

Whispering Hills News

A Community of Neighbors

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

APRIL 2023

D10 Council Candidates Kathy Stewart And Brian Hasenbaum Respond to Questions Asked By Neighbors

Questions were submitted to all 4 candidates.

Kathy Stewart

On Expanding the North LH PID to Include Walnut and Audelia:

I am a big advocate for public improvement districts (PIDs). I helped create the North Lake Highlands PID. As the D10 Councilmember, I would support expanding the boundaries of the North LHPID to include the commercial and apartment properties at Walnut and Audelia.

On Working with Apartment Owners on Reducing Crime:

I completely support the monthly meetings that the DPD Northeast Division hosts for the property managers in the North Lake Highlands area. As the former Executive Director of the Lake Highlands PID and the North Lake Highlands PID, I attended these meetings. As the D10 Councilmember, I will meet with the North Lake Highlands property managers individually and encourage them to participate. I commit to attending the meetings as well.

On Distributing City and Financial Resources in D10

I have advocated for City resources for North Lake Highlands since 2015. I advocated for the improvements to LBJ East because it brought continuous frontage roads and the tied arch bridge to the area. During the design phase, I made sure that green space was set aside for gateway signage on both the north and south sides of the bridge.

I supported Deputy Chief Andy Accord in his efforts to get the boxing gym put in on the northwest corner of Forest and Audelia.

I kept reminding our leadership that there are very few city services north of LBJ. I was thrilled to hear the City purchased one of the worst shopping centers in the area (northwest corner of Forest/Audelia) – and will soon replace it with a City park and other City resources.

On Zoning to Ban Short Term Rentals (STRs) from Residential Neighborhoods

I support a ban on short-term rentals in neighborhoods that are zoned single family residential. Most single-family homeowners do not want short-term rentals in their traditionally residential neighborhoods, and I agree. We have experienced the "party house" too many weekends with overcrowding, overconsumption of alcohol, and noise.

On Implementing Changes at Friendship Park

I don't have enough information on the ranking of improvements to address this question. Some of the improvements are complete but I noticed that the basketball court is still there. I recall from the community meetings, that the neighborhood wanted the court removed. I would advocate for its removal.

Brian Hasenbauer

On Expanding North Lake Highlands PID to Include Walnut and Audelia:

I support the work of the PID and would be receptive to expanding their work if the benefits are clearly outlined to the neighborhoods impacted. I would like to hear more from businesses and homeowners in the area mentioned for additional feedback.

On Working with Apartment Owners on Reducing Crime:

I would continue to have regular feedback meetings with DPD, Code, Community Prosecutors, the PID, etc., to hear concerns and work together to hear the concerns of the apartment managers on how we can help them provide a safe living environment for their residents. For negligent or irresponsible property owners, we need to use all available tools (additional police presence, neighborhood

patrols, code, community prosecution, etc.) to reduce criminal activity in the apartments responsible for the crime.

On Distributing City and Financial Resources in D10:

There are numerous priorities I have for District 10:
1. Bask to basics. Safer, cleaner neighborhoods and streets. This includes hiring more police officers and increasing focus on road repair and infrastructure.

2. Reduce panhandling and homelessness.

3. Lowering taxes and ensuring more timely responses to 311 complaints, and making government work for you.

On Zoning to Ban Short Term Rentals (STRs) from Residential Neighborhoods:

Based on where we are in the discussion, I would like to see STRs banned from residential neighborhoods and limited to areas already zoned for hotels and lodging. We need to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Chris Carter and Sirrano Keith Baldeo did not respond to the questions submitted.

You can learn where all the candidates stand on issues by googling their names, or on their websites:

kathystewartd10.com chrisccarter4dallas.com
brianfordallas.org sirrano2023.com

Or... see a summary of Mike's notes on page 4 from the April 11th Candidate Forum .

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April Gift Card Winners Amber and Haroon Kahn

Congratulations Khans! Thank you for joining WHNA!



Amber and Haroon moved to Whispering Hills in January 2015, Amber from Uptown, and Haroon from near Mockingbird Station. Both are from Oklahoma (Norman and Tulsa respectively).

Haroon went to Oklahoma State, and is an accountant in the oil and gas industry. Amber started at the University of Oklahoma, then went to UT Southwestern. She is a radiologist.

They have a son, Jasim, 3, and are awaiting the arrival of his sister in May.

The family enjoys spending time outdoors when possible. They like to travel and visit with friends. Amber likes to read and do crafts. Haroon enjoys using his grill and smoker, and is also a realtor/real estate investor.

Work at the South End Plant Beds Moves Along



Project coordinator Davene Morgan, along with volunteers, Kelley French and Alan Ravkind, Wendy Kelly, Keli Kincaid, and Joe Grigalunas have weeded and added plantings to the waiting planters at the south end of Whispering Hills.

If you'd like to volunteer, contact Davene at WHNAvicepresident@whnadallas.com.

Neighborhood Streets with 20% or More Memberships

Belmark	44%
Echo Ridge	37%
Jennifer Place	36%
Brentridge Ct	33%
Cimmaron East	35%
Branwood	29%
Panther Ridge West	27%
Desert Willow West	25%
Bettywood	25%
Cimmaron West	24%
Deer Run	23%
Morgan Meadow	22%
Deermont West	22%

This information is based on information available April 1st. The streets that have sections on both sides of WH are considered separately for this presentation.

It wouldn't take much for any of these streets to reach 50%-- for some only 1 or 2 more members. Let's see if we can get closer by next newsletter (June) as well as add a few more streets to the list.

**Encourage
residents on your
street to join
WHNA! Be the
street with the
highest percentage
of members.**

**Interested in Coordinating
a Neighborhood
Yard Sale?
Contact a Board member
for information on what's
involved.**

Jennifer Place Neighbors Enjoy Each Other's Company



The families got together on April 1st to enjoy a buffet in their cul-de-sac.

Pictures by James Brim



Ask a Committee Chair
How You Can Help

WHNA Board Meetings

Are held 2nd Tues-
days of the month.

Watch for
announcements
via email
or go to
whnadallas.com for
information



Dine Out Schedule for April - September

Neighborhood Dine-Outs have been scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of each month for April through September at 6:30 p.m. at the restaurants shown below:

April 25 - Aboca's Italian Restaurant, 100 S. Central Expressway, Suite 63, Richardson

May 23 - Frankie's Place, 1914 N. Plano Road, Garland

June 27 - Tuscany Italian Bistro, 743 Brick Row #400, Richardson

July 25 - Fish Shack, 1840 N. Plano Road, Richardson

August 22 - Flaming Buffet, 1300 E. Belt Line Road #100, Richardson

September 26 - Rocco's Italian Cafe, 908 Audelia Road, Richardson

Please RSVP to Paulette Standefer by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the dinner at WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com or text to 972-897-7565.

This information is also available on the WHNA website calendar at whnadallas.com.

More for Your Calendar

*Meet on the
Street*

**Saturday Morning,
May 20th and Sept 16th**

8:30 AM

**Coffee & water for
morning walkers
at the corner of
Lawler & Whispering
Hills**

by Liberty Jr. High

Notes from the April 11th Candidate Forum on the Four Candidates Vying for the D10 Council Seat

Mike Gorman attended the Candidate Forum and took notes on comments made by the candidates, some of which are listed below. Whoever gets elected, our neighborhood needs to make sure the person is aware that we are here and what our needs are. The tendency has been for emphasis to be on the Lake Highlands neighborhood since that is where most of the D10 Council reps reside. Our neighborhood is in the area north of 635 called North Lake Highlands.

Kathy Stewart

Extensive background experiences with the city as director of both the Lake Highland and the Uptown PIDS. Was also on the Arts and Culture Commission.

Backed by DPD and Fire Department Association.

Her focus is will be on citizens of D10.

Will be available and answer questions from constituents.

Is positive on Adam McGough's performance. Says without him there would be no improvements to LBJ and Hamilton Park.

Feels laws should be enforced with compassion, using case workers effectively.

D10 has more affordable housing than any other district.

Will work to increase DPD staff and focus on apartment crime.

Has been advocating for D10 since 2004. Wants more identity for Lake Highlands.

Pushed for free service roads along LBJ

Sirrano Keith-Baldeo

Used quotations from the Bible.

Said he will expose City Hall corruption in the paper he publishes.

Will be a dog that bites.

Plans to keep pressing to enforce laws.

Worked to clean up Forest and 75.

Strongly dislikes the park idea at Forest and Audelia.

Feels money is wasted on wrong programs.

Brian Hasenbauer

Worked on commissions for Adam McGough and remains positive on his performance.

Feels there should be more housing for homeless that are looking for help.

Supports building drug and mental health facilities and increasing shelter space.

Says more affordable housing needed.

Need DPD to have nice community amenities.

Approves of Chief Garcia's data-driven approach.

Feels his focus should be on both City and D10, working with other districts to increase green space and keeping parks clean.

Chris Carter

Is a fiscal conservative predicting financial collapse for Dallas.

Is negative on Adam McGough's performance. Feels he's never available and is in developers' pockets.

Doesn't like social programs. Wants the federal government to handle them

Wants to pay police more. Feels city manager and staff make too much.

Made frequent comments about City council being too leftist.

Will focus his work on D10.

Says pension fund program for city will halt everything.

All of these candidates have indicated they support the KISS proposal, or are for zoning of residential areas only.

Let's Make Sure the City Knows What We Need Done to Make Our Streets Safe

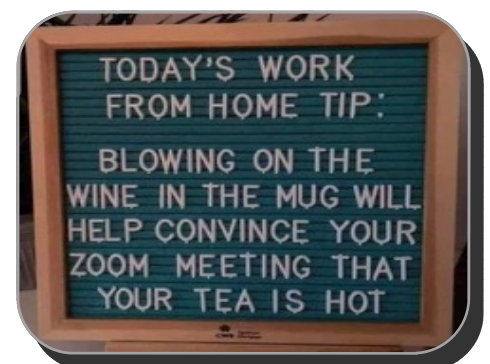
Requests for street, curb, and gutter repairs should be submitted through 311. The request should include block numbers and between which streets.

The reason for calling 311 is that there is a record of the request and a person with the required department must reply to you by email or call by a certain time. Always ask for an email from whoever replies to you so that you have a record that you can save.

Coyote Management Plan

Employees with Dallas Animal Services and the Parks and Recreation Department will present their coyote management plan June 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Highlands North Recreation Center, 9940 White Rock Trail.

**"The meaning of life is
to find your gift.
The purpose of life is
to give it away."
— William Shakespeare**



Recent Criminal/Suspicious Activity

From Recaps By Mike Gorman, Crime Watch Coordinator

3/20 Whispering Hills

Neighbor reported police officers instructing a suspect to get down on ground. The suspect refused and ran across Bunchberry, jumped LJHS fence, and ran north. As suspect jumped fence, 2 additional DPD officers pulled up and subdued the suspect. A total of 8 DPD units, 1 CIT unit, 1 DFR fire engine, and 1 DFR ambulance arrived. Suspect handcuffed and taken away.

3/22 Bettywood

Two incidents setting off security cameras and alarms, between 2 and 4:30 am, of a man crossing the front yard and going west down the alley.

3/24 Whispering Hills

VIP camera reported two law enforcement officers in unmarked cars arresting a person wanted on an outstanding warrant.

3/25 Hedgeapple

Unknown suspicious person pulled up across street from a home and walked around vehicle continuously acting in a suspicious manner. SP finally got back in car after about 15 minutes and left.

4/09 Whispering Hills

Criminal Mischief report for rear window of Mercedes SUV smashed in alley overnight. Report has been filed with DPD.

04/09 Bettywood

Loud voices from Short Term Rental pool area reported.

4/10 Jasoncrest

Unknown young male came to resident's front door asking for money for his car. Video provided.

Code Regulations Often Violated

OVERSIZED VEHICLES

(Sec. 28-81) No person may park a truck-tractor, road tractor, semi-trailer, bus, trailer or truck over one and one-half tons upon property or any public right-of-way abutting a Residential Area. \$20 Civil Penalty

24-HOUR PARKING

(Sec28-84) No person may park an unattended vehicle in a public street, alley or other public place continuously for longer than 24 hours. \$15 Civil Penalty

FENCE

(Sec 27-11(b)(10) An owner shall (A) maintain any fence on their property so it is not out of alignment more than 12" for a fence over 4feet; 6"for a fence 4 feet or less. (B) repair or replace rotted, fire damaged, or broken wooden slats and support rods. The fine: \$200-\$2000

SIGNS

(Sec 7A-16) No person shall post any notices to any lamppost, pole, or tree located on a public right-of-way, structure or building.

Update on Short Term Rentals

Submitted by Mike Gorman

Currently, the majority of the Dallas City Council voted to send the KISS (Keep It Simple Solution) recommendation regarding residential zoning back to a task force for another presentation of information. There will be no vote before the May 6th election. Reports of problem properties usually rise as summer approaches.

STR Facts:

The US Supreme Court Approved City's Rights to Zoning in the Euclid, Ohio case in 1927.

The City of Dallas confirmed it's right to zoning in 1934 case Lombardo vs City of Dallas

All property owners that started a commercial operation of renting out residential units for less than 30 days have been breaking the law.

They broke the law by not confirming current zoning that was in place and did not ask for an exemption.

The majority of STR owners do not voluntarily notify the City of Dallas about their properties and their intended operation. Nor do they voluntarily pay the City the Hotel Occupancy Tax of 9% for each stay.

The majority of Short-Term rental owners, On-Line Travel Agencies (OTA) like Airbnb, VRBO, etc. will not voluntarily share the property addresses of hosts with the City.

If You See Something Suspicious,

in addition to reporting to 911 or through the DPD online reporting system, send Mike Gorman an email at WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com

In your report, include what aroused your suspicion, along with date, time, and location where the incident occurred.

Whispering Hills Buy Nothing

Join on Facebook by searching
Buy Nothing Far North Dallas (Whispering Hills)

Learn more about Buy Nothing here:
www.buynothingproject.org/about

No charge, no membership fee.

Whispering Hills Family Group

Search Whispering Hills Families on Facebook and request to join.
The group is "private" for safety reasons.

Mental Health Hotline

Call 988

People experiencing a mental health crisis can now simply call or text 988.

The new number is modeled after 911 to quickly connect people in a mental crisis with a mental health professional at a crisis center closest to them. If that center is busy, the call gets sent to a back-up center.

Check QR Code or Website for Garage/Yard Sale Requirements

dallascityhall.com/departments/codecompliance/Pages/garage-sales.aspx

Basics

- Permit from City is required
- There is a limit of two (2) garage sales at a premise during any twelve (12) month period (**NOT by calendar year**) and each sale may not exceed more than three (3) consecutive calendar days in length.
- Signs must be placed on private property; Signs placed on medians, public property or utility poles are illegal
- Signs must be removed within 24 hours of sale.
- 1st Garage Sale -No Fee
- 2nd Garage Sale -\$25.00 (No Cash)



CLASSIFIED ADS

Tamales by Blanca

Chicken in green sauce or pork in red sauce; homemade with quality ingredients.

\$16 a dozen with hot sauce.

Please text Blanca at 409-392-8416

Wendy Phynes-Jennings

Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant Star Team Builder

Inspiring Women's Lives--I bring beauty to you.

Website: marykay.com/wendyphynesjennings

Email: wendyphynes12@gmail.com

972-679-0570

Need pet care?

Neighborhood dogs & kitties give great reviews on the loving & watchful care!

References Available

Helen Meyer, 469-387-6094

(feature writer for newsletter).

Shower Enclosures Glass Work Kitchen & Bath Updates

Family-owned Company 17 years in Business!

Local Neighborhood Rep

Ultra Glass Technology

Brad McWilliams: 469-907-6287

About Classified Ads

This is a service for resident WHNA members.

Send name, address, phone, and email ,along with ad copy to: WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com

Please limit ad copy to 25 words or less. No graphics.

Check Out the WHNA Website at www.whnadallas.com (You don't need to sign in)

You Can Find:

- ⇒ Bulk Trash Pick-up Dates
- ⇒ How to Receive Community Corner Emails
- ⇒ How to Become a WHNA Member
- ⇒ Copies of Previous Newsletters
- ⇒ Whispering Hills Street Map
- ⇒ Crime Watch Stats and Info
- ⇒ City Staff and Services Contacts

Looking for Domino Players

By George Bentley

Four players are needed to play a domino game called Texas 42, my preference.

I also like to play Mexican Train, Chicken Foot, and regular dominoes [dominoes that add up to multiples of five and ten].

I'm willing to host a gathering in our home, afternoons or evenings. I have card tables and dominoes available.

My contact information: 972-690-5011, or preferably email: 1943gb@gmail.com

This invitation is a response to requests for Ideas on building a sense of community in the neighborhood. Any more ideas?

**Send them to:
WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com**

Dallas Library Offers "Creative Spaces"

Creative Spaces are Dallas Public Library's new makerspaces carved out of vacant rooms in the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Each space serves a different creative endeavor: storytelling, fiber arts and preservation. The library provides unique equipment and technology to allow the public to get hands-on experience, build new skills or try a new hobby.

Currently, all Creative Spaces are available by appointment only. Please contact the 3rd, 4th or 8th floor directly to make an appointment and learn about current access to Creative Spaces.

Or email LibCreativeSpaces@dallascityhall.com. You need to have a Dallas library card to take part in the activities..

Chuckles--What Did They Say?

What did the puddle say to the rain?

"Why don't you drop in sometime?"

What did the pony say when he coughed?

"Excuse me, I'm a little hoarse."

What did the river say to the sea?

"It was nice running into you."

What did the mother strawberry say to her children?

"Don't get caught in a jam."

Forestridge Students Show Appreciation for their Librarian

The month of April is School Library Appreciation Month. Students at Forestridge Elementary drew pictures and wrote appreciation notes to Andrea Dysput, their Library and Information Technology Educator (LITE) (to the students, Librarian)



Andrea has been an LITE at FRE for 13 years, and with RISD for 22 years.

During those earlier years, she first taught 2nd and 4th grade, then worked as a campus reading specialist. All the while, the idea of being a librarian was tugging at her.

She enjoys getting the students excited about reading, the result of which is evident while watching the children look for books during library specials time. Teaching how to find accurate and factual information is also high on Andrea's priorities.

Though Andrea is originally from Corpus Christi, TX, she and her husband, Michael, have lived in Richardson for the last 16 years.

FEED ONLY THIS TO HUMMINGBIRDS

From a post on Nextdoor

If you have feeders, PLEASE USE ONLY PLAIN WHITE SUGAR in your mixture of 1 part sugar to 4 parts water. No organic or raw or brown sugar, no powdered sugar, no honey, no artificial sugar.

Plain white sugar/water mixture is most similar to actual flower nectar with no toxic red color liquids!

Change the sugar water mixture every couple of days, especially during high temperatures, as it will start to ferment if it sits out for days on end.

FREE SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

Request FREE smoke detectors for your home from Dallas Fire Rescue by calling 311.





BRUSH & BULK



To avoid a Code citation, watch for signs posted on Whispering Hills on

Thursday before pick-up week.

NEXT PICK-UP WEEKS BEGIN:

April 24 and May 22

Set out on curb beginning Thursdays,
April 20 and May 18.

before 7am on the Monday of pick-up week.

Separate bulky trash from brush.

No glass or electronics

**Get the 2023 schedule and reminder texts
at:**

dallascityhall.com/sanitation

**Take These Items to the Chemical Collection
Center at 11234 Plano Rd, Dallas 75243:**

Chemical products	Cleaners & polishes
Aerosol sprays	Computers & cell phones
Batteries of <u>all</u> kinds	Fluorescent light tubes
Paint & home repair products	
Automotive fluids & oil filters	

Call 214-553-1765 for hours of operation.

What Goes into the Blue Bin?

Only These Items-No Garbage or Yard Debris

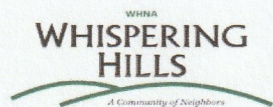
Glass Bottles and Jars--NO window glass, light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, ceramics, mirrors or Pyrex

Plastics--containers (rinsed) labelled #1-5 & 7 (found at the base of the container in the recycling emblem) **NO** plastic grocery bags (take those to the store), plastic wrap, plastic utensils, chemical containers or Styrofoam

Metals--steel, tin and aluminum **NO** foil or foil containers used for baking; no electronics or toys

Paper Products and Cardboard--newspapers, books (both paper and hardback) magazines, catalogs, envelopes, food and detergent boxes, paper egg cartons, 1-pack drink cartons, cereal boxes, folded corrugated and cardboard boxes; **NO** food contaminated boxes or plastic or foil-lined boxes or shredded paper

Order new or replacement rollcarts at:
dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation



2023 WHNA Membership Form

2023.MA.NL



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

<Person 1

Person 2>

Home/Cell

Phone

Home/Cell

Please indicate if number is home or cell number.

eMail

eMail address will be added to the email blast system for community meetings and events.

Dues: **\$50**
(tax deductible)

Additional Donation: _____
(tax deductible)

I would like my information to be included in the 2023 membership directory (circle one):
YES NO

Please indicate your interest in helping in one or more of the following ways:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Crime Patroller | <input type="checkbox"/> Making phone calls | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Dallas civic and government meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distributing newsletters or directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Registry | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping at neighborhood social events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judging Yard of the Month/Christmas Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Working your street/block for the membership drive | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on the Board or committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

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