Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood AUGUST 2025

New WHNA President and New Meeting Time

Jake Bruch, the current President, has announced that he will be stepping down in August because of relocation. Regan Paulsen has graciously offered to step into the role. We are very excited for Regan to take over the position.

With this new president comes a new meeting time. We will still be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the Liberty Junior High School Library, but it will now be at 8:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

Please come to the next meeting on August 12 to welcome Regan to the Board. Any Whispering Hills resident is welcome to attend meetings, but only WHNA members can vote on issues.

Thank you, Jake, for your contribution of time to WHNA!



Neighborhood Dine Outs

August Dine Out 8/20

Tuscany Italian Bistro

743 Brick Row #400, Richardson,

Off Centennial between Greenville and Central Expr

RSVP at: https://evite.me/7fynAZB7JF

September Dine Out 9/24

Tineo Peruvian Café

525 W. Arapaho, Richardson, past Custer

RSVP at: https://evite.me/rU4P3DWDwd

Both Dine Outs are at 6pm

Send suggestions for Dine Out locations to: Maija Wallace at: WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com

What is the Difference Between an NA and an HOA?

A Neighborhood Association (NA) is a volunteer organization of residents who work together to improve and maintain the quality of life in its Neighborhood. Associations can form out of concern over a particular issue or as a means of enhancing a "sense of community." WHNA is a NA.

Features of a Neighborhood Association:

- Membership is **voluntary** and open to all residents, not just property owners, in the neighborhood.
- Participation is optional and boundaries are established by the association.
- Membership dues are voluntary.
- There is no legal authority to enact or enforce maintenance or design requirements beyond those established by City ordinances.
- To ensure a visibly democratic process, the organization establishes formal or informal bylaws to provide for at least one general membership meeting per year, and to require an annual election of officers.

A Homeowners Association (HOA), unlike a Neighborhood Association, is a formal legal entity created to maintain common areas and enforce private deed restrictions.

Most condominium, town house developments and newer single-family subdivisions nowadays have Homeowner Associations created when the development is built.

Features of a Homeowners Association:

- Homeowners Associations are corporations with formal bylaws, and have governing boards, which may be elected annually.
- Membership is **mandatory** for all property owners within the boundaries of the development.
- Members are charged mandatory dues.
- Homeowners Associations have the legal authority to enact and enforce maintenance and design standards in addition to those established by city ordinance.

WHNA Board & Committee Chairs

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The Dallas Bike Plan

The 2025 Dallas Bike Plan sets targets for growing the city's biking network as part of a plan to build a multi-modal transportation system that features high quality pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and integrates well with other modes of transportation while emphasizing maintenance, comfort, and safety for all ages and abilities.

First developed in 1975 and previously updated in 2011, The Dallas Bike Plan has been the City's guide for implementing a system of on and off-street bike lanes and infrastructure. The approved update expands on the network that has been implemented with a strong focus of building a network that encourages bicyclists of all ages and abilities to explore Dallas.

For more information and a map of the stages of development, go to dallascityhall.com, tap on Departments Transportation, and look for Bike Plan.

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, of which Whispering Hills is a part, 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, including handyman help.

For more information: thenetwork.org/get-help

Be Sure to Drain Standing Water to Keep These Ladies Away and to Help Prevent West Nile Disease



be in the Know

Stay Connected in Whispering Hills

Do You Have a Great Neighbor? Tell Us About It at:

WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com

Following is a response from Elka Carrol.

I was out of town and was alerted that my pool was low and the pump was running loudly. I called Dominic Norris, and he went to my yard and filled my pool! Thank you, awesome neighbor!

Maija Wallace gave me sourdough starter that fed me with delicious bread for almost a year. (I need more starter, as I let mine dry up!) She and her babies also walked down to my house to deliver wildflowers that are now growing in my yard. Awesome neighbor!

On Halloween last year, I was invited to the home of the Cramms, who I didn't yet know. They fed me chili and introduced me to a bunch of fun neighbors. Thank you so much for being so warm and inviting!

I was out of town, and my cat sitter texted me that she left the lamps on in my house, thinking I was going to be home that night. I called Rebecca Roberts, an awesome neighbor, and she went over to my house and turned off the lamps for me. Thank you, Rebecca, for putting my mind at ease while I was away! You're an awesome neighbor!!!

Dallas Watering Restrictions 10am-6pm until Oct 31

Watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until October 31 on all days of the week, including the allowed watering days listed below. Hand watering is allowed any day during the allowed times.

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

WHNA Annual Meeting in September

The WHNA By-Laws set September of each year to be the meeting at which elections are held for the following year.

If you would like be a part of the WHNA Board, have someone nominate you to the position you're interested in, talk to a board member, or simply come to the meeting to communicate your interest..

The position of Secretary is open at this time, and is crucial. If you like to take notes, this is for you.

Please consider being a part of the Board. Meeting date and time will be announced via the community email group. (see below)

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, send your name, street, and email address to: WHNAcommunications@gmail.com.

Looking for Ways to Get Involved in the Neighborhood?

There are a lot of opportunities. For example:

Organize/ Help at Social Events
Join Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) / Crime Watch
Organize a Crew to Pick Up Trash Along WH
Help with Landscape Cleanup at the South End
Newsletter Ideas / Distribution
Start a Pickleball Group or a Book Club
Take Part in a Mom's Group
Share New Ideas You Might Have

Want to volunteer, or share an idea?

See WHNA contact list on page 2 for who to call.

Notes from D10 Council Member Kathy Stewart's Newsletter

I want to take a moment to share how I approach decision-making. Councilmembers vote on a wide range of issues – some specific to individual districts, particularly zoning cases, and others that shape citywide policy or update our ordinances. These votes take place during our weekly council meetings and monthly committee meetings. I believe it's important for you to understand the process behind these decisions and the values that guide my work on your behalf.

To make informed decisions, it's important to understand the full context of the agenda item. I use a broad framework to guide my evaluation:

- I begin with identifying what problem we are trying to solve. Why is this change or new initiative necessary? What steps has City staff taken to support this conclusion?
- Where is the funding for the item coming from and is it sustainable (can we afford this in the long term)? Have we identified other sources of funding?
- How will we staff this initiative? Can our existing departments take it on, or will it require new hires or partnerships with outside organizations?
- Has there been effective community engagement? What do the neighbors and stakeholders think?
- If this agenda item only impacts one district, I consider the position of that district's councilmember – and almost always defer to their judgment.
- Is this a City issue or is it a matter for the County, State or Federal government, or individual property owners?

I had a productive meeting with our new Dallas Police Chief, Daniel Comeaux. We discussed overall crime trends in District 10 as well as several high-priority locations. Chief Comeaux has committed to increasing enforcement efforts to address speeding along both Abrams Road and Skillman Street.

We received a briefing on upcoming changes to sanitation service – specifically, the transition from alley to curbside trash collection. The Sanitation Department has worked diligently to balance the City's goals for improved efficiency and safety with the feedback received from residents. They are recommending a hybrid model that will shift some District 10 homes to curbside service.

This change will primarily affect properties with narrow alleys (8-9 feet wide) and front driveways. The area impacted by this change is primarily east of Audelia, west of Plano Rd., south of Walnut Hill and north of Northwest Hwy. There are a few homes east of Plano Rd. also included. Within this area, there are some homes with rear driveways. If a majority of the street has front driveways, then the trash collection will be curbside. My office will share a map of the impacted areas once that becomes available.

Email questions to me: Katherine.Stewart@dallas.gov.

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

Join Crime Watch and the Newly Formed Commenter's Group

by VIP Coordinator, Mike Gorman

If you are out and about in the neighborhood, walking yourself, or your pets, jogging, biking, etc., the Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association could use your help. All you need to do is be willing to report by text or email any suspicious activity or person that you see during your outside time.

The CW reporter is not required to take a DPD course or report their time on a monthly basis. You only have to be willing to let the WHNA CW/VIP Coordinator know who you are and where you live in Whispering Hills.

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 is 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

Don't Ignore this Sign!



According to School Resource Officer, Rickey Willis, SROs will be watching for, and ticketing, speeders around Liberty Jr. High and Forestridge Elementary, especially during pick-up times in the afternoon. They may also be around during drop-off in the morning.

The sign shown at right refers to the alley that is parallel to Hornbeam and Whispering Hills Drive. People have been speeding down it to get ahead of the line, or as a cut-through during busy times. It's best to avoid Hornbeam if you're not picking up kids.

Crime Stats From June 7- July 27

Submitted by Mike Gorman

Abandoned Property Call to 311 - 1

Airbnb/VRBO 311 Complaints - 3

Domestic Violence - 1

Drunk Driver Light Pole Damage - 1

Fireworks - 2

Illegal Parking - 1

Missing Person - 1

Police Activity - 5

Prowler - 4

Short-Term Rental Complaints - 32

Suspicious Person/Persons - 11

Unexplained Death - 1

Vehicle Damage - 1

Paper License Plates Illegal After August

Since July 1st, it is mandated by Texas House Bill 718 that metal license plates be provided at point of sale. Plates must be secured on the front and rear of the vehicle. Buyer's receipt must be kept in the vehicle until registration is complete and the windshield sticker is in place.

Any paper-based tag types—including Buyer's Tags, Agent Tags, Internet Down Tags, One-Trip and 30-Day permits—will no longer be valid for issuance by dealers.

Paper tags in use 60 days after July 1st will not be legal. Contact Texas Dept. of Motor Vehicles for information.

There will be different color highlights on the new metal plates to indicate uses of the vehicles by other than owners.

- Blue for dealer business-related use
- Green for out-of-state buyer
- Red for temporary registration needs
- Purple for when specific use type not available

Answers to the first Fun Stuff challenge:
PINE pint pant past POST ; SEED reed read lead LEAF
GRASS glass class CLANS plans PLANT

Answers to Classroom Items: chair, eraser, desk, clock, flag chalk, pencil, glue, scissors, calculator

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

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

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Inspiring Women's Lives--I bring beauty to you.
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Birding Bingo

From Texas Parks and Wildlife

Interested in learning about the variety of birds in our North Texas surroundings?

Go to **texasbirdbingo.com** to select the region you want to explore and to print out a Texas Bird Bingo card which features 24 birds. We are in the Prairies and Pineywoods West region, which covers North Texas and the DFW area.

Once you've marked off a row of birds in any of three directions on the card, (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) you've got a bird bingo! You can even win something! See what/ how on the website.

Want to explore further? Click the link for interactive driving trail maps which will lead you to the best spots to see birds, butterflies, bats and more.

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**

A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble.

--CHARLES SPURGEON

Do You Know Libby?

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Like to Paddle?

Google Texas Paddling Trails

Fun Stuff

Make one word into another. Change only one letter at a time.

Turn a Tree into a Post.

PINE
_____
_____
_____
POST

Turn a Seed into a Leaf

SEED
_____
_____
_____
LEAF

Turn Grass into a Plant

GRASS
_____
_____
CLANS
_____
PLANT

Underline the letters in each sentence that spell a bird or an animal.

1. Abraham Lincoln became famous even though he was a poor boy.
2. If you do good work, you get good grades.
3. How long does the puzzle take?
4. Some natives of Afri**ca t**alk with drums.
5. Try again, have another go at it.
6. Mary's nails were gleaming.
7. The anchor settled on the sandy bottom.
8. The boys wanted to go skating.
9. Write a letter to a dear friend.

Did you find these animals? cat, owl, horse, dog, mouse, toad, snail, goat, swan (Not shown in order.)

Unscramble these classroom items.

IRCAH _____ FGAL _____

REEARS _____ CNLEPI _____

KSED _____ CKALH _____

OLCKC _____ EGUL _____

ROSSSICS _____

CRTOLUALCA _____

Answers to the first and last challenges are somewhere in this newsletter



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

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

August 25 and September 22

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

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays

August 21 and September 18

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

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.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 ☐ 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

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

Payments after October 1, 2025, apply to 2026 Membership.