Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood APRIL 2026

Graduation Time is Coming Up. Want to Share Your Happiness?

The June issue of the WHNA News will feature graduates in the neighborhood. If your family's graduate(s) would like to be included, send a picture, name of school, plans after graduation, etc. to either:

Sonia Harms at: WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com
or Helen Meyer at:
WHNAnewsfeatures@whnadallas.com

Construction on the New Liberty JH Building Begins in June

Liberty staff and students are excited about the plans for the new Liberty Jr High building which is due to be finished for the school year beginning in 2028.

Neighbors should be prepared for construction equipment on Lawler and Whispering Hills. The new building will face Whispering Hills and be built on what is now the track and soccer field.

The first thing to happen is changing the electric wiring which currently runs under the track area. A lot of poles will appear carrying the wiring. The poles will eventually disappear.

Students will continue to attend classes in the current building. There will be changes in traffic patterns. Plan are to place signs giving directions.

For pictures of design plans go to:

Schools.risd.org/Liberty JH/construction-planning/

We want Whispering Hills News to be about you and news you'd like to share. Send your ideas and suggestions to:
WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com

Feel the Need to be More Socially Active?

Maija Wallace, WHNA Social Chair

There are two active neighborhood social groups, along with a couple of cul-de-sacs that have get-togethers.

- A Ladies Game Club typically meets on Sunday evenings.
- A Senior Ladies Chat group meets once a month, usually on a Monday afternoon in a member's home.

We'd love to grow more ways for neighbors to connect! If you're interested in starting or joining a social club—such as a book club, game club, garden club, or children's play group—please reach out. There's been interest in organizing a progressive dinner, so let us know if that sounds fun to you. Or, how about an interest group for men?

Reach out to WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com if you'd like to join a group, or start one.

Watch for event update/change emails on:
whnacommunications@gmail.com.
You need to request to be added if you are not already receiving messages from WHNA

May 2 Election

On our ballot for the May 2nd election , vote for Members of the RISD Board of Trustees.

For At-Large Place 6
- Eric Eager
- Blake Sawyer

For Single Member District 3
- Luis Fernado Rojas
- Nazlee Burney
- Euan Blackman

May 26 Primary Run-off Elections Info at votetexas.gov

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District 10 News from Council Member Kathy Stewart

One question that really stayed with me after the Spring Budget Town Hall, challenged me to identify examples of when the city is proactive versus reactive. It's easy to point out how we respond to crime after it occurs - but the real challenge is identifying where we are getting ahead of it.

One strong example of a proactive approach is a key component of the Violent Crime Reduction Plan implemented by DPD several years ago. The Plan has been highly effective in reducing violent crime city wide and here in District 10. A central element of the plan is called Focused Deterrence. It identifies repeat offenders and engages them and their families with offers of support, services, and housing. The results have been encouraging, with fewer repeat offenders and reduced recidivism. By addressing the underlying factors that can lead individuals toward crime, we are making meaningful progress in improving overall public safety.

Planned Board Meeting Discussion Topics Based on Results from the Survey Sent Out Earlier

May (5/12) **Neighborhood Safety**
Our VIPs will present on factors affecting our neighborhood safety. We'll openly discuss security issues as well as solutions.

June (6/9) **Neighborhood Beautification**
Ways to encourage home upkeep, community projects, and shared spaces will be discussed.

July (7/14) Social Events

August (8/11) **Mid-Year Progress Review**
Check in on progress of the topics addressed so far this year!

September (9/8) **Elections Meeting at Liberty**
Volunteer or nominate someone for the Board VOTE!!

October (10/13) **Clubs**
Our neighbors want clubs! If you would like to join or organize a meetup, come talk about your area of interest! Proposed clubs that need leaders:

Gardening Club, Pickleball Club, Book Club. Other suggestions welcome!

November (11/10) **Year Wrap-Up**
Review the year and look towards goals for next year.

No Meeting in December

It's Your Neighborhood, Support it!

Join at whnadallas.com or use the form on the back page.

Summary of the March WHNA Board Meeting

Financial and Crime Watch Reports Presented

Social Chair Report:

$400 budget approved for Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 11th at Friendship Park from 10am-12pm

Update On Deermont

Cynthia Houck sent an email to a Garland representative inquiring about support from Garland for a barrier on Deermont as well as speed bumps in the alley behind east Cimmaron. Awaiting reply.

Carolyn Jefferson reported results from a survey of neighbors regarding traffic management solutions on Deermont. Preferences were split between having a barrier put back in versus having speed humps installed. Neighbors were largely in favor of some measure being taken.

Carolyn has submitted a request for a traffic study with the city of Dallas. She is advocating for a multi-day study rather than the usual single-day study. The study is in the process of being scheduled.

Discussion: Neighborhood Walls and Barriers

The condition of the walls around our neighborhood were discussed. The wall at the west end of Lawler was identified as the greatest source of safety concern with an increase in criminal activity in that area. Neighbors pulled together ideas for repair options as they become necessary.

Alan Ravkind will get a quote on the panel material that the current wall is made of in order to provide the board with an idea of the budget required to cover the cost of repair.

Michael Lanham volunteered to contact the North Texas Neighborhood Alliance to see if other neighborhoods would be interested in pooling resources for their wall projects or if there is assistance of any kind we could receive.

Rebecca Roberts suggested getting a structural engineer to assess the stability of the wall to give us an idea of the repair timeline.

A low-cost option was discussed that would involve barrier plantings such as bamboo, vines, roses, etc. to deter foot traffic through the openings in the walls and fences.

Plan:

Report back at next month's meeting on progress with these items.

Summary of the April WHNA Board Meeting

The April Board meeting was a special one with RISD Board candidates from District 3 and District 6 present to present information about themselves and their platform and to answer questions about their hopes for the District.

Candidates for District 3 are Euan Blackman, Nazlee Burney and Luis Fernando Rojas.

Candidates for District 6 are Eric Eager and Blake Sawyer.

Topics discussed by the candidates, included:

- School Board Meeting Transparency
- Teacher Compensation
- The issue of the State Board of Education's Mandatory Reading List
- Trustee Role in Upholding Constitutional Values
- Community Involvement in Bond Planning

Preceding the candidate presentation, treasurer Cynthia Houck, provided a detailed financial report for March and the beginning of April.

In his Crime Watch report, Mike Gorman summarized safety concerns since the last meeting, noting a significant incident on the 11th where a car drove through the neighborhood and fired five rounds. Overall, there were 21 reports concerning safety in the neighborhood. Mike also reported that there are currently four active short-term rentals, with one recently closed due to foreclosure, and the property sold.

A Landscape Committee member inquired about the budget for an upcoming landscape work day scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at 9:00 am. $600 was approved for shrubbery replacement and improvements.

WHNA usually holds its Board meetings the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm. Since having the meetings via Meet has resulted in increased attendance, a decision has been made to continue meetings in that way.

Join the meeting every month at:
https://meet.goggle.com/fde-zetb-vuj

Announcements of meetings and events are sent via Email. Ask to be added at:
WHNAcommunications@gmail.com

Liberty Jr High Thespians, Athletes and Musicians Earn Recognitions and Ribbons

From Liberty Newsletter

Our UIL One Act Play students took the stage at competition under the direction of Mr. Pollard, and their performance was nothing short of spectacular. From the emotion and precision on stage to the seamless work behind the scenes, our students represented Liberty with excellence and professionalism. Not only did they deliver an outstanding performance, but two of our thespians earned special recognition, bringing home an All Star Cast Award and an Outstanding Technician Award. Kudos to the entire cast and crew.

Our Patriot athletes also had an incredible start to their season at their first track meet, bringing home more than 40 ribbons for their tremendous efforts. Their hard work, perseverance, and competitive spirit were on full display as they raced, jumped, and threw their way to success. What a strong start to the season!

We had a fantastic first week back after Spring Break. One of our biggest highlights was our Liberty Band program, that absolutely swept the floor at UIL with Superior ratings. We could not be more proud of our talented musicians and their directors for the countless hours of practice, dedication, and passion that led to such incredible success. The rave reviews from judges are a true reflection of the excellence our students bring to the stage!

Love Letters to the Neighborhood

"It's quiet. People talk to each other." Yennhi
"I feel safe riding my bike." Her son

"It's a nice location for getting to work and church. Our neighbor, Mike, looks out for us." Jason

"This neighborhood is so quiet and easy to walk in. I love it. " Emilia from Garland

"It's a good location for getting in and out of with the car." Kevin

"It's close to all 3 schools (FRE. Liberty and Berkner). Quiet, with a good neighbor looking out for us. Everything's nice. Love it!" Tha and Peng

Send Comments About Your Experience Living in Whispering Hills or Things a Neighbor Has Done For You to: *WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com*

Crime Watch Report from 04/14 Board Meeting

By Mike Gorman

⇒ Saturday Night, 4/11/2026, between 10:45 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. 4 reports from North and South Whispering Hills of 5 rounds fired from a moving vehicle.

⇒ Fewer unknown persons reports from West end of Cimmaron Trail and Deermont Trail.

⇒ Increased arrest reports for drug possession from Liberty JHS this year.

⇒ 21 Reports from all sources for Whispering Hills neighborhood

⇒ 37 DPD Initial Reports for Surrounding Apartments and Businesses

⇒ 311 Code Compliance Reports – Total 32 – Top 2 categories were 8 Code Concern Issues, and 7 Sanitation Cart Replacement or Repair

⇒ Short-Term Rentals – 4 currently active, 1 closed and house sold, 1 Code Concern reported

Living With Coyotes

From Dallas Animal Services

Coyotes are part of North Texas' natural landscape, but it's important to take a few precautions to keep both people and pets safe. If you see a coyote, here are some things you can do to stay safe and help DAS track activity in our area:

- Supervise pets outdoors — Always walk dogs on a leash and avoid letting them roam freely, especially near creeks or trails.
- Bring cats inside — Coyotes can view small animals as prey, so keeping cats indoors is the safest option.
- Don't leave food outside — Secure trash bins, remove pet food and birdseed at night, and clean up fallen fruit.
- Use hazing techniques — If you encounter a coyote, make loud noises, wave your arms, and throw small objects near (not at) the animal. The goal is to remind it to stay away from people.
- Never run or turn your back — Instead, stand tall, make eye contact, and back away slowly while facing the coyote.
- Report sightings or aggressive behavior — Call the DAS Coyote Hotline at 469-676-9813 or use Dallas 311 to submit a report online or through the app.

Get more information at
https://bedallas90.org/wildlife/

District 10 Crime Stats

NIBRS Crime Comparison Jan 1-March 24 2026 vs 2025

2026		2025		
OFFENSE	TOTAL	OFFENSE	TOTAL	% DIFF
AGG ASSAULT - FV	28	AGG ASSAULT - FV	35	-20.00%
AGG ASSAULT - NFV	31	AGG ASSAULT - NFV	38	-18.42%
MURDER & NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	4	MURDER & NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	1	>100%
ROBBERY-BUSINESS	3	ROBBERY-BUSINESS	5	-40.00%
ROBBERY-INDIVIDUAL	21	ROBBERY-INDIVIDUAL	20	5.00%
FONDLING	2	FONDLING	2	0.00%
RAPE	1	RAPE	2	-50.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	1	SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	0	NC
SODOMY	2	SODOMY	3	-33.33%
GRAND TOTAL	93	GRAND TOTAL	106	

2026		2025		
OFFENSE	TOTAL	OFFENSE	TOTAL	% DIFF
BURGLARY-BUSINESS	31	BURGLARY-BUSINESS	85	-40.00%
BURGLARY-RESIDENCE	44	BURGLARY-RESIDENCE	51	-13.72%
BMV	23	BMV	43	-46.51%
OTHER LARCENY	82	OTHER LARCENY	101	-18.81%
SHOPLIFTING - CONTACT	0	SHOPLIFTING - CONTACT	0	NC
UUMV	122	UUMV	140	-12.86%
GRAND TOTAL	302	GRAND TOTAL	420	

See a Problem with a Street Light?

To report a street light outage, go to : https://www.oncorstreetlight.com/.

This link is always available on the WHNA website (whnadallas.com) under Pages & Links, External Links.

Curbside Trash on the Sidewalks

The Sanitation Department tells us to place curb trash next to the curb, and not on the sidewalk. What if your sidewalk is next to the curb? Will your trash be picked up if it's on your lawn?

Waiting for a response from the Sanitation Department.

Planning a Garage Sale?

Permits Now Only Available Online!

Google "Dallas Garage Sales."

Help Prove to DPD that Extra Patrols Are Needed in the Neighborhood

Everyone knows that the police won't just magically appear and arrest a criminal. However, without reporting to 911 and getting a report number as well as getting it added to Mike Gorman's report, there is never proof of why we need or deserve extra patrols.

DPD manpower distribution is based on facts in the system and not someone just telling someone, or splashing it on Nextdoor.

In order to get DPD to understand that we need extra patrols in the neighborhood, don't be afraid to call 911.

To contact Mike, go to: WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

WHNA Crime Report March 10-April 11

Submitted by Mike Gorman at the April 14th Board Meeting

04/11	Random Gunfire, 4 reports
04/07	2 Drug Narcotic Violations
04/03	Disorderly Conduct
03/29	Graffiti
03/28	Random Gunfire
03/24	Drug Narcotic Violation
03/10	Drug Narcotic Violation
03/15	Suspicious Person
03/12	Security Fence Break
03/12	Suspicious Activity 2 reports
03/11	Random Gunfire
03/11	Suspicious Person
03/10	Suspicious Activity
03/10	Suspicious Person

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.

PARK CITIES POWER WASH

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

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).

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

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

A Thought.....

When you're 20,
you care what everyone thinks.
When you're 40,
you stop caring what everyone thinks.
When you're 60,
you realize no one was ever thinking about you in the first place!

-Winston Churchill-



Get your AC Ready for Summer

energy.gov/energysaver/home-cooling-systems

AC maintenance/usage

Here are a few simple steps that could cut down on the amount of energy used.

Set your AC fan to the "auto" rather than the "on" setting. Using the "on" setting can increase energy costs and make the AC work harder to maintain your desired temperature.1

Close blinds and shades on sunny days to prevent heat buildup and get the most out of the cool air coming from the AC.

Try to use natural ventilation when the weather is nice rather than turning on the AC.

Get regular tune-ups for your HVAC system — twice annually if possible. Spring and fall are good times to have a technician check and ensure your system is running at its best. Tune up your AC before summer and the heater before winter to make sure you're comfortable even on the hottest and coldest days of the year.

Air filters

Change air filters twice a year. Dirty air filters make your AC work harder than it should and reduces air flow. Take note of when to change your air filter along with the size so you are ready to purchase new ones when the time comes. Can't remember when to change your air filters?

Change air filters more frequently if you have pets.

Thermostats

Follow the "four-by-four" principle. Set your thermostat four degrees higher when you're away from home for more than four hours to reduce electricity usage and costs.

Use a programmable thermostat that will learn your schedule and automatically make temperature adjustments to conserve energy.



WHNA Egg Hunt



Waiting for the Start



Getting Hugs from the Bunny

Despite the drizzle and a surprise shower, eggs were happily hunted. Neighbors got together to enjoy hot dogs, and both kids and adults made new friends.



And Off they Go!! With Great Anticipation



Meeting a New Friend



So Many Eggs!!

If you'd like to see pictures in color, go to whnadallas.com and click on Newsletters



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

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

April 27 and May 25

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

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays

April 23 and May 21

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

Separate bulky trash from brush.

No glass, electronics, or garbage

Get the 2026 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 Items Listed Below

(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). **NO** 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. **NO** shredded paper

Order new or replacement roll carts at: dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation

WHNA WHISPERING HILLS
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2026 WHNA Membership Form

2026.AM.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 (Minimum Donation) (tax deductible) Additional Donation: $____ (tax deductible) (Crime Watch/VIP, Admin. expenses, Other _____)

I would like my information to be included in the 2026 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.)

2026 Membership Period—January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026