Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood OCTOBER 2025



Friday, October 31 5:00 p.m.

Northeast Cimmaron Cul-de-Sac

Events for both children and adults will be included: Best Pumpkin Pie contest, adult and child Costume Contests, Pumpkin Painting, and Yard Games.

Food and drink will be provided.

Bring pies to 10310 Cimmaron by 5:30.

This is a great time to informally meet other neighbors. It's come-and-go.

Judging for the Halloween

YARD DECORATION CONTEST

will take place the weekend before Halloween.

Top Prize: Bragging Rights and Yard Sign



Dine Out with Neighbors

Hat Creek Burger Company
2311 N Central Expressway
Tuesday, October 28 6:00pm
Playground for kids available
RSVP at: https://evite.me/YKUQqeznDc

It's Your Neighborhood! Support It!

⇒ Show appreciation for those who volunteer many hours to help all of us.

⇒ Take the opportunity to get involved in your neighborhood. Ask how. Contacts on p.2.

⇒ Expand social contact with neighbors around you; it helps keep crime under control.

⇒ Maintain your property to keep values up.

⇒ It costs over $2000/yr to print the newsletter and for the Easter and Halloween gatherings--free to you!. That means at least 40 memberships are required just to cover those. There are also maintenance costs.

⇒ **Join WHNA!** All residents, both owners and renters are welcome. The membership form on the back page shows you several ways to submit payment.

⇒ Memberships paid now are good all of 2026.

City of Dallas Bulky Trash Placement Code

Did you receive an Orange Tag on your brush/ bulk debris? One of the violations below was noted, and needs to be corrected in order for your location to be serviced.

* Brush and bulky items must be placed just behind the curb line in front of your home.

* Do not place on the side of your home, in an alley-way, or on property adjacent to your home.

* Do not place in the street, on the sidewalk, or in any manner that will interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic or with solid waste collection service.

* Do not place within 5 feet of a roll cart, mailbox, fence or wall, water meter, telephone connection box, parked cars, fire hydrant, utility or light pole, or traffic sign.

For additional information please contact Sanitation.
dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/Pages/

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www.whnadallas.com
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Open-Let one of the Board or committee members know if you're interested.

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An Introduction from New WHNA President, Regan Paulsen

Hi Whispering Hills neighbors!

My name is Regan Paulsen, and I'm excited to be serving as your new Neighborhood Association President. My husband, Jonathan, and I moved with our corgi, Jack, into the neighborhood in 2018. From the very beginning, we've felt at home thanks to the welcoming spirit of this community.

In the time we've lived here, we've started a family and have a 2-year -old son named Woods. We also recently added on to our home, so we plan to be here for a very long time!

By profession, I'm a counselor in private practice specializing in OCD and anxiety treatment. Outside of work, I enjoy a variety of hobbies including sewing, crafting, and playing musical instruments. I grew up in Carrollton, Texas and Jonathan is from Aledo, Texas. We met at The University of Oklahoma in the marching band where he played trombone and, I, clarinet.

What I love most about our neighborhood is its diversity and the true community feel that comes with it. I've already met so many neighbors with fascinating life stories and I believe the variety of ages, races, skill sets and cultural backgrounds in Whispering Hills is our greatest strength.

I'm looking forward to getting to know even more of you, hearing your ideas, and working together to keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

District 10 News from Councilwoman Kathy Stewart

Dallas Police Chief Daniel Comeaux announced that Major Gabriel Candelaria will lead the Northeast DPD.

As of 8/22/25, that there has been a decrease of 34% in stolen vehicles (UUMV). There have only been 3 murders year-to-date in August for Northeast and two of them were family violence related.

Sanitation Department – The latest map of addresses changing to front of house trash pickup shows no changes for Whispering Hills.

There was a presentation in September on the progress being made to find solutions for speeding and traffic in District 10.

The Skillman Bridge officially opened on September 20th. The story of the Skillman Bridge can be found in Susan Morgan's book, BUILD A BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE. Morgan played a vital role in advancing the project.

Dallas Animal Services has been getting reports of aggressive coyotes in Lake Highlands. Use Dallas 311 to report online or call the DAS Coyote Hotline at 469-676-9813 to report sightings or aggressive behavior.

Summaries of WHNA Board Meetings

September

From Minutes by Cynthia Houck

1. **Treasurer's Report** August expenses were $143.06 which included $39 for use of the Liberty library for meetings, $80 for mowing, $24.06 for water at the south entrance.
2. **VIP Report / Crime Report** 8/12/25 to 9/8/25 Suspicious Persons/Activities and Prowler Reports decreased to five for this past period.

   Reports for mailbox tampering/theft declined since last report. Students were recorded tampering during the first week of school.

   Information from District 10 City Council 2025-26 Budget Town Hall – Increase in Service Fees. Items on water bill +$5.80/month.

   Discussion of zoning law changes by the State of Texas Legislature.
3. **Elections for the 2026 Board** were held.
   Regan Paulsen – President
   Davene Morgan – Vice President
   Cynthia Houck – Treasurer
   Mike Lanham – Member At Large

   The Secretary position remains open. There were no nominations from the floor.
4. **Upcoming Social Event**
   A Halloween Party will be held in the East Cimmaron cul-de-sac from 4:00-6:00 p.m. October 31.
5. **Grounds**
   Work days at the south entrance were successfully completed. More plants and gardening supplies will be needed. A motion was made for $400 in addition to the $200 that was approved earlier. Motion carried.
6. **Membership Drive** will begin in October.
7. **A Neighborhood Opinion Survey** was sent out asking residents what they would like to see happen in the neighborhood.
8. **Open Discussion Topics**
   Setting up a meeting with the Secretary and Principal of Liberty to discuss how the neighborhood can work together with the school.

   Ways WHNA has supported Liberty in the past. Changes to Liberty in Middle School conversion, and obtaining numbers of neighborhood students enrolled. Upcoming meetings regarding bond election.

   Working on welcome packets

   Contacting Richardson about long waits for traffic light change at Centennial and College Park Drive.

October

Secretary position still open

1. **Treasurer's Report** September expenses were $237.77 which included $133.71 for Social Committee and $104.06 for Grounds and Improvement. YTD expenses were $3204.75.
2. **VIP /Crime Report** See the crime stats on page 4.
3. **Speaker** Sandra Hayes, RISD Assistant Superintendent for Bond Planning and Implementation, spoke about the upcoming bond proposals and what they included. She also answered questions from those in attendance that more specifically concerned Liberty rebuilding, and about plans for the elementary schools that have been closed.

2025 Bond Elections

https://web.risd.org/home/bond2025/

In 2020, RISD made the decision to adopt a middle school instructional model with students in grades six, seven and eight attending middle schools. Bond 2021 funded the renovation of Forest Meadow and Lake Highlands Jr. Highs, supporting the RISD Middle School Transformation.

Bond 2025, proposition A, seeks to continue the work to complete the Middle School Transformation initiative for the remaining six junior high campuses: Apollo, Liberty, North, Parkhill, West, and Westwood to accommodate sixth-grade students.

If the 2025 bond does not pass, the remaining junior highs would not be able to implement the middle school concept. Other infrastructure repairs listed in Propositions B and C, would not have funding either. Bond elections are normally held every 5 years.

If the Bond passes, plans for Liberty Jr. High include building on part of the property that currently includes the track, then demolishing the old structure.

See more regarding the Middle School transition on p7.

Welcome Autumn!!



Love Letters to Neighbors
Do You Have One to Share?

Send your "letter" to WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com

From Lauren Haseltine:

I wanted to give a shout out to my neighbor, Ashley Dalmatoff. She always looks after our house whenever we are out of town, and I can always trust her to pick up packages while we're away. She's such a good neighbor, and we are so grateful!

From Wendy Kelly:

Back in June we discovered our concrete slab was soaking wet and we would have to move everything out of our home. We had planned a simple remodel and it turned into a total renovation lasting a little over 2 months.

In our time of greatest need, our neighbor Mike Lanham demonstrated the true spirit of "loving thy neighbor" by welcoming us (and our 2 pets) into his home. Food, laundry and good conversation--Mike provided all the comforts of home.

We came to know him during a difficult season for both of us. His wife, Joan, and my mother, Judy, were both in different stages of fighting cancer. Out of that shared hardship grew a bond of care, faith and friendship that will last a lifetime. I even call Mike my "Deermont Dad." His selflessness and generous spirit are such a blessing to all of us who know him – and if you don't know Mike – you probably should.

From Yennhi Nguyen

To Sonia Harms for watching my packages while we were out of town.
To Yennhi, from Sonia, for buying me a box of the best mangos I've ever tasted!

From Sonia Harms

I want to thank Mike Gorman for the time he spends meeting with police and City officials and keeping up with what's going on in the area. Several of the newsletter items shared with the neighborhood in this newsletter are the results of his contacts. All on volunteered time!

From LB and Terri Johnson

We would like to spotlight our neighbors, Eddie and Zobieda "Zee" Rivera. They are absolutely the best neighbors anyone could ask for. They are super friendly and willing to help out in any and every way they can.

We met when I had to go to their door early one morning just as it was getting daylight. I had gone out in the backyard to let the dog out, and the door shut and locked. I had no way to get back in. I was out there from 4:30am till almost 7:00am when I walked to their house in my nightgown to use their phone to call my parents to bring their key. Eddie carefully opened the door slightly. When I told him I was Terri, his neighbor, he let me in to make my call.

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

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.

Two Private Neighborhood Facebook Pages

Request to Join

Whispering Hills Families

Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association.

There is also a public WHNA Facebook page.

City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management Alert System

The City of Dallas is committed to the safety and well-being of our residents. The DallasAlert program is an emergency notification system developed to enhance the ability of the City of Dallas to provide public safety related notifications to residents and businesses during emergencies.

DallasAlert is an opt-in only system. In order to receive alerts from DallasAlert via text, phone and email, you must register.

To sign up, text DALLAS to 67283.
Or visit DallasAlert.com

State "Bandit Sign" Law Became Effective September 1st

What are Bandit Signs?

Signs used for advertising, made of lightweight paper, cardboard, plastic, etc. They are usually found on public property such as medians, utility posts, and along roads.

State law prohibits their placement on public road rights-of-way.

There are hefty fines involved:

First violation: Up to a $1,000 civil fine per sign.
Second violation: Up to a $2,500 civil fine per sign.
Third violation: Up to a $5,000 civil fine per sign

New Registration Fees for Rental Properties

As of October 1st, the City of Dallas implemented updated rental property fees. Owners of single-family homes, duplexes, and condo units will now pay an annual fee of **$74 per unit**, while the multi-tenant property owners will pay **$13 per unit**, based on the total number of units on site, regardless of occupancy. Annual registration also requires submitting an online application, the Owner's Self-Inspection Checklist with affidavit, and compliance with City inspections--at least once every five years for single-family, duplex, and condo units, and at least once every three years for multi-tenant properties.

Owners can register on-line at
vgov.dallascityhall.com/home/services
For complete requirements,
see Chapter 27 of the Dallas City Code.

Top 10 Dallas Code Violations Are You Guilty of Any?

To Avoid Citations Check Them Out At:

dallascityhall.com/departments/codecompliance/

Or Use this QR Code:

Crime Stats From August 11-October 14

Submitted by Mike Gorman

Suspicious Person	12
Suspicious Activity	6
Solicitor	5
Drug Possession	3
Police Activity	3
Burglary of Residence	2
Student Mischief Activity	2
Property Theft	1
Break in Motor Vehicle	1
BMV - Property Theft	1
Found Property	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Random Gunfire	1
Loud Music	1
Vehicle Accident	1
Missing Person	1
Total	**42**

Join Crime Watch and the Newly Formed Commenter's Group

All you need to do is be willing to report suspicious activity or persons by text or email.
For information, send an email to Mike Gorman at:
WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

Want to Become a Volunteer in Patrol (VIP)?

Upcoming Training Dates

When: Saturday, November 22

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Where: Lochwood Branch Library
11221 Lochwood Blvd. Dallas, 75218

RSVP: By Wednesday, November 19

Copies of the requirements, application, and waivers can be found at:

Dallaspolice.net/Community/Shared%20Documents/volunteers-in-patrol.pdf

Or contact 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.

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.
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972-679-0570

RISD Platinum Club For Ages 55 and Older: Join the Fun!

As a cardholder, you'll receive a special pass that grants you free admission to a variety of school events. It's a great way to stay connected with your community and see the incredible talent of our students.

Your RISD Platinum Club card gives you:

Free admission to regular-season athletic events (excludes UIL and varsity football).

Two free general admission tickets to high school musicals.

Free admission to fine arts events like school concerts and plays, as availability allows.

Invitations to special learning opportunities and activities throughout the school year.

Don't miss out on these great benefits! To sign up, simply visit the RISD website or https://web.risd.org/home/platinum-club/

Contact Sonya Parker Goode at sonya.parker@risd.org for any questions.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Take unwanted and expired medications to:

DALLAS COLLEGE POLICE RICHLAND CAMPUS
PARKING LOT D (west side of campus)
or
RICHARDSON POLICE DEPT
FRONT PARKING LOT, SOUTHSIDE

No inhalers or syringes are accepted.
Unused and expired medications can cause accidental poisoning and pollute our water if flushed or washed down a drain.

FUN THINGS TO DO

Cool Thursdays Concert Series:
Through Nov. 6
Dallas Arboretum (Needs tickets)

I Spy Butterflies:
Through Oct. 26
Dallas Zoo (Needs tickets)

Middle School Transition
risd.org/middleschoolmodel/

To study the possibility of moving sixth grade to junior high campuses and adopting a middle school model in RISD, the District Grade Configuration Committee was convened in 2021.

This group was assembled as a result of the district's Strategic Plan and the Facilities Action Team, which made the recomendation that the district study this idea as a solution to:

- mitigate space concerns at some of our elementary schools,
- provide sixth graders access to wider and advanced academic offerings, extracurricular opportunities in fine arts, athletics and other areas of interest.

Go to the website shown above to see what pros and cons were considered by the committee and find a lot of other information.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4TH
Early voting starts October 20th

Neighborhood Berkner Student Receives Award

Elisabeth Ambrosio was one of 28 Berkner students awarded the 2025 College Board National Recognition Program Award.

CONGRATULATIONS Elisabeth!!

Awardees of the College Board National Recognition Program demonstrate academic success in 10th and 11th grade.
The program helps high- performing students stand out on their college and scholarship applications

Chuckle

Don: I didn't know our school was haunted.
Ron: I didn't either. How did you find out?
Don: Everybody's been talking about our school spirit.

Neighbors and Their Kids Visit the Big Orange Pumpkin Farm



Russell family **Roberts family** **Guillet Wallace family** **Haseltine family** **Paulsen family**

Drop a line to WHNASocial@whnadallas.com if your family would like to join similar events with neighbors



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

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

October 27 and November 24

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

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays

October 23 and November 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	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 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

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2026 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 (tax deductible) Additional Donation: _____ (tax deductible)

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