

Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

APRIL 2024

What!?? Only 96 Out of 615 Whispering Hills Residents Are Supporting WHNA Efforts?!!

That's the lowest it's been for several years, totaling to only \$4800 for the year to cover the cost of mowing, planting and repairs, along with providing neighborhood events, the website and newsletter, security, and renting meeting space. There are also several neighbors that volunteer time to attend meetings with City staff, delivering newsletters, doing necessary repairs, and organizing events. Their efforts can be shown appreciation through your membership.

At the current rate, the Social Committee may only be able to have WHNA members join some of their events. Maybe even the newsletter, which currently goes to every household, will need to be limited to members, which alone is \$993 for 6 issues. Total WHNA YTD expenses as of the 04/08 Board meeting were \$1238. Do the math for a year end total.

What's keeping you from supporting WHNA? What can be done to make it worthwhile for you? Let us know. You do not have to be a property owner to be a WHNA member.

A BIG thanks to those of you that have been regular supporters for many years.

Will There Be a 2024 High School Graduate in Your Family?

Graduates will be highlighted in the June issue of WHNA News.

Let Feature Writer, Helen Meyer, know if you want yours to be included at:
WHNAnewsfeatures@whnadallas.com.

She will let you know what information is needed.

What Makes Pickleball Special? Let's Get a Group Going

The pastime's popularity is due in large part to its appeal to all skill levels, its opportunity for social interaction and its massive benefits to the "pickler's" mental and physical health.

You don't have to be really good to enjoy it. It is also a good way to meet new people. It's a great way to get outside, and it's really easy to pick up on and have fun. Moving forward we definitely would love to encourage people to join. If you haven't played before, someone will be there to get you in the loop.

Currently plans are to play on Wednesdays between 7 and 8pm and on Saturdays at 9am or so. That could change according to schedules. Check Facebook and the WHNA Website for information on plans. Let Sonia Harms know you're interested at: WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com, or Joshua Pool as below.

Save the Date for These Neighborhood Events!!

Cut this out and post it on the fridge or a mirror

Dine Outs

Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm at Rocco's
Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30pm at Dos Charros
Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30pm at Flaming Buffet

Pickleball

Wednesdays at 7 pm and Saturdays at 9 am
Friendship Park

Nati'l Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

Wednesday, May 15

Cookie Recipe exchange and Taste Contest

Sign up on the WHNA Facebook group or

Let Joshua Pool know you plan to attend

972-978-7701 WHNASocial@whnadallas.com

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Have You Wondered What You Could Do to Get Involved with Your Neighborhood?

- Do you like to garden? Help with keeping the south entrance looking welcoming. Or, share information on growing things or taking care of a lawn.
- Do you like to meet people? Stop and get to know people on walks. Take part in Dine Outs and other social events. Help plan events. You may have new ideas! Attend the Board/Community meetings that meet every second Tuesday.
- Do you like to know what's going on in D10 and the City? Attend meetings with Council member Kathy Stewart, or other City officials, and share what you learn with Whispering Hills.
- Do you want to help keep the neighborhood safe? Join the Crime Watch team. Be the eyes and ears on your street.
- Do you have a student who needs community service hours? Ask how they could be earned?
- Do you like to share information? Write? Work with the website coordinator or on the newsletter.

Any of these things can help make Whispering Hills a Community of Neighbors, which is our motto. You don't even have to be a member of WHNA to be a volunteer. (But, of course, membership is always appreciated.)

South End Planter Clean-up Completed

Thank you... to the
crew made up of:

Alan Ravkind
Davene Morgan
Kelley French
Randy Meyer
Marc Richter

They removed trash,
pulled weeds, edged,
added bags of com-
post, planted 4 shrubs,
12 perennials, and 12
annuals. Then mulched
with 4 bags of shred-
ded hardwood.



A Summary of Minutes from the March and April WHNA Meetings

From Minutes by Secretary, Anne Meadows

Neighborhood Association meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at Liberty Jr High. Enter the building on the east side. The meetings are open to anyone in Whispering Hills. There is always a Treasurer's report and a membership update. At last report, membership is at a drop from previous years.

This summary is from the March 19th and April 9th meeting minutes.

VIP Coordinator, Mike Gorman, said that 6 incidents, including 1 report to Dallas Police were reported between 02/12 and 03/17. There has been an increase in reports since the March meeting with 16 incidents reported to Mike, 7 of which were reported to police. Thefts and suspicious activities were reported as well as 1-coyote attack on a feral cat. There were 54-code violations during the 2-month period. Sanitation issues and parking violations were the leading violations.

Mike also shared an update on future agenda items for consideration by Dallas City Council regarding specific zoning changes affecting lot density. By law, traditional home businesses (CPA, Child Care, etc.) are allowed as long as the business owner lived in the home under a Special Use Permit. New regulations would allow these businesses to operate by right, meaning once the business was established it could be sold and continue to operate without the business owner living

there. Other considerations would remove restrictions on parking and allowing new dwellings to be built on a property without regard to zoning requirements.

The new sign at Lawler & Whispering Hills was either damaged by weather or vandalism and needed replacing. Joshua Pool volunteered to assist President Jake Bruch with replacement.

There was discussion on how much the Association can budget for events planned by the Social Committee. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis.

The Association, through the Social Committee, is asking for suggestions on a wide-range of activities, or planned events, that residents can enjoy. Suggestions included a chocolate chip cookie bake-off in May, and a meet-in-the street event for June. National Night Out will again be held in October. Another consideration is a home tour event to be planned around the Christmas holiday period.

The gardening crew is planning additional planting for the south entrance. There was discussion on what could be done at the north end. Most of that area is right-of-way connected with Buckingham that is Richardson property and is maintained by Richardson.

The Board discussed inviting Council member, Kathy Stewart to address the Association on topics such as Short Term Rental regulations and crime.

WHNA Facebook Group Has Been Set Up

Many in the neighborhood have stated they were no longer enjoying Nextdoor. The decision was made to set up a private WHNA Facebook group for sharing information among neighbors. Use it to watch for upcoming neighborhood events. There is still a public WHNA Facebook page.

**Search for
Whispering Hills
Neighborhood
Association 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](http://www.buynothingproject.org/about)**

No charge, no membership fee.

Update Notes From Our D10 Council Member, Kathy Stewart

We had an amazing turnout at the D10 community engagement meeting on March 21st at the Forest Green Library. The meeting room was filled to the brim with 75 or more D10 residents – and that warms my heart. My staff and I listened to concerns from the community about our parks, trails, code issues, streets, homelessness and traffic. We will continue the community engagement meetings and will hold an additional meeting with a focus exclusively on homelessness. We have work to do in D10 – and I appreciate so many of you being willing to engage with me and the D10 staff in this work.

Thanks to Patti Clapp, for co-hosting the meeting on the City Charter amendments. We had a good discussion on term limits, salaries for councilmembers and whether we should allow legal residents to serve on boards and commissions and not limit this opportunity to citizens.

The D10 Crime Update for this month shows improvement in Aggravated Assault both FV and NFV but also shows an increase in UUMVs. We are adding 25-30 additional flock cameras (cameras that read and record license plates) to the district which will help identify those committing the crimes. I will continue to work with the Northeast Substation to bring our crime stats down.

Better Block has been working with area residents to hear what you would like to see in the soon to come Bushmills Park. (In the Black Walnut area, south of Walnut)

Dallas Water Utilities has now transitioned to a new payment system, DallasGo as of March 25th.

DallasGo will offer more functionality and make it easier for residents to pay Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) and other City of Dallas bills. Customers can quickly view bills, set up secure automatic payments, change payment methods or review account information. DallasGo also offers a convenient one-time payment option, without creating a profile or logging in, by using the Guest Pay feature.

To facilitate the transition to DallasGo, customers with an existing AutoPay account are receiving a DallasGo introductory email and an email with instructions on activating their DallasGo profile.

Customers who prefer not to use the online platform can continue to make payments by mail, by phone, in person at Dallas City Hall, at an authorized pay station or the drop box outside City Hall in the driveway between Young Street and Canton Street.

DWU customer service is available at 214-651-1441, Monday through Friday, from 8a.m. to 5p.m. to answer any questions and assist customers with the transition to DallasGo.

Vote May 4 on the Dallas \$1.25 Billion Bond Package

Where do you want the City to spend your tax money? You can vote on these Propositions individually.

Early voting begins April 22. Check dallascountvotes.org for locations nearby.

Streets and Transportation:

\$521,200,000

Park and Recreation:

\$345,270,000

Libraries:

\$43,530,000

Housing:

\$26,400,000

Economic Development:

\$72,300,000

Homeless Housing:

\$19,000,000

Flood Protection and Storm Drainage:

\$52,100,000

Public Safety:

\$90,000,000

Cultural Arts Facilities:

\$75,200,000

Information Technology:

\$5,000,000

Also on the Ballot:

Dallas Central Appraisal District Directors

Dallas College Board of Directors, District 1

Fun Stuff

More Math Riddles

Why do plants hate math?
Because it gives them square roots.

Are you cold? Well, go to the corner
of the room where it's 90 degrees.

Why did the student wear glasses in
math class? To improve di-vision.

Crime Reports 02/15-04/09

From Mike Gorman, VIP coordinator

02/20 Vandalism
02/20 Suspicious Activity
02/22 Suspicious person in driveway
02/24 Suspicious vehicle
02/28 Vehicle hit and run
03/05 Vehicle with license plate reader cameras in alley
03/10 BMV in driveway
03/10 BMV in driveway
03/12 Animal attack in backyard
03/18 Homeless encampment by railroad
03/26 Suspicious activity
03/26 Police in alley
03/29 Vehicle Accident
03/29 Suspicious activity at empty house
03/31 Suspicious person
03/31 Property theft in alley
04/01 Random gunfire
04/01 Property theft in driveway
04/02 Suspicious person in alley
04/05 Suspicious person
04/06 Suspicious person
04/06 Random gunfire

A Neighbor's Request to Not Trespass Between Houses

As we come into spring and more people enjoy walks, please be considerate enough to stay on the public areas such as sidewalks and alleys, and please do not trespass through private yards.

There seem to be some neighbors that don't think anything of cutting through other people's yards. This is trespassing. There have been numerous instances of bad actors coming onto private property. It's disturbing to the homeowner who pays dearly for their property.

Even though it is determined there are no ill intentions, when the homeowner sees who it is, it still makes dogs bark, makes paths through yards where they aren't wanted, and makes the homeowner uneasy. It's especially disturbing to those who may be elderly or single.

Some of the yards have fences such that it's impossible to cut through from the alley to sidewalk, but that doesn't mean the rest are any less private property.

Please be considerate and stay on the sidewalks. No one should be uneasy in their own home for a reason that's easily preventable.



CRIME WATCH RECRUITS NEEDED

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

Have Any Neighborhood History to Share with New Residents?

Whispering Hills has been in existence in various forms with 3 different developmental areas since 1975. Every once in a while someone comes up with an interesting historical nugget, or something they experienced in the neighborhood "back then." Does anything come to mind for you long-time residents? Send memories to: WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com

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

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.

Check Out the WHNA Website at 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

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)



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CLASSIFIED ADS

This is a service for resident WHNA members.

Send name, address, phone, and email,
along with ad copy, to:

WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com

Limit ad copy to 25 words or less. No graphics.

KNIFE SHARPENING

Kitchen, utility, hunting knives

\$2 each Straight edges only

Text or call 214-929-7531

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

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

Tamales by Blanca

Chicken in green sauce or pork in red sauce;
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\$16 a dozen with hot sauce.

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For help buying or selling real estate call 214-616-1198

Resident of Whispering Hills since 1991

The First Dine Out of 2024 and the Egg Hunt Were Well-Attended

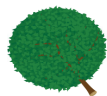


The Dine Out on March 26th took place at Yummy Thai with 25 adults and 5 kids taking part. It was the first time since last October that people have gotten together, including several brand new to the neighborhood.

Join the crowd at the next venue, Rocco's, on Audelia in the Kroger complex on April 23..

The egg hunt held at Friendship Park was a first-time lively event held for the growing number of kids in the neighborhood. About a dozen children scrambled around the park looking for over 300 eggs. It was a great time for some of the families with little ones to meet. There were also muffins, chip and drinks, along with a chef grilling hotdogs, for everyone to enjoy. The Easter Bunny showing up was a surprise and provided photo opportunities. He was a classmate of the girls behind him, and also serves as the school's mascot--not as a bunny though. Thank you to Joshua Pool and the Social Committee for organizing this event





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:

April 22 and May 27

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays,
April 18 and May 23

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 The Listed 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.MA.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:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <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