



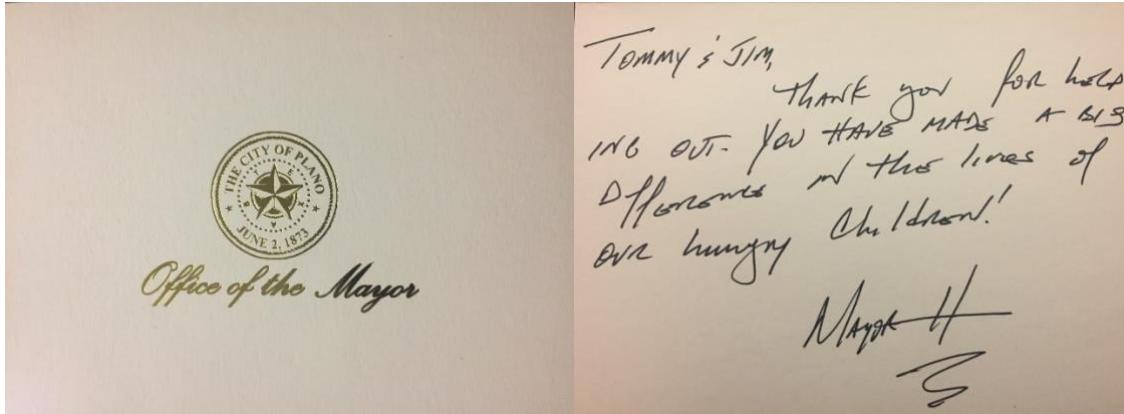
January 2020

Whiffletree Newsletter

Now that 2019 has come to a close, I hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday season with family and friends, and celebrated the completion of a successful year. This newsletter recaps the many happenings in Whiffletree during 2019 and looks ahead at the events planned for 2020. Support for our community and our Whiffletree HOA (WHOA) is important and appreciated. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Recap of 2019

- The Winter Social was held at Napoli's Italian Restaurant and was well attended with over 100 Whiffletree neighbors. Thanks to Karen Slott for her great work on this and other social events. We plan to hold the 2020 Winter Social at Napoli's again (see more in 2020 plans).
- The July 4th Parade and Picnic had 163 Whiffletree neighbors and a number of Plano Police & Fire personnel. The picnic was held at the pavilion at Prairie Meadow Park where the Hamburger Man served a fantastic lunch. We plan to continue this popular event in 2020.
- Whiffletree HOA updated the landscaping at our Clymer Drive entrance. The cost for this project was shared 50/50 between WHOA and the City of Plano. We primarily planted native, drought tolerant and sustainable perennials and bushes. We included an area for annuals to maintain color throughout the year.
- As reported in the last newsletter, Whiffletree neighbors showed their incredible generosity by donating 1,717 pounds of peanut butter (PB) to the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) Peanut Butter Drive during September. This is up from 1,012 pounds that we contributed in 2018. To add some fun competition between neighborhoods, the City of Plano Neighborhood Services created an award for the neighborhood that donates the most PB per household. Whiffletree was the first annual winner of the "Nuttiest Neighborhood" contest and was recognized at NTFB on October 29 by Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere. In addition to the plaque awarded to Whiffletree, Mayor Harry Rosiliere, sent a personal note to Whiffletree again thanking us for supporting those in need in our community. We should all be proud of living in a caring neighborhood.



After an incredible 191,000 #'s of PB was raised in 2019, Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere established the 2020 goal of 220,000 #'s. I know Whiffletree neighbors will contribute to this important drive this coming September. A special thanks to Tommy Mrazek for leading Whiffletree PB Drive efforts.

- We celebrated National Night Out (NNO) with 105 Whiffletree and Estates of Forest Creek neighbors along with numerous Plano Fire and Police personnel. Henry's Ice Cream provided great treats. Thanks to Tom Moore for leading this event.
- We presented 5 Yard of the Month (YOM) awards during the spring & summer months to neighbors with beautiful front yards. Tom Dixon and his Beautification committee did an outstanding job in the selection process. The winners were:

Month	Name	Address
April	Ken Satsky and Mark Cunningham	3401 Caleo Court
May	Robyn and Steven MacMeeken	7313 Lougheed Plaza
June	Donald & Sandra Bizzell	3517 Dumond Place
July	Deanna and Bill Shea	7325 Marchman Way
August	Chris & Deborah Hankinson	3513 Snidow Drive

We also recognized 3 neighbors for exceptional holiday decorations. The winners were: 3401 Caleo Court, 3228 Breton Drive, and 3412 Langley Circle. The winners of the Yard of the Month awards receive \$100 gift certificates at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. Congratulations to all of the YOM winners who help make Whiffletree such a beautiful neighborhood. Note that the YOM awards go to paid WHOA members only. If you have a beautiful yard or put out great holiday decorations, you could earn \$100 of the \$120 annual dues with a YOM award!

- Shout out to our neighbors on Langley Drive, who did a wonderful job with Halloween decorations and attracting hundreds of trick or treaters. WHOA also decorated our entrances for Fall/Halloween.
- In addition to the recognition that Whiffletree received for its contribution to the annual Peanut Butter Drive, we were also awarded Most Neighborly Neighborhood by Plano Neighborhood Services for our efforts in helping the community as well as continuing to connect with Neighborhood Services and their programs.

- Whiffletree was one of five neighborhoods selected to participate in the first Plano Neighborhood Leadership Academy. These monthly training sessions, held over one year, support neighborhood groups seeking to make a greater impact in their community. Five Whiffletree representatives are three sessions into the Academy. As well as exchanging best practices with other HOAs, we continue to acquire additional insights and skills which will further strengthen our HOA.
- We participated in a program with Ring, the video doorbell and camera company, where Whiffletree neighbors could purchase a number of Ring products at \$40 discount off list price. We can repeat this program every 6 months and will communicate when this discount program is available again.
- We upgraded the holiday decorations at the 4 neighborhood entrances by purchasing many new lights, including the rainfall lights, which many of you have complimented. We were able to make these additions thanks to increase in the number of paid memberships, which reached a record 310 out of 477 homes in the neighborhood. We thank everyone for this commitment and look forward to even a higher portion of the neighborhood becoming dues paying so that we can continue to keep Whiffletree an exceptionally beautiful and desirable neighborhood in which to live.

Upcoming Events & Plans for 2020

- The City of Plano has a contract to replace the screening brick wall facing Legacy Drive, which includes the Marchman Way & Harvey Lane entrances: It is scheduled to start in the next few months. We will communicate the firm schedule when it becomes available.
- We plan to hold the annual Winter Social at Napoli's Italian Restaurant on Monday, January 27, starting at 6:00 PM. If you are a paid Whiffletree HOA member, be on the lookout for email invitations going out in the next week. If you are not a paid WHOA member, this would be a great time to join and meet many of your neighbors. Remember that this is an adults-only event.
- We are planning joint events with Estates of Forest Creek during 2020. We will communicate these events as we get closer to the dates.
- We will continue with the July 4th Picnic and Parade as well as National Night Out (NNO) events. We are looking at ideas to improve NNO participation. If you have any thoughts that would make it more widely attended, we would love to hear them.
- Several of our neighbors have asked for support from WHOA to start more social activities, such as card playing groups, wine tasting, walking, to name a few. Be on the lookout for a survey in January to identify interest in forming social groups to enhance the opportunity to meet and interact with neighbors.
- We have been evaluating a new platform for communicating with Whiffletree neighbors. Many of us find that NextDoor is cluttered with advertisements as well as many other posts that are not especially useful. We are looking at an app called HOA Messenger that allows for communication from WHOA to Whiffletree neighbors as well as between neighbors. You would be able to download the free app onto your phone or use the desktop version on your

computer. The app has a calendar feature where we can post upcoming WHOA events as well as a folder to upload relevant documents. There is no advertising on this app, and Whiffletree would have its own private section. In January, we plan to send out information about this app and encourage everyone to sign up.

WHOA dues are only \$120/year, which are due April 1, for the fiscal year (FY) that runs from April 1 to March 31. For new residents moving in after September 1, dues for the balance of the FY are \$60. 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!

If you are interested in joining this dynamic group of neighbors on the WHOA board as an officer, committee chairperson or committee member, there are lots of opportunities to participate, big or small. We will be holding our annual meeting in early April at which time we will be electing a new board members. We would love to add new members to the WHOA board. For more information speak to any board member or as always, feel free to contact me.

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