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Whiffletree Newsletter



At the North Texas Food Bank 2022 Peanut Butter Drive Reveal Celebration, Whiffletree was recognized as the Nuttiest Neighborhood in Plano for the highest donation of Peanut Butter per household to this event held annually in September. Whiffletree neighbors donated \$4,783 or pounds of Peanut Butter, 10.03# per household, which is more than double the 2nd place neighborhood. At the Celebration, Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Member, Kayci Prince, presented Whiffletree with this award. Tommy Mrazek, Lisa and Alan Kravitz and I were honored to receive this recognition on behalf of our extraordinarily generous Whiffletree neighbors. Thank you for caring about food insecure families in North Texas.!



Whiffletree is again the winner of the Plano Neighborhood Fitness Competition. Thirty-eight Whiffletree neighbors signed up for this competition and earned 118,980 points running, walking, biking, swimming, etc. over the course of the competition during the month of November. This compared to 62,263 points earned by 2nd place, Old Shepard Place, and is the 3rd year in a row that Whiffletree can claim to be the Fittest Neighborhood in Plano! Thanks to all of our entrants and special recognition to Margaret Mirkowicz and Jack Stevens, both of whom finished 2nd overall in individual points. Great job everyone!

The City of Plano is planning to start a Food Composting pilot program (start date TBD but soon). You can learn more about this program at <http://www.learn2livegreen.com/CompostingFoodWaste/story.html>.

We plan Yard of the Month (YOM) in December to award for top holiday decorations. Winners will receive \$100 gift card at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. Remember that all paid Whiffletree neighbors are eligible to win YOM.

We are currently planning to hold our Adult Winter Social in late January. All paid members are invited to attend (again adults only at this event). As we have done in the past, we are looking at Napoli's Italian Restaurant at McDermott & Independence due to its proximity and ability to handle the large number of attendees. We are working on details of this event with Napoli's ownership and expect to announce details soon. We look forward to holding this very popular event after 2-year hiatus due to COVID. More details to follow.

This year, 293 Whiffletree neighbors paid the voluntary HOA dues for our fiscal year that started April 1, 2022. For reference, there were 328 paid members during the fiscal year 2021-2022 that ended on March 31, 2022. For those who paid their dues, thank you for your support. Neighbors' dues payments are the only HOA 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, the Adult Social as well as publication of the Annual Directory. The annual dues have remained at \$120 (\$125 recently for online payments) for more than 20 years and compare very favorably with any nearby neighborhood (range from \$150-200/year). With sizable increases in landscaping, water, electricity and food costs, the board needs to evaluate dues along with expenses for the upcoming fiscal year that runs April 1, 2023-March, 31, 2024. We will communicate the recommended voluntary annual dues amount for the upcoming fiscal year in advance of the start of our membership drive in February 2023 and ask for your continued support to keep Whiffletree beautiful, inviting and recognized as one of the premier neighborhoods in Plano.

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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