



WILSHIRE HEIGHTS

THE WILSHIRE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Vol. 21, No 4 OCT/NOV/DEC 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilshire Heights Holiday Bash!



Sunday, December 3

3 - 5 p.m.

**Corner of Malcolm & Norris
Photos with Santa, trim the tree,
bounce house, refreshments,
crafts, and more!**

Save the Date!

- **Tuesday, January 9** - DISD students return to school following winter break.
- **Wilshire Heights Annual Chili Cook-Off and Cookie Bake-Off** - Saturday, February 4, 3- 5 p.m. The competition is fierce, so start refining your favorite recipes now to see who will take the crown for best chili and cookies in Wilshire Heights.
- **Tuesday, March 5** - Primary elections for federal and state offices. Early voting is February 20 - March 1. Must be registered to vote by February 5.
- **3rd Annual Wilshire Heights Wine Walk** - Friday, April 26, 6:30 - 10 pm (rain date is April 27). This popular event sells out quickly so make sure your block captain has your current email address.

You Can Pay Your WHNA Dues ONLINE!

Our Online Portal is

www.WilshireHeights.org/Membership

Not sure if you've paid your dues already?

Enter your address at the Online Portal to review.

You can pay with a credit card or PayPal.

Are you keeping up to date with all the neighborhood events and news?

Make sure your Block Captain has your email address so you can receive the WHNA Crime Watch / Event Update email every two weeks.

Find your Block Captain on page 7.

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A Note from the President

Greetings Neighbors!

How 'bout those Rangers! What a celebration for our Metroplex. This has been a long time coming and well deserved!

I hope your Halloween was Spooktacular! So great to see all the creativity with decorations and costumes amongst the neighborhood! My furry little buddy Rubi loves to greet all the trick-or-treaters and joins in on the costume festivities as well. This year she was an Alligator.

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and I believe we all share one thing in common to be thankful for, and that is this awesome community that we have been blessed to be a part of!

Looking forward to some more cool temps and the leaves changing colors. Enjoy this great outdoor weather and take a self-guided tour of our incredibly unique neighborhood with art, gardens, and more. Check out our Wilshire Heights website for more info.

Santa is still on schedule for our Wilshire Heights Holiday Bash December 3rd from 3-5pm and will be THRILLED to see everyone! Great time to get your holiday pictures taken with Santa, and kids bring your Santa lists! We will provide a bounce house, crafts, drinks, snacks, music, and more. Then we'll all take a short walk down to Trim That Tree!

As always, I'm super excited to see you all soon for another spectacular neighborhood event!



A Texas Sized Thank You to Our Triangle Volunteers

Although plantings in the neighborhood garden triangle were selected specifically for the heat, it still takes a bevy of volunteers to keep the triangle looking good. It has to be weeded, raked, and watered on a regular basis. We are especially grateful to neighbor Jared Benton who allows us to use his hose and water. Richard Joseph organizes the maintenance schedule for the triangle. Regular volunteers providing labor include Beth Bryant, Carol Mattern, Teal Griffeth, Sheila Bower, Mark Moynahan, and Charles Mauzy. If you see our volunteers out working please stop to thank them—or even join them. And don't be afraid to pick a weed or two as you walk by!

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Skellies Moving into to Wilshire Heights

Are all the neighbors on a new diet? If so, it appears to be working a little too well! Skeletons were spotted all over Wilshire Heights this past October. For the most part they seem to be just like the rest of us - ordinary, friendly folk. Skeletons were spotted walking the dog, enjoying the autumn weather, greeting the neighbors in the front yard, enjoying a date night, cheering on their favorite team, and even making music....but a few were definitely up to no good. We have no doubt that the Volunteers in Patrol were able to put a stop to the skelly trying to break in!



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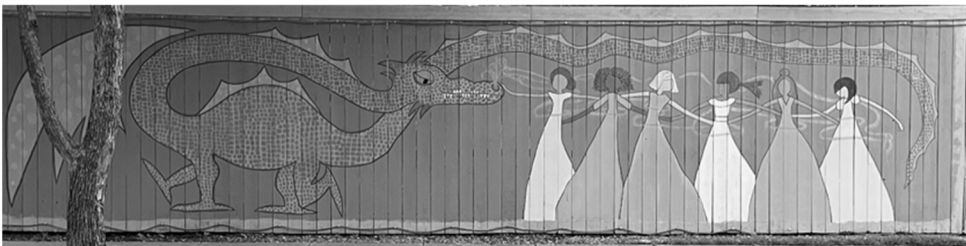
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Take a Walk Through Wilshire Heights

A Self-Guided Tour of Art, Gardens, and Décor in our Neighborhood

Wilshire Heights is well known for being a walking friendly neighborhood – in fact sometimes it seems like all the walkers create a traffic jam! Of course, many of us were hesitant to venture out in the summer heat, but now that the weather is finally starting to cool off it's time to get back out there and admire the many lovely homes, gardens, art, and seasonal displays. Below is just a partial list of not-to-be-missed sites as we are sure there are many hidden gems just waiting to be discovered! For more information see our posting on the Wilshire Heights website.

- Start your walk at the intersection of Anita and Abrams where, depending on the season, you may be lucky to spot some whimsical skeletons; they usually pop up for Halloween and then stick around for several other holidays. Homeowner Becky Gruber is currently up to one 12' skeleton, 10 of the five foot skeletons, and an assortment of dogs, bats, etc.
- Stroll along the 6200 and 6300 blocks of Ellsworth Avenue to view three homes built in the Spanish style; admire the beautiful tile work as well as colorful gardens that wind their way to the front doors.
- The next stop is St Thomas Aquinas Church in the 6300 block of Kenwood. Completed in 1957, the building is a fusion of Romanesque and New-Gothic styles. If the church is open stop in to admire the rose window in the choir loft as well as the renowned Shudi organ in the choir loft.
- As you make your way down Kenwood be sure to stop and admire the beautiful Live Oak tree at 6247 – one of the largest trees in the neighborhood. By making a calculation based on the circumference of the trunk, homeowner Elain Prokup estimates the tree is over 200 years old.
- Don't forget to turn down Alderson to admire the mural at the intersection of Alderson and Revere. Lovely



maidens stare down a fire breathing dragon. Artist and homeowner Lee Ann McConnell began the project during Covid and over time the mural has changed several times and underwent a larger change to its current depiction in early in 2023.

As for the story behind the current illustration, Lee Ann summed it up in one word that can be seen riding along the dragon's back.

- Continue down Alderson to Malcolm and admire the lovely side garden. From cheerful red poppies in the spring to summer cone flowers and tomatoes, there is almost always something in bloom. Head gardener Evelyn Grubbs loves talking to neighbors and walkers by and answering their questions about the garden. And be sure to keep an eye out for the rare Blue Bottle Tree in the northwest corner!
- Further down Malcom be sure to pause at 6231 to admire the beautiful Deodar Cedar tree that hovers elegantly over the front yard. The name derives from the Sanskrit and translates to "timber of the gods." It is native to the Himalayas where it is known to reach 250 feet tall. The species was introduced in the United States in 1831. Home owners Linda Gardner and Fred Alsop were told by an original neighbor that the tree was planted around 1940. It used to be much taller but was struck by lightning many years ago.



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- Next head south to McCommas and stop to admire the beautiful line of crape myrtle trees planted along the south side of the 6300 block. Well known Texas gardener Howard Garrett wrote about the stand of watermelon-red crape myrtles in his Dallas Morning News column as a great example of the proper way to plant and maintain crape myrtles – make sure to keep the root flare exposed and never top your tree to maintain a certain height.
- Move west to 6278 McCommas to view several pieces of art in the yard and on the front porch. Look up in the trees to spot “Lady in Swing” by Allen Wynn – she often sports seasonal décor such as a fall pumpkin or a Santa hat. The stainless steel wind spinner titled “Weeping Willow” is the work of Lyman Whitaker. Search in the east flower bed for a wooden head that is the work of Maui artist Avi Kiriatty – it is the base and the roots of a palm tree. Finally look to the porch to spot 3 glass spheres by Japanese glass blower Hiroshi Yamano.
- Depending on the season you may be lucky to enjoy some holiday décor at 6255 McCommas. This is definitely one of the most festive homes in Wilshire Heights. Multiple decorations crop up to celebrate Valentines Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter, Independence Day, Halloween, and of course Christmas.
- If you need a rest feel free to sit at the bench alongside the Little Free Library at 6239 McCommas. You are welcome to take a book and leave one as well. Sheila and Lenox Bower built the current Tiki-inspired, thatched-roof structure on top an old tree trunk after their original library was damaged by a fallen tree branch in 2017. Hardly a day goes by that at least one or two neighbors (mostly children) stop by to visit. Also of interest is the funky and colorful bottle fence on the west side of the Bower’s property. Lennox drilled holes in over 200 colored and clear wine bottles and added them to the fence to create a little privacy between the Bowers and their next door neighbor Elena Duplessis.
- Before you leave McCommas, be sure to work your way west to Clements and admire the triangle garden between McCommas and Malcolm. The garden is an excellent example of how to use heat tolerant plants in your own yard. Plantings include Dallas Red dwarf lantana, Mexican petunia (or ruellia); pink and white guara, agave cacti, salvia, and Texas primrose.
- You’re nearly to the end of the neighborhood when you turn up Mercedes. Look for the gnome house built into a tree stump at 6107 Mercedes. Home owner Girija Thyagarajan asked her roofer to build the wood shingle roof and Girija found the gnome set online.
- Continue down Mercedes and then admire the lovely gardens at the corner of Mercedes and Norris. And be sure to look at the front of the house to view some truly wonderful examples of yucca gloriosa!
- Admire the many stately homes as you stroll up Mercedes including the iconic property at 6310 Mercedes. Amon McCommas originally bought the land in exchange for 12 ponies. Harold Abrams took over the property in 1922 after the existing home (rumored to have been operating as a bordello) was destroyed in a fire. Abrams rebuilt the residence using walls that remained standing after the fire. Since then the property has been added on to and updated over time.
- The last stop is Jacotte Circle – turn right into the circle just before Abrams Road. Well known architects O’Neil Ford and Howard Meyer designed several of the homes on Jacotte. The Lost Cottage (with the wood shingle roof) originally served as the carriage house for the old Abrams family. The house was used in the 1978 teen flick "Seniors" which stars Dennis Quaid. Lost Cottage was home to a wacky professor that invents a sex serum that the college seniors try out. 3210 Jacotte Circle was used as the "sex institute" where their serum was put to work. There are some great outside scenes that show how the homes looked like in 1978.



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Fun, Food, Firetrucks, and More at Our 2023 National Night Out

Over 100 neighbors gathered on a lovely fall evening for Wilshire Heights' National Night Out. Hot dogs were served fresh off the grill as children played in the bounce house and the adults enjoyed a cold beer or glass of wine. We were also lucky to have a visit from Fire Station 17. Our heroic, local first responders were happy to show off their truck, and even a few of our furry neighbors couldn't resist taking a closer look. Together, we are making our neighborhood a safer, more caring place to live.



Welcome New and Returning Board Members

The WHNA Annual Meeting was held this October in conjunction with National Night Out. Ann Krug and Mark Moynahan graciously agreed to stay on as President and Vice-President; Beth Bryant will be taking over as Secretary, and Blair Jones will be our new Treasurer. Our Board of Directors will include Linda Farina, Teal Griffeth, Susan Hickox, Gil Hickox, Brittany Husted, Richard Joseph, Charles Mauzy, Tricia McMahon, and Liz Soch.

We are grateful to our officers who are stepping down - Ellen Gray (Treasurer) and Susan Hickox (Secretary).

If you are interested in helping with our events please contact any of our officers or board members listed on page 2. We meet the third Wednesday of the month and welcome your involvement.

WHNA Treasurer's Report January 1 to October 31, 2023

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance Forwarded Jan 1 | \$ 3,880.19 |
| Revenue | |
| Dues and Donations | \$ 3,221.51 |
| Advertising Revenue | \$ 300.00 |
| Wine Walk Tickets | \$ 5,041.98 |
| Triangle Sign Donations | \$ 983.29 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 9,546.78 |

Expenses

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Newsletter | \$ 1,447.74 |
| Events | \$ 4,995.55 |
| Triangle Sign | \$ 175.00 |
| Supplies | \$ 208.40 |
| Charitable Contributions | \$ 184.25 |
| P.O. Box Rental | \$ 194.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 7,204.94 |

Ending Balance **\$ 6,222.03**

**Total 2024 Members as of
October 31, 2023 = 24**

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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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Hello Wilshire Heights Neighbors!

I've been a resident of Wilshire Heights and an active real estate broker for both the M Streets and Wilshire Heights for over 20 years. I'm your area expert and can help you with all your real estate transactions.

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REAL ESTATE REPORT

September 13 to November 12, 2023

3 homes are listed for sale

Average list price \$1,072,967

Average list price per sq ft \$392.91

Average days on market is 36

1 home is active option

List price \$1,595,000

List price per sq ft \$334.73

Days on mkt 74

1 home is active contingent

List price is \$ 609,000

Price per sq ft \$419.420

Days on mkt 31

6 homes sold since Sept. 13, 2023

Average list price \$1,253,817

Average sold price \$1,224,583

Average sold per Sq Ft \$401.97

Average sp to list price 98.4%

Average days on market 15

Data for this report compiled from MLS

Data does not reflect off market sales

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Wilshire Heights Crime Watch Report September 4 to October 27, 2023

| | Date | Offense | Address |
|---|------------|--|------------------|
| 1 | 09/18/2023 | Burglary Of Building - Forced Entry | 61XX Mockingbird |
| 2 | 9/19/2023 | Shoplifting | 61XX Mockingbird |
| 3 | 9/29/2023 | Drug Equipment Violations | 61XX Mockingbird |
| 4 | 9/29/2023 | Theft Of Motor Vehicle | 63XX Mercedes |
| 5 | 10/03/2023 | Theft Of Motor Vehicle | 63XX Mockingbird |
| 6 | 10/9/2023 | Criminal Trespass Warning | 37XX Abrams |
| 7 | 10/13/2023 | Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism | 41XX Abrams |
| 8 | 10/27/2023 | Burglary Of Building - No Forced Entry | 61XX Mockingbird |
| 9 | 10/27/2023 | Theft Of Motor Vehicle | 62XX Mockingbird |



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 or simply fill out the information below and mail this form 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 Blvd.

Please make checks payable to:

Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

BULK TRASH COLLECTION DATES

Pickup is the week of the 3rd Monday
Monday, December 18
Monday, January 15
Monday, February 19
Monday, March 18

New to Wilshire Heights?

Get more information about our community, links to city services, and information about upcoming neighborhood events by visiting our website at

<http://www.wilshireheights.org>

or

join our Facebook group at

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