



Newsletter - October 2023

Updated info of recent events and upcoming activities in Whiffletree.

- **National Night Out** was held at Prairie Meadow Park on Tuesday, October 3. National Night Out is an annual event established to enhance the relationships neighbor-to-neighbor and with law enforcement. As we have done in the past, we invited our friends from Estates of Forest Creek (EFC). In total we hosted over 100 neighbors from Whiffletree and EFC. Everyone enjoyed the delicious ice cream from Henry's. We were honored that Mayor, John Muns, Police Chief, Ed Drain, and Plano City Council Members, Julie Holmer and Shelby Williams, joined us. Mayor Muns and Chief Drain spoke to the entire gathering and then spent a significant time speaking with many individual neighbors. We sincerely thank Mayor Muns, Chief Drain and Council Members Holmer & Williams for spending time with Whiffletree and EFC neighbors.



- Whiffletree neighbors again showed their generosity by donating over \$4,150 & pounds of Peanut Butter to the 2023 North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) Peanut Butter Drive held in September. This annual drive supports the many food-insecure families across North Texas. We sincerely thank you for your support. Whiffletree had the largest donation amount of any Plano neighborhood. We are the Nuttiest Neighborhood in Plano for the 3rd year in a row! Thanks to all who donated. You have all helped families in need in North Texas.



- Whiffletree HOA is excited to announce a new publication called, **Notable Neighbors**, where we produce articles about Whiffletree history and our residents. Two Whiffletree neighbors, Kelly Paschalis and Kim Stockberger, have volunteered to write the articles, and the first one is titled, **The Legend of Langley Drive**, which describes the genesis of the incredible Halloween celebration on Langley Drive and Langley Court. I invite you to read the story about the modest beginnings of Halloween on Langley and how it grew into the gem it is today. A summary of each **Notable Neighbors** article will be posted on the Whiffletree website homepage (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>). You can read the *full* article by clicking on the new **Notable Neighbors** tab on our website. We are planning *future* articles for Whiffletree **Notable Neighbors**. We have residents who have unique stories large and small; stories in business, academics, sports, charity, parenting, hobbies... If you know someone (or **are** someone!) who has an interesting story to tell, please don't be shy. Send me a note and you or someone you know could be featured next. Thank you!





- Plano Neighborhood Fitness Competition is ongoing and scheduled to run until October 31. Whiffletree has 52 participants in this fun event where participants track and report their physical activities. It is worth noting that Whiffletree's 52 participants more than 3X the number of participants from any other neighborhood! To date, Jack Stevens of Leigh Drive is leading the entire competition with an incredible 4.5 days of bike riding. Great work Jack and all Whiffletree participants!
- Whiffletree will hold its annual Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, November 4. More info to follow on how you register with City of Plano and general tips for holding Garage Sale. The following Saturday, November 11, is Texas Recycles Day. You can take items that you did not sell at the November 4th Garage Sale to recycling locations on November 11. You can learn more about Texas Recycles at <https://www.plano.gov/649/Texas-Recycles-Day>.
- The Whiffletree Directory has been distributed to all paid Whiffletree HOA (WHOA) members. The Directory includes contact information about Whiffletree residents as well as valuable info about the neighborhood and City of Plano services (another reason the pay dues)! If you have not paid your dues for this year, you can still do it and receive a Whiffletree Directory. You can go to <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/pay-dues> and pay \$150 dues via credit card or you can send check for \$145 payable to WHOA and mail to PMB 288, 3948 Legacy Drive, Suite 106, Plano, TX 75024-8300. Your dues primarily are used to maintain our beautiful entrances and hold fun social events.
- After the brutal summer heat took its toll on our lawns and gardens, we decided to delay selection of Yard of the Month (YOM) in September and move it to October with its cooler and wetter weather. The YOM team is searching the neighborhood and expects to make a selection for October later this week. Once selected, we will place the YOM banner, take photos and announce winner via email and post on website. YOM winner receives \$100 gift card at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. To be eligible for YOM award, you do need to be a paid WHOA member, another reason to pay your dues!
- We hope you are enjoying the fall lighting at the Marchman entrance. You may have noticed that the lights are on 24/7. There are 2 reasons for the lights being on all the time. They are:
 - The lights are all LED and consume very little electricity and
 - We have experienced problems in the past where the outdoor rated timer switches trip off in wet weather like we are having this week. Hence the decision to leave these lights on all the time instead of having to physically go to the corner and reset the timer switches when they trip off.
- Plano Winter outdoor watering guidelines are effective November 1- March 31, where residents are asked to water only once per week. Residential addresses with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) as their last digit water Tuesdays. Residential addresses with an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 and 8) as their last digit water Thursdays. Residents are encouraged to **water when needed and only on your assigned watering day**. You may not need to water if rain is in the forecast. Subscribe to WaterMyYard.org for weekly watering recommendations.



Who's the fittest
of them all?



- Remember that Whiffletree website (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>) is an excellent source of info about the neighborhood, upcoming events 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