Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood — APRIL 2025



WHNA April Dine Out

Lakewood Brewery

2302 Executive Dr., Garland

Tuesday, April 22 6:00 PM

While it's a brewery, they also have a full menu of food for adults and kids, plus wine and non-alcoholic beverage options. We're hoping to snag a reservation in the outdoor garden area.

On line evites will be sent asking for your RSVP, and as a reminder. Monthly dine outs are open to all WHNA residents. Join us and meet your neighbors.

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 neighbors around you; 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.

Saturday, April 12th



10am - 12am



WHNA is looking into setting up a Neighborhood Garage Sale, most likely in mid June.
If you are thinking about having one, it might be to your advantage to plan for that time frame.

Confirmation and info will be sent via WHNAcommunications@gmail.com.

See below on how to be included.

Information from WHNA is being sent to members and others 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.

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Summary of WHNA Meetings

Info from Anne Meadows, Secretary

Along with the Board, about a dozen residents attended the March 11th meeting at Liberty Jr. High.

The Treasury Report for January through March included expenses of $1067.41. WHNA generates income from annual memberships and donations. Expenses range from the miscellaneous such as mowing and monthly water bills, materials for maintaining the south entrance, to renting the school library and publishing the association's newsletter. The Association also financially supports special events including the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, and a Halloween Party.

VIP coordinator, Mike Gorman, reported 9-reports for criminal activity. Six calls were made to Dallas police and 1 incident report was filed. Activity involving students seems to be rising with the warmer weather and neighbors reported an incident involving an impaired woman associated with a Short term Rental.

There was discussion on either forwarding a list of questions to candidates for District 10 or inviting them to a meeting to address the association. No action was taken. (As of April first, the questions were sent, but there has been no response from the candidates.)

WHNA Membership is down.

The Board discussed requests to hold a neighborhood garage sale. No action was taken. (Activity on this has since progressed)

The Association-sponsored pickleball tournament, originally discussed for this spring, will be postponed to the fall as the board is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt this spring.

The Board discussed accepting paid advertising in the newsletter. Classified advertising is currently free to Association members. No action was taken.

A workday to clean up the planters along the south wall was scheduled for the morning of March 22nd. The monthly dine-out is also scheduled for that afternoon at Piefalootin located in Garland. Finally, the board approved a $200 expenditure to replace shrubs lost this winter.

To contact a board member or committee chair please refer to the email addresses listed at left, or on our website: whnadallas.com.

WHNA Board/Community Meetings

WHNA usually holds its Board meetings the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Liberty JH Library.
Any resident of Whispering Hills is welcome to attend.
Enter at the east side of the building.
Announcements are sent via Email.
if you want to be added to the contact list, let Cynthia Houck know at: WHNAtreasurer@whnadallas.com

What the City Planning Commission Passed on the Minimum Parking Space Issue

From a Facebook Posting by CPC Commissioner Melissa Kingston

The CPC sent the parking code amendments to Council on 3/21. Thirteen of the 15 members of the CPC were there for the vote, and the final version passed on a 7 to 6 vote. The 6 who voted against it were Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 14.

ZOAC* basically rubber-stamped City planning staff's version, which eliminated all parking minimums and created a complex process where applicants would essentially have to negotiate their parking needs with staff on larger projects in order to get a permit.

In other words, they wanted to replace minimums with staff discretion that would have to be individually negotiated on each larger project. Staff admitted this could add 6 months to permitting. CPC flatly rejected that proposal, which was also opposed by all stakeholders except city staff. From there, CPC tweaked the minimums throughout, eliminating most of them. Some additional measures, like, loading requirements, and staff review, were added as well.

Highlights of the parking code changes CPC recommends to Council are:

• **Transit-Oriented Development:** No minimums for any use within ½ mile around rail stations. No exceptions for proximity to residential.

• **Downtown:** No minimums. (This is not a major change for Central Business District since there were no minimums before.)

• **Office/retail/industrial:**

o No minimums for office, retail, industrial, commercial and business service uses except those abutting single-family.

o Industrial and business/ commercial land uses (e.g., auto repair shops, truck sales, medical laboratory, or furniture repair) will keep minimums when abutting a single-family property.

o Most auto uses (vehicle sales, repairs, trucking) are required to maintain all of their parking on site, though there are no more express minimums.

• **Single-family, duplex and townhome detached:** Reduced minimum to 1 space per dwelling unit

• **Multifamily**: Reduced minimum to ½-space per dwelling unit generally

o Guest parking required for all complexes with 20 units or more and it must be clearly marked

o 1 loading space for multifamily with more than 150 units

o Short term drop-off locations must be identified at permitting

• **Bars, restaurants, and commercial amusement:**

o Reduced minimum for seating and sales areas to 1 space per 200 square feet, plus additional reductions for certain accessory uses

o No minimums for bars and restaurants under 2,500 square feet

• **Designated historic buildings:**

o No minimums for most buildings designated at the city, state, or national level as historically significant.

o SUP* to evaluate whether parking should be required for historic buildings within 300 feet of single family homes if to be used for bar/restaurant.

• **Churches:** No minimums for those under 20,000 sq ft

• **Modified Delta-1 Overlay (areas in city that are undeveloped land appropriate for Single-Family dwelling use):** Changes will apply except the current parking minimums in place will remain in place for the existing uses.

• **Planning Districts (areas with tailored specific uses) with their own parking schemes** (i.e., ones like PD 193 that do not refer back to 51A) are not impacted by these changes.

Nothing prevents people from building as much parking as they want. This only eliminates mandated parking.

NOTE: The City Council has not yet voted on these amendments.

*ZOAC
The Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee is an advisory body appointed by the City Plan Commission and is comprised of 3 Plan Commissioners and 5 citizens.

SUP--Specific Use Permit

What's the difference between a well-dressed man and a tired dog?

One wears a tie and the other pants.

What Are Some Special Days in April?

April is one of the few months that has no Federal holidays, but there's lots of other activities going on, especially this year with religious holidays.

Religious activities cover most of the days:

- Orthodox Lazarus Saturday — April 13th
- Jewish Passover — April 12th -20th
- Christian Easter Week — April 13th-20th
- Sikh and Hindu Vaisakhi (start of Solar New Year) April 14th
- Baha'i Ridvan 12-day celebration from end of April to the beginning of May

Unique Days

- World Autism Awareness Day — April 2nd
- National Sibling Day — April 10th
- National Pet Day — April 1th
- National Grilled Cheese Day — April 12th
- Earth Awareness Day — April 22nd
- Arbor Day — April 25th
- National Pretzel Day — April 26th

And don't forget National Tax Day on April 15th!

NOTICE

Auto pay through PayPal has been added to the WHNA website to use for paying membership dues. To subscribe, go to whnadallas.com. Then go to the bottom of the "Join Now" page on the site.

Don't Know If Your WHNA Membership is Up-to-Date? Check with the Treasurer at WHNA treasurer@whnadallas.com

You can also use the membership form on the back page.

Answers to Tongue Twister Acrostic A: Cores B:Cut C:Exit D:Click E:Ice F:Hiss G:Lid H:Kiss

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

311 or 911 Must Be Called on Disruptive Short-Term Rentals

by VIP Coordinator, Mike Gorman

Because neighbors complain among themselves about problems at STRs, and don't report them, the City Council has only the reported data from city computers to go on, to decide that STR's are a disruption to a quiet and safe neighborhood. Here are the latest comments:

Between June 2023 and September 2024 there were only 160 STR-related complaints filed with Code Enforcement or other agencies. This is little more than 11 per month. The bulk of complaints were about noise, operation of the STR, parking, and litter. Roughly 72 percent of STRs in Dallas had not produced any police calls per the City's Chief Data Officer, Brita Andercheck, during the November briefing. Just under 1% had more than 20 calls.

In conversations with Kathy Stewart, she stressed that there must be data for action to be pushed.

Suggestions for Stopping a Scam Before It Starts

Notes from the DMN and Consumer Reports

The FBI and CISA have issued a warning for users of Gmail, Outlook and other email platforms. The two groups are suggesting:

1. Securely store multiple copies of sensitive data.
2. Use long passwords and change them frequently.
3. Set up two-factor authentication.
4. Stay alert for odd activity and use security programs.
5. Make sure operating systems are up to date.
6. Require VPNs for remote access.
7. Do Not Open unknown or suspicious emails.
8. Disable unused ports.
9. Make sure all backup data is encrypted.

For Phone Scammers:

1. Don't assume caller ID is correct
2. No one from a financial institution should ask for pins, passwords, user names, etc.
3. Never share personal data.
4. Don't respond to urgent requests to act fast.

For Buying and Selling:

1. Don't give a buyer your address or personal information. Meet at a public place.
2. Use marketplaces like Etsy or eBay with built-in protection.

Crime Stats for February 9-April 5

Submitted by Mike Gorman

02/09	Hornbeam	Theft of Vehicle Parts
02/17	Whispering Hills	Suspicious Person
02/18	Hornbeam & Lawler	Suspicious Person
02/20	Chisholm	Missing Person
02/21	Bernardin	Assault
02/25	Cimmaron&Deermont	Random Gunfire
02/28	Lawler	Drug Possession
03/01	Hornbeam	Criminal Trespassing
03/10	Deermont	Solicitor
03/11	Bettywood	Solicitor
03/12	Desert Willow	Disturbance
03/14	Panther Ridge	Suspicious Activity
03/26	Hornbeam	Criminal Trespass



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.

Join WHNA Crime Watch/VIP group <u>NOW</u>!
Contact Mike Gorman at:
whnavipcoordintor @whnadallas.com



Cultural Exchanges

Our neighborhood is composed of people from many different backgrounds and cultures. It would be good to have representation from members of the various groups, and to meet their various interests.

A group of people with varied backgrounds gathering together could be a step toward that goal. Perhaps a language class or a cultural sharing group?



Check Out the WHNA Website at www.whnadallas.com

(You don't need to sign in/register)

You Can Find:

- ⇒ **Bulk Trash Pick-up Dates**
- ⇒ **How to Receive WHNA Emails**
- ⇒ **How to Become a WHNA Member**
- ⇒ **Copies of Previous Newsletters--in color**
- ⇒ **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)

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

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Fun Stuff

To Lighten your day

Tongue Twister Acrostic

After finding the right words to fit the definitions, print the letters above the numbers, and write them in the correct squares. You will find they spell a tongue twister.

A. Found inside apples (plural) 7 21 22 25 4

B. What scissors do. 20 2 13

C. The way out (of an auditorium). 3 12 23 27

D. Sound a camera makes. 16 5 19 29 17

E. Frozen water 28 24 8

F. Snake sound 14 6 31 10



Cover for a pot 18 15 9

H. A hug and a _____ 30 11 26 1

Answers are somewhere in this newsletter.

Across the USA

Use what you know, or do research, to solve what states the riddles refer to.

1. My people are the "Hoosiers." I am the 19th state. The University of Notre Dame is located in me.
2. I am the Old Line State. I'm separated into two parts by the Chesapeake Bay. Annapolis is my capital.
3. I was the home of 7 U.S. Presidents. The Pro Football Hall of Fame is located in my Canton.
4. My Mt. Washington is New England's highest peak. I am the Granite State. Concord is my capital.
5. I touch 4 of the Great Lakes. My Battle Creek is the largest producer of breakfast cereal.
6. I am the land where the tall corn grows. I lead the nation in literacy. Des Moines is my capital.





There's Lots Going On in the Neighborhood the Next Few Months. Want to Volunteer to Help?

See page 2 for who to call.



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

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

April 28 and May 26

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

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays

April 24 and May 22

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

2025.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 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.)

2025 Membership Period—January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025