Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood JUNE 2024

Celebrating Our Neighborhood Graduates

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The June issue of Whispering Hills News is when neighborhood graduates are featured.

On pages 4 are listed the graduates we identified because of signs in yards or who were at a Senior Breakfast held at Forestridge Elementary for graduates who attended FRE. Some parents responded to requests for names in the April newsletter. If graduates are not listed, it is because we had no way of finding them.

Where Are All the WH Pickleball Players?

The few days recently when the weather has been good for playing pickleball, there were people from across Walnut, Garland, and even Plano playing. Missing are some Whispering Hills residents. Understandably, it's been windy, stormy or hot, but the opportunities are there. The issue has been how to get information out on short notice to let people know whether a game is being planned.

Please share ideas on getting organized on the WHNA Facebook Group.

Use the trash pick-up information on the last page to help you determine when to put out curb trash, and watch for reminder signs on Whispering Hills.

City of Dallas Twice- Weekly Watering Schedule

Last Digits of Address	Watering Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 (even numbers)	Sunday & Thursday
1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturday & Wednesday
No Address number	Sunday and Thursday

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is limited to no more than twice per week according to the MANDATORY Twice-Weekly Watering Schedule.

No watering is allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays and from April 1-October 31, watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on all days of the week, including the allowed watering days.

Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering are allowed on any day and at any time. More info at:

savedallaswater.com/frequently-asked-questions/

"Help Prevent Violent Crime"

You can't have public safety without public participation,

Establishing strong relationships between law enforcement and communities is vital to preventing violent crime.

Join WHNA Crime Watch/VIP group now)
Contact Mike Gorman at:
WHNAvipcoordintor @whnadallas.com

NOTICE

Residents must be WHNA members by the end of June to be included in the 2024 Directory.

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nextdoor.com
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www.whnadallas.com
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Update Notes From Our D10 Council Member, Kathy Stewart's Monthly Newsletter

I am excited to share big congratulations to the Dallas Park and Recreation department. Our Dallas Park Score improved so much this year; we are now the number one park system of all major cities in Texas. The evaluation is based on: acres, amenities, investment, access and equity. The Trust for Public Land ranks parks across the nation giving Dallas a score of 38, passing Austin which was ranked at 44. We are fortunate to have great access to parks and trails that gives us the perfect place to gather with friends and family as well as get exercise. And then sometimes they just give us a moment to stop and take a deep breath.

I am pleased to report that our overall crime has decreased by 14% and is down 20% in crimes against a person and 13% in property crime.

The North LHPID hosted a very successful Stronger Together event in May with over a thousand participants. Both Chief García and Interim City Manager Kim Tolbert joined us and spoke to the Forest/Audelia neighborhood. Congratulations to Vicky Taylor, Danny Williams and their energetic volunteers for putting on an amazing event.

And finally – we have a date for the Community Meeting on Homelessness in our District and the City. We are planning on June 25th at 6:00 pm. We will send a flyer soon with the location.

Have questions /comments for us? district10@dallas.gov 214-670-5958

Respectfully,
Kathy Stewart

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



Did You Know....?

All those cardboard boxes are recyclable. Flatten and put them into the Blue Bin.

And...Electronics should NOT be placed out for bulky trash (curb) pickup. Take them to the Collections Center noted on the back page. Glass and mirrors break and become dangerous for walkers and pets. Please clean up broken pieces.

May and June WHNA Meeting Summaries

Submitted by President Jake Bruch and Secretary Anne Meadows

May 14, 2024

Those attending were Board President, Jake Bruch; Davene Morgan, Vice-President, Cynthia Houck, Treasurer, Keli Kincaid, Mike Gorman, Kelley French, Jarrod Brenden, Mike Lanham, Helen Meyer, March Richter, Karen Botsford, Preston Smith, Anne Meadows, Secretary, & Stephen Meadows,

- April Board meeting minutes approved
- Expense Report presented
- VIP Report - 19 total Reports
- New Membership is growing
- Savings account approved
- June Meeting will be virtual
- No meeting in July

June 14, 2024

Board President, Jake Bruch, called the meeting to order. Those attending were Cynthia Houck, Treasurer, Anne Meadows, Secretary; Stephen Meadows, Keli Kincaid, Mike Gorman, Alan Ravkind, Sonia Harms, Tricia Fuller.

- May Board meeting minutes approved
- Expense Report presented
- Community clean up on south planters June 15th
- VIP Report
- WHNA getting quotes for Lawler wall repair
- No meeting in July

Crime and Safety Concerns Reports

5/14 - 06/10

Mike Gorman, VIP coordinator

Safety and Crime General Recap

a. WHNA Total Reports Received (All sources) – 6 (Best Report in Many Months)
b. WHNA Number of Reports to DPD – 3
c. Neighboring Apartments and Businesses Reports to DPD – 15
d. Code Compliance Reports–49 Total Requests to 311 (11 were Code Concern Issues)

Major Issues For WHNA Safety Future

a. Not enough residents willing to be eyes and ears for Safety (need more Volunteers!!)
b. Wall at West End of Lawler needs to be repaired
c. Report to 311 any standing water or pools that are green

Safety and Crime Detail Information (5/14/24 – 6/10/24)

WHNA Criminal Activity (6 Total Reports for 28 Days; 3 Reported to DPD)

Date	Time	Str. Name	Crime	Gen. Loc.	Reported to DPD
6/4/24	7:35PM	Morgan Meadow	Susp. Persons	Alley	No
5/29/24	8:30PM	Hornbeam	Larceny	Park	Yes
5/24/24	2:00AM	Bettywood Ln.	Random Gunfire	Unknown	Yes
5/20/24	12:05AM	Deer Run Trail	Larceny	House	Yes
5/20/2	4:00AM	Hornbeam	Stolen Vehicle	Street	?
5/18/2	9:35AM	Jennifer Pl.	Lost Property	Unknown	Yes

DPD Online Reporting for Non-Priority 1 or 2 calls became mandatory as of 7/1/23 (dallaspolice.net)

Reasons to Still call 911:

* Medical Emergency
* Witnessing a Crime in Progress
* When Criminal is still present

After you make a report to DPD, send Mike Gorman an email (do not call) at WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

In your report, include what aroused your suspicion, along with date, time, and location of incident occurrence.

2024 Graduates in Whispering Hills Congratulations!!

Aiden Lord



Homeschool and Dallas College Dual Credit Associate Science degree

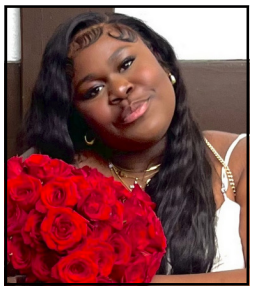
Earned the Boy Scout Eagle

Took flight training at the Air Force Aim High Flight Academy

Is working to restore his grandfather's 1949 Chevy

Will attend Louisiana Tech's Commercial Aviation program and become a commercial pilot.

Chidinma Ikejiora



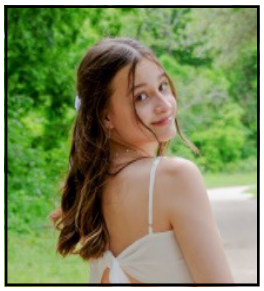
Berkner High School Stem Academy

Awarded Stephen F. Aronoff scholarship; Certified as Patient care Technician, EKG Technician, and Pharmacy Technician trainee; trained as Master in Basic life support; graduated with honors, and with badge for community service hours; award for continuing bilingualism (Spanish)

Will attend TWU majoring in nursing to purse a career as a Labor and Delivery travel nurse, with future plans to obtain an MS in nursing, and onward to nurse practitioner school, continuing a love for Labor and Delivery.

Ashlyn Bullock

Dallas College Dual Credit Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration



Works part time as a barista at a local coffee shop.

Is an avid reader, plays, guitar and has been a member of MENSA since age 12.

Will transfer to UT Dallas to complete a BS in Business Analytics

Abigail Fender

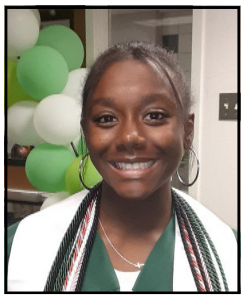


Richardson High School

Academic All-State, graduating with Honors, National Honor Society, DECA International Career Development Conference Qualifier, MVP on Varsity Volleyball, 2nd place at USA Volleyball 18U Nationals

Plans to attend the University of South Dakota majoring in Kinesiology/Pre-AT.

Nadia Page



Berkner High School

Participated in: PAC (Principals' Advisory Council), Varsity Softball as Captain, Band, and Ramblers. Has received rewards for musicianship, merit, and service in band. 2-time softball 7-6A Honorable Mention, 2-time Sneaky Cleats award, and all-district academic award in softball

Likes to paint and hangout with friends.

Plans to attend Sam Houston State, studying Criminal Justice and Home Security.

Kennedy Gipson



Richardson High School Magnet Tech Theater Program

Played in the Golden Eagle Band
Worked for RISD as an Auditorium Assistant.

Plans to pursue a career in Production Stage Management at Pennsylvania College Art and Design, or Oklahoma City University

David Del Valle

Berkner High School



Phlebotomy certified

Plans to go to UNT to major in Health Science and pursue a career in the medical field.

Filip Thawng

Berkner High School



Plans a career in Business Management after attending Dallas College.

Deja Cooper

Richardson High School



Graduated with honors and 60+ Community Service Hours
AVID Scholar

Going to Dallas College, then to TWU to major in Kinesiology. Would like to become a coach.

Have Any Neighborhood History to Share with New Residents?

By Sonia Harms WHNA Editor

Whispering Hills has been in existence in various forms with 3 different developmental areas since 1975. Every once in a while someone comes up with an interesting historical nugget, or something they experienced in the neighborhood "back then." Does anything come to mind for you long-time residents? Maybe a memory and/or a picture of what your street looked like before it was built up. Or something your kids in in the unbuilt areas.

My husband and I were part of the original residents that moved into Whispering Hills between 1974 and 1980. Our kids and friends used to play in the room-sized holes dug for water and sewer connections that were in the front yards of houses being built. The holes were about 5 feet deep. Boards were used to climb in and out of the holes. Kids also hung out at the creek (which was not overgrown at the time) to catch minnows and watch turtles .

I used to be able to walk across a large, grassy area between west Panther Ridge and Brentridge Court, to visit friends who had built on the south side of Brentridge Court. At the time there were maybe 7 or 8 houses in that area.

Send memories to: WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com or share on the WHNA Facebook group.

How About Building a Catio for Your Cat?

WHAT IS A CATIO?
A catio is a cat enclosure or "cat patio" that provides feline safety and enrichment outdoors. Whether you have an indoor or outdoor cat, a catio can be the purrfect solution while you enjoy peace of mind knowing your cat is always safe. Some benefits of catios include protecting birds and wildlife, and keeping door-dashers from escaping. Learn more at catiospaces.com.

Also check this site and read "DIY: "Treat Your Cat to the Perks of the Outdoors": https://www.audubon.org/magazine/spring-2024
Learn how to build an enclosed oases that allows your feline to enjoy time outside without posing a danger to wildlife or encountering hazards himself.

There is another article about cats at the Audubon site you might find interesting.

WHNA Facebook Group Has Been Set Up

Many in the neighborhood have stated they were no longer enjoying Nextdoor. The decision was made to set up a private WHNA Facebook group for sharing information among neighbors. There is still a public WHNA Facebook page.

Search for Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association to join.

Whispering Hills Family Group

Search Whispering Hills Families on Facebook and request to join. The group is "private" for safety reasons.

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.



Do You Send Stamped Mail? Stock Up!

Effective, July 14, 2024, the price of a first class postage stamp will increase from 68¢ to 73¢, causing the cost of a roll of 100 stamps to go from $68 to $73, a $5 increase. If you need stamps, stock up NOW!

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

Check Out the WHNA Website at www.whnadallas.com

(You don't need to sign in)

You Can Find:

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



Informed Mail Delivery
USPS.com
Digitally preview your incoming mail

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.

KNIFE SHARPENING

Kitchen, utility, hunting knives
$2 each Straight edges only
Text or call 214-929-7531

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).

Joshua Pool -Your Realtor Neighbor

Offering representation with listing/purchasing residential property.
Free Comparative Market Analysis to support a tax protest
972-978-7701 pool.joshua@gmail.com

Tamales by Blanca

Chicken in green sauce or pork in red sauce; homemade with quality ingredients.
$16 a dozen with hot sauce.
Text Fernando Santos 214-578-9385

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SurgicalSprinklerRepair@gmail.com

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972-679-0570

Direct Realty

Alan Ravkind - REALTOR
For help buying or selling real estate call 214-616-1198
Resident of Whispering Hills since 1991

Forestridge Nurse Chosen RISD School Nurse of the Year



It was a complete surprise to Nhu Nguyen when she was chosen School Nurse of the Year for RISD.

RISD Director of Nursing Ashley Jones said, "Nurse Nguyen's willingness to go above and beyond exemplifies her commitment to maintaining a healthy and secure environment for every child in our school community. As a leader in her field, Nhu leads by example, demonstrating integrity, competence, and compassion in all that she does. Through her proactive outreach to families and diligent coordination efforts, over 75 students were able to access the vital eyewear they required for academic success."

Nhu Nguyen is finishing her 7th year as the school nurse at Forestridge after serving 3 years at the Collin county Health Department..

Nhu moved to the US from Viet Nam with her family when she was 18. She graduated from Tennessee State with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing. After marrying, she and her husband moved to Dallas. They have two children.

Congratulations, Nhu!!

Network Senior's Net Provides Connections and Help

Network knows that it can be easy for seniors to feel isolated as they age. That's why it started hosting a weekly Senior Day. As the need continues to grow, they will continue providing seniors with opportunities to connect and build community.

As part of this initiative, programs are held free and open to all in the RISD area community who are over the age of 60 each Thursday. The morning's schedule is normally as follows:

9-10: Coffee, chat, exercise your brain and light snacks
10-10:30: Chair exercises
10:45-11:45: Entertainment or Informational program
12:00: Lunch is provided by a different group each time.

Here are the plans for the program at 10:45 for the last two Thursdays of June:
06/20: Lauren Olsen, Attorney with Leu and Peirce PCCS "*Are you Prepared?*"

06/27: Explore Dallas with Holly Stevens- "Pretty Reckless" explores lives of the earliest fascinating women in Dallas history.

Network is located at 1500 International Pkwy and Collins in Richardson.

Network also provides handyman services to all seniors-no income qualification.

Contact Jane Kovacs at 972-234-8880
or networkvolunteer2@gmail.com

Tips for Building a Toad House



Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and toads are adorable once you realize they can east 10,000 insects in one summer. Help persuade a toad to live in your garden by making a toad house.

Toads need a cool place to escape the heat, hide and sleep. You can buy pre-made toad houses, but it's easy to make one from a flowerpot or with stones. Increase the value of your toad home with:

- A back exit to escape predators, like cats
- Leaves or soil for burrowing
- A shallow soaking pool--try a pot saucer filled with water
- A shady location near a water faucet or other damp area

Looking for Some Free Activities for Your Kids or Yourself?

The Dallas Library branches have lots of events planned for all ages, including some good ones for summer kid events. Most are free with a Dallas library card.

Go to Dallaslibrary.librarymarket.com and click on "Change Selected Libraries" You can select different branches to see what they offer. The branches closest to us are Forest Green, Audelia Road and Fretz Park



To avoid a Code citation, watch for signs posted on Whispering Hills on the Thursday before pick-up week.

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

June 24 and July 22

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays, June 20 and July18

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

Separate bulky trash from brush.

No glass or electronics

Get the 2024 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 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

2024 WHNA Membership Form

2024.MJ.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 2024 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.)

2024 Membership Period—January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024