



## Newsletter – January 2023

Thanks to your continued support, we should all be proud of our accomplishments in 2022, which include:

- Whiffletree Neighbors participated in the Great American Clean-up where we picked up litter around Prairie Meadow Park between Davis Library and Mathews Elementary.
- Whiffletree, along with 1 other Plano neighborhood and City of Plano Neighborhood Services representative, presented our story about engaging with neighbors at the annual convention of Neighborhood USA held this past year in Little Rock, AR. This presentation was attended by almost 200 people representing neighborhood across America and was very well received
- We hosted multiple safety seminars held at Davis Library where Plano Crime Prevention Officers presented invaluable information about protecting yourself, your family and your property.
- We held our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic with 170 attendees, Plano Fire and Police leading our parade and delicious lunch provided by the Hamburger Man.
- We jointly sponsored National Night Out with Estates of Forest Creek HOA with over 100 attendees as well as numerous Plano Police Officers, Plano Police Chief, Ed Drain, and Plano Mayor, John Muns.
- Whiffletree neighbors showed their generosity again as the Nuttiest Neighborhood in Plano for 3<sup>rd</sup> year out of last 4, donating 4,783 pounds of peanut butter to the annual North Texas Food Bank Drive, by far the most of any neighborhood.
- Whiffletree was winner of the Fittest Neighborhood in Plano Competition for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.
- We awarded several Yards of the Month throughout the year for the beautifully landscaped yards and in December for the best holiday decorations.
- We published and distributed to all dues paying members the Whiffletree Neighborhood Directory, which includes extensive amount of information about the neighborhood.
- Also, due to your generous support, we continue to offer our neighbors and visitors with beautiful entrances with attractive landscaping and spectacular holiday decorations.

We were only able to achieve these accomplishments with your support and we thank you! We also have several great events planned in 2023.

### 2023 Whiffletree Activities Calendar

Event	Schedule
Adult Winter Social – all WHOA paid members invited via Evite	January 23
Point in Time Homeless Count	January 26
Great American Clean-up	May
Monthly Yard of the Month Awards	May-August
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic	July
North Texas Food Bank Peanut Butter Drive	September
National Night Out	October
Fittest Neighborhood Competition	November
Yard of the Month Awards for Best Holiday Decorations	December
Plano Police Personal Safety Seminars	TBD



We look forward to seeing you and your family at upcoming Whiffletree activities in 2023. As always, if you have ideas for new activities, we would love to hear them. You can submit your thoughts & ideas at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/contact-us>.

Congratulations to 2022 Whiffletree Yard of Month (YOM) winners in December for best holiday decorations. Numerous homes had beautiful holiday decorations, and it was a difficult decision to select the best decorations across the neighborhood. Winners receive \$100 gift card at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. Remember that all paid Whiffletree neighbors are eligible for YOM. The YOM team will next be out again starting in May 2023.



**3101 Clymer Drive  
John & Amaka Nwosu**



**3229 Langley Drive  
Keith & Carol Darter**



**7313 Lougheed Plaza  
Steven & Robyn Macmeeken**



**3308 Wolfe Court  
Ryan Burrow & Rick Bridger**

In the upcoming fiscal year (FY23-24) starting April 1, we ask for your financial support by paying the annual dues. The annual dues have remained at \$120 (\$125 recently implemented for online payments) for more than 20 years and compare favorably with nearby neighborhoods, which range from \$150-200/year. In upcoming fiscal year 2023-2024, we will need to increase annual dues because of inflation that has impacted costs across the board, including water, electricity, and landscape labor & materials to maintain our entrances, and food for the social events. Whiffletree HOA has seen the same cost increases as you. These higher costs created a substantial deficit this past year. Fortunately, we have a reserve that absorbed this deficit. In our planned budget for FY 2023-2024, we need income & expenses to balance; therefore, WHOA board voted to increase the annual dues to \$145 by check (\$150 for website payments due to the added cost for online processing fees). We hope you understand this needed action and continue to support your neighborhood, Thank you



The City of Plano has announced a new pilot program to recycle food waste for composting. To learn more about this program: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/158640162429373953>. The pilot program is available to the first 500 residents of Plano to enroll. Spots are still open. You can enroll at [https://cityofplano.formstack.com/forms/food\\_composting](https://cityofplano.formstack.com/forms/food_composting). The benefit of this program is that it can extend the life of our landfill and reduce costs to transport food waste to the landfill.



Plano will hold the annual Point in Time Homeless Count on Thursday, January 26, 6:45 PM-11:45 PM, starting at the Plano Municipal Center on Avenue K. The count consists of teams of volunteers who survey specified sections of the city and count unsheltered homeless persons in Plano. We are looking for Whiffletree neighbors that would like to volunteer for this project. There are still several open slots for volunteers. You can learn more and sign up at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d44a8af2da1f94-city#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d44a8af2da1f94-city#/). If you want to join in a Whiffletree for this project, let me know. We hope to have multiple

Whiffletree teams.



#### RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE CLASS OFFERED FREE TO PLANO RESIDENTS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN THE CITY OF PLANO

The Plano Police Department is offering a Rape, Aggression, Defense (R.A.D.) class in January 2023. The series of classes will be held at the Chase Oaks Church - Legacy Campus (281 Legacy Drive, Plano 75023) from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You MUST commit to attending 12 hours of training and attend all four sessions on January 23, 24, 30, & 31, 2023. This FREE class is available to Plano residents and individuals who work in the city of Plano. The course teaches basic self-defense strategies, self-awareness, risk reduction, and avoidance techniques. The Rape Aggression Defense Basic Personal Defense System is a national program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques taught for women and girls 15 years and older. All courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. instructors. You can view the flyer for this training class at [https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=523893039776411&set=a.334566658709051&\\_cft\\_\[0\]=AZUz\\_GYuXC7TMUb1kRLZsxZXw16Yrt\\_M-GfvUPOacHbgfbKeH1PjcbZ0WqI2iioZHEdg74ifG8UAW5voNhJBPqQyEkOluRIU8Wcp3BLpiUN9FdD7MPWptSerxuJulNfO-MEqIIPjtYRZYQ-tQO6c5eoSInjf2XCP-BtyGQqolpu29KY8yzJx39enyA0B0TuGuqINyHA-P1Y54Pe54QZMYWv&\\_tn\\_=EH-R](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=523893039776411&set=a.334566658709051&_cft_[0]=AZUz_GYuXC7TMUb1kRLZsxZXw16Yrt_M-GfvUPOacHbgfbKeH1PjcbZ0WqI2iioZHEdg74ifG8UAW5voNhJBPqQyEkOluRIU8Wcp3BLpiUN9FdD7MPWptSerxuJulNfO-MEqIIPjtYRZYQ-tQO6c5eoSInjf2XCP-BtyGQqolpu29KY8yzJx39enyA0B0TuGuqINyHA-P1Y54Pe54QZMYWv&_tn_=EH-R).

You can sign up for this training session at <https://planopdrad2023.eventbrite.com>.

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 are important and appreciated. We welcome your input. Feel free to contact me or any other WHOA board member.

Jim Skelly

Whiffletree HOA President