

# Whispering Hills News

*A Community of Neighbors*

Serving the Residents of the Whispering Hills Neighborhood

JUNE 2023



## Congratulations, 2023 Graduates!!



### Iasmin Souza

Berkner High School  
Top Ten Percent  
National Honor Society  
Principal's Advisory Council  
Student of the Quarter  
140+ volunteer hours  
EKG, PCT, CPR certified  
Will be attending Dallas College, then UT Dallas, pursuing neuroscience major and a medical career.



### Amina Khan

International Leadership  
Garland  
National Honor Society  
Chinese Honor Society  
Student Council, Senior Committee  
Science Olympiad  
Track & Cross Country  
Plans to major in neuroscience and do research.



### Rylie McCarty

North Garland High School.  
Graduated with honors  
Her parents are so proud of her and of her achievements.  
She plans to study accounting at the University of Texas in Dallas.



### Ash Neilsen

Dallas Learning Center  
Graduated with honors.  
Enjoys cooking, computer games, music, and playing with her three dogs.  
Will be attending Dallas College in the fall



### Grace Stromberg

Homeschool  
Received the National Hispanic Recognition Program Award from College Board, resulting in a half tuition scholarship to Brown University.  
Plans to double major in illustration and graphic design and minor in photography.



### Ainsley Knott

Bishop Lynch High School.  
Was a cheerleader for all 4 years of high school.  
Performed in several theatrical productions.  
Plans to attend Dallas College.

## WHNA Board & Committee Chairs

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[whisperinghills.nextdoor.com](http://whisperinghills.nextdoor.com)

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[www.whnadallas.com](http://www.whnadallas.com)

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## President's Notes

*By Jake Bruch*

I want to first thank everyone who has joined WHNA so far this year and encourage everyone who has not to join by end of June. We already have more members than we did last year, so we are off to a good start.

My main goal when I took over as president was to gain more members and make everyone feel like they are in a great community.

I would like to encourage people to come to our get-togethers and meetings. We have meetings via Zoom every month (except July) with the intent to move to in-person by the end of the year.

I am always looking for suggestions on ways to improve or ideas for community events. Don't hesitate to reach out too if you have thoughts.

I hope everyone has a great summer!



## Dine Out Schedule for June - September

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

**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](mailto:WHNAsocial@whnadallas.com) or text to 972-897-7565.

This information is also available on the WHNA website calendar at [whnadallas.com](http://whnadallas.com).

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

**Jennifer Place has  
reached 50%!!**

**Belmark is almost there  
with 49%.**

**WHNA Board  
Meetings**  
**No meeting in July**  
Usually held 2nd Tues-  
days of the month.  
Announcements are  
sent by email, or go to  
[whnadallas.com](http://whnadallas.com) for  
information



## Neighbors Catch Up At First Gathering Following COVID



It was a bright, cool and breezy morning on May 20th, perfect for an outdoor gathering of neighbors at Whispering Hills and Lawler. About 30 people stopped by to chat and get re-acquainted while enjoying coffee at the first Meet and Greet of 2023 organized by WHNA Board and Committee members.

The next Meet and Greet is planned for Saturday, September 16th.



### Next Gift Card Drawing July 1st

Must be a WHNA member to be eligible

**To See the Newsletter in Color, Go to the  
WHNA Website ([whnadallas.com](http://whnadallas.com)).**

You can also find previous newsletters.

### NOTICE....

If you want to be included in the 2023 WHNA directory, dues must be paid by June 30. The directory will be available digitally to WHNA members.

## Update on Anti-Neighborhood Bills

If you are keeping up with what is going on regarding Short Term Rentals (STRs), here is a brief review.

Through the efforts of the Dallas Neighborhood Coalition and the Texas Neighborhood Coalition, and active residents, neighborhoods across the state have retained more local control.

Here are 6 bills that died in Austin as a result of the Coalitions' work.

1. The ADU\* and mini-lot bills
2. The party house bill died in committee.
3. The state-wide STR preemption bill was converted to a study and then died in committee.
4. The Airbnb/VRBO immunity bill did not get a hearing.
5. The STR preemption bill targeting the small town of Volente was withdrawn.
6. An STR state-wide preemption amendment on a fast-track bill was defeated.

\*Additional Dwelling Units

**At the June 14th Dallas City Council Meeting KISS was approved with some minor amendments. Hard work from many people saved the neighborhoods. Neighbors across the area will have to band together again in 2 years when the Texas Legislature reconvenes.**

**Meanwhile, neighbors will need to learn what the new rules are for reporting problems.**

**Thank you, Mike Gorman, for keeping the communication going in the neighborhood.**

## A Neighbor Asked, “What Are the Dallas Parking Regulations?”

Below is a list of violations applicable to the neighborhood as listed in the Dallas Parking Code. To report a parking violation, **call Dallas 3-1-1 at (214) 670-3111**. The report must include the type of parking violation, the location of the violation, the license plate number of vehicle in violation, the description of the vehicle in violation, and if violation is occurring on public or private property.

### SEC. 28-81.1. STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES.

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to be in compliance with the law or the directions of a police officer, a traffic and parking controller, or an official traffic-control device, a person commits an offense if he stops, stands or parks a vehicle:

- (A) in front of a public or private driveway;
- (B) within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- (C) within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- (D) within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;

### SEC. 28-84. PARKING FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS PROHIBITED.

A person commits an offense if he leaves standing or parked in a public street, alley, or other public place, an unattended vehicle or other private property for a continuous period of time longer than 24 hours. (Ord. 14584)

### SEC. 28-87. PARKING IN ALLEYS

(a) A person commits an offense if he parks or stands a passenger car or light truck in an alley so that any portion of the vehicle:

- (1) obstructs a driveway; or
  - (2) limits the width of the alley to less than 10 feet.
- (b) This section does not apply to a vehicle when it is used for construction, maintenance, or repair work in an alley or when it has a defect which immobilizes the vehicle. (Ord. Nos. 14818; 15455)

### SEC. 28-88. STANDING OR PARKING ON ROADWAYS

A person commits an offense if he:

- (1) parks in a direction other than direction of authorized traffic
- (2) parks with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle more than 18 inches from the right-hand curb or edge

## FREE SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

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





## Recent Criminal/Suspicious Activity

From Recaps By Mike Gorman, Crime Watch Coordinator

- 06/06 Suspicious person on Whispering Hills
- 06/05 Suspicious markings on sidewalk and mailbox, Panther Ridge
- 06/04 Vehicle hit on Whispering Hills
- 06/02 Three youth threw objects at cars. Also reported on 06/03
- 05/28 Suspicious Person on Deermont
- 05/26 Police Activity on Whispering Hills by LJHS football field
- 05/26 Neighbor hit fence with her car in attempt to escape followers
- 05/22 Drug sale activities reported to iWatch Dallas
- 05/20 Long-term room renter eviction
- 05/19 Suspicious person on Jasoncrest
- 05/12 Plant in pot stolen on Hornbeam
- 05/04 Prowler taking objects from porch on Whispering Hills
- 05/01 STR 311 nuisance calls for loud music and blocking alleyway
- 04/27 Student Assault at west end of Lawler at south alleyway
- 04/25 Auto Theft on Bernardin
- 04/25 Vehicle damaged on Chisholm
- 04/24 Random gunfire/fireworks reported
- 04/19 Suspicious vehicle in Bettywood alley
- 04/18 Prowler on front porch of house on Whispering Hills

## Next VIP/Crime Watch Training Date

**Saturday, August 26th**

Let Mike Gorman know if you would like to take the training. He will send you a flyer from DPD. His contact is on Page 2.

Applications and background forms will need to be submitted to DPD by Friday, August 18th.

## If You See Something Suspicious,

**Report it to 911, 311, or through the DPD online reporting system.**

**Then send Mike Gorman an email at [WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com](mailto:WHNAvipcoordinator@whnadallas.com)**

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

## Save the Date!

### DPD Northeast Division Annual Senior Wellness & Safety Event

**Wednesday, July 20, 2023.**

**St. Pius X Catholic Church (3030 Gus Thomasson Dallas, 75228).**

**Viewing of tables from 9:00am to 10:00am and program from 10:00am to 11:00am.**

**Some giveaways:**

- ◆ Personal Care Bags
- ◆ AC units (to those who qualify)
- ◆ Fruit n Vegetables
- ◆ Information on preventive Care
- ◆ Information on Medicaid and Medicare
- ◆ Local hospitals providing information and list of services

**Plans are to coordinate with the Cooper Institute to have Dr. Cooper as the guest speaker again this year.**

**The event will include information on how to stay healthy as we age.**

## Number Find

**Put a loop around any 3 numbers that add up to 12--up, down, or diagonally.**

6	4	2	6	8	1	3	6	2	5
5	1	5	3	2	9	3	2	8	4
1	4	5	3	2	9	4	7	2	6
2	7	4	1	4	7	5	3	6	2
8	4	5	5	3	3	6	8	4	1
2	6	7	1	4	5	8	5	1	6
5	2	7	6	5	5	2	8	7	5
4	4	4	7	3	2	5	4	3	7
3	8	5	4	3	5	6	4	5	4
6	5	3	1	9	1	2	8	6	1

## Whispering Hills Buy Nothing

Join on Facebook and search for  
**Buy Nothing NE Dallas - North Lake Highlands/  
Whispering Hills**

**Learn more about Buy Nothing here:**

**[www.buynothingproject.org/about](http://www.buynothingproject.org/about)**

No charge, no membership fee.

## Whispering Hills Family Group

**Search Whispering Hills Families on Face-  
book 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](http://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](http://marykay.com/wendyphynesjennings)

Email: [wendyphynes12@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:WHNAnewsletter@whnadallas.com)

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

### Check Out the WHNA Website at [www.whnadallas.com](http://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**



## It's Tarantula Coming Out Time in Texas!

From May to October, with the largest number in July, is when male tarantulas come out of their burrows by the thousands to seek female mates.

There are 14 species in Texas; the most common being the Texas Brown Tarantula. Females can live for 25 years, but males rarely live over 2-3 months after reaching maturity. Females lay 100-1000 eggs in a web constructed like a hammock and are guarded by the female in a burrow. If you want to find a tarantula in Texas, you will need to lift stones and logs in grassland areas in the hope of spotting one. They are rather secretive.

Aaron Goodwin, assistant zoological manager at the Dallas Zoo, said there is no reason to worry when you see a tarantula. Their size may seem amazing, or be frightening at first sight. Their bite can be painful to humans, but not harmful. They are not usually aggressive, tending to be rather docile.

When disturbed, tarantulas maneuver to face the threat and will raise up on their hind legs and stretch out their front legs in a threatening posture. They also may rapidly brush the top of their abdomen with their hind legs which dislodges hairs which irritate the eyes or skin of an attacker.

You may have seen or read about a tarantula being kept as a pet. Trapping or keeping one as a pet should not be attempted. "Just observe them," says Goodwin, take pictures and let them go their way."



## Forestridge Teacher, Victoria McKinney, Chosen as RISD Star Teacher

After being voted Teacher of the Year by staff and principals at Forestridge Elementary, Victoria McKinney was tapped to be RISD Star Teacher from among 8 other Teachers of the Year.

Congratulations,  
Ms. McKinney!!



McKinney, who has been at FRE for 4 years, is the 6th grade science teacher. It is her first job since graduating from Texas A&M Commerce.

Her aim in teaching is to think out-of-the-box to enhance curriculum when planning lessons. She works to keep all students in the class engaged in learning, and hopes her classroom is a place they want to come to. Her enthusiasm is evident.

Assistant Principal, Gale Haynes, describes McKinney as "an awesome person, and an even better teacher. She's a helper wherever her help is needed. A gem of a person."

Along with teaching, McKinney started a popular dance group for 4th and 5th graders at FRE. They have performed at Berkner High School and at Liberty Jr. High.

Dance teams and cheerleading have long been a part of McKinney's activities through high school in Rockwall, Tyler Jr. College, and at Texas A&M.

**Interested in Coordinating a  
Neighborhood-Wide  
Yard Sale?**

**Contact a WHNA Board member for  
Information on what's involved.**

## Fun Stuff

**Find the Names of These Countries Among  
the Words in the Sentences.**

India, Sweden, Russia, Canada

(1st one is done as example)

If only I could find a fortune **in diamonds**.

Mr. Jones says we dented his fender, but we didn't!

Said Russ, "I am very thirsty. Please pour me some  
lemonade"

Can a dash of salt really make the stew tastier?



## 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:**

**June 26 and July 24**

Set out on curb beginning Thursdays,  
June 22 and July 20

**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?

**No Garbage or Yard Debris**

**Only These Items**

**(Do Not Put in Plastic Trash Bags)**

**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](http://dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation)



## 2023 WHNA Membership Form

2023.MJ.NL



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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** Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

(tax deductible)

(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:**

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

**Send check (made payable to WHNA) to WHNA at 10323 Cimmaron Trail, Dallas, TX 75243.  
For PayPal/Venmo, go to [www.whnadallas.com](http://www.whnadallas.com)**

**2023 Membership Period—January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023**