



Newsletter – April 2025

Whiffletree Newsletter about news and upcoming events.

- Whiffletree HOA (WHOA) held its Annual Meeting at Davis Library on Sunday, 4/13.
 - Neighbors that attended approved the proposed board slate and the annual operating budget for FY 2025-2026 that runs to 3/31/2026.
 - We also hosted several leaders from City of Plano Departments that presented the 2025 Bond Package that is being voted on Saturday May 4 (early voting April 22-29). In addition to 7 Plano Bond Propositions totaling \$647.9 M being voted upon during this election, the election includes Plano City Council (five positions), Plano ISD Trustees (four positions) and Collin County Community College Trustees (three positions). You can learn more about Plano 2025 Bond Package at <https://plano-tx.civilspace.io/en/projects/2025-bond-referendum>. View sample ballot for our precinct at <https://www.collincountytx.gov/Elections/Documents/BS%2024.pdf>. We thank the many City of Plano officials that attended our annual meeting and took time on a Sunday afternoon to present the Bond Referendum and answered a wide range of questions.
- As stated, we have a new WHOA board. It includes:
 - Board Officers**
 - President: Jim Skelly
 - Vice President: Tommy Mrazek
 - Secretary: Andrea Landon
 - Treasurer: Bill Ostergren
 - Committee Chairs**
 - Beautification: Tom Dixon
 - Crime Watch: Tom Moore
 - Membership/Directory: HB Bartz
 - Social: Bill Webb
 - Welcoming: Nona Reid & Suzanne StarlingWe thank Lisa Kravitz for her long-standing service to WHOA as Secretary and welcome Andrea Landon as new Secretary.
- **We are still asking neighbors to pay annual WHOA dues.** To date 162 neighbors out of 477 homes have paid. **To those who have already paid your dues for 2025-2026, THANK YOU!** Our HOA dues payment is voluntary and we depend totally on dues to fund the cost of maintaining our entrance landscaping, plantings, utilities (electricity for lighting the entrances and water for irrigating grass, plants and bushes), holiday decorations, special events and insurance/administrative expenses. Also, please note that WHOA dues are lowest of all nearby neighborhoods.
 - **TO PAY BY CHECK**, mail a \$145 check (payable to WHOA) to the Whiffletree mailbox (PMB 288, 3948 Legacy Dr, Ste 106, Plano, TX 75023).
 - **TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL**, go to our website, <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com>. Then click on “Membership” tab at top of page and select Pay Dues. Online payments are \$150 due to incremental charges by the payment processors.

- **NOTE: This year the Board has decided that all residents who pay by April 30th will be entered into a drawing. One resident will be selected and will be given a free HOA membership next year, so the winner will actually receive two years of HOA membership for the price of one!**
- Paid members also receive our annual neighborhood Directory. We now offer an Online Directory (<https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/onlineDirectory>), which is updated throughout the year as new residents move in and/or household information changes (you can update information at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/membership-form>). Paid residents are also able to request a printed version if they prefer. **If you forget or lose the login instructions and passwords for the online directory, reply to this email. If a paid member, we will email you login instructions.**
- Women of Whiffletree & Planned upcoming events:
 - Successful and well attended first **WOW Whiskey and Wine Walk** on March 29. This was a fun night enjoyed by many Whiffletree neighbors. Be on the lookout for this event again in the future.
 - The next Women of Whiffletree (WOW) general meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 27, location 3400 Wolfe Circle starting at 1pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Whiffletree neighbors and discuss upcoming activities and projects, including another Wine and Whiskey or Tequila and Titos event, Lita's Lunch, Membership drive ideas, block captains, etc. You can go to Women of Whiffletree page at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/wow> to RSVP for this event and add your name to various WOW interests.
 - The next WOW Book Club meeting is on **April 17 at 3312 Swanson Drive**, starting at 6:00 PM if you wish to discuss last month's book, *King of Diamonds*, a little more, and 6:30 PM to review April book, *Natural Beauty*. Monthly book club meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. You can complete the WOW Form at <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/wowform> where you can list all of your interests, including book club.
 - WOW **Bunco night continues to be held on** second Wednesday of the month (next play date is May 14). If interested in joining Bunco group as sub or to form new group (2nd nighttime group or new daytime group), email Betsy Westerman at bwesterman2009@gmail.com or complete WOW Form <https://www.mywhiffletreehoa.com/wowform>.
- Long awaited Independence screening wall is nearing completion with electrical and water hook-ups completed so that our landscaper can install plantings. We expect the project to be completed and plantings installed by May.
- Yard of the Month (YOM) Awards commence in April where we recognize most beautiful landscaping at homes in neighborhood. We award YOM April to October and again in December for holiday decorations. The winners receive \$100 gift card at Shades of Green Nursery in Frisco. Must be paid member to be eligible. Also, we are looking for volunteers to assist with selecting YOM winners. If you walk or drive the neighbor, we would love your inputs. Contact Robert Simmons at r.simmonsdfd@gmail.com if interested in joining the YOM team.
- We are also looking for volunteers to assist the Beautification Committee to survey the entrances. Again, if you walk the neighborhood and would be interested in making a brief, periodic survey of an entrance and report back to Tom Dixon on any issues, such as defective or damaged irrigation, plant(s) in stress, damage or trash, contact Tom Dixon at Tom@tdixonassociates.com. He would love the assist and it will benefit all of us in the neighborhood to maintain beautiful entrances.

- **Outdoor Watering: Apr 1 - Oct 31**

Plano residents & businesses are asked to only water a maximum of **twice per week** from April 1 to October 31.

Watering Schedule

- Residential addresses with an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 and 8) as their last digit, water Mondays and Thursdays.
- Residential addresses with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) as their last digit, water Tuesdays and Fridays.

Watering Guidelines

- **Only water when needed and only on your assigned watering days.** You may not need to water if rain is in the forecast. Subscribe to [WaterMyYard.org](https://www.watermyyard.org) for weekly watering recommendations.
- Watering with sprinklers between 10 am and 6 pm is prohibited, as these are the hottest hours of the day.
- Foundations and landscaping, including grass, shrubs and trees, may be watered for up to 2 hours any day by a hand-held hose or soaker hose.
- Low-flow drip irrigation systems may operate as needed.
- Excessive water runoff and watering during rain is prohibited.
- A variance may be requested to water new landscapes for up to 30 days. See [Water Variance Procedures \(PDF\)](#) for instructions. Variances are not required for filling pools.
- Download the [Spring/Summer Watering Guidelines \(PDF\)](#).
- 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 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