Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

OCTOBER 2024

Join Neighborhood Kids for Some Halloween Fun!

WHNA KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Oct 31, 4:30-6:00pm
The east Cimmaron cul-de-sac (10243 Cimmaron Trl)

Pumpkin painting, apple bobbing, pin-the-tail, and yard games! Costume contest at 5:30pm!

FREE! Hosted by WHNA for neighborhood residents.





TRICK-OR-TREAT MEET-UP

October 31, 6:30pm

Corner of Whispering Hills and Lawler

Come meet other neighborhood families and trick or treat together!

HALLOWEEN HOME DÉCOR CONTEST

Decorate your home for Fall/Halloween this year! The WHNA Social Chair will choose the winning homes and award a small prize.

Next Dine Out--Last One for This Year

October 22 Another Time and Place

925 Abrams Rd. Richardson
Meet at 6:30 pm

Let Social Chair Maija know you are coming so she can make reservations.
WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com

National Night Out Against Crime Meet & Greet

Corner of Lawler and Whispering Hills
Tuesday, October 1
5:30 to 7:30pm

Stroll down and meet other neighbors and those that help protect our neighborhood.

Bring your own folding chair and sit awhile. We look forward to meeting residents new to Whispering Hills. The better we get to know each other, the safer our neighborhood.

Election Results for 2025 WHNA Board

President	Jake Bruch
Vice President	Davene Morgan
Secretary	Ann Meadows
Treasurer	Cynthia Houck
Member-at-Large	Mike Lanham
Past President	Keli Kincaid

WHNA Board & Committee Chairs

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Items from August and September Newsletters Sent By D10 Council Member Kathy Stewart

Interim City Manager, Kim Tolbert, has **paused the Sanitation Department's initiative to move all trash pickup to the curb** until there is significant community engagement and serious evaluation of the viability of the plan in our neighborhoods. We do not expect the beginning of any implementation until late 2025/early 2026. The only exception are individual alleys that are flagged by Sanitation as having significant impediments or hazards for the trucks and personnel.

I worked with DPD on funding and identifying locations for twenty-two Flock cameras that will be installed in District 10 over the next few weeks. These cameras are placed mostly at major intersections. They capture license plate information and pictures of the car.

The proposed ForwardDallas land use plan presents some challenges. Recently, I collaborated with my colleagues on the Economic Development Committee to implement protections for our single-family neighborhoods. I will continue to closely monitor the plan as it comes to the Council for a vote.

We are making progress in addressing the homeless encampments along the service road of LBJ between Plano Rd. and Royal/Miller.

We've partnered with Kroger at Forest and Greenville to clear the homeless encampment behind the bank building and relocate 8-10 semi-trucks from the parking lot. In positive news – Bank OZK (Bank of the Ozarks) will be moving into the bank building later this year!!

It's time to officially mark your calendars for the Exchange Club's Oktoberfest Dallas on October 5th, 2024 at Flag Pole Hill in Dallas. To get your wristbands, tickets or for more information, go to: oktoberfestdallas.com

The second annual District 10 Dia de los Muertos Festival will be held Saturday, October 28th from 10am-1pm at Lake Highlands North Park.

In separate news is City Council's approval of the 2024-25 City budget, totaling $4.97 billion. Some highlights:

The property tax rate will be reduced by 3.10¢ — which lowers the property tax rate from 73.57¢ to 70.47¢ per $100 valuation. Increased property tax exemption will be available for residents who are aged 65 years and over, or living with a disability, from $139,400 to $153,400.

$129.5 million in funding will be invested for street improvement and maintenance of approximately 710 lane miles, alley maintenance, sidewalk projects, bridge maintenance and updating the paving model to support quality modes of transportation.

The Dallas Police Department and Dallas Fire Rescue combined budget will be increased by $78 million, and $38 million is budgeted to cover pension shortfalls, along with $42 million to cover equipment upgrades.

September WHNA Meeting Summary

Submitted by Secretary Anne Meadows

The annual meeting was held online via Zoom and was presided over by Jake Bruch, Association board president. Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Cynthia Houck, Treasurer, addressed the meeting on current financial information and an itemized report of expenditures and income for August and 2024. VIP Coordinator Mike Gorman provided details on suspicious activities in Whispering Hills and surrounding neighborhoods and businesses. Code enforcement and 311 requests were detailed. Updates on Forward Dallas, an initiative to increase housing density in Dallas that could have significant impact on Dallas neighborhoods was given.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers for the forthcoming year. All incumbent officers had agreed to run and serve another year, if elected, with the exception of Wendy Kelly (Member-at-Large). Jake Bruch asked for nominations from the floor for any of the board positions. Mike Lanham was nominated for the vacant Member-at-Large position. Those nominated were voted in the affirmative and will serve a one-year term. The Board for 2025 will be Jake Bruch-President, Davene Morgan-Vice President, Cynthia Houck-Treasurer, Mike Lanham-Member-at-Large, Anne Meadows-Secretary, and Keli Kincaid-Past President.

The Board then approved a $400 request from the Social Committee to host a Halloween event for the Whispering Hills community for supplies, and prizes to be held in the east cul-de-sac area of Cimmaron Trail. Lastly, Davene Morgan announced an upcoming workday on the 2-planters located on the south entrance to Whispering Hills. More information for both events will be announced at the October meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th. To contact any board member or committee chair please refer to the emails listed in the Whispering Hills newsletter or on the website: whnadallas.com.

Time to Get Back on Schedule with Bulk Trash Set-Out

Due to heavy damage after the storm earlier this year, the City's Bulk Trash pick-up got off schedule, adding to residents' confusion as to when to set trash on the curb.

The pick-up week in our area always starts the 4th Monday of the month. (Not always the last Monday.) You can set the trash out the Thursday before, but it must be out by 7:00 on Monday so that pick-up will not be missed. That doesn't mean the trucks will always be there by then; they may come later in the week if they've had large, heavy loads and have to go back and forth to the landfill many times.

Early, oversized or prohibited set-out may result in fines that appear on your water bill. To avoid fines, use the bulk trash pick-up information on page 8 to help you determine when to set your trash out on the curb. Also watch for reminder signs on Whispering Hills at Panther Ridge and at Bettywood. The Dallas Sanitation website offers printable whole-year calendars. You can also request reminders that appear on your cell phone for both alley and curb pick-up..

Social Committee Needs a New Chair for 2025

WHNA needs a Social chair to coordinate monthly Dine Outs which includes choosing restaurants, receiving RSVPs, and making the reservations. Dates will be publicized in the newsletters, on Facebook and the WHNA website. The coordinator could assign volunteers to plan each month's location. Ideas for restaurants are welcomed.

Other planned events could be like the one planned for Halloween, or like the Egg Hunt held this past spring for the youngsters, a cookie exchange over the holidays, or perhaps a neighborhood Picnic in the Park.

Maija Wallace has volunteered to head the Social committee until the end of the year. She would most likely be happy to share ideas, ways and means to anyone interested in taking her place. Convey your interest in participating to her at:

WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com

Solicitor's Permit Required In Dallas



Dallas has an ordinance (#29245) requiring anyone soliciting within the city limits of Dallas to register with, and obtain a solicitor's permit, from the City of Dallas. The only exceptions to this ordinance would be charitable and non-profit organizations. The City of Dallas solicitor's permit identification card will be valid for one year from the date of issuance.

The solicitor's permit identification card with a photo of face must be conspicuously worn by the solicitor, and visible at all times, so that a resident can see it.

A permit holder may conduct home solicitation between the hours of 9 a.m. and sunset, Monday through Saturday, except on national holidays,



Help Prevent Crime In Whispering Hills!

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

City of Dallas Mandatory Twice-Weekly Sprinkler Watering Schedule Through October 31

Last Digits of Address	Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 (even nos.)	Sunday & Thursday
1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 (odd nos.)	Saturday & Wednesday

Watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on all days of the week,

Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering are allowed on any day and at any time. More info at:
savedallaswater.com/frequently-asked-questions/

August Dine Out

Pictures Submitted by Maija Wallace and Mike Gorman

About 17 adults and 4 toddlers gathered at Ten50 BBQ in August. It was good to see attendees who had not participated in Dine Outs before. The families with youngsters arrived early to avoid conflict with bedtimes. That seemed to work out well.

The September Dine Out was at Amigos on the 24th, too late to include pictures for this newsletter.

There will be no Dine Outs in November or December.







Crime Stats for August 13-September 10

Submitted by Mike Gorman at the September Board Meeting

a. Total Criminal Activity Reports for 28 days - 13
b. Crime Activity Reported to DPD – 5 Calls For Service/Incidents Filed
c. Crime Activity Reported by Other Sources (7 Activities Reported)
   i. Suspicious Persons/Activities – 3
   ii. Assault – Aggravated – 1
   iii. Protective Order Violation – 1
   iv. Loud Party – 1
   v. Property Theft – Vehicle/Trailer – 2
   vi. Vehicle Wreck w/Injury – 1
   vii. Prowler – 1
   viii. Random Gunfire – 1
   ix. School Drug Arrest – 1
   x. Package Theft - 1

Next VIP / Crime Watch Training Your Help Is Needed!!

DPD-NE will have a 4-hour training course for Dallas Residents on Saturday, October 12th 9am-1pm White Rock Hills Branch Library, 9150 Ferguson Road, Dallas

Registration forms are due to Sr. Cpl. Amber Oliver by Monday, Oct 7

You can request a form and information from Mike Gorman at: WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

Send forms to Officer Oliver at: amber.oliver@dallaspolice.gov.

What is Suspicious?

"People Aren't Suspicious, Behavior Is!"

- **A person running** would be suspicious if he or she were looking around furtively, as if he or she were being watched or chased.
- **Any person forcibly entering a locked vehicle**, especially at night.
- **Transactions being conducted from vehicles**, especially near schools or parks. You may be witnessing an illegal drug sale or sale of stolen property.
- **One or more persons sitting in a parked car closely scanning the area** around them may be lookouts for a burglary or robbery in progress.
- **A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms** may have been injured in an accident, be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medications, or otherwise need medial or psychiatric assistance.
- **A stranger carrying property** at an unusual hour or location.
- **Certain moving vehicles**, such as vehicles moving slowly and running without lights, or one that keeps passing the same area. It could be a person casing a building to burglarize or planning another crime.

Join the Private WHNA Facebook Group

Search for Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association.

There is still a public WHNA Facebook page.

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.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS Info

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.

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--in color**
- ⇒ **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)

HOLIDAY LIGHTING SPECIAL

Any roofline in Whispering Hills only $225.
Install, maintain, remove, and store
Company owned by a Whispering Hills resident
Doug@parkcitiespowerwash.com
214-390-3377

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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Direct Realty

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

What Are Some Special Days Besides Halloween That Are Celebrated in October?

Indigenous Peoples' Day, or Columbus Day, October 14th highlights the Native Americans who faced mistreatment after Columbus "discovered" them. It is a Federal holiday.

The Hindu festival of Navaratri spans nine nights celebrating the Mother Goddess Durga. The Festivals are named after the Hindu seasons. In Autumn it is Sharad Navartri and this year will begin October 3rd and end on the 12th.

Judaism's Rosh Hashanah is a 2-day Jewish New Year celebration, occurring October 2-4 in 2024. It changes every year according to the Hebrew calendar. **Yom Kippur** is the highest, most solemn of Jewish holy days-a day of atonement, observed with fasting and prayer. It begins the evening of October 11 and ends the 12th.

All Hallow's Eve falls on the night before the Christian holy day, All Hallow's Day, now called All Saint's Day on November 1st, honoring family members who have died. Hallowed means "made holy," All Hallow's Eve eventually became Halloween with incorporated secular and pagan activities.

Make sure you're registered to vote on November 5th. Registration closes October 7th.

Check at:

Dallascountyvotes.org



But he that sows lies in the end shall not lack of a harvest, and soon he may rest from toil indeed, while others reap and sow in his stead.

---J.R.R. TOLKIEN

(a quote for the times...)

Add-Mad Number Find

Put a loop around any *three* numbers that add up to 12—up, down, backward, forward, or diagonally.

6	4	2	6	8	1	3	6	2	5
5	1	5	3	2	9	3	2	8	4
1	4	5	3	2	9	4	7	2	6
2	7	4	1	4	7	5	3	6	2
8	4	5	5	3	3	6	8	4	1
2	6	7	1	4	5	8	5	1	6
5	2	7	6	5	5	2	8	7	5
4	4	4	7	3	2	5	4	3	7
3	8	5	4	3	5	6	4	5	4
6	5	3	1	9	1	2	8	6	1

There are 20 possibilities in just the vertical columns! About 12 in the horizontal rows. It's hard to count the remaining diagonal combinations. Lots of repetition in combinations with numbers in different order!

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



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

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

October 28 and November 25

(always the 4th Monday week of the month)

Set trash out on curb beginning Thursdays, October 24 and November 21

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
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 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

WHISPERING HILLS

2025 WHNA Membership Form

2024.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 2025 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.)

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