



## Newsletter – April 2023

Welcome to Spring, grass turning green, plants growing, and flowers blooming. Here is the latest news of past and upcoming activities in Whiffletree.

- Whiffletree HOA (WHOA) held its annual meeting on April 4 where election was held and the annual budget was reviewed. The board for this fiscal year that runs until March 31, 2024 is comprised of the following members:

Position	Name
President	Jim Skelly
Vice President	Tommy Mrazek
Secretary	Lisa Kravitz
Treasurer	Bill Ostergren
Beautification Committee Chair	Tom Dixon
Crime Watch Committee Chair	Tom Moore
Membership Committee	HB Bartz
Social Committee Chair	Bill Webb
Welcoming Committee Chair	Wendy McRell

I want to thank all the board members who volunteered to serve. Thank you to Jaya Bhakta for her work as Welcoming Chairperson last year and to Wendy McRell for taking this position for this coming year. You can review the Annual meeting minutes including the budget at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/WHOA-Annual-Meeting-2023.pdf>.

- At Whiffletree HOA Annual Meeting held on April 4, we were joined by **Carrie Jones, Assistant Director of Plano Department of Public Works (DPW), responsible for Streets, Traffic and Construction**. Ms. Jones' presentation included information about Plano roadway conditions and plans to remediate. This included information and current timetable to overlay asphalt onto major roads in Plano. This thin asphalt top layer extends the life of the roads and defers road repair, thereby saving costs. Ms. Jones presentation also included information about major construction projects across Plano, including projects nearby Whiffletree and is very informative. You can view the presentation at [https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/23-0404\\_WHOA\\_Annual\\_Meeting\\_Presentation.pdf](https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/23-0404_WHOA_Annual_Meeting_Presentation.pdf).
- We are still in our annual membership drive. We need your support! Membership dues are our only source of income and fund the maintenance of our beautiful entrances and fund social events that give Whiffletree neighbors the opportunity to meet their fellow neighbors. As stated previously, we ran a deficit in fiscal year 2022-23 due to increasing costs across the board, 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 all surrounding neighborhoods. You may send check 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 online dues cost is \$150.



- This year we will again be providing an updated directory to all 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>.



- After years of working with the City of Plano, we recently learned that the screening wall along Independence from Clymer to Caravan will be replaced. The engineering design work is expected to be completed in Fall 2023 with construction taking place in Spring 2024. This will address the concerns about the current wall condition and appearance. We will keep you updated on this project as we learn more.



- Passed the amendment to covenants in all 3 Whiffletree subdivisions, which will restrict Short Term Rentals (STR) across all of Whiffletree. STR defined as 30 days or less. Documents are now being filed with Collin County Clerk office to take effect on all homes in the neighborhood. Thanks to all volunteers who helped to achieve this significant milestone, especially in light of recent horrific events that occurred at short term rental properties in Plano that made the news.

- Our entrances, among the most attractive of any neighborhood in all of Plano are starting to perk up with the longer and warmer days. The 1,000 tulips have come and gone and have been replaced with marigolds to add color to our entrances. As needed, we will replace plantings that did not make it through the winter. 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 route that has you 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](mailto:Tom@tdixonassociates.com).
- We start the Yard of the Month (YOM) 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](mailto:r.simmonsdfd@gmail.com). He would love the help.
- Whiffletree Neighbors participated in the Great American Clean-up on Saturday, 4/15, where we picked up litter around Prairie Meadow Park, Davis Library and Mathews Elementary. Thanks to the volunteers who participated in this event.



- Beginning April 1, the City of Plano asks you to water landscaping only two times a week.

Avoid watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and when rain is in the forecast.

Use the last digit of your home address to follow this schedule:

Even digit (including zero): Monday & Thursday

Odd digit: Tuesday & Friday

Only water when needed. You may not need to water if rain is in the forecast. Subscribe to

<https://watermyyard.org/#/Location> for weekly watering recommendations. **This information is also posted on Whiffletree website at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>**

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, please submit them to <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/contact-us>.

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