



August 2020

Whiffletree Newsletter

Welcome to hot, dry Texas. It is summertime!

We held 2 additional Drive-by Concerts in Whiffletree on August 4 & 5. They were a great success and helped to bring many of us outside with our neighbors. Special thanks to Jennifer Shertzer, Owner/Editor of Plano Magazine and Musician, Cameron Havens, and Blue Circle Media, Chris Cloe for putting on a great show.

Whiffletree now has a Facebook page, @mywhiffletreeHOA. You can search it under "Whiffletree V, VI, VII". Thanks to Shweta Nayak for setting up this page and Lucy Lorenzo for updating it with news and events. Check it out and Like Us!

We recognized our Yard of the Month (YOM) winners in June & July. In June, the Beautification Committee selected Ryan Burrow and Richard Bridger of 3308 Wolfe Court, who have made numerous improvements to their home since moving in just a short time ago. In July, we recognized repeat winners from 2019, Bill and Deanna Shay of 7325 Marchman Way. Both families receive \$100 gift certificate at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. Congratulations Ryan & Richard and Bill & Deanna! Photos of their beautiful yards are posted on Whiffletree website (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/yom>). We plan to recognize YOM winners again in September & October as well as the holiday season for best decorations. Remember that YOM winners must be current on dues payment.

After the horrific recent crime, Whiffletree HOA (WHOA) has been in close contact with Plano Police (PPD) Crime Prevention Unit to provide safety tips and training. PPD held an online personal safety class this past Saturday where Officer Biane from Crime Prevention Unit presented material about Jogging and Property Safety. The session had 133 attendees. WHOA is working with PPD Crime Prevention Unit to offer additional online sessions about personal safety. Look for Nextdoor posts with upcoming schedule. Additionally, there are many existing resources provided by PPD, including over 100 YouTube videos titled Safety Minute, which can be accessed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhRE9EnY_EA&list=PLGbwNR_-QmDMu1u1s8i1fwor1HjwfbJ-e. PPD also offers numerous brochures related to personal safety that can be viewed at <https://www.plano.gov/1652/Brochures>. There is also a post from Office Biane about personal safety, which you can review at <https://planomoms.com/tips-and-advice-on-personal-safety-for-women-in-plano-tx/>. Our personal safety is essential, and Plano Police offers extensive resources to help all of us.

Ed Drain is new Plano Police Chief. You can learn more about him at <https://www.plano.gov/714/Chiefs-Office#:~:text=hief%20Ed%20Drain%20started%20his,Sergeant%2C%20Lieutenant%2C%20and%20Captain.>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLDoPWPPqVI>

Work continues on the Legacy screening wall project, and your HOA board has maintained close contact with the Plano Public Works and contractor project teams. Completion of the new wall and paving of sidewalk and alleys is expected in the next week. Attention will then turn to reinstalling irrigation and electrical service. The City expects to complete the project by September. Then Whiffletree HOA will contract with landscape company to plant new shrubs and flowers.

This landscaping cost is subsequently reimbursed by the City of Plano. When completed, the entrances to Whiffletree will be more beautiful than ever. We appreciate your patience during this time, especially our neighbors along Legacy, who have experienced the most impact during the construction.

In the City of Plano, there are numerous resources for Plano residents. They include:

Fix it Plano – Non-emergency situations only, use this feature to report potholes, loose dogs, code compliance issues, sidewalk problems, restaurant complaints, traffic signal problems, ADA compliance, etc.

1. App – download on Android or iOS
2. Text – (469)-77FIX-IT or (469) 773-4948
3. Call -- (469)-77FIX-IT or (469) 773-4948
4. Website <https://www.plano.gov/2006/Fix-It-Plano>

Plano City Call (Code Red) – notifies you in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: severe weather, evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports.

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/925A63E78022>

Accepted Items for Recycling

<https://plano.gov/3433/Accepted-Items>

Senior Resources

During Covid-19 the Sam Johnson Rec Center is closed, the Wellness Center is still available by appointment for healthcare appointments, and is performing counseling services by phone. The City provides extensive support to seniors.

<https://www.plano.gov/2978/Senior-Resources> City webpage dedicated to seniors

List of services offered for seniors: <https://www.plano.gov/3406/Senior-Services-in-Plano>

Helpful resources: <https://www.plano.gov/3440/Community-Resources-for-Seniors-in-Plano>

HELP cards - <https://www.plano.gov/DocumentCenter/View/44829/HELP-Cards>

<https://www.plano.gov/672/CARE-Program> daily-automated check in call

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SeniorCall> these calls are bi-weekly during Covid-19.

Other items

New Property Standards Specialist for Whiffletree – Re Anne Cardwell reaannec@plano.gov, 972-208-8150

City Covid-19 Resources Page <https://plano.gov/3554/Coronavirus-COVID-19>

Collin County CARES funding for Mortgage/Rent/Food assistance due to Covid-19

<https://www.collincountytx.gov/cares/Pages/default.aspx>

We commemorated Memorial Day, Flag Day and July 4th in Whiffletree with flags along Marchman Way. We will plant flags for Labor Day (September 7) and Veterans Day (November 11). We hope that everyone enjoys this display and remembers the people before us that gave us the freedoms that we enjoy today.

Many Whiffletree neighbors have volunteered to assist fellow Whiffletree neighbors with tasks such as picking up groceries and/or medicines, running errands, phone check-in, cutting grass, assistance with technology, and other vital tasks. Whiffletree currently has 14 neighbors on Nextdoor volunteering to assist other neighbors in need. You can access this help list (and even add yourself to it) by going to Nextdoor Home page on your PC and clicking on the Whiffletree Help Map on the top right side of the page. On your phone or tablet, open the Nextdoor app, click the 3 lines at the very bottom right of the home page. It will open a menu. Very near the top of this menu listing is a link to the Help Map. The map currently has green dots that represent 14 Whiffletree neighbors that are prepared to assist those in need. You can click on the green dots to see the name of the person as well as the help they are offering. Thank you to these generous people as well as many other Whiffletree residents that have stepped up and supported neighbors in need.

We made the difficult decision to cancel July 4th parade due to concerns for our neighbors' health & safety. Our next event scheduled for 2020 is National Night Out on October 6, which will be evaluated under COVID19 guidelines as we approach the date. We will keep you informed about plans for this event.

The annual North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) Peanut Butter drive is still scheduled for September 1-30, 2020, to help address hunger in our region. In 2019, Whiffletree was recognized by the City of Plano and Mayor Harry LaRosiliere as the "Nuttiest Neighborhood" for donating the most peanut butter per household. It is our goal to be repeat champions this year. This year's event will change due to COVID19. NTFB is encouraging online donations through its Just Giving platform with every \$1 donated equaling 1 pound of PB. NTFB will still accept donations of PB from neighborhoods & organizations but prefers the online donations. Look for email, Nextdoor & Facebook posts from Tommy Mrazek about the PB drive and how you can donate.

Finally, we currently have 253 paid HOA members for this year, 53% of our 477 homes. For reference, last year we had 310 paid members. It is recognized that these are difficult times for many families. We appreciate those who can and do contribute to the support of our community through your voluntary HOA. If you have not yet paid annual dues and want to do so, you can mail check for \$120 to WHOA, PMB 288, 3948 Legacy Drive, Suite 106, Plano, TX 75023-8300. Alternatively, you can pay dues via credit card or PayPal on Whiffletree website. Go to (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>) and scroll down homepage on right side to see section to pay dues. Please note that there is a \$4 fee to cover the cost for processing online payments.

In closing, I want to reiterate that Whiffletree HOA exists for the benefit of all residents. Your support and involvement is important and appreciated. We welcome your input. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, and/or suggestions.

Stay safe.

Jim Skelly