



# WILSHIRE HEIGHTS

THE WILSHIRE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Vol. 19, No 1 JAN/FEB/MAR 2021

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Dallas Spring Attractions

*Many events may be canceled or postponed due to coronavirus concerns. Please check with the organization before going to any event.*

- **Dallas Blooms at the Dallas Arboretum:** this year's theme is "America the Beautiful" and features more than 100 types of tulips along with daffodils, cherry blossoms, and azaleas. Timed entry tickets required.
- **Perot Museum—The Science of Guinness World Records:** go behind the scenes and learn what it takes to set a world's record; timed entry tickets required
- **Dallas Museum of Art—Five Works by Frida Kahlo:** a rare opportunity to see 5 works on loan from a private collection; tickets required but admission is free.
- **Aurora presents Antibodies, An Interactive Artwork:** March 26—April 4, West End Square; a double-sided larger-than-life LED wall tracks the faces of participants and elicits them to make facial expressions. Masks & social distancing required; free.
- **Lakewood Village Farmers Market:** Sundays, 9 am—1 pm; parking lot at southeast corner of Mockingbird and Abrams
- **White Rock Farmer's Market:** Saturdays, 8 am—noon, 9150 Garland Road
- **Movies in the Park, Klyde Warren Park:** select Saturdays beginning March 20, 7—9 pm; family friendly films; grab a space on the lawn and enjoy a food truck picnic.

### ANYTHING IS POPSICLE!



**Welcome spring and meet your neighbors at our popsicle social!**

**Sunday, April 11**

**3—5 pm**

**Corner of Malcolm and Norris**

### FRIENDS OF TIETZE PARK'S 14th ANNUAL

### DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION EVENT & FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**

**9 am to 1 pm**

**Parking Lot—Skillman Church**

**3014 Skillman St.**

**On-site shredding by Sierra Shred**

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\$5 for each additional box  
Seniors 65 & older: \$5 per box**



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## A Note from the President:

Hello everyone!

I am Tom O'Leary, your new WHNA President. First, I would like to say Thank You!!, on behalf of all of us, to Richard Joseph, for all the time and effort he put into our neighborhood as our past President! Thankfully, Richard is still helping us as Committee Development Chairman and will continue be around to share his experiences.

As for me, I grew up in Dallas and have lived on Ellsworth Ave since 1995. I watched this neighborhood grow and change, but the one thing that seems to stand out is how safe and enjoyable this neighborhood of 700 homes has been over the years. And I believe the safety and enjoyment come from the connection we all have with each other. Growing up in East Dallas, we all knew our neighbors, and everyone looked out for each other's family and property. So, in trying to connect or reconnect with our neighbors, the Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association will be trying to create more social (Covid Appropriate) activities and better communication for a more FUN and even SAFER neighborhood. Remember, it all starts with each of us! The more neighbors you know, the better our neighborhood becomes!

Also, be sure to give your block captains your current email address so you can all see the new bi-monthly Safety Reports/Community Activities. And if you can, become a WHNA member today!

Thanks, and say Hello to a neighbor today!

Tom O'Leary  
WHNA President



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## When In Doubt Visit the Wilshire Heights Little Free Library

~ 6239 McCommas Boulevard

*By Sheila and Lennox Bower*

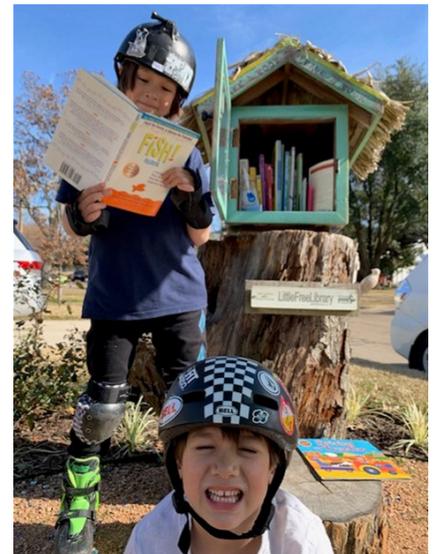
Sit down, take a load off. Grab a book and escape for awhile. Look for the big turquoise umbrella shading a mosaic bench from the Texas sun next to a Little Free Library brimming with books. It was 2014 when we first heard of the Little Free Library concept and fell in love with the idea. It seemed like a perfect addition to Wilshire Heights neighborhood because of the abundance of sidewalks and pedestrian traffic. We imagined a welcoming place, a destination where neighbors of all ages could gather together or solo and find a bit of solitude in a book. As a retired elementary teacher and an attorney we have always had a special affection for libraries. Libraries are one of the few places that excite us while giving us calm comfort. When we were kids, we saw them at face value: books for

education and entertainment. Libraries still offer stories for escape and knowledge, but we now know they are much more than that. For those unfamiliar with LFL, here's a primer. Back in 2009, a man in Wisconsin built a model of a one-room school-house as a tribute to his mother who was a teacher and a voracious reader. He placed the model on a post in front of his house, filled it with books and invited people to help themselves to a good read. Take a book and leave a book. That was the invitation. The idea grew quickly. Today, more than 100,000 LFL in 108 countries dot the planet, and those are merely the ones officially registered with the nonprofit LFL. The Wilshire Heights LFL on McCommas Blvd is actually the second LFL in this location. The original was damaged in 2017 by a large fallen branch. (The majestic old live oak from which the branch came eventually had to come down too.) The current Tiki-inspired, thatched-roof structure sits atop an old tree trunk. If you look on the back of the library you will see the word Bebob. That was the name of our much loved



***Sheila & Lennox Bower opened their Little Free Library in 2014***

Airedale Terrier who we lost in 2013. It is interesting how life brings unexpected surprises. The original intention of the LFL was to be for the benefit of neighbors in Wilshire Heights however the LFL has brought abundant joy to us. Whenever one of us notices a neighbor visiting the LFL, our hearts skip a beat. We always call out to one another "Hey, someone's at the LFL." Whether the visitor is sequestered in a book, chalk drawing on the sidewalk, blowing bubbles or perusing the bright colored marbles, all are a part of the library experience. The goal is enjoying the community of our neighborhood. The success of the library is due to generosity of the neighbors. The turnover of books is nothing short of miraculous. It often seems as if there is a 'LFL book fairy' that visits during the night, because many times there will be a completely new and different assortment of books in the library the next morning. We are grateful to the neighbors of Wilshire Heights for their participation and support. It is said books are the only true magic. We like to envision the neighbor to neighbor travels of these shared LFL books and their part in building community and making communities better through stories.



***Bryson & Wells Leslie often make a stop at the LFL on their way home from school.***

***"The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library."***

***~AEinstein***

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## Garden Recovery Plan

The winter of 2021 has not been kind to the many beautiful gardens throughout Wilshire Heights. Below are some tips from the Texas A&M County Extension Service to help you bring your garden back to its full glory. **Their number one hint is to be patient!**

- **Shrubs, trees, and woody vines**—damaged leaves will shed naturally (if they don't that is a bad sign.) Wait until new foliage starts to appear and then cut away the dead and leave what is alive and growing. Premature pruning can actually aggravate the damage that has already been done. Pruning cuts will expose previously protected plant tissue to the elements.
- **There will most likely be few if any blooms this year.** Rosemary and Indian Hawthorne were hit hard and may need to be replaced but give them a few weeks before you do anything.
- **Perennials**—cut away the dead mush (try and wait until April 1). Mexican heather and Mexican petunias (Ruellia) may not make it.
- **Roses—Knockout** roses are cold hardy and should survive. Wait to see if new growth appears and trim away anything above that.
- **Ornamental grasses**—most are cold hardy. Cut them back to the crown and wait until summer to see what comes backs.
- **Herbs**—Most herbs are Mediterranean and prefer mild winters. Rosemary will most likely have to be replaced. Some lavender may have survived.
- **Onions, potatoes, and cool season greens will need to be replanted.** There is still time to get in a lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, & other cool season crops.
- **When you replant**—make sure to keep with native Texas plants or plants that thrive in zone 8a. Most of these should have survived the Arctic blast.
- **Vines**—Coral honeysuckle and crossvine should be fine. Others may be damaged. Once you see the stems split open and the plants resprout, cut them back to that point.
- **Crape myrtles**—don't do anything until they start to sprout and then cut them back to where new growth is occurring.

- **Bulbs**—although the foliage has been damaged and many blooms lost, most should survive with possibly reduced blooms next year due to less foliage this year. Flowering bulbs need to photosynthesize to make food for the coming year. Foliage should be left for a minimum of 8 weeks after blooming ends.
- **Succulents**—some of the more cold hardy ones should survive. When it warms up and the mush dries, peel it away and see what comes back.
- **St Augustine lawns**—there may be some dead areas. Mow as normal but avoid using pre-emergent herbicides which can damage injured grass. Do not fertilize until nights are warmer in mid-April and do not water until June, July, and August (once per week, one inch per application). Watering in the spring contributes to brown patch and gray leaf spot.
- **Live Oaks**—there will be varying degrees of damage including death. The leaves will shed earlier this year. Wait and see if new foliage sprouts before doing any trimming or removal.
- **Magnolias**—Many will shed leaves and may not flower, but they should be fine.



*Tom O'Leary, Mark Rauscher, Beth Bryant, Carol Mattern, and Richard Joseph helped to put up the Wilshire Heights' Christmas tree at the triangle. We look forward to Christmas 2021 and the return of our annual Christmas Festivities at the Triangle!*

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## Spring Garden To-Do List

### March

- Plant cool season annuals for quick color in the garden
- It's a great time to plant new trees and shrubs in the garden so they establish a good root system before summer. Make sure to fertilize them so they get a good start.
- Prune and shape any spring flowering shrubs and vines as soon as they finish blooming.
- Continue planting cool-season vegetable seeds outdoors. Beets, carrots, collard greens, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard greens, scallions, spinach, swiss chard, turnips.
- Plant beans by seed outdoors: bush beans, lima beans, pole beans, and snap beans.
- Set out tomatoes transplants after all chances of frost are past.

### April

- Start planting summer annual such as lantana, pentas, begonias, vinca, and coleus.
- Plant new perennials in your garden. Make sure to select plants that are right for zone 8
- Plant summer vegetables. By seed: corn, cucumbers, squash, watermelon, and zucchini. By transplant: pepper, cucumbers, squash, and zucchini.
- Mulch all of your garden beds—mulch reduces water loss by 50%

### May

- Plant your heat tolerant summer annuals and tropicals, if you haven't already—lantana, ornamental sweet potato vine, purple fountain grass, ornamental peppers, coleus, elephant ears, caladiums, pentas, and tropical hibiscus.
- The last of the heat tolerant veggies and annual herbs can be planted until mid month, including southern peas, sweet potatoes, basil and oregano.
- Be sure to water grass regularly during the hot summer months, one inch per week; be sure to follow city water ordinances on days to water. Mow your lawn once per week to maintain good healthy growth.

## Alley Cleanup Saturday, April 17

WHNA is sponsoring an alley cleanup day on Saturday, April 17, from 9 to 11 am. The date was selected to correspond with the third Monday of the month which is the beginning of bulk trash pickup week for Wilshire Heights. Your neighborhood crime watch, Volunteers in Patrol (VIP), has identified several alleys which appear to be overgrown. Per City of Dallas Code (Section 18-14.1) the homeowner is responsible for keeping the alley clear with a 15-foot overhead clearance and no encroachment taller than 12 inches onto the alley. Overgrowth is both a practical and safety issue. Many people like to use the alley to enter their driveway or garage at the rear of the house. We also don't want criminals to hide in the overgrowth, and we do want emergency vehicles to be able to drive down our alleys.

Please look at the alley behind your house. Talk to your neighbors, and plan on helping trim and clean up the alley on Saturday, April 17 at 9 a.m. If you would like help in clearing the alley behind your house please contact the WHNA Neighborhood Improvement Committee chair, Richard Joseph, 214-455-7587. You may wish to have your yard maintenance crew take care of this for you. Either way, thank you for helping improve our neighborhood.

## WHNA Neighbors Ask for Your Help

It's that time of year again: we have almost hit spring, had rogue cold weather and then hopefully spring will follow again soon. This is also your reminder to please pick up after your pet. Not only that, please dispose of your pet's waste bags in your own trash can. Please DO NOT let your pet urinate on your neighbor's lawn decorations and DO remember to pick up after your pet even in alleys. We have had several unfortunate reports of neighbors unknowingly tracking pet waste into their garages from the alley....talk about Pepe le Pew!



Let's pick up after our pets, be kind to one another, and enjoy our neighborhood.

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## Now is the Time to Prepare for the Next Storm

The storm has passed and the snow has melted. Temperatures are starting to rise and spring is in the air. We would all probably like to forget last month's devastating weather, but that is not a good idea. Now, while things are fresh in our minds, is exactly the time that we should be thinking about the next storm. Dallas weather can produce storms anytime of the year that can result in power outages. Here are some simple things you can do to prepare.

- Insulate any exposed water pipes now while the weather is warm – check in the attic, crawl spaces, etc.
- Apply weather stripping around doors and windows as needed.
- Make sure you have the proper key to turn off your water at the street – Ace Hardware is a good source. And then go out and make sure you can open the weather box and turn off the water.
- Stock up on lanterns, flashlights, and batteries including portable phone chargers. Don't forget we often have power outages related to spring storms. A small battery powered radio is also handy.
- Keep a supply of canned food (hearty soups, tuna, chicken, peanut butter) in your pantry. You can always eat it cold or warm it up on the grill if necessary. Make sure the food is always unexpired by annually donating your supplies to a local food bank and then buying fresh to store for the next year. Be sure you also have a hand operated can opener.
- Always have some bottled drinking water on hand. Although Dallas didn't lose water many of the surrounding areas did.
- Trim trees and branches that could break off an fall on your home.
- Clean your gutters & down spouts to prevent blockage.



Charles Mauzy, Broker

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## WILSHIRE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### WHNA Membership Form

Annual dues for the calendar year are due in January. Membership fee is \$20 per household or \$5 for senior citizen households (65 or older).

**Suggested Donation of \$35.00  
 Would Be Greatly Appreciated.**

You can join by logging into our website at [wilshireheights.org](http://wilshireheights.org) or simply fill out the information below and mail this form along with your dues to:

**Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association  
 P.O. Box 140601  
 Dallas, TX 75214**

Or, drop this form and your dues off at Ellen Gray's home at 6213 Mercedes Ave.

Please make checks payable to:

**Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association**

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

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

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## WILSHIRE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK CAPTAINS

Several of our streets have two 6200 blocks, so they have been designated with: "A" - 6200 BLOCK BETWEEN CLEMENTS AND NORRIS and "B" - 6200 BLOCK BETWEEN NORRIS AND ALDERSON. For Martel and Revere, block "B" includes 6300 addresses.

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## REAL ESTATE REPORT

### March 2, 2021

0 Homes currently for sale that are not under contract

4 homes are contract pending  
average list price :\$1,013,750  
average list price per Sq Ft:\$289.77  
average days on market: 52

### Nov 17—Mar 2

- 15 homes have sold since 11/17/2020
- average list price :\$606,887
- average sold price:\$596,900
- highest sales price :\$980,000
- lowest sales price: \$455,000
- average days on market:55
- median days on market:19
- none of the sold homes were new construction

**Contributed by Charles Mauzy  
Mauzy Realty**

Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed

## WILSHIRE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Treasurer's Report

### January 1 to February, 2021

Balance Forwarded Jan 1 \$ 5,721.69

<b>Revenue</b>	
Dues and Donations	\$ 1,466.81
Advertising	\$
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,466.81</u></b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Total Expenses	\$ <u>0</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>\$(1,466.81)</u></b>

Ending Balance **\$ 7,188.50**

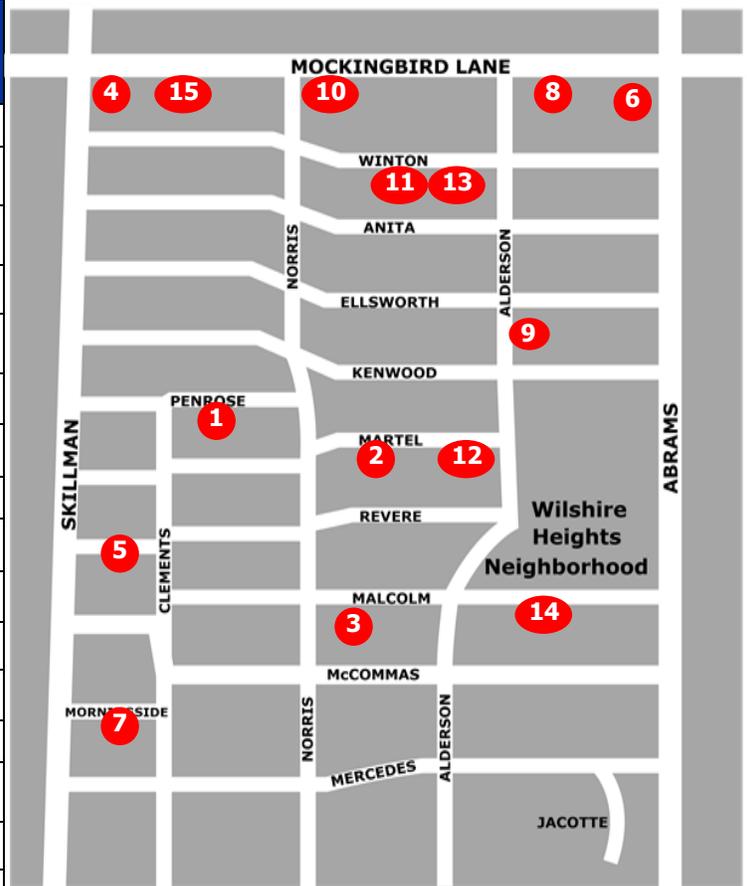
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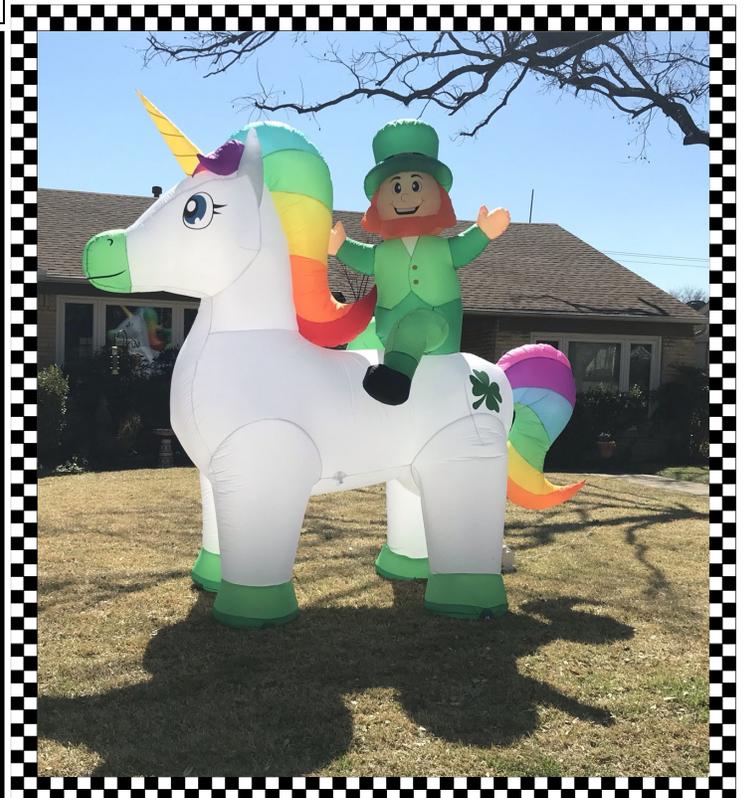
## Wilshire Heights Crime Watch Report November 16, 2020 to February 28, 2021

	Date	Offense	Address
1	12/3/2020	Traffic Violation - Hazardous	62xx Penrose
2	12/3/2020	Larceny/ Theft Offenses	62xx Martel
3	12/4/2020	Larceny/ Theft Offenses	62xx McCommas
4	12/5/2020	Larceny/ Theft Offenses	61xx Mockingbird
5	12/8/2020	Breaking & Entering	61xx Revere
6	12/11/2020	Larceny/ Theft Offenses	41xx Abrams
7	12/15/2020	Vandalism of Property	61xx Morningside
8	1/1/2021	Unexplained Death	63xx Mockingbird
9	1/3/2021	Larceny/ Theft Offenses	63xx Kenwood
10	1/3/2021	Trespass Of Real Property	62xx Mockingbird
11	1/20/2021	Larceny/ Theft Offenses	62xx Winton
12	2/1/2021	Breaking & Entering	63xx Martel
13	2/10/2021	Traffic Violation - Hazardous	62xx Winton
14	2/12/2021	Larceny/ Theft Offenses	63xx Malcolm
15	2/22/2021	Vandalism of Property	6140 Mockingbird



## 13 Things Your Dog Can Teach You

1. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
2. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
3. Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
4. Take naps and stretch before rising.
5. Run, romp, and play daily.
6. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
7. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
8. No matter how often you're scolded, don't pout - run right back out and make friends.
9. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
10. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm, but stop when you have had enough.
11. Be loyal.
12. Never pretend to be something you are not.
13. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.



*May your neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you ~Irish proverb*