



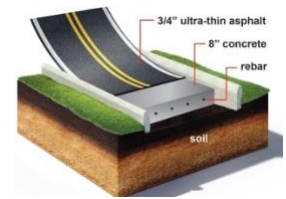
May 2022 Whiffletree Newsletter

As we approach summer, we are seeing blooming flowers and greening grass. Summer is just around the corner with pool time and hopefully family travels after 2 years of restrictions. Time to enjoy!

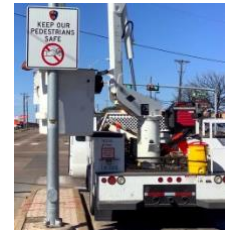
- Whiffletree Membership Drive continues. To date, 178 Whiffletree neighbors have paid dues for fiscal year that started April 1, which is well behind last year's activity (at the end of April 2021 we had 250 paid members and in 2020 we had 187 paid members). For those who have paid, thank you for your support. If you have not paid annual dues, we ask that you please do. We hope you will continue to support your neighborhood this coming year. Neighbors' dues payments are our only income source and directly support keeping our entrances beautiful and inviting (landscaping maintenance, electricity and water). The balance is for social events like the July 4th Parade and Picnic, National Night Out and the Adult Social, typically in January but delayed this year to June due to COVID. 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.
- On May 5, Whiffletree and Hunters Creek Estates, along with Plano Neighborhood Services will make a presentation at the 2022 Neighborhood USA (NUSA) national conference being held in Little Rock, AR. 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, no costs to be borne by Whiffletree HOA (WHOA).
- Several Whiffletree neighbors participated in the Great American Clean-up on April 23. We collected litter at Prairie Meadow Park near Mathews and the creek and pond near Davis Library. Thanks to the Klein Family, Tom & Tommy Moore, Tom Dixon and Bill Ostergren for their generous time commitment.
- We plan to start Yard of the Month (YOM) program in May. YOM winners receive \$100 gift cards to Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco as well as bragging rights. So get ready to showcase your beautiful yards! All neighbors that have paid their annual dues are eligible for YOM awards.
- At recent Neighborhood Leadership Meeting several City of Plano managers presented information on range of topics, including reopening of Davis Library scheduled for Sunday, May 15. Join the festivities to see the new space and enjoy activities. **1:00pm** -Ribbon-cutting by Mayor John Muns. **1:30–5:00pm** -Enjoy games, LEGO Engineering challenges, educational activities, 3D printing demonstrations, photo opportunities and fun for all! Great opportunity to see the new Davis Library!



- Also, Mark Perndergast, Plano DPW Director, reviewed plans to overlay thin asphalt over concrete base onto major roads in Plano based on the performance seen on roads completed to date as well as feedback from Plano drivers. Roadways near Whiffletree (Independence, Coit, Legacy, Hedgcoxe, and Parker) are expected to receive the overlay in next 1.5-2 years utilizing current bond package funding.



- Plano Police reviewed the new signage being installed at many intersections across Plano to discourage individuals seeking donations or selling items from stepping from medians into the roadway, which put them and motorists in danger. Instead of giving money to those at intersections, the City of Plano is encouraging citizens to donate to organizations that assist those in need. The City of Plano cares about people in need and makes contact with them and makes sure that everyone is offered help. Please be aware of these signs.



- We currently plan to hold our Winter Social at Napoli's Italian Restaurant in June and plan to announce date shortly. This adult's only event is open to all paid Whiffletree neighbors and is a great opportunity to renew friendships and build new ones.



- 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. Since we want to collect the sentiment of the entire neighborhood on this issue, we ask you to vote, even if opposed to the amendment to the covenants. 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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