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Whiffletree Newsletter

Hopefully we have seen the last of cold weather and will soon be enjoying warmer temperatures, green grass and blooming flowers in our beautiful neighborhood. We have some news to share as we come to the close of our fiscal year 2021-2022, ending March 31, and the beginning of our new fiscal year, 2022-2023, starting April 1.

- With the transition to the new fiscal year, we have begun our annual membership drive. In the 2021-2022 fiscal year, 321 Whiffletree neighbors paid the annual dues, 67% of the 477 homes. Thank you for your support this past year. We hope you will continue to support your neighborhood this coming year. Neighbors' dues payment is our only income source. Recall that majority of the budget is essentially fixed cost (landscaping maintenance, electricity and water at the entrances along with insurance). The balance is for social events like the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic, National Night Out and the Adult Social, typically in January but delayed this year due to COVID (more info about the Adult Social farther down this newsletter). Like you, we are seeing rising costs; however, we have decided to keep the annual dues unchanged at \$120 if paid by check payable to "WHOA" 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.
- As we enter our new fiscal year, we will be holding our annual meeting to elect board members and review our annual budget for the upcoming year. All Whiffletree neighbors are invited to participate in this meeting, which will take place **Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 PM**. This approximately 1 hour long meeting will be held via Zoom, link: <https://netapp.zoom.us/j/97067951542?pwd=K1hHYThYRjNyV0hUMXYzMEExRWnFNQT09>. Since this link includes the meeting password, you only need to click on the link to join the meeting. No meeting ID or password is required. We hope to see you.



- Whiffletree has teamed with 2 other Plano BEST Platinum neighborhoods, Estate of Forest Creek and Hunters Creek Estates, along with Plano Neighborhood Services to make a presentation at the 2022 Neighborhood USA (NUSA) national conference to be held in Little Rock, AR, in early May. Our joint presentation is titled, Building a Best Neighborhood, "How City Resources Have Helped Strengthen Neighborhood Leadership and Increased Neighborhood Engagement." We are excited with this opportunity to bring national visibility to Whiffletree as well as the City of Plano. Since travel and conference expenses are covered by Plano Neighborhood Services, we do not expect any costs to be borne by Whiffletree HOA (WHOA).

- Spring is coming as evidenced by the blooming of 1,000 tulips at our neighborhood entrances providing some beautiful color. We are replacing the tulips with summer annuals and will also replace a few bushes at the Caravan & Marchman entrances. We plan to continue our traditional Yard of the Month (YOM) program in 2022, starting in May. YOM winners receive \$100 gift cards to Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. So get ready to showcase your beautiful yards! All neighbors that have paid their annual dues are eligible for YOM awards.





- In a recent BEST Break, a 1 hour online event provided by Plano Neighborhood Services, Plano Property Standards Supervisor, Christopher Smith, presented information about conducting Spring Home Maintenance Inspection. In the presentation he included a checklist for Spring and Fall Property Maintenance Tips, with numerous recommendations for how we can inspect our homes for potential

issues and take steps to care for our homes and property. You can view the Maintenance Tips near the bottom of our links page, <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/links>. Some of the inspections and checks can be performed by the homeowner while some require a qualified contractor to complete. Either way, the tips may help to identify issues early that can be resolved now and not lead to more damage and higher costs in the future.



- Our plans to hold our Winter Social at Napoli's Italian Restaurant have been delayed due to COVID. We still plan to hold this event 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 plan to announce a date for this event shortly.
- 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 soon be contacting neighbors that have yet to vote to collect their response on this issue. We look forward to neighbors that have yet to vote to voice their opinion on this matter.
- Beginning April 1, the City of Plano requests that you water your yard only two times a week, avoid watering between 10 AM and 6 PM, and when rain is in the forecast. Plano asks that you subscribe to WaterMyYard at <https://watermyyard.org/#/Location> for weekly watering recommendations.

Use the last digit of your home address to follow this schedule:

- Even digit (including zero): Monday & Thursday
- Odd digit: Tuesday & Friday

For more watering guideline details see Whiffletree website (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>) or City of Plano website watering guidelines page (<https://www.plano.gov/1813/Watering-Guidelines-Management>).

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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