Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

OCTOBER 2026

Announcing the Refreshed WHNA Website!

We are excited to announce the upcoming launch of our newly refreshed neighborhood association website, still located at whnadallas.com!

Designed to serve as a central hub for our community, the updated website will make staying involved with the Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association easier than ever.

Whether you want to catch up on recent updates, support local initiatives, or check event dates, everything you need will be in one place.

The website launch will take place this month before our Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff. We will continue to add features as we go along and suggestions are welcome. Look for an email announcing the launch soon!

What's the plan for whnadallas.com?

- **Easy & Recurring Dues Payments:** Pay your annual association dues quickly online and set up recurring payments so you never miss a renewal cycle.
- **Community Newsletters:** Catch up on current neighborhood news or browse through archived editions anytime.
- **Contribute to Neighborhood Goals:** Share your ideas, support community improvement projects, and help shape the future of Whispering Hills.
- **Events & Gatherings:** Stay up to date on upcoming meetings, social events, Fall Festivals, and local gatherings.
- **Connect with Neighbors:** Discover new ways to get involved, join neighborhood communication channels, and connect with fellow residents.



The Fall Festival will be Friday, October 30th 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the East Cimmaron cul-de-sac.

Sign up to be a chili cook-off contestant or to help out with set-up, tear down, and/or bringing needed items like tables, chairs, canopies, and trash cans.

On whnadallas.com, click on Calendar and Oct. 30 to get to the link for Sign-up Genius options.

Dallas County Early Voting and Election Day locations:

dallascounty.org/elections/VoteCenters/

You can vote anywhere in Dallas County. There are a LOT of things to vote on.

The League of Women's Voters has published a Nonpartisan Voter's Guide at: lwvtexas.org. Use it to help you make educated choices when you vote. You can also get a sample ballot covering our area that you can print and take to the polls with you.

Besides voting for candidates, there are also some propositions concerning homelessness and public safety.

Whispering Hills is in Precinct 2127.

WHNA Board & Committee Chairs

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District 10 News from D10 Council Member Kathy Stewart

I believe Flock cameras are a great public safety tool – but we need safeguards put in place. Here is a list of the current safeguards:

- Every search requires a case number and must be connected to an ongoing active investigation.
- Searches are limited to certain types of crime, with the current focus on violent crime.
- DPD proactively audits the system and flags unusual search activity, such as repeated searches for the same license plate.
- Data is currently retained 365 days. Members of the Public Safety Committee have asked DPD to consider shortening that period. DPD explained that some investigations take months to develop leads and that some crimes are not reported immediately. However, the department has agreed to review whether the 365-day retention period can be reduced.
- We have also significantly reduced the number of outside agencies with which Dallas shares access to this information.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I can be emailed at: katherine.stewart@dallas.gov with concerns or if you want to schedule a coffee.

Other News from City Hall

- Save Dallas City Hall Coalition will start a petition 10/2/26 to place City Charter amendment on May 2027 ballot. City Hall would stay at current location unless voters vote to move.
- City Property Tax Rate Reduced for 11th consecutive year
- Police starting compensation increased to $83,822 per year.
- Funding approved for 750 new police officers over next two years.
- $142.8 million allocated for 800 lane miles of street repairs
- 25 library positions restored; six pools will not close
- 108 city positions eliminated

A WhatsApp Community
Has Been Set Up for Some
Neighborhood Communications.
Contact Mike Gorman or Maija Wallace if you want to be added.
(The Community Email Blasts Will Continue)

Summary of the September WHNA Board Meeting

Twelve neighbors attended the September 8th meeting at Regan Paulsen's house.

Membership & Financials

- Current 2026 membership: 104
- Newsletter expense: approximately $1000 annually
- Income and expenses are currently relatively close, with expenses nearly matching income.

Social Events

Fall Fest

- Discussed providing foo at no charge for members
- Non-members may be charged for foo d
- Discussed potential items to sell
- Members discussed way to encourage participation and communicate event information.
- Approximately $464 was spent at last year's event
- A request was made for $400 for this year's event. Motion approved.

Chili Cook-off

- Discussed plans for a chili cook-off at Fall Fest

Dine Outs

- September's event was final one for 2026

Communications and New Residents

- Discussed creating a system where residents can indicate how they prefer to receive neighborhood communications and areas of interest they would like to be involved in.
- Discussed sending welcome letters to new residents, and the possibility of a Caring Neighbors initiative.
- Cynthia with review bylaws regarding the Caring Neighbors concept.

Real Estate / MLS Notifications

- Discussed having the Realtor/MLS system establish boundaries for neighborhood notifications when homes are listed for sale or sold.

2027 WHNA Board Members Elected

President: Regan Paulsen
Vice President: Davene Morgan
Secretary: Kinzie Russell
Treasurer: Cynthia Houck
At-Large: Rebecca Roberts

Summary of the October WHNA Board Meeting

The WHNA Board approved moving monthly meetings from the second Tuesday to the first Tuesday of each month, providing additional time to prepare newsletter content and community updates.

Crime Watch and Treasurer reports were presented.

Preparations for the **Fall Festival on October 30** were reviewed, and announced A new rule preventing previous winners from winning consecutive Halloween house decorating contests was announced. Residents can look forward to a chili cookoff and WHNA swag at the festival.

Other discussions included newsletter production and editorial support, potential new membership tiers, patron recognition initiatives, and ongoing landscaping and irrigation improvements throughout the neighborhood.

A major focus of the meeting was the approval of a new website platform to replace the current site. The new website is targeted for a **mid-November launch** and will provide improved functionality, online payment capabilities, and multilingual translation features for residents.

The board also confirmed that the neighborhood's members-only Facebook page remains active as a resource for community engagement and communication.

WHNA News Editor to Change in 2027

Sonia Harms has announced that she will retire as newsletter editor after the December newsletter. She has done the newsletter for 30 years, beginning in 1996.

Angela Flournoy as stepped up to take over in 2027. Thank you, Angela!

WHNA Board Meeting Discussions Join via MEET at:

https://meet.goggle.com/fde-zetb-vuj

Year Wrap-Up November 3rd
Review the year and look towards goals for next year.
No Meeting in December

Want to Volunteer at an RISD School?

Both Forestridge and Liberty have needs helping students, shelving books at the libraries, helping at events and other opportunities .

Richardson ISD has a new Volunteer Management System (VMS) called Verkada! This user-friendly platform will make it easier than ever for families, community members, and partners to get involved and support our schools. You don't need to have a child in an RISD school.

Completing the volunteer application ensures you are approved and ready to participate in events, field trips, classroom activities, and more throughout the school year.

Every time you volunteer, you're supporting students, teachers, and the future of our community. Whether you can give an hour a week or help at a special event, your time truly makes a difference.

To find the application and other information, go to: web.risd.org/home/volunteer/

Network of Community Ministries Is Also Looking for Volunteers

Network has a Food Market and Clothing Shop for people in need that is in urgent need of help on certain shifts.

Go to: thenetwork.org/volunteer/ to see the various volunteer options.

Network also has a Senior's Net that provides basic needs assistance (food, clothing and utilities) for any seniors aged 60 and above living in the RISD area. Seniors' Net Programs include Home Food Delivery and Companion Calls which also use volunteers.

See a Problem with a Street Light?

To report a street light outage, go to : https://www.oncorstreetlight.com/.
You can also call 311.

Love Letters to the Neighborhood

We have lived in the neighborhood on Cimmaron Trail since 1998. We've seen lovely neighbors come and go. We are very appreciative to Lester and Terry, who are our neighbors, for their care and concern and helpfulness. I just recently lost my next-door neighbor, Joan Ensminger, who passed away. She was a very good friend and very caring. I will miss her dearly. All my neighbors are friendly, respectful and caring. For that we thank them and are very grateful.

Zobeida & Edwin Rivera

We appreciate the WHNA board for doing wonderful work for our community.
Keep up the good work of serving the neighborhood.

Taiyab and Fatema Kundawala

What's Happening at Lawler and Whispering Hills??

Judging from conversations while on walks, it appears many neighbors do not know what's going on with the construction by Liberty Jr. High.

It's a big project. A new Liberty Middle School is being built. It's called a middle school because it will house grades 6-8 instead of grades 7 and 8. That is happening throughout RISD. There are 5 other new middle schools being built in the district.

Plans are to have the new building ready for the 2028-2029 school year. Then the old Liberty will be demolished and that area will become the new sports area and parking.

To see pictures and other details, go to:
schools.risd.org/LibertyJH/construction-planning/

There will be a groundbreaking ceremony inside the SE corner of the construction site on Oct.20th at 5:00pm. Go to the right from the entrance off WH.

Please…

Don't put glass out with your curb trash!!

WHNA Annual Crime Watch (VIP) Recap

3rd Quarter Summary Submitted by Mike Gorman for the September Annual Board Meeting

Top 7 Neighborhood Reported Issues

Total in 2025 / 3rd Quarter 2026

Suspicious Persons – 44 / 19
Mailbox Tampering – 11 / 1
Random Gunfire – 10 / 13
Suspicious Activity – 15 / 10
Drug Activities – 7 / 9
Noise Issues – 12 / 9
Police Activities – 13 / 5

Surrounding Apartments and Businesses
All DPD reports for apartments and/or businesses trended up for first 3 quarters of 2026.
The top 10 incident reports show 6 out of 10 trending up for 2026.

311 Code Compliance Reports Trending Up
Third quarter reports submitted for 2026 was 439 vs. total 2025 480.
Code Compliance Concern Reports are up 68.
(139 in 2025 vs 207 in 2026)

Bulky Trash issues – Up 5 YTD versus all of 2025

Structural Issues (Fences etc.)–27 YTD 2026 vs. 28 in 2025 total

Multiple Issues at Same Address – 20 for first 3 quarters versus all of 2025 with 21.

High Weeds – 20 YTD in 2026 versus 16 for all of 2025

Vegetative Obstruction – 12 for first 3 quarters of 2026 versus 11 for all of 2025.

Water Issues – 11 reported YTD 2026 (3 quarters) vs. 12 for all of year 2025

Parking Violation – Currently at 74 YTD vs,72 for all of 2025.

Volunteers in Patrol / Crime Watch Group
DPD Certified VIP Membership is 33; down 1 from 2025.
WHNA Crime Watch Commentors Group – 44 (Non-DPD Certified)

VIP Patrol Hours
Total Hours through August 31, 2026, was 2432 hours

Total Hours through August 31, 2025, was 2329 hours. Total 2025 hours 3506.75.

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Additional Activity Reports from 9/08/26-10/11/26

22 - Reports During Period from WHNA Neighborhood (All Sources)
Suspicious Activity – 7
Suspicious Person – 5
All Others (10) - 1

1 – Short Term Rental Complaints (10136 Bettywood Lane)

33 - DPD Reports for Surrounding Apartments/Businesses

18 – Reports for 311 Service Requests

Why is Dallas's STR Regulation Being Held up at the Texas Supreme Court?

- Dallas lost because its ordinance was too aggressive, retroactive, and constitutionally flawed.
- Other cities won because their ordinances were narrower, non-retroactive, and aligned with traditional zoning powers.
- Texas Supreme Court is likely to uphold the injunction unless Dallas rewrites its ordinance.
- Dallas's docket shows repeated appellate losses and a pending Supreme Court review.

Help Keep Crime Down in Whispering Hills

Mike Gorman is always looking for people to join his Crime Watch Commentors Group. You don't need DPD training to simply keep an eye out for issues to report to Mike.

Additionally, there is a need for people with DPD certification in the VIP program. The training includes information about what to look for while patrolling the neighborhood.

VIP allows citizens to have an active part in combating crime in their patrol area. VIP supplements detection and reporting of suspicious persons and activities to the police department. VIP shows a presence of law-abiding citizens patrolling the streets throughout the City of Dallas.

If you are interested in joining VIP, you'll need to attend training. There are forms to fill out at:

https://dallaspolice.net/Community/Shared%20Documents/volunteers-in-patrol.pdf

If you take the VIP training let Mike know at:
WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

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

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

OUR WEST END SECURITY WALLS ARE LEANING AND SEPARATING DUE TO YEARS OF GROUND SHIFTING.

Help with getting repairs done by JOINING WHNA.
Dues are only $50.00 for the year or less than 14 cents a day.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

tpwd@service.govdelivery.com

Fall is the best time in Texas to plant a pollinator, garden, and native plants have the best chance of survival. Texas Native Plant Week is Oct. 19-25 this year. Watch for native plant sales at your local nurseries, grocery stores, Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center or anywhere that sells plants.

https://www.wildthumb.org/
The only native planting app made just for Texas

Do You Think English Is Easy?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

English muffins weren't invented in England nor French fries in France.

Here's some more...

The bandage was wound around the wound.

The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

Whispering Hills *Buy Nothing* on Facebook

Buy Nothing NE Dallas - North Lake Highlands/Whispering Hills

Learn more here:
buynothingproject.org

No money changes hands, no membership fee.

Two Private Neighborhood Facebook Pages

Whispering Hills Families

Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association

Request to Join.

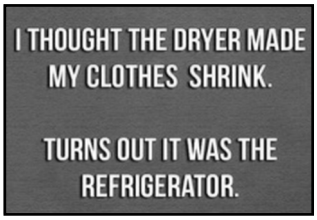
Having a Fun Time at the September Senior Ladies Chat

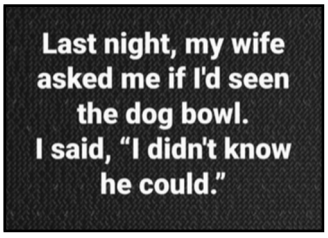


If you're a senior lady in need of some company and enjoy taking part in random lively conversation and sharing experiences, ask to be added to the Evite list for notifications and location of meetings at WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com. You do not need toa be a WHNA member to participate/

Meetings are held once a month on a Monday at 2:00. Not the same ladies attend every time. Participants may volunteer to hold meetings at their house on the Monday that fits their schedule, but volunteering to offer your home is not a requirement. The next Senior Ladies Chat will be on October 26th.







Ten Red Flags of a Scam

- Someone creates urgency or pressures you to act immediately.
- They ask for payment with gift cards, crypto-currency, wire transfers, or payment apps.
- They tell you to keep the conversation secret.
- They claim to be from law enforcement, the government, your bank, or another trusted organization and threaten consequences.
- They ask for passwords, one-time verification codes, or remote access to your computer or phone.
- The offer sounds too good to be true.
- They tell you not to talk to family or friends.
- The caller ID, email, or text message appears legitimate, but you did not initiate the contact.
- They ask you to move your money to a "safe" account.
- If something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts.

Your Spinal Discs Need Water

Your spine is often the first place to suffer when you run low on fluids.
And because the spine acts as the central support for your entire body, even mild dehydration can lead to chronic stiffness, difficulty healing, and increased spinal degeneration over time.

Signs You're Properly Hydrated

Your body provides immediate feedback on your hydration and salt balance.

Signs of Too Much Water / Too Little Salt: You find yourself urinating once or twice each hour, and the urine is clear, a sign that the water is going right through you and not getting into your spinal tissues.

Signs of Dehydration: Urine is dark (e.g. the color of apple juice), infrequent urination (less than 4 times a day), and/or a persistent feeling of "brain fog."

The Goal: Urine should be a pale straw color, and you should feel sated by the water but not overly full.

As always, check with your doctor for your specific situation, as hydration and salt intake needs and restrictions vary from person to person.

From newsletter@veritashealth.com



BRUSH & BULK

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

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

October 26 and November 23

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

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays

October 22 and November 19

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
A Community of Neighbors

2027 WHNA Membership Form

2025.SO.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 2027 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.)

2027 Membership Period—January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027