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Whiffletree Newsletter



**SPREAD
THE HOPE**
PEANUT
BUTTER
DRIVE



September 1-30

North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) will again be holding its annual Peanut Butter Drive, September 1-30. As you can imagine, with inflation rates being so high, many families in North Texas are struggling to place nutritious meals on their kitchen tables. That is unacceptable. A peanut butter and jelly sandwich is a simple, nutritious meal parents can place into a lunch bag and send to school with their children. Together, with your support, we can provide this kid-friendly nutritious item to families in our community. As we have done in previous years, we will have a Whiffletree NTFB Peanut Butter webpage where you can make monetary donations. Also, donations of peanut butter and alternatives such as almond butter can be made, which you will be able to drop off at the home of Tommy & Debbie Mrazek at 7325 Paul Calle Drive. Be on the lookout for more communications by September 1 with Whiffletree PB Drive website location. As in previous years, your generous donations will be greatly appreciated.

Our next major event currently scheduled is **National Night Out (NNO) at Prairie Meadow Park on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 PM**. We have invited Mayor, John Muns, and Police Chief, Ed Drain, to join us at NNO as they did last year. Chief Drain has confirmed that he plans to attend as will several Plano Police Officers. All Whiffletree neighbors are welcome to this event. Be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to this event.



Also, following on the theme of personal safety, on **Saturday, September 10 at 1:00 PM**, Whiffletree HOA will host a safety session at **Plano Police Sub-Station in the Hardy Room (building next to Davis Library)**. The training is titled, **Civilian Response to Active Shooter** and will be led by Plano Police Crime Prevention Officer, Sheldon Krc. The topics covered in this session include, understanding human reaction to stressful events, strategies to follow in the event of an active shooter, what to expect when law enforcement arrives, and what law enforcement expects from you. All Whiffletree residents are invited to this training session. You can view the flyer for this program at Whiffletree website (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>).

The City of Plano is planning to start a pilot program on October 1, 2022, for Food Composting. You can learn more about this program at <http://www.learn2livegreen.com/CompostingFoodWaste/story.html>.

One of the benefits of being a paid Whiffletree HOA member is that you receive Whiffletree Annual Directory that is published in September. The Annual Directory includes name and address of all current Whiffletree neighbors and any

contact information that has been provided. It also includes a wide range of neighborhood and community information. This is a valuable tool that you can use to connect with Whiffletree neighbors. If you have not yet paid annual dues, please do so by September 1 so that you are included in the Directory distribution list. Also, check the 2021-2022 Directory for accurate information about your family. On pages 4 and 5 of last year's Directory, see if any info you may have entered "Whiffletree Kids (& Adults) Interested in Jobs" needs to be modified or deleted. Then look at your household information in the Name Sequence (orange pages) and Street Sequence (green pages) to ensure it is accurate and up to date. Finally, please check "Neighborhood Interests/Activities" on pages 67-69 to see if any information needs updating. To make changes, you can go to Whiffletree website and click on the Membership Form tab (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/membership-form>). You would need to re-enter all the information as you want to now appear in the Directory. Alternately, if you don't want to re-enter all their data via the web-site, you can use the HOA Membership Form on page 86 of the 2021-2022 Directory, fill it out, and then send it to the mailing address on the form. Thanks in advance for reviewing the current Directory for accuracy and for paying your dues.



Congratulations to Whiffletree July Yard of Month (YOM) winners, Kim and Tom Dixon of 3521 Snidow Drive. Kim and Tom celebrated the award with their handsome grandson, Gavin. Stop by and congratulate them. In winning YOM the Dixon's receive \$100 gift card at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. Remember that all paid Whiffletree neighbors are eligible to win YOM. The YOM team will be out in August looking for the next winner so there is time for you to claim this award. Thanks to Robert Simmons and the YOM team for their work, especially in the heat, to select Whiffletree YOM winners.

To date, 288 Whiffletree neighbors have paid dues for fiscal year that started April 1, which compares to 328 paid members during the fiscal year 2021-2022 that ended on March 31, 2022. 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 as well as Annual Directory. Like you, we are seeing rising costs; however, we held the annual dues unchanged at \$120, which are much lower than any nearby neighborhood. You can pay your dues online at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/pay-dues>. Note that there is \$5 online processing fee. You can also mail check for \$120 to WHOA, PMB 288; 3948 Legacy Drive, Suite 106; Plano, TX 75023-8300. Thank you

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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