



January 2022 Whiffletree Newsletter

In this newsletter we will recap the major happenings in 2021 and outline current planning for 2022.



2021 Recap

- The City of Plano designated Whiffletree as **BEST Platinum Neighborhood**, renewing this designation first earned in 2016. Whiffletree was recognized by Mayor, John Muns, and the entire Plano City Council at the December 7 City Council Meeting. BEST Platinum signs on Marchman have been updated.
- In response to the growing need to assist food insecure families in Plano and across North Texas, extraordinarily generous Whiffletree neighbors donated \$5,063 to the North Texas Food Bank Annual Peanut Butter Drive, earning Whiffletree the award as Plano's Nuttiest Neighborhood for the highest donation per household. Thank you for your great support.
- Active Whiffletree neighbors walked, ran and exercised, leading to Whiffletree winning Plano's Fittest Neighborhood award for most activity points per entrant. This is repeat championship for Whiffletree in this fun competition.
- We awarded 5 Yard of the Month (YOM) winners during the spring/summer/fall to homes with beautiful landscaping and in December awarded 3 homes for best holiday decorations, 3412 Langley Circle (Steven & Dorothy Kemper), 3228 Breton Drive (Scott & Stephanie McMahon), 3101 Clymer Drive. (John & Amaka Nwosu). You can see photos of these homes at (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/yom>). Each YOM winner receives \$100 gift card at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. Congratulations to all the YOM winners in 2021!



- Our July 4th Parade and Picnic was attended by record 257 neighbors, who enjoyed the opportunity to meet with neighbors and show off their patriotic colors. Delicious lunch was served by the Hamburger Man.
- We celebrated National Night Out (NNO) with our friends from Estates of Forest Creek neighborhood. Our NNO event was attended by over 100 people, who enjoyed Handel's ice cream treats as well as the opportunity to meet with Mayor, John Muns, and Police Chief, Ed Drain, both of whom spoke and then spent time meeting with individual neighbors. Thank you to Mayor Muns and Chief Drain for generously spending time with our neighbors.
- In an event hosted by Estates of Forest Creek, Whiffletree neighbors were able to have their personal documents securely shredded onsite in the Mathew's parking lot.
- We continued the tradition of holding a neighborhood wide garage sale in October that had widespread participation.
- We did not hold our Winter Social event in January 2021 due to COVID. We are still planning to hold this event in 2022.
- We distributed the printed Whiffletree Directory to all paid WHOA members during September, which includes contact information for neighbors that have provided it. If you have a directory, please review it for accuracy. If you want to make any changes to your information or add your information to future directories, you can do so by completing the membership form online at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/membership-form>. Remember, your information will not be used except to communicate with you
- The house at 3600 Asaro that burned in 2019 has been sold and is in the process of being rebuilt. The new owner has experience rebuilding homes after fires. This is his 8th home that he has rebuilt and targets to complete the rebuild in 4 months.
- The vote to amend Whiffletree covenants to restrict short term rentals/Airbnb currently stands at 301 approve to change the amendment to prohibit short term rentals/Airbnb and 21 opposed. 68% of homes have voted. Recall that we need 75% of all homes (or 358 homes) to vote to approve the amendment. **Please vote, even if you oppose the amendment, we ask you to vote.** We want to collect the sentiment of the entire neighborhood on this issue. You can vote online (only 1 vote per household) at Whiffletree website, <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/#2021vote>. Volunteers will be contacting neighbors that have yet to vote to collect their response on this issue.
- In the budget for fiscal year April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022, we assumed 328 Whiffletree families pay the \$120 annual dues. To date we have **received dues payment from 321 neighbors, 67% of the 477 homes**, which still leaves us a way to go. Over 50% of the budget is essentially fixed cost (landscaping maintenance, electricity and water at the entrances along with insurance). There is little opportunity to impact these fixed costs. We need to meet (or even exceed) our projected paid membership levels to be able to carry out activities planned in the budget. If you have paid your dues, thank you. If you have not, please support your neighborhood. Please make your dues payment via check payable to "WHOA" in the amount of \$120 and mail to PMB 288; 3948 Legacy Drive, Suite 106; Plano TX 75023-8300. You can also pay by credit card or PayPal. To do this, go to Whiffletree HOA website <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/> and scroll down page to see HOA Dues now being collected on right side of page. Please note that there is an additional \$5 fee to cover the costs for processing online payments. Payments by check do not include this processing fee.



Plans for 2022

- We plan to hold our Winter Social at Napoli's Italian Restaurant. We typically hold this event in January; however, with current high COVID transmission rates, we have decided to postpone to a later date this winter when it is safer for indoor gatherings. This adult's only event is open to all paid Whiffletree neighbors and is a great opportunity to renew friendships and build new ones. We will continue to monitor the COVID situation and will keep you informed on plans for this event.
- We plan to hold the very popular July 4th Parade and Picnic. We plan to participate in National Night Out in October and Document Shredding, both of which we jointly sponsor with Estates of Forest Creek neighborhood. We also plan to support the North Texas Peanut Butter Drive held annually in September; enter a team into the Plano Fall into Fittest competition in November; sponsor the annual Whiffletree garage sale in October/November; and continue to recognize the beautiful yards and decorations in the Yard of the Month program.
- We plan to wrap up the vote on the amendment to restrict short term rentals/Airbnb's and are seeking the sentiment of the neighborhood on this issue. If you have not done so, please review the amendment and vote on the amendment at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/#2021vote>.
- We will commence our membership drive in February/March to support our planned 2022 activities as well as the expense to maintain our 4 beautiful entrances. Your support by paying your annual dues is greatly appreciated and essential for Whiffletree to maintain its exceptional image.
- We will hold our annual meeting by early April as we move into new fiscal year on April 1. At the annual meeting, we will elect new officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and Committee Chairpersons (Beautification, Crime Watch, Membership, Social and Welcoming) and approve the annual budget. All Whiffletree residents current on dues payments are eligible to run for office, and likewise, you must be a paid member to vote in the election. If you are interested in joining the leadership team in the upcoming fiscal year or just interested in volunteering on one of the committees, feel free to reach out to me or any other board member, who are listed on the Whiffletree HOA website <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>.



Now, we ask you, our neighbors, for your ideas on what other activities we should include in 2022 plan. Are there additional social events or activities that you would like to see? Are there organizations or causes that you would like to see Whiffletree neighbors support either with donations or our time and effort? We are certainly open to considering new activities and ask for your ideas. Feel free to email me with your ideas.

Remember that Whiffletree website (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>) is an excellent source of info about the neighborhood, upcoming as well as past events. Additionally, check out our Facebook page, @mywhiffletreeHOA (you can search it under "Whiffletree V, VI, VII") and don't forget to Like Us! Also, click on the Links tab on our home page or go directly to <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/links> to view the many outlets, services and support from the City of Plano.

Finally, Whiffletree HOA exists for the benefit of all residents. Your support and involvement is important and appreciated. We welcome your input. Feel free to contact me or any other WHOA board member.

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