



Newsletter – March 2023

This is a quiet time in the neighborhood but get ready for a burst of activity as we enter the spring & summer months.

- We are in the midst of our membership drive for the new fiscal year that runs from April 1 to March 31, 2024. We need your support! Membership dues are our only source of income and fund the maintenance of our beautiful entrances and hold social events that give Whiffletree neighbors the opportunity to meet their fellow neighbors. We emailed invoice to all neighbors who provided them. **So please help with our expenses by paying before paper invoices are sent out at the next week!** As you might expect, all our expenses have risen significantly in the past two years. In 2022, we ran a deficit, and in response the WHOA Board voted to increase our dues for the first time ever, \$145 for check payments and \$150 for online payments, which is lower than surrounding neighborhoods. You may send in the amount of **\$145 (payable to WHOA) to Whiffletree HOA, PMB 288, 3948 Legacy Dr, Ste 106, Plano, TX 75023**. You also can pay online at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/pay-dues>. We incur a service charge for online payments, hence paying online is \$150.
- This year we will again be providing an updated directory to paid members of Whiffletree V/VI/VII. If you are a new resident or if your household information has changed, please complete the online membership form on our website at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/membership-form>.
- On January 23 Whiffletree neighbors came together for our Winter Social at Napoli's Italian Restaurant. With almost 100 attendees, we all had the opportunity to renew friendships and create new ones. All dues paying neighbors were invited in this long-standing event, which we plan to hold again in January 2024. Hope to see you there next year.
- We are currently planning to hold our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. At this meeting, we elect board officers and chairpersons for the upcoming fiscal year, review and approve the annual budget. We are also working on having a guest speaker from City of Plano discuss a topic of interest to all of us. More information about this meeting to be released in next few weeks.
- Our entrances, among the most attractive of any neighborhood in all of Plano are starting to perk up with the longer and warmer days. In the next few weeks, you will see 1,000 tulips in full bloom. We also expect plantings will emerge from winter dormancy and give us the beautiful entrances we all know. If needed, we will replace plantings that did not make it through the winter and will plant seasonal flowers to add color to our entrances. Speaking of our entrances, we are always looking for volunteers to check our entrances for broken sprinklers, poorly performing plantings and/or collect any small pieces of trash. So, if you have a routing of walking past one of our entrances or live near one, we would love to recruit you to do a quick weekly inspection of the entrance you are watching and report any problems to our Beautification Chairperson, Tom Dixon. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. You can contact Tom to volunteer at Tom@tdixonassociates.com.
- We start the Yard of the Month competition in May where we award a \$100 gift card to Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco to the winning family with the best landscaping. We plan to run this competition monthly until August and again hold the competition in December where we award 3-4 winners for best holiday decorations. As in the past, to be eligible to win YOM award, you must be a paid Whiffletree member, another good reason to pay dues. If you want to join the YOM committee to help select winners, reach out to Robert Simmons at r.simmonsdfd@gmail.com. He would love the help.



- Whiffletree Neighbors participated in the Great American Clean-up in 2022 where we picked up litter around Prairie Meadow Park between Davis Library and Mathews Elementary. This year's event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 15, 9 AM to 12 noon. We will again target cleaning up Prairie Meadow Park so that we are close to home. If you want to volunteer to help, let me know at jimskelly15@gmail.com.
- We plan to host multiple safety seminars held at Davis Library where Plano Crime Prevention Officers presented invaluable information about protecting yourself, your family and your property. More info to come.

We also have several upcoming events planned in 2023.

2023 Whiffletree Activities Calendar

Event	Schedule
Great American Clean-up	May
Monthly Yard of the Month Awards	May-August
July 4 th 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 events in 2023. If you have ideas for new activities, we would love to hear them. Simply fill out the form on the website to let us know your thoughts and ideas: <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/contact-us>.



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. The benefit of this program is it can extend the life of our landfill and reduce costs to transport food waste to the landfill.

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.

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