



March 2019

## Whiffletree Newsletter

2019 has gotten off to a flying start in Whiffletree.

- On January 21, Whiffletree HOA (WHOA) hosted the annual Winter Social at Napoli's Italian Restaurant where 104 members enjoyed the great food and the opportunity to interact with fellow neighbors. By all reports it was a fun event for all. You can see more about this event on WHOA home page (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>). Thank you Karen Slott for all your work on this event. It was a great success.
- On February 20, Plano Neighborhood Services held a workshop at Carpenter Center to assist Home Owners Associations (HOA's) to apply for BEST Neighborhoods Designation. Neighborhood Services personnel described the application process and key factors in the evaluation process. Neighborhood Services also requested that Whiffletree HOA present to the attendees about how Whiffletree achieved Platinum level (highest level) recognition by the City of Plano. Bill Ostergren, WHOA Treasurer, and Tom Dixon, WHOA Beautification Committee Chairman, presented to the audience of over 30 people, representing more than 10 Plano HOA's. The presentation was very well received and triggered several questions. WHOA was honored to make this presentation (the only HOA that presented) and share its experience with the BEST application process. Special thanks to Bill & Tom for their work in preparing the presentation and for such an outstanding job of communicating what Whiffletree does to make it an exceptional neighborhood. You can download presentation at WHOA home page (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>). Great job guys!
- The City of Plano is planning to replace the screening brick wall facing Legacy Drive, which includes the Marchman Way & Harvey Lane entrances. This project is scheduled to start shortly. We will communicate the firm schedule when it becomes available.
- You may have noticed that tree trimming operations severely impacted trees along Legacy Drive at the Marchman Way & Harvey Lane entrances. Oncor dictates that trees be trimmed to protect power lines from potential damage from falling limbs and potential electrocution hazards if tree limbs come in contact with high voltage wires. While WHOA leadership understands the safety concerns to keep tree limbs away from power lines, it is deeply disappointed with the amount of pruning done to the trees.
- On April 1, Whiffletree HOA will hold its Annual Meeting at Davis Library in the Program Room. At this meeting election of WHOA board will take place. Over the last few years there has been a core number of people that have served on the board and have done an outstanding job, including being recognized by the City of Plano at Platinum Level (highest) BEST Neighborhood. In this year's election, we are seeking to add new members to help lead WHOA into the future. If you are interested or you know of someone who would be interested in serving on the WHOA

Board, please contact Vice President, Jim Skelly, at 214-505-0862 or [jimskelly15@gmail.com](mailto:jimskelly15@gmail.com). We encourage WHOA members to seek out positions on the Board to add new outlook for Whiffletree.

Just a reminder ... WHOA dues are only \$120/year. Dues will become due on April 1, 2019, for the fiscal year that runs from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. The majority of WHOA funds go to support our four neighborhood entrances with seasonal plantings, landscape maintenance and holiday decorations. We also hold a number of events every year to provide our dues paying neighbors with the opportunity to socialize with their fellow Whiffletree residents. If you have paid, thank you. If you have not, we encourage you to do so. You can pay dues by going to WHOA website (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>) and clicking on the Pay Now Button (it is located on the right side of the WHOA home page about half way down the page) and use a credit card or PayPal to pay the annual dues. Alternately, if you prefer to pay by check, make check payable to "WHOA" in the amount of \$120.00 and mail to PMB 288, 3948 Legacy Drive, Suite 106, Plano, TX 75023-8300. Thanks to all of our residents for your support of your Whiffletree neighborhood and the WHOA!