Pool - Your Realtor Neighbor

Offering representation with listing/purchasing
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972-978-7701 pool.joshua@gmail.com

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Coach Price, Forestridge Elementary Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Genevieve Price, one of two FRE gym teachers, known by staff as Gennie, and by students as Coach Price, who was chosen Teacher of the Year at Forestridge by her peers. She will be in the running for RISD Teacher of the Year following a series of interviews.

Gennie has been an educator for 17 years. It is her 7th year at FRE, 11 years total in RISD. Before coming to RISD she was a Pre K teacher.

Besides exposing kids to the basics of various sports and physical skills, Gennie is involved in many other aspects of goings on at FRE. She has been seen stringing lights outdoors for the Fall Family Feast, organizing outdoor Buddy Fun Day and Slime Run activities, a kickball event featuring staff vs 6th graders, and leading a troop of 26 FRE Girl Scouts.

When asked what she liked about her job, Gennie said she enjoyed seeing the impact she has on students of all grade levels (as opposed to being a classroom teacher) and watching them grow up as they rise through the grades. She has also gotten to know their families through the years

Gennie has always lived in the Garland area. She continues to live there with her husband, Jason, and two daughters, Julianna, a former student at FRE, in jr. high, and Ella in high school. Kayaking, fishing, hiking and camping are among the pastimes Gennie enjoys in her free time.



Liberty Jr. High Students Get Red Carpet Treatment at Southwest Airlines

From Irene Aquilar, Principal

Our TAME (Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering) Club students were invited as special guests of our assistant principal, Mr. Baird, to take part in a flight simulation visit to Southwest Airlines. Mr. Baird comes from a family with a legacy in aviation and our students were treated to the red carpet treatment at SWA. What a wonderful opportunity to open up careers options to our Patriots. Liberty Patriots are on the RISE!



Fun Stuff Math Riddles

Hey, Algebra, stop trying to find your x.
He's never coming back... don't ask y.

What is a math teacher's favorite place in NYC?
Times Square.

How do you make seven an even number?
Remove the "s."

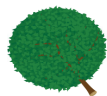
Why did the obtuse angle jump in the pool?
Because it was over 90 degrees.

What did the triangle say to the circle?
"You're pointless."

Where should you do your math homework?
On a multiplication table.

How are a dollar and the moon alike?
They both have four quarters.

Why was six afraid of seven?
Because seven, eight, nine.



BRUSH & BULK



To avoid a Code citation, watch for signs posted on Whispering Hills on the Thursday before pick-up week.

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

February 26 and March 25

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays, February 22 and March 21.

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

Separate bulky trash from brush.

No glass or electronics

Get the 2024 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



2024 WHNA Membership Form

2024.JF.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)

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:

- | | | |
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| <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. (PayPal auto renewal available.)

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