



Newsletter – March 2024

Updated info of recent events and upcoming activities in Whiffletree.

- We are planning *future* articles about 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. Special thanks to Kelly Paschalis and Kim Stockberger for taking the time to speak with the Whiffletree neighbors and then write the amazing stories.
- Ninety-five Whiffletree neighbors attended our annual Winter Social on Monday, January 22, 2024, at Napoli's Italian Restaurant. As you can see from the photos, this was a fun event enjoyed by all. This event is a great opportunity to reacquaint yourself with longtime friends & neighbors as well as to create new friendships. This annual event is for paid WHOA members. It was great to see so many Whiffletree neighbors. We hope to see even more Whiffletree neighbors at this event next January.



- At Whiffletree entrances, we planted 1,000 tulips that are in full bloom. In the next few months, we are also planning to replace a number of bushes at Marchman and Harvey entrances that have succumb to harsh Texas weather. This project is funded in large part by Neighborhood Beautification Grant from the City of Plano. Additionally, the City of Plano plans to replace the screening wall along Independence from Clymer to Caravan. This will include new landscaping at both entrances. Timetable for this renovation project is TBD but is still scheduled for 2024. Will keep you updated.
- It seems a ways off, but we will start our Yard of the Month (YOM) program in May where we award \$100 gift card to Shades of Green Nursery to monthly winners. So, as the weather warms and lawns and gardens start to grow again, let's get our yards looking beautiful again. You could be YOM winner! Please note that YOM winners need to be paid Whiffletree HOA (WHOA) members.
- Speaking of paid Whiffletree membership, we commenced our annual membership drive for our fiscal year 2024-2025 that runs April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Despite increases in costs for many of the services that we utilize, annual dues will remain unchanged at \$145 via check and \$150 paid via credit card on our website (due to the online transaction fees we incur). Whiffletree dues remain the lowest compared to surrounding neighborhoods. You can pay your FY 2024-2025 dues at any time now by sending check for \$145 payable to WHOA and mail to PMB 288; 3948 Legacy Drive, Suite 106; Plano, TX 75023 or going to <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/pay-dues> to pay via credit card. Your support is greatly appreciated and goes to maintaining our 5 entrances and holding enriching & fun social events.



- Plano held a Community Leadership Meeting with Plano City leadership, local charitable organizations, faith-based groups, neighborhood leaders. The meeting focused on emergency preparedness. City leaders and speakers from Atmos and Oncor reviewed current emergency planning. You can learn more about this important topic through links listed below. We also posted information about steps we should all take to be emergency prepared on Whiffletree home page, <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>.



- [City of Plano Emergency Management resources](#)
 - [Atmos Energy Storm Center](#)
 - [Oncor mobile app](#)
 - [Oncor alerts](#)
- The information provided by each of these links can be very valuable in the event of a community or even household emergency or service interruption. Take a look at each of these links and consider signing up for notifications offered by the City of Plano, Atmos and Oncor. It can help keep you in the know, receive alerts of emergencies and service outages, and to report service outages or emergencies.
- NTTA, who manages all the tollways around North Texas, offers roadside safety service on all tollways at no cost. The roadside services include change flat tire, provide enough gas to get you to the nearby gas station, jump-start batteries, make minor repairs, provide traffic protection and assist after a crash. **You can get free help by dialing #999** – or clicking “Free Roadside Help” on NTTA’s [Tollmate app](#). You can learn more about NTTA safety program at <https://www.ntta.org/safety>.
- Plano City Council has approved repaving and subsequent thin asphalt overlay on Legacy Drive from Custer to Coit and Independence from Parker to McDermott. Schedule not available at this time. As far as streets within Whiffletree, several Fix-It Plano reports have been filed with the City about conditions of Harvey near Legacy and areas along Marchman needing repairs. The City is aware of the problem. Some areas have been patched.
- We are still seeking volunteers interested in serving. If you have any interest, we would love the support. If interested, contact me jimskelly15@gmail.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 neighborhood info as well available 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