



## Newsletter – April 2024

Updated info of recent events and upcoming activities in Whiffletree.

- As many of you are aware, Plano ISD is updating its Long-Range Facility Plan and is considering school closures and boundary realignment due to declining district-wide enrollment (55,700 students at peak in 2012 to current 47,800 student).
  - PISD is holding an open meeting to receive public input on Tuesday, April 9, 6:00-7:30 PM at Shepton High School in the Presentation Room. Shepton HS address is 5505 West Plano Parkway, Plano, TX 75093. This session is the last public meeting before PISD finalizes its Long Range Facility Plan and announces possible school closures in May.
  - You can see more information about the Long-Range Facility Plan at <https://www.pisd.edu/Page/31905>. The meeting serves as last opportunity to participate in this important process.
- Another opportunity to participate in our local governing process is going to held nearby for the next several months. The Florence Shapiro Council Chambers on Avenue K, just north of 15<sup>th</sup> Street, are undergoing renovations. During this time, all Planning & Zoning (P&Z) and City Council Meetings will be held at Davis Library.
  - Latest P&Z meeting was last held on April 1 and next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, with the public session beginning at 7 PM. This is a great opportunity to see your local government in action, making decisions that impact our lives in Plano, and it is taking place in our neighborhood!
  - You can obtain more information about Plano City Council Meetings at <https://www.plano.gov/1444/City-Council-Agendas>.
- On April 2, Whiffletree HOA (WFOA) held its annual meeting.
  - The following board members were elected and will serve until March 31, 2025:
    - 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 Chair: HB Bartz
    - Social Committee Chair: Bill Webb
    - Welcoming Committee Co-Chairs: Nona Reid & Suzanne Starling
  - Also, the annual budget was reviewed and approved for the upcoming fiscal year.
  - We thank the volunteers who serve on the board as well as many other volunteers who assist with overseeing our entrances and participate in the selection of the Yard of the Month winners. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in a number of areas. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We can work with your family and work commitments. Let us know if you have an interest.



- On March 20, Tom Moore, WHOA Crime Watch Chairperson, represented Whiffletree at Plano Police Crime Prevention event designed to assist neighborhoods across Plano create and enhance neighborhood engagement and involvement in crime prevention. The entire Plano PD Crime Prevention Unit was present at this event.
  - Plano PD Officers (Chris Biane and Sheldon Krc) reviewed the following topics:
    - What is a Neighborhood Watch
    - When to Call 911 and when not to
    - When to call the Plano PD non-emergency number
  - Tom Moore presented information about Whiffletree Crime Watch activities as well as how we engage with neighbors to enhance neighborhood safety. I want to thank Tom for his close work with Plano PD to organize timely safety seminars held throughout the year online or in person at Davis Library and for sharing crime information that may impact us here in Whiffletree. Tom's valuable connections with Plano PD helps Whiffletree and its neighbors remain safe. Thanks Tom!
- 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.
- We replaced tulips with spring/summer flowers. In April, we plan 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 a 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 Clymer and Caravan entrances. Timetable for this renovation project is TBD but is still expected to be completed in 2024. Will keep you updated.
- With a warmer spring and good start to the growing season, we plan to start our Yard of the Month (YOM) program in April where we award \$100 gift card to Shades of Green Nursery, located in Frisco, to monthly winners. So, let's get our yards looking beautiful. You could be a YOM winner! Please note that YOM winners need to be paid Whiffletree HOA (WHOA) members. Also, Plano spring & summer watering guidelines are in effect April 1-October 31. You can view these guidelines at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/> (in right column about half way down the home page).
- Our annual membership drive continues for our fiscal year 2024-2025 that runs April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. As of March 31, 190 out of 477 homes in the neighborhood have paid the annual dues. If you have paid your dues, thank you. If you have not yet paid, please know that we need your support. Your dues go to maintaining our 5 entrances and holding enriching & fun social events. Despite increases in costs for many of the services that we utilize, annual dues for this fiscal year 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 by check for \$145 payable to WHOA and mail to PMB 288; 3948 Legacy Drive, Suite 106; Plano, TX 75023-8300 or go to <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/pay-dues> to pay via credit card. Your support is greatly appreciated.

- As you have likely seen in your daily drive, construction along Legacy Drive and Independence has commenced.
  - When repairs are completed, these roads will receive the thin asphalt overlay to extend the life of the roadways by sealing the road and reducing water from getting under the concrete and causing road deterioration. It also smooths and quiets the ride significantly.
  - 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. You can report road and/or alley problems (or other issues such as trash/recycling, animal services, water/sewer, and more) by downloading Fix-it Plano App or going to <https://www.plano.gov/1096/Fix-It-Plano>. The City is responsive to Fix It Plano reports.
  - As we have seen in Whiffletree, road patch repairs are usually completed promptly. More significant, longer-term road repairs are also addressed as seen this week on Marchman near Leigh. Fix It Plano App and website are excellent tools to report issues to the City, and the City listens & takes actions on these reports.
- Remember that the Whiffletree website (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>) is an excellent source of info about the neighborhood, upcoming as well as past events.
  - 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.
  - Additionally, check out our Facebook page, @mywhiffletreeHOA (you can search it under “Whiffletree V, VI, VII”) and don’t forget to Like Us!

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