Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood FEBRUARY 2025

Connect with Your Neighbors Build Community

The Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association works hard to enhance the security and beauty of the neighborhood and to make it "A Community of Neighbors." Help us grow a strong neighborhood.

"I want to live in a neighborhood where people know me, watch my house when I'm away, and have get-togethers." Maija, resident & WHNA social chair

Being involved in neighborhood activities, helps you gain knowledge of, and have input into, how things are accomplished. You also get a feeling of being part of a community that works together.

Let a Board member or committee chair know of your interest in being more involved in neighborhood activities, or come to events and meet neighbors already involved.

The WHNA News, the Whispering Hills Facebook page and whnadallas.com help you keep up-to-date with goings-on in the neighborhood.

You may not be able to give time at this point, but your membership is vital to the functioning of the Association.

If you would like to help support WHNA neighborhood improvements and events with your membership online, go to: http://www.whnadallas.com where you have the option to join by PayPal or Venmo. Or use the membership form on the back page to mail with your check to the address listed.

POSSIBLE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT COMING IN APRIL!!

For information on team sign-ups email jbruch16@gmail.com

Diners Share What They Love About the Neighborhood



During the Dine Out on January 28th at Yummy Thai, diners were invited to list things they liked about living in Whispering Hills. Unfortunately you can't see it with its happy colors..

There was another poster that asked for dreams participants had for the neighborhood, but there was not enough space to include it here.

Both posters are in color on the Whispering Hills Facebook page and at whnadallas.com.

The Next Dine Out Will Be Tuesday, February 25th 6:00pm

At Frankie's Place

1914 N Plano Rd, Garland, TX 75042

RSVP at:
https://evite.me/KD5A6EvYsx

Thank you to the Residents Who Lit Up the Neighborhood Over the Holidays

The winners were:

Best Religious: 10105 Panther Ridge

Best Secular: 10231 Sunridge

Judge's Choice: 10102 Branwood

WHNA Board & Committee Chairs

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Items from Newsletters Sent By D10 Council Member Kathy Stewart

I am thrilled to share that Tuesday, December 17th marked a momentous day for our district, as we celebrated two significant projects.

1. Forest-Audelia Park and Multipurpose Center Groundbreaking

2. The Forest-Audelia Park and Multipurpose Center is set to become a dynamic hub for families, youth, and seniors alike. This project embodies our commitment to accessibility, sustainability, and recreation for all. Key features include:

- Walking trails for leisure and exercise
- A modern multipurpose building for events and community gatherings
- A beautiful pavilion and inclusive playground
- A fun-filled splash pad for kids to enjoy on sunny days

Stay tuned for updates on project and upcoming events at the park.

2. Paul D. Dyer Administration and Service Center Grand Opening

We honored the legacy of Paul D. Dyer with the grand opening of the facility. Paul Dyer served as the Director of the Dallas Park and Recreation Department from 1992 to 2013. His leadership contributed to:

- Increasing our investment in Dallas' golf courses
- The creation of the department's strategic plan
- The privatization of the Dallas Zoo, a move that ensured its long-term sustainability.

The former Army Reserve Center has been transformed into a state-of-the-art administrative facility that will centralize operations for park employees.

Investing in Our Community

Both of these projects represent my unwavering commitment to investing in infrastructure that supports our residents and fosters a deep sense of community pride. These spaces will become cornerstones for recreation, connection, and innovation for generations to come.

D10 2025 Priorities

1. Reduce Crime focusing on Zip code 75243, and the D10 Murder Rate

2. Develop a strategic plan for the Skillman Corridor TIF, focusing on using funds to slow traffic, enhance pedestrian safety, upgrade aging infrastructure and promote investment in redevelopment projects.

3. Pursue a strategy for Forest Lane, Abrams, 75 and 635 that potentially includes a public improvement district (PID), and addresses crime, homelessness, and economic revitalization in these areas.

As we kick off 2025, I look forward to working alongside you to make meaningful progress in District 10. Your input and engagement are invaluable, and I encourage you to stay connected, share your thoughts, and join us in shaping the future of our community. Let's make this a great year together!

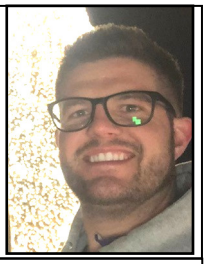
Proposal On the City Council Meeting Agenda February 12... RR Quiet Zone at Walnut!!

Authorize the City Manager to provide the Notice of Intent to establish a Quiet Zone along the Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railroad (formerly known as Kansas City Southern Railway) in the Northeast Dallas corridor for the at-grade railroad crossing at Walnut Street, as provided for in the Federal Railroad Administration's Final Train Horn Rule. Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Urge Councilwoman Kathy Stewart to support this at:
Katherine.stewart@dallas.gov **before 2/12.**

Meet Your 2025 WHNA Board Members

They are Available to Discuss Neighborhood Issues That May Be of Concern to You



President Jacob Bruch Year 3

Came from Wichita, KS. Went to Kansas State University and graduated with an Architectural Engineering degree. Sells commercial HVAC products, working with engineers and owners to design systems that will fit their needs. His wife, Alexis, is from Eudora, KS. She went to Kansas University. Likes to stay active playing different sports: golf, softball, basketball, pickleball, tennis. Loves lounging by the pool.



Vice President Davene Morgan Year 4

Grew up in a small town southwest of San Antonio and moved to Dallas after graduation from Texas A&M. 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. Uses her gardening expertise to enhance and maintain our south entrance, along with her volunteers.



Secretary Anne Meadows Year 4

Is from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Graduated from Southwestern State in OK. with a business degree. Moved to Whispering Hills, in 2020. Has worked for the law firm of Fletcher-Farley for 22 years. Has a pilot's license and enjoys flying a Cessna 172. Is proud of their four children.

Would like to see greater representation in our association. Joining is a good way to meet neighbors and provides unique perspectives to improve our community. Suggests that neighbors be encouraged to turn on porch and backyard security lights to reduce suspicious behavior and criminal behavior.



Treasurer Cynthia Houck Year 7

Grew up in Kentucky. Has lived in Whispering Hills since 2001. Worked as an administrative assistant at Procter and Gamble for 30 years.

Joined the Board to use her skills for the benefit of the neighborhood, enjoys the role of treasurer and hopes to continue in it. She is proud of the many folks that work hard to achieve the goals of neighborhood safety, organizing social activities, efforts in landscaping, and in communication via the newsletter. Says "WHNA is our voice with the city. The voice of a neighborhood association is much more powerful than individuals' voices."



Member-at-Large Michael Lanham Year 1

Resident at 10135 Deermont Trail since May of 1977. Former President of WHNA in the '80's.

Worked for the City of Dallas City Manager's office - 1975-81, serial entrepreneur starting several companies & 2 IPO's. Recently retired from CFO of an education nonprofit in Richardson. Wife, Joan, (deceased) helped start the neighborhood Babysitting COOP and the Vegetable COOP. Happy to be re-engaging with the WHNA. Two daughters went to Jess Harbin, Hamilton Park, Liberty & Berkner. Likes road cycling, all sports & travel.



Past President Keli Kincaid Year 4 (VP 4 Years)

Moved from Virginia to Whispering Hills in 2015 to be near family in Anna and still be close to needed conveniences, like an airport. She feels Whispering Hills is a quiet neighborhood for walking her dog (Odin), enjoying her home and being close to everything she needs. Finds it easy to get where she needs to go. Enjoys her neighbors and watching people of all ages walking in the neighborhood. Says she definitely has too many houseplants!

Some Useful Apps to add to Your Mobile Phone

iWatch Dallas Dallas Police
City Code Information Our Dallas
Dallas Sanitation Services
(Get pick -up calendar & reminders)

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

Thinking About Transferring Your Kid(s) to a Magnet or Different RISD Elementary School?

Expanded from Facebook Posts by Jacy Cochran and Brandi Knott

Richardson ISD will hold its annual information meeting on Wednesday, February 19 at Hamilton Park (HPPM) 6:30-8:00pm to showcase the elementary magnet programs.

Elementary Magnet Applications are accepted year-round, but the annual DEADLINE to be considered in the placement process for the next school year is March 31.

Applications are not considered accepted and are not date-receipt stamped until all required documentation is complete. Submit one application for each student. Applications received after the due date will be considered after the initial Apr 15 lottery if any additional spaces come available before school starts.

Initial assignments have already been made to the elementary magnet schools, but you can still join applicant pool, and you will be considered in any additional assignment process if a space comes available prior to the start of school.

https://web.risd.org/enrollonline/transfer-requests/

https://web.risd.org/magnetschools/, or contact the Magnet Office at 469-593-0442.

Upcoming 7th graders wishing to go to a Magnet JR high needed to apply by January 31 this year. Application open in the fall.

Richardson has also opened transfers to regular schools within the district again. So, if you wanted to transfer to Apollo jr. high, or to Jess Harben elementary, look into it on the website above.

Richardson ISD General Enrollment for 2025-26 Opens Feb. 25

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

Overview of the Whispering Hills VIP/Crime Watch Program

by VIP Coordinator, Mike Gorman

New residents may not be aware of this opportunity to be involved in neighborhood activities. The requirements for being a VIP or a Crime Watch person are different. A VIP is required to take a 4-hour class at DPD. As a Crime Watch person you only need to get to know neighbors on your street and keep an eye out for activity to report to me.

From 2016 to 2019, the Whispering Hills Crime and Safety Volunteer program was able to add 5-7 new Volunteers in Patrol (VIPS) each year, but for the last 4 years, there have been only 3 residents volunteer as Crime Watch / VIP members.

In addition to the registered VIP members, only about 6 to 8 residents act as Crime Watch members for their streets. The CW program is very simple and only requires property-owner, full-time residents for each east/west or north/south sections of all streets in Whispering Hills to report anything out of the usual that they see to the VIP Coordinator via email, text or phone call. Dallas Police would still need to be called if a resident felt threatened.

From 2016 to 2024, during my tenure, resident volunteers contributed more than 34,000 hours to the safety of the Whispering Hills neighborhood as shown below. The average monthly amount of activity time given for safety is 315 hours per year.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Avg.
2016	170	163	174	169	146	151	172	154	146	167	172	173	1955	163
2017	169	176	189	217	187	195	192	205	251	246	205	206	2436	203
2018	216	184	183	215	190	203	191	223	242	209	284	258	2597	216
2019	265	245	278	292	243	292	338	373	418	369	409	345	3865	322
2020	406	323	379	501	477	474	445	503	487	487	438	492	5411	451
2021	424	364	454	416	367	373	406	392	397	428	434	405	4861	405
2022	390	305	391	392	361	316	303	354	345	361	355	337	4208	351
2023	336	356	433	400	386	442	345	374	369	361	382	375	4557	380
2024	377	395	404	401	374	367	368	314	352	331	315	184	4180	348
												Totals	34070	315

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.

Crime Stats for December 26-February 4

Submitted by Mike Gorman

12/04	Cimarron	Property Theft	Backyard
12/09	Jennifer Pl.	Susp. Person (Twice)	House & St.
12/11	Jasoncrest	Gunfire	Unknown
12/16	Whispering Hills	Criminal Mischief	House
12/17	Whispering Hills	Criminal Mischief	House
12/18	Rita	Domestic Violence	House
12/30	Morgan Meadow	Criminal Mischief	House
01/11	Hornbeam	Animal Attack	House
01/18	Jasoncrest	Suspicious Person	Backyard
01/21	Cimarron	Suspicious Activity	Alley
01/24	Lawler	Student Fight	Alley
01/26	Hedgeapple area	Speeding (Twice)	Alley & St

Upcoming Training Session for Volunteers in Patrol

When: Saturday, February 15, 2025

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Where: Audelia Road Branch Library
10045 Audelia Rd., Dallas, TX 75238

RSVP: Monday, February 10, 2025

Copies of the requirements, application, and waivers can be requested from Mike Gorman at:
WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

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

****The deadline for turning in a completed VIP application is Monday, February 15, 2025.****

Email applications to Senior Corporal Amber Oliver at amber.oliver@dallaspolice.gov. You can also request application forms from her.



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



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

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

Thank You, WHNA Volunteers!!

Meet some of the valued volunteers that help WHNA by being VIP/Crime Watchers, planning social events, taking care of landscaping projects, distributing newsletters, serving as Board members and committee chairs, and most of all, by being great friends.

The pictures are from an appreciation dinner WHNA hosted for the volunteers at Rockfish restaurant.



L: Helen and Randy Meyer
R: Regan and Jonathan Paulsen



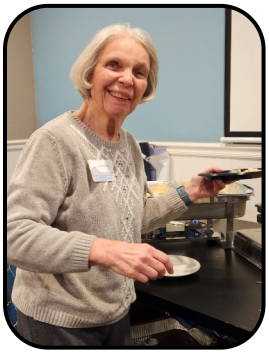
L: Marc Richter, Karen Botsford and Carol Tobias
R: Larry Tobias, Rich Harms, and Yusuf Tadia



L: Eric and Kinzie Russell R: Joe Grigalunas



L: Mike and Nancy Gorman
R: Mike Lanham, Alan and Judy Ravkind



Sonia Harms



Floyd and Cynthia Houck



L: Alexis and Jake Bruch
R: Steve and Anne Meadows



L: Davene Morgan
R: Kevin and Lauren Haseltine





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

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

February 24 and March 24

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

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays

February 20 and March 20

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

WHNA WHISPERING HILLS
A Community of Neighbors

2025 WHNA Membership Form

2025.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 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 ☐ 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. (PayPal auto renewal available.)

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