



## Newsletter – November 2024

Updated info of recent events and upcoming activities in Whiffletree.

### ONLINE DIRECTORY

- **We are releasing the Whiffletree online directory next week** and will be adding an Online Directory page to our website. You will see this password protected page listed with other available pages in the menu bar at the top of our home page, <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/>. **All paid Whiffletree HOA (WHOA) members will receive an email with the password and instructions on how to access the online directory.**
- For security reasons, you will be asked to enter your first and last name, email and street address. This will give you access to the Online Directory that you can view and/or download.
- On this login page, you will also have the option to opt-out of receiving the printed copy of the directory. If you do not opt-out, you will receive this year's printed directory, scheduled for distribution in November. If you opt-out and subsequently decide that you want to opt-in to receive future printed copies of the directory, you can change your preference at any time throughout the year. We will note this change and include you in future printed copy distribution.
- The online directory includes the same information as the printed directory with one exception ... information about children was removed from the online directory (e.g., we do not show any children names, birthdates, etc.). The WHOA Board determined this was the prudent step to take given that this is an online document even though it is password protected. You will still see the alphabetical list of residents as well as street listing of all Whiffletree neighbors and the contact information that they have provided. Additionally, there is extensive information about the Whiffletree, including its history, neighbors' interests, info about Plano trash & recycling, and much more.
- The online version will be updated throughout the year as home ownership changes. Again, we will continue to print and circulate the annual hard copy version and will provide it to paid members who do not opt-out of receiving the printed directory. If you do not need or want the printed copy, please opt-out of receiving the printed copy, which will reduce paper in your home as well as reduce the printing costs.
- **If you have the most recent directory, please review the information about your family and update it as needed. You can update your family information by going to <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/membership-form>.**
- Please review the online directory and share your thoughts. We would like to hear you.

### HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

- Our neighbors on Langley held their annual Halloween extravaganza with an estimated 2,000-3,000 participants. Also, the Halloween tradition is growing on Monette and Breton with some incredible decorations. Whiffletree continues to show that is a unique and welcoming neighborhood. Great job neighbors! A couple of pictures appear below.



### PLANO FITNESS COMPETITION

- Whiffletree had a strong Plano Fitness Competition team with 42 participants who ran, walked, biked, swam and more to stay fit. We had numerous top finishers in the competition. As a neighborhood, we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the average per participant as well as activity point totals. Great job and thanks to all who joined up.



### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

- We plan to recognize 3 homes in December with best Christmas decorations as our final 2024 Yard of the Month winners. The winning homes will receive \$100 gift card to Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. To be eligible for YOM award, you do need to be a paid WHOA member.

### NEW SCREENING WALL

- Construction of new screening wall along Independence from Clymer to Caravan is now projected to be completed around mid-November, a delay from earlier end of October projection. Good news is that City of Plano has approved WHOA's proposal for new landscaping at Clymer and Caravan entrances. We are using the same landscaping contractor that did Harvey & Marchman entrances in 2020 after the Legacy wall was replaced and expect we will all be pleased with the results. The current plan is to plant the new landscaping in November, weather permitting.

### WATERING GUIDELINES

- Effective November 1, The City of Plano outdoor watering guidelines limit sprinkler use to the **once-a-week schedule** based on the last digit of your house number:
  - Homes with addresses ending in **odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)** – Operate sprinklers **only on Tuesday**
  - Homes with addresses ending in **even numbers (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)** – Operate sprinklers **only on Thursday**
  - The City of Plano also recommends that we follow these guidelines as well:
    - **Turn off automatic sprinklers.** Once cooler weather arrives, most grasses go dormant until spring which reduces your lawn's need for water.
    - [Subscribe to WaterMyYard](#) for customized weekly watering recommendations.
    - **Set your sprinklers to run between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.** This is when the temperature is warmer.

- **Don't plant cool season grasses.** Ryegrass and fescues require extra water during winter.
- **Avoid excessive water runoff and watering during rain, ice or snow.** Runoff is prohibited because it leads to dangerous icing of streets and sidewalks.
- **Only water if your lawn needs it.** Just because it is your day to water doesn't mean you must water.
- To learn more about watering guidelines, [CLICK HERE](#). These guidelines apply until March 31, 2025. This information is also posted onto WHOA website (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com>).

### STATUS OF PAID MEMBERSHIP

- **302 out of 477** homes in the neighborhood paid the annual WHOA dues. If you have paid your dues, thank you. The majority of your dues goes to maintaining our attractive entrances. We also hold enriching & fun social events. We will commence our membership drive form FY 2025-2026 in February 2025.

### WHO TO CALL AT THE CITY OF PLANO

- Many of you may wonder where to call in City of Plano for help with an issue or problem. [Click Here to view and download a document with City of Plano phone numbers to call](#). You can also download onto your phone or tablet the Fix-it Plano app to report problems. The City of Plano listens to its residents and takes action.



### OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

- 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! Our Facebook page is becoming more active so take a look. Also, click on the Links tab on our home page or go directly to <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/links> to view 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