Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood AUGUST 2024

Social Chair and Committee Members Needed

WHNA needs a Social chair to coordinate monthly Dine Outs which includes choosing restaurants, receiving RSVPs, and making the reservations. Dates will be publicized in the newsletters, on Facebook and the WHNA website. The coordinator could assign volunteers to plan each month's location. Ideas for restaurants would be welcomed.

Other planned events could include Halloween festivities, or like the Egg Hunt held this past spring for the youngsters, or perhaps a neighborhood Picnic in the Park.

Maija Wallace has volunteered to head the Social committee until the end of the year. Convey your interest in participating to her at:

WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com

Dine Out Plans for August and September

August 27 Ten50 BBQ

1050 N Central Expy, Richardson

September 24 Amigos

940 E Belt Line Rd Richardson

Meet at 6:30 pm

Let Maija know you are coming so she can make reservations at:

WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com

Use the trash pick-up information on the last page to help you determine when to put out curb trash, and watch for reminder signs on Whispering Hills.

Are You Registered to Vote in November?

October 7th is the deadline to register to vote in the November election. If you haven't voted in the last 2 federal elections, you may have been removed from the list of registered voters.

You can confirm you are registered by going to dallascountyvotes.org voter look-up and enter your name and birth date or use the voter ID number listed on your voters' card. If you need to register, the site lists several options for getting registered.

Or, you can email WH neighbor Jacy Cochran at jacycochran@gmail.com to pick up a registration form, and then mail it to the Elections Department

You can only vote in the county you are registered in. If your name or address has changed, go to: txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager 30 days before the election, or vote in the county you're registered in.

An application for a mail ballot must be received by the Elections Department 11 business days before an election. There is an option for those disabled or 65 or older to apply for an annual mail ballot.

Want to Work at the Polls?

Local Election Judges are always looking for poll workers. Dallascountyvotes.org will tell you how to apply. Email WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com if you are interested in working in our area.

Did you know that high school students 16 and older can qualify to work at the polls and get paid? They will need consent from their principal and parent/guardian, and take the election worker training class.

WHNA Board & Committee Chairs

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August WHNA Board Meeting Summary

There was no Board meeting in July due to schools being closed. The August Board meeting was held via Zoom since it coincided with the first day of school. For a reading of the actual minutes go to whnadallas com.

Topics at the August meeting included:

1. Approval of June Meeting Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Crime and Code Report; there's an increase in crime; need volunteers
4. General discussion about STRs and rentals, zoning in areas of the neighborhood
5. Issues with finding space for in-person community meetings
6. The need for a nominating committee contact for people interested in taking a Board position.
7. The need for a Social chair
8. Working at the south entrance plantings; checking into working on the planter at Liberty

Elections for Board Members To Be Held at the September Community Meeting

At the **September 10th** Community Meeting, elections for 2025 Board Members will be held. WHNA is always looking for new neighbors to get involved in community issues and plans. Being on the board or on a committee, is a good way to work on your ideas for your vision of how our community should function.

A nominating committee will be formed to take the names of any WHNA members interested in being a part of the Board. An email will be sent out letting members know who to contact. Do not hesitate to show your interest. You can even come to the September meeting and nominate yourself. Or ask someone to nominate you.

From the Monthly Newsletter Sent By D10 Council Member Kathy Stewart

Plans for Forest Audelia Park

The project, currently in the design phase, is expected to be completed in three stages. The park will come first, followed by the multipurpose recreation center, with an educational center to be added on in the third phase. The project is currently expected to be completed by late 2025.

Volunteer at Liberty Jr. High or Forestridge Elementary

Both of the schools in our neighborhood can use volunteer help. Any extra hands will give staff and teachers more time to do their jobs. You don't need to have a child at the school. You can volunteer 1 day or everyday in the week. You can do a school-wide job, or find a teacher or grade level you want to work with regularly.

Maybe you'd like to aid a teacher by preparing classroom bulletin boards, getting take-home packets ready, working with an individual having problems understanding a lesson, read a book to a class at Forestridge.

Help is also needed in translating for parents, shelving books in the library, monitoring in the lunch room, working in the materials center making copies, help with parking and traffic during dismissal.

There are also family and outdoor events where help is welcomed, i.e. Fun Runs and Field Days.

Check in at the front desk to let them know you want to help. To volunteer on an RISD campus, you will need to create a VOLY account by visiting VOLY.org. VOLY is a volunteer management system, posting volunteer opportunities, finding volunteers, and keeping track of hours volunteered. You will also need to get a background check. Go to risd.org/home/volunteer/ for more information.

City of Dallas Mandatory Twice-Weekly Sprinkler Watering Schedule Through October 31

Last Digits of Address	Watering Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 (even numbers)	Sunday & Thursday
1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturday & Wednesday

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

Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering are allowed on any day and at any time.

Network Senior's Net Provides Connections and Help for Those 60 or Older

The Network of Community Ministries knows that it can be easy for seniors to feel isolated as they age. That's why it started hosting a weekly Senior Day. As the need continues to grow, they will continue providing seniors with opportunities to connect and build community.

As part of this initiative, programs are held **free** and open to all in the RISD area community who are over the age of **60** each Thursday. The morning's schedule is normally as follows:

9-10: Coffee, chat, exercise your brain and light snacks
10-10:30: Chair exercises
10:45-11:45: Entertainment or Informational program
12:00: Free lunch is provided by a different group each time.

Here are the plans for the programs section at 10:45 for the last two Thursdays of August:

8/22 Shanna Divine sings "Oldies But Goodies."

8/29 Explore Dallas History presents Dallas in 1907 including "the Reservation" (casinos, bars, brothels) a few blocks away from the grand opening of Neiman Marcus. Learn about Zephyr and Sarah and their connections to LBJ.

Contact Jane Kovacs at 972-234-8880
or at networkvolunteer2@gmail.com to get on the email list for future Senior Days.

Network is located at 1500 International Pkwy and Collins in Richardson.

Handyman services are also available at Network to all over-60 seniors--no income qualification.

Got Any Outgrown RISD School Uniform Pieces to Donate?

Network is in need of children's polos, khaki slacks, and new socks and underwear. Donations can be dropped off at the Clothing Donation Door located on the right (south) side of Network's building.

Answers to "What Number is Smiley Covering?"
1. 4 **2**. 5 **3**. 11 **4.** 6

Dallas City Council Approves City-wide Parking Issues

Submitted by Mike Gorman

The Dallas City Council approved an amendment to current city regulations resulting in possible stiffer penalties for non-compliant, inoperable vehicles left parked on public streets for extended periods of time. These vehicles aren't just clogging up streets for residents and first responders, but some owners are also conducting illegal operations such as a car resale or repair shop on the street.

The amendment closes a loop hole, and allows Parking Enforcement employees to issue warnings and citations, and potentially order vehicles towed for violators who do not move inoperable vehicles out of city streets and onto private property. Until now there was little Parking Enforcement could do when they found cars with no registration or license plate.

The changes will allow the city to warn, cite, and potentially tow cars not moved off public streets, specifically those whose paper plates have expired for more than 30 days or whose vehicle registration has expired for more than 60 days. Ample warnings would be given to move vehicles to private property before issuing any citations, starting at $45. Some offenses could bring fines up to $500.

Warnings will be posted in both English and Spanish on cars before citations are issued and before towing enforcement beg.

Vehicles could end up on the auction block, with the money going to the city's general fund. What is not yet clear is what the city will do to prove who the vehicle belongs to in situations when an owner is cited or shows up at a tow yard to claim their car without a license plate or registration.

The new Parking Enforcement Officer in our neighborhood is very active.

Is Your House Number Visible? City Code is Requiring It.

SEC.43-99 OWNER OR OCCUPANT TO NUMBER BUILDINGS. The owner or occupant of each building in the city shall place and maintain an official building number in a conspicuous place on the premises so that it can be clearly seen from a public street. This requirement does not apply to accessory buildings.

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/dallas/latest/dallas

Help Prevent Crime In Whispering Hills!

You can't have public safety without public participation,

Establishing strong relationships between law enforcement and communities is vital to preventing violent crime.

Join WHNA Crime Watch/VIP group NOW!
Contact Mike Gorman at:
WHNAvipcoordintor @whnadallas.com

Did You Know....?

All those cardboard boxes are recyclable. Flatten and put them into the Blue Bin.

And...Electronics should NOT be placed out for bulky trash (curb) pickup. Take them to the Collections Center noted on the back page.

Glass and mirrors break and should also not be placed on the curb. Please clean up broken pieces so that walkers and pets do not get injured.

Texas Abuse Hotline

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services provides a secure website for reporting suspicions of abuse, neglect and exploitation of children, adults with disabilities, or people 65 years or older.
Use it to report situations that don't need to be investigated right away.
For urgent situations, call 800-252-5400.
For detailed info: txabusehotline.org

Next VIP / Crime Watch Training
Your Help Is Needed!! See Stats Below.

DPD-NE will have a 4-hour training course for Dallas Residents on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m, at the Dallas Public Library Lochwood Branch at 11221 Lochwood Blvd., Dallas, TX, 75218.

Registration forms are due to Sr. Cpl. Amber Oliver by 5:00 pm Friday, August 23, 2024.

You can request a form and information from Mike Gorman at WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

Send forms to Officer Oliver at amber.oliver@dallaspolice.gov.

Crime Stats for June 15-August 15

6/19	Cimmaron	Property theft---Handgun taken
6/20	Brentridge Dr.	Gunfire or fireworks
6/21	Whispering Hills	Drug Violation
6/21	Cimmaron	Three reports of possible fake tags
6/22	Cimmaron	2 reports of Suspicious Persons within 3 minutes
6/24	Hornbeam	Property theft
6/24	Deermont, Rita and Hornbeam	3 reports of Suspicious Persons within 30 minutes
6/29	Panther Ridge	Vehicle Hit and Run
7/01	Jennifer Place	Prowler
7/04	Panther Ridge	Gunshots
7/04	Whispering Hills	Large amount of fireworks
7/06	Whispering Hills	Police Activity
7/08	Whispering Hills	Theft from Vehicle; property located via Airtags
7/10	Whispering Hills	Suspicious vehicle
7/13	Whispering Hills	Drug activity
1/14	Panther Ridge	Suspicious activity
7/16	Jennifer Place	Suspicious person
7/17	Whispering Hills	Drug activity
7/23	Panther Ridge	Drug activity
7/24	Desert Willow	BMV Property theft
7/24	Sunridge	Burglary of residence
7/27	Whispering Hills	Random gunfire and Suspicious person
7/31	Cimmaron	Attempted burglary at house
7/31	Whispering Hills	Suspicious activity on street
7/31	Chisholm	Burglary of residence, property theft
8/03	Bettywood	Parking violation in alley
8/05	Desert Willow	Domestic dispute

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. 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 on Facebook

Buy Nothing NE Dallas - North Lake Highlands/ Whispering Hills
Learn more here:
buynothingproject.org/about

No money changes hands, no membership fee.



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

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)



Informed Mail Delivery
USPS.com
Digitally preview your incoming mail

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

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Direct Realty

Alan Ravkind - REALTOR
For help buying or selling real estate call 214-616-1198
Resident of Whispering Hills since 1991

Families With Young Children Meet at the Watson Park Splash Pad

Submitted by Maija Wallace

Record turnout on July 20th at the splash pad in Garland: 14 people in all! We coincided with another 6-member mom's group, making for a splashful event! Attendance was less on July 27th, probably due to the cooler weather. The group picture below shows the August 3rd attendance



Go to Whispering Hills Families page on Facebook to learn about other events. Contact Maija at 479-981-4239 to be added to the WhatsApp group for WHNA families with young children.









Halloween Plans in the Making for October 31st

By Maija Wallace



Call to ALL neighbors**:** Our neighborhood children love Halloween decor! Please, decorate! Trick-or-treaters generally won't knock on the doors of homes that aren't decorated, but even some simple decor can invite them to try.

This year, the WHNA Social Committee may award prizes to the homes with the best Halloween decor. Judging will occur on Oct 31, and trick-or-treaters may be asked to weigh in.

There will be more details to follow in the October newsletter on plans for a WHNA Little Monster Party from 4:30-6pm. If you're able to assist with planning or hosting, text Maija at 479-981-4239 or email her WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com

At 6:00pm plans are for Trick-or-treaters ages 6 & under to meet at the intersection of Cimmaron & Whispering Hills.

At 6:30pm Trick-or-treaters ages 6+ would meet at Lawler and Jennifer Place

What Number Is Smiley Hiding?

Answers somewhere in this newsletter

+	4	2
2	6	☺
3	7	5

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+		7
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1	6	

2

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2		10
3	7	☺

3

+	5	3
	☺	4
		7

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Watch for signs posted on Whispering Hills on Thursday before pick-up week.

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

August 26 and September 23

(always the 4th Monday week of the month)

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays, August 22 and September 19

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

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

WHNA WHISPERING HILLS
A Community of Neighbors

2024 WHNA Membership Form

2024.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

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

Payments after October 1, 2024, apply to 2025 Membership.