



Newsletter – August 2023

Here is the latest information of recent past events and upcoming activities in Whiffletree.

- Congratulations to Yard of the Month (YOM) winners in July, **Lori & Ken Robinson at 3308 Snidow Court**. Despite the incredibly hot and dry weather, Lori and Ken have worked hard all year to make their yard beautiful. As winners of Whiffletree YOM, Lori & Ken receive \$100 gift card at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. Congratulations Lori & Ken, your yard looks fantastic!



To be eligible for YOM award, all you need to be is a paid WHOA member and have a green thumb! We will be on the search for our YOM winner in September. 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.

- As reported in recent Live Green in Plano publication, Mathews Elementary was recognized under the City of Plano's **Green School Program** that teaches and models environmental stewardship. The primary goal of the partnership between PISD and the City of Plano is to emphasize proper recycling. The program rewards schools that empower students, staff and their community to adopt additional sustainable practices. Mathews was one of only 5 schools across all of PISD that won cash award for their efforts that went above and beyond program requirements, including special recycling and reuse collections, social media and video campaigns, school gardens and more. The cash awards will be used to enrich their respective environmental education and outreach initiatives next school year. We are proud of this accomplishment by Mathews leadership, teachers and staff, along with great support from students and parents.



- Speaking of schools, **Plano school year starts this Wednesday, August 9**. Let's be extra careful on the roads with increased traffic and children and parent pedestrian traffic.
- As reported previously, after years of work by WHOA leadership with the City of Plano, the screening wall along Independence is scheduled to be replaced starting by early 2024. We will see new wall from Clymer to Caravan entrances. Since it is expected that the landscaping at both entrances will be replaced by the City of Plano at the end of the project, we will not be adding or changing any plantings at these entrances for the balance of this year.





- Get ready for the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) Peanut Butter Drive that runs September 1-30. During these challenging economic times for so many families in North Texas facing sizable increases in food costs over the past few years, the annual Peanut Butter Drive campaign brings together North Texas cities, organizations, schools, and faith-based groups to collect peanut butter and other nut butters. The peanut butter collected is then distributed throughout the NTFB feeding network. In the past years, Whiffletree neighbors have been extremely generous in their support of this program and we hope this continues in 2023. You will be able to make financial donations online via our website which will contain a link to the NTFB website (NTFB created a special donation collection page for Whiffletree). You can also purchase Peanut Butter and drop them off at the home of a Whiffletree neighbor. Look for more information as we get closer to September 1 and the program start.
- Additional events planned for later this year include:
 - National Night Out held at Prairie Meadow Park (next to Mathews) – Evening of October 3
 - Plano Fittest Neighborhood in Plano Competition – November 1-30
 - Yard of the Month competition for best holiday decorations - December
- During these times with near historic heat and drought, there are 3 free apps that you can download that can help you, your neighbors and our region manage our vital water and energy resources through these challenging times. They are:
 - **WaterMyYard** app, provided by Texas A&M, uses local weather data to provide free weekly watering advice. WaterMyYard can help your water bill, while at the same time help to conserve Texas water resources for the future.
 - **My Oncor** app provides numerous services, including ability to report and track progress on power outages, manage new service requests and receive real time news updates from Oncor, including efficiency and safety tips.
 - **ERCOT** app. ERCOT, The Electric Reliability Council of Texas operates Texas's electrical grid. This app reports real time electricity demand and supply as well as information about available electricity capacity, the mix of electricity sources and any news about actions we as consumer of electricity should in the event of projected tight supply.

All these apps are available for Apple and Android devices. You can take a look at them and decide if they could be good information for you and your family.

- We need your support! Currently, 296 of the 477 homes in Whiffletree have paid the voluntary dues. 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. Whiffletree annual dues payment is \$145 by check and \$150 for online payment, 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.



- In September, we will again be providing an updated printed directory to all paid members of Whiffletree V/VI/VII that includes all kinds of information about Whiffletree and its residents, another reason the pay dues. If you are a new resident or if your household information has changed, please complete the online membership form on our website by end of August before go to print the directories. You can do this at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/membership-form>.

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

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