



October 2022

### Whiffletree Newsletter



We had a great turnout at National Night Out (NNO) at Prairie Meadow Park on October 4, which included many neighbors from Estates of Forest Creek (EFC) in this jointly held event. Along with several Plano Police Officers, Mayor, John Muns, and Police Chief, Ed Drain, and City Council Member, Maria Tu, joined us. Thanks to all those who attended and thanks to Handel's for the delicious ice cream.



**Plano's Fittest Neighborhood Competition**

Register: Oct. 15 – Nov. 7  
[share.plano.gov/FittestNeighborhood](https://share.plano.gov/FittestNeighborhood)  
 Compete: Nov. 1 – Nov. 30

Win Prizes!

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We are gearing up for our 2022 Neighborhood Fitness Competition to determine Plano's Fittest Neighborhood! Whiffletree has won this friendly competition 2 years in a row. How about a 3-peat? Click on [registration](#), which is now open. Fall Into Fitness will run November 1<sup>st</sup>– November 30<sup>th</sup>. You can run, walk, swim, bike, dance, exercise alone or with friends. Track your activity and record it into the portal provided for this event. Invite friends and neighbors to Fall Into Fitness and see if Whiffletree has what it takes to be Plano's Fittest Neighborhood again! Register early for your free t-shirt while supplies last!

**CRASE**  
 Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events  
 Tuesday, October 25, 2022  
 Plano Event Center  
 Doors open at 6pm  
 Presentation: 6:30 - 8:30pm · Q&A: 8:30 - 9pm

For a comprehensive discussion regarding the science behind active attack incidents. Learn how you can make a plan to survive these incidents. Learn what to expect when the police respond to these incidents, and how you can help them stop the killing. Learn how to RUN, HIDE, and FIGHT.

Please register at:  
<https://activeshooterplano.eventbrite.com>

Presenters:

On October 25 at the Plano Event Center at 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano Police Crime Prevention Unit will present a seminar titled, Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event (CRASE). As you can see in the poster about the session, you will gain insights into how to plan and act during an active shooter event, including what do when police respond to the event. A number of Whiffletree residents attended this same seminar in September and found it extremely well done and informative. The poster has information about signing up for this seminar.

As has been a long tradition in Whiffletree, our neighbors on Langley will again go all out on Halloween to host trick or treaters. Langley Drive will be closed to car traffic on Halloween night to enhance safety for the large crowd. Thanks again to our neighbors on Langley for making this a special event for so many children!

As recently announced, Whiffletree will be holding its annual neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, November 5. You can learn more about the event, how to obtain permit, and some suggestions about

preparation at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>. Also, for items that you do not sell, Texas Recycles Day is the following Saturday, November 12, at Chase Oak Church parking lot. Go to <https://www.plano.gov/649/Texas-Recycles-day> for more info.

Plano ISD is holding a bond election on November 8. The items on the ballot include Proposition A for Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VARTE), which is required by the State of Texas that asks voters to consider approving a modified tax rate to increase revenues for student programs and teacher & staff salaries. Propositions B, C, D, and E are for specific elements of the proposed \$1.5B bond package. To learn more, go to <https://www.pisd.edu/election2022>.

The City of Plano is planning to start a Food Composting pilot program on November 15, 2022. You can learn more about this program at <http://www.learn2livegreen.com/CompostingFoodWaste/story.html>.

Volunteers delivered the 2022-2023 Whiffletree Annual Directory to all paid Whiffletree HOA members. 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. If you are a paid member and did not receive the directory, contact me.

To date, 292 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. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic, National Night Out, the Adult Social as well as the 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.

Jim Skelly

Whiffletree HOA President