Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

JUNE 2025

Congratulations 2025 Graduates!!



Jeremy Ritchey

UT Dallas

Graduated with a PhD in Public Affairs
He will continue his work in higher education as an administrator and instructor.



Alexander V.F. Carroll

Highland Park High School

Will be attending Trinity University in San Antonio, majoring in Music and Liberal Arts.



Khang Nguyen To

UT Austin

Graduated with a degree in Economics

Emily Nelms Chastain

Boston University

Received her Ph.D. in Theological Studies. Has been an instructor at SMU's Perkins School of Theology. Is now the Assistant Professor of Christian History and Methodist Studies.



Skyla Landry

Berkner High school

Will be attending Texas A&M Commerce, majoring in Criminal Justice.



Lanay Lassiter

Berkner High School

Will be attending Dallas College Richland, then transferring to UNT to pursue a degree in Psychology.



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Summary of WHNA Meetings

Minutes by Michael Lanham

Board Member At-Large, Mike Lanham, took notes for minutes. Secretary, Anne Meadows was absent due to the death of her husband, Stephen Meadows, and has asked to be relieved of her position.

Treasurer, Cynthia Houck, reported income from memberships and donations was $753.98. Expenses for newsletter, rental of the Liberty library, stamps, website, PayPal, mowing and the Egg Hunt event, totaled $767.54.

VIP Coordinator, Mike Gorman, presented a crime report, the details of which are on page 5. Total Criminal/Safety Issues Activity Reports for last period – 22 (04/07/25--5/11/25)

Suspicious Person or Persons	9
Package Theft	2
Police Activity	2
Random Gunfire/Fireworks	2
Trespassing	2
Accidental Death	1
Discharge of Firearm	1
Parking Nuisance	1
Property Damage	1
Vehicle Hit-and-Run	1

Crime Activity Reported to DPD – 5 out of 22 total

The number of Crime Watch volunteers is in decline.

Mike is in the process of preparing a non-VIP email listing for confirmed Crime Watch volunteers who opted not to take training, known as Crime Watch Commenters. Reports will be shared with the VIP Group.

New DPD Neighborhood Patrol Officers for our area are Officer Hill Martin #11136 and Officer Diana Tonche #11974.

There was a discussion of a neighborhood walk – to get to know your neighbors and to enjoy donuts and coffee at the end. Details to come.

Decisions were made on having a Neighborhood Yard Sale in June and Dine Out dates were set. See page 3.

We need 5 more WHNA memberships to beat last year's total. Can you help make it happen?

Meeting and Event Information from WHNA is being sent to members and other neighbors for whom we have email addresses. If you would like to be added to the email list, send your name, street, and email address to: WHNAcommunications@gmail.com. Be sure to add it to your address book, if you think you're being missed.

Notice:

To be listed in the 2025 WHNA directory, paid membership by the end of June is required.

be in the Know — Stay Connected in Whispering Hills



June Dessert Out and July Dine Out

Braums
Sunday, June 22 at 4pm
https://evite.me/Yh5qu4gRQ7

Afrah Mediterranean Restaurant
318 E Main St
Richardson, TX 75081
Tuesday, July 15 at 6pm
https://evite.me/YtARRtPw6d

RSVP at the evite sites.

Suggestions for Dine Out locations are always welcome. Pass them on to Maija Wallace at: WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com

Need Assistance with Basic Personal and Family Needs?

Check into getting help from the NETWORK of Community Ministries, based in Richardson. It has a service area encompassing the 14 zip codes within RISD. Living within the RISD area is a requirement.

NETWORK is a non-denominational, community-based organization with currently four divisions encompassing adults, children and seniors:

--Basic needs assistance (food, clothing, utilities)

--Stabilization, helping with financial issues, jobs, and child care

--Mental Health Care

--Youth Programs and activities, including the health and dental needs of uninsured children

There is also Senior's Net, dedicated to providing anyone 60+ with the right resources to live independently in their own homes.

For more information: thenetwork.org/get-help

Is a Yard/Garage Sale in Your Plans?



Several neighbors are planning to have yard sales on Saturday, June 14.

If you are planning a sale, and would like to be included in a notice of sale locations sent out by WHNA, complete the online form found at: **https://forms.office.com/r/JzhupteY1b**.

You must also **get a garage sale permit from Dallas Code Compliance** at: Dallascityhall.com. Click on the Departments tab at the top of the page. Then click on Code Compliance to apply for a permit. It's free (if it's your first sale of the year) and only takes a few minutes to complete.

Dallas Watering Restrictions 10am-6pm until Oct 31

MAXIMUM TWICE-WEEKLY WATERING SCHEDULE

Last Digit of Address	Watering Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8	Sundays & Thursdays
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9	Saturdays & Wednesdays
No address number	Sundays & Thursdays

Some Naturalistic Suggestions from a Neighbor

Wendy Kelly, who is a Master Naturalist, would like to share a couple of things:

1. It's migration season. Outside landscaping lights distract migrating birds, so you can help by practicing lights out from now through July.
2. Keep domestic cats indoors at this time, too, and remember to clean bird feeders.
3. Stop putting out food for wildlife. It attracts coyotes and other predators.
4. Abandoned wildlife should be handled by professionals.
   Call DFW Wildlife at 972-388-6986

Teacher of the Year at Forestridge Elementary

Julie Teffera, who teaches 5th grade Science and Social Studies was chosen Teacher of the Year at Forestridge. This was her 5th year at FRE and her 10th year in education after a career in Food and Hospitality. She graduated from the U of Minnesota with a double B.S. in French and Political Science followed by a degree in Culinary Arts. In 2014 she received her Teacher Alternative Certification. Her husband is also an RISD teacher.

She has set a goal of collaborating with students in creating interactive science notebooks including graphic organizer, sentence stems, and interactive word walls, to help them be successful in learning about the world around them. She hopes to impart the joy of learning, curiosity and working with hands, while modeling empathy.

Liberty JR. High Has a New Principal

Chris Gibson is Liberty Jr. High's principal for the 2025-2026 school year. He has had more than 20 year's of experience in education.

In his introduction, he states that he brings "a passion for student success, commitment of equality, and a track record of fostering inclusive, high-achieving school communities. I am excited to partner with students, staff, families and the broader community to ensure Liberty Jr. High is a place where every student is empowered to succeed."

He has served as principal, assistant principal, instructional coach, and classroom teacher. He holds an ED.S (Educational Specialist) degree from Wayne State, and MS and BS degrees from Western Michigan U and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education at Abilene Christian.

Some Things to Do During Break from School

I Spy Butterflies at the Dallas Zoo through October 26 An enchanting walk-through experience nestled in a newly reimagined space.

Information at: dallaszoo.com/butterflies/

Bugs Live Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary through June 29. Brings nature to life through giant animatronic bugs

Information at: heardmuseum.org/bugs-live/

Looking for Newsletter Feature Article Ideas

Sonia Harms, Editor

If you have someone in your household, or know of a neighbor, who is doing something you'd like to share, please let us know. Feature Editor, Helen Meyer, and I are always a looking for someone or a group to highlight. Our contact info is under Committee Chairs on page 2.

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.

Whispering Hills Family Group

Search Whispering Hills Families on Facebook and request to join. The group is "private" for safety reasons.

Join the Private WHNA Facebook Group

Search for Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association.

There is still a public WHNA Facebook page.

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

Crime Watch Commenter's Group Formed

by VIP Coordinator, Mike Gorman

The Crime Watcher's Commenter's Group is designed to link residents from the north, south, east and west sides of Whispering Hills together if they witness a suspicious person or activity near their residence.

By sending a message to the WHNA Crime & Safety Coordinator, a warning could be sent out to all "Commenters" so that they could stay alert and give comment for others about movement of suspicious person or activity as it moves.

Residence in Whispering Hills is required as indicated by being listed on Dallas County Appraisal District, or as approved by a WHNA Board Member or Committee Chair.

To join the group, or to report incidences, send email to:
WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

My Neighbor, a Hero!

By Maija Wallace

One evening recently, my neighbor contacted me to say that someone just hit my car. The driver was delivering a package in the neighborhood when he sideswiped my parked vehicle in the front of my house. He got out of the car, surveyed the damage, then got back in the driver's seat and took off. My neighbor, watching this unfold, got out her phone and took a video of him speeding off, all while texting me so I would come out of my house.

As it turns out, the driver saw he was being filmed and got cold feet. After leaving the scene, he doubled back and returned to my house where he got out of the car and exchanged insurance information with me.

My neighbor, Regan, was a neighborhood hero that evening. I am positive that the driver would not have returned if she hadn't filmed him. I'm also positive that I never would have known what happened if she hadn't told me. I'm so glad to live next to her here in Whispering Hills. This is what neighbors are for-- watching out for each other.



Help Prevent Crime In Whispering Hills!

<u>You can't have public safety without public participation.</u>

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

Crime Stats From April 5 to May 28

Submitted by Mike Gorman

04/05	Rita Rd	Property Damage
04/07	Whispering Hills	Random Gunfire
04/08	Brentridge Ct.	Susp. Persons
05/10	Deer Run	Susp. Persons
04/11	Jennifer Place	Susp. Persons
04/13	Deer Run	Package theft
04/14	Bettywood	Random Gunfire
04/23	Whispering Hills	Package theft
04/28	Whispering Hills	Susp Persons-2 reports
05/01	WH & Panther R	Susp. Person--2reports
05/06	Bernardin	Susp. Person in backyard
05/06	Brentridge Ct.	Trespassing--2 reports
05/06	Brentridge Ct.	Property Damage
05/16	Panther Ridge	Reckless Damage
05/21	Whispering Hills	Property Theft
05/22	Jennifer Place	Susp. Person
05/28	Deermont	Suspicious Person

Crime Watch Extends Sympathy to Families of Two VIPS

During the month of May, two VIPs passed away. We will miss both Larry Tobias and Steve Meadows.

Dallas Police Department
Northeast NPO Unit

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday July 17, 2025

Senior
Health and Wellness
Brunch

For more information contact
NE NPO Unit Sgt. Robinson

214-470-8517

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.

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).

PARK CITIES POWER WASH

Power washing, Soft washing
Window cleaning, Gutter cleaning
5-star rated. Insured
214-390-3377 Doug@parkcitiespowerwash.com

DIRECT REALTY

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

PERSONAL TOUCH TREE SERVICE

Neighborhood Certified Arborist Fully insured
Providing all your tree care needs
All trimming cleaned up and hauled off
214-328-7213

YOUR REALTY NEIGHBOR

Joshua Pool
Offering representation with listing/purchasing residential property
Free Comparative Market Analysis to support a tax protest
972-978-7701 pool.joshua@gmail.com

SPRINKLER REPAIR

20 years experience and Texas licensed irrigator
Happily serving my Whispering Hills neighbors
Call/Text Henry 469-207-6825
SurgicalSprinklerRepair@gmail.com

MARY KAY Independent Beauty Consultant

Wendy Phynes-Jennings, Star Team Builder
Inspiring Women's Lives--I bring beauty to you.
Website: marykay.com/wendyphynesjennings
Email:wendyphynes12@gmail.com
972-679-0570

Many Hands Helped with the Egg Hunt

Here's the crew who worked on the Egg Hunt. Many of them also helped with set up/take down and general planning, which isn't listed.

Rebecca Roberts - food purchases
Daryl Roberts - chef
Kenzie Russell - stuffed eggs
Erik Russell - set up/take down
Regan Paulsen - decor, wore bunny suit
Jonathan Paulsen - loaned grill
Lauren Haseltine - created and posted signs
Lacy Livingston - set up
Cynthia Houck - membership table
Mike Gorman - shared sign purchase knowledge, organized visit of councilwoman
Nadine Andreoli - loaned bunny suit
Michael Watson - loaned tables
Davene Morgan - loaned chairs

As you can see, it takes many hands to put together a social event for the neighborhood. Maija Wallace is more than happy to include anyone interested in joining the Social Committee and sharing ideas for events.

Contact her at WHNASocial@whnadallas.com

Tips to Bring Fireflies Back to Your Yard

From Texas Parks and Wildlife

Fireflies can be found in 90% of the state. They put on their light shows in May and June, but when was the last time you saw one? Try these 3 simple tips to invite fireflies to your yard:

1. Leave the leaves. Give up at least a section of your yard to undisturbed fallen leaves and logs.
2. Avoid use of pesticides, especially lawn chemicals.
3. Grow tall grasses to retain moisture.

Let us know when you see fireflies by reporting them on **iNaturalist – Texas Fireflies**. Find more tips for a firefly comeback in our video **How to Attract Fireflies to Your Yard.**

Thank You to Social Chair Maija Wallace and Her Committee for Another Successful Event



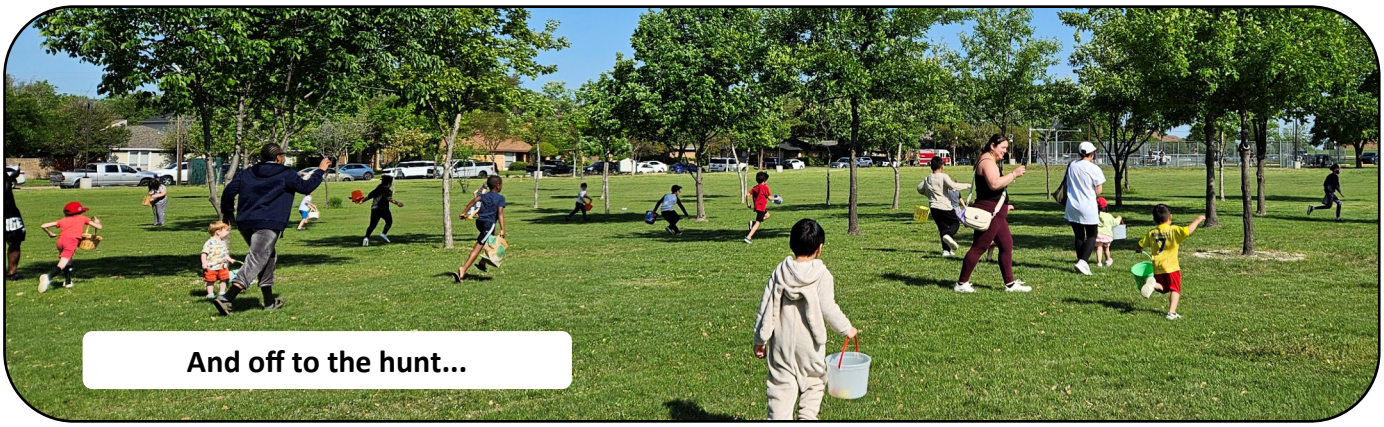
Waiting for the "Go!"

The WHNA Social Committee held an Egg Hunt at Friendship Park for neighborhood children on April 12th. About 50 kids, along with adults, were in attendance, including our D10 Councilmember, Kathy Stewart.

The Easter Bunny (Regan Paulsen) wowed and cuddled the little ones.

Daryl Roberts worked the grill for the hot dogs.

Maija Wallace sits with the little ones.



And off to the hunt...











Councilmember Kathy Stewart welcomed by Mike Gorman





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

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

June 23 and July 28

(always the 4th Monday, not always last, week of the month)

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays

June 19 and July 24

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

Separate bulky trash from brush.

No glass, electronics, or garbage

Get the 2025 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 grocery 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

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2025 WHNA Membership Form

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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 2025 membership directory (circle one):

YES NO

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 ☐ 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. (PayPal auto renewal available.)