



Whiffletree Newsletter

June 2022

Get ready, summer is here and we have a number of activities planned.



- **On Saturday, July 2nd**, Whiffletree will host our annual July 4th Parade and Picnic. Same as in previous years we will meet at the pavilion at Prairie Meadow Park next to Mathews Elementary. We plan for Plano Fire and Plano Police to join us in the parade around the neighborhood that will start at **11:00 AM**. After the parade, the Hamburger Man will provide lunch. All Whiffletree neighbors are invited to join in the parade. **If you want to enjoy the delicious lunch, you must be a paid Whiffletree HOA member** (see next paragraph for info about how to pay annual dues). We will shortly

be sending out invitations to all paid members and ask that you RSVP with number of people from you family planning to attend so that that we can provide an accurate count to the Hamburger Man as well as buy drinks and treats. Like last year, we will award prizes to best patriotic decorations with categories: 1) wagon or stroller, 2) bicycle and 3) individual clothing. Last year we had some fantastic decorations. So come join your neighbors and celebrate the USA!



- You can pay dues of \$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.
- To date, 255 Whiffletree neighbors have paid dues for fiscal year that started April 1, which is behind last year's activity (at the end of May 2021 we had 296 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 due to COVID. Like you, we are seeing rising costs; however, we have decided to keep the annual dues unchanged at \$120, which are much lower than any nearby neighborhood.



- Whiffletree and Hunters Creek Estates, along with Plano Neighborhood Services made a presentation at the 2022 Neighborhood USA (NUSA) national conference held in Little Rock, AR. Our joint presentation was titled Building a Best Neighborhood, "How City Resources Have Helped Strengthen Neighborhood Leadership and Increased Neighborhood Engagement". The presentation was very well received with over 150 attendees and numerous questions and positive comments after the presentation. Whiffletree was also selected as a finalist for best newsletters for the second year in a row.



- Congratulations to our first 2022 Yard of the Month (YOM) winners, Robyn & Steven Macmeeken of 7313 Lougheed Plaza. As you can see from the photo, they have a spectacular yard. Take a drive or walk past to see what a fantastic job they have done. All of our YOM winners receive \$100 gift card at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. To be eligible for this award, the home needs to be current on annual dues. We will be awarding another YOM winner in June, and the committee will start their review shortly.

Again, congratulations Robyn & Steven. Great job! Also, thanks to Robert Simmons and the entire YOM committee for contributing to the selection process!

- We decided to delay our Adult Social to later in the year. It seemed too close on the calendar to the July 2nd event. We will continue to explore options for this fun event.
- The vote to amend Whiffletree covenants to restrict short term rentals/Airbnb currently stands at 319 approve to change the amendment to prohibit short term rentals/Airbnb and 25 opposed (93% approval rate for those who have voted). 72% 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 are 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.
- On July 16, the cities of Plano, Garland and Rowlett will jointly host the annual HOA Legal Clinic held 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Hyatt Place Garland (5101 N President George Bush Hwy, Garland, TX 75040). I and other Whiffletree Board Members usually attend this valuable session where attorneys that specialize in real estate and HOA's review latest legislation and regulations that impact HOA's. Unfortunately, we are all traveling and unable to attend. We are looking for a couple of volunteers that are willing to attend this meeting for Whiffletree. I will be able to provide you with some questions that I would ask at this session. You would also receive copies of the presentations that can be forwarded to the WHOA board for review. This is an opportunity for free legal advice from specialists in the field of HOA's. There is a cost of \$15 to attend this meeting, which will be fully reimbursed by WHOA.

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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