



## Letter from Winnetka Heights President, Anne Hagan

Is it Home Tour season yet? Bring on the snow and mistletoe because hot girl summer got a little too literal. But Fall is on the way and that means it's the start of Winnetka Heights season! With National Night Out, Frights in the Heights, Light up the Heights, and Home Tour all in the next few months, it's a great time to get back outside, get more involved, and most importantly, renew our sense of community. Beyond the fun stuff, there's a lot going on in the neighborhood. The 12th Street Connector demolition and park construction should start any day now. The Jefferson and Twelfth Street task forces are still hard at work on finding traffic calming measures for those streets.

And although the temporary traffic circle demonstration at Edgefield and 9th wasn't as successful as we hoped and has been removed, neighbors around that intersection are undaunted and working on getting city approval for stop signs instead.

Thanks to Chad West and his staff for all their assistance and support on these projects!

Stay tuned on Facebook and through email for more news and information on upcoming events. And if you're reading this, please ask your neighbors if they're signed up to receive our emails and encourage them to do so on our website. This our first entirely digital newsletter, and we want to make sure that everyone is connected.



### New Neighbor Spotlight

*Chloe, Grant, and Jude Nunneley  
Moved to WH in July!*

Chloe and Grant Nunneley met in college at Texas A&M and spent a few years in San Antonio, Houston, and Boston before returning to Texas. They settled on WH because of the walkability, the charm of an older home, and all the young families. They found 223 N. Montclair online, made an offer, and then flew down to see the house in person. When Chloe opened the door she cried and said "this is my house!" They love the cool features of the home like original pocket doors and an amazing big screened in back porch. They're both looking forward to Halloween and Frights in the Heights. When they were in Boston for six years, they had zero trick-or-treaters so they are excited about starting this tradition with Jude. They're already prepared for the Mayhem on Montclair on Oct. 31st. The next time you see The Nunneleys, please give them a big Winnetka Heights hug and welcome them to the neighborhood!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS!



The Heritage Oak Cliff Fall Home Tour is back, and they look forward to opening the doors on some incredible houses!

The tour is **Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, from Noon to 5 p.m.** each day. There are seven amazing historic houses featured this year and we look forward to opening the doors for all to see. Each home is remarkable in its own right and guests will walk away from each one inspired. The distinct architecture is only the beginning, and the houses this year check many additional boxes including design, landscape, artistry, preservation, gardening, craftsmanship, and so much more. There is something for everybody and we cannot wait to show it off for you and your friends!

Tickets can be purchased in advance online and picked up at ticket central (the Turner House) on the days of the tour. [Buy them now](#) because you do not want to miss this special comeback tour!

This vital event raises funds for Heritage Oak Cliff which in turn disperses it back into Oak Cliff neighborhoods. Distributed via grants, neighborhoods can fund projects such as community events, improvements, beautification and infrastructure. While the Fall Home Tour has been on hold since 2019, Heritage Oak Cliff has continued distributing grants to improve our unique and vibrant community.

## Strategic Plan for Historic and Cultural Preservation

The City of Dallas's Department of Planning and Urban Design is working on a Strategic Plan for Historic and Cultural Preservation. They need our help to define a mission and vision for the City's historic preservation program and as residents of a historic district, it's important that we share our perspective. Historic districts like ours don't function without city procedures and administration that are fair, consistent, and clear.

Please fill out the brief survey at [bit.ly/dallashistoricpreservation](https://bit.ly/dallashistoricpreservation). Should you have any additional questions, you can contact Julia Ryan, Director of Planning and Urban Design, at [julia.ryan@dallas.gov](mailto:julia.ryan@dallas.gov).





# Get social with your WH Neighbors!

## GET YOUR [TICKETS](#) NOW!



The WHNA announces our 2023 fall fundraiser and spooky spectacular, Frights in the Heights!

On the evening of **Saturday, October 28**, join us for a progressive cocktail party featuring themed drinks and snacks, along with a costume contest. The fun starts at 7:00 p.m. and will end around 11 pm. If you purchase tickets, be sure to check your inbox for the starting home location.

Tickets include snacks and beverages at each house. So, mark your calendars, start working on your costumes, and order your tickets today! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward neighborhood capital improvements like sidewalk repairs. This is an adults only event.



## WINNETKA HEIGHTS HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
**NOON – 6PM**

Join the residents of the Winnetka Heights Historic District as we open our doors to the community for the Winnetka Heights Holiday Home Tour! It's the people who live in our historic neighborhoods that truly make them what they are today – so come on in and start your celebration of the holiday season with us!

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**WINNETKA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**



### **Ticket Prices**

Standard Tickets \$20 pre-sale/ \$25 day-of  
VIP Tickets \$40 pre-sale / \$50 day-of  
(includes food and drink, only 100 available)

# Remembering Kathleen West (1925-2023), Longtime Winnetka Heights Resident

Excerpt from a 2015 newsletter interview with Miss West included below

*Kathleen West moved to Winnetka Heights in 1953 and has seen a lot of changes since that time. She celebrated her 90th birthday in May with a porch party. Miss West graciously consented to an interview to share stories of the neighborhood and her life including her upbringing in East Texas.*

## **Where did you grow up?**

I was born in Grand Island, Nebraska. But we moved to Texas when I was five because of the Depression. My uncle and aunt had moved to Texas – Dallas – where he worked. And he said he could get a job for my Dad if he wanted to come down. Dad said, sure, you know. So we moved to Dallas. But when we got here he found out the place my uncle worked would not hire a relative. And they were spreading the work around because people were so out of work. When my dad's job fell through we didn't stay in Dallas long. My mother's brother had some property in East Texas. And it had a house on it. So we moved there. It was in a little town called Redwater. It was about 13 miles from Texarkana.

## **How long did you live in East Texas?**

That's when the oil boom hit and we moved to Gladewater. My Dad was working there – don't know just what he did. If you were living there every back yard had oil derricks in them. You weren't out in the field - you were just right there.

## **Tell me when you moved to Winnetka Heights and about your early memories of Winnetka Heights.**

We just rented a house at first. Then we bought this house [200 block of South Rosemont] in May of 1953. We settled down and we didn't do any more moving. There were more young children back then. I remember lots of kids would come at Halloween. Children lived next door. Then gradually seemed like the older folks were dying off, and now the younger people are buying them up and fixing them. So the neighborhood has changed. But we still don't have very many children. Well, we got two now across the street and some down a ways.

We got acquainted with more people on our block when - I think it was 1970 - when my sister started canvassing to get the petition to get the zoning change. She was working with Ruth Chenoweth and the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League. I don't think we had Winnetka Heights then. Well, we had Winnetka Heights section but not the neighborhood association.

## **You did a lot of the work on your house over the years. Like painting it. Is that right?**

Oh, yeah, interior we did wallpaper and painting. We had the kitchen done over and the bathroom done over. The fellow that was doing it – I think he also had to replace this front picture window – was there. And Kathryn was painting the baseboard after we had new carpet put in. He looked at her and said 'Boy, anytime you want a job painting for me you can'. She didn't ever get a drop of paint on anything. She was very careful. We both took more care than most people. That's why we would do it ourselves. If you want it done right, do it yourself. Course we didn't do it too often. I've got more painting to do. I've painted four doors this last month or so. I need to do the front door. Sometimes we painted the railing around the porch. But I don't get on ladders anymore. But we enjoyed doing that. One time we got a – what do you call it, a heat gun - and stripped the paint down to the bare wood on these windows. I didn't think about it until years later. I bet that was lead paint. Didn't bother us, though. Maybe it wasn't lead paint. I don't know.

## **What's your secret to a long life?**

Oh ... well. Somebody asked my sister that and she said 'Just keep breathing' Well - I, uh, I'll just say clean living, I guess. ... Don't have nasty ... habits, don't smoke and drink. That's caused a downfall on a lot of people.





## Crime Watch Update from new chair, Andrew Skinner

Greetings from your new Crime Watch Chair for Winnetka Heights! My name is Andrew Skinner, and I am happy to serve as Crime Watch chair. My predecessor, Russ Aikman, did an excellent job in the role for many years, and his contributions were certainly a factor in making our neighborhood largely crime-free.

### Crime Update in Winnetka Heights:

- Reported Crime in Winnetka Heights over the past six months is very low
- Auto theft and auto burglary account for all of the criminal incidents reported to DPD in Winnetka Heights
- Keep your car safe! Any car parked outdoors overnight can be a target for burglary. If you must park outside of a garage, be sure to remove any valuables from your vehicle
- Kia and Hyundai vehicles made between 2016 and 2021 have been disproportionately targeted by thieves using a technological vulnerability that has been widely spread across the internet. Owners of these vehicles should prioritize parking inside structures, and /or utilize secondary theft prevention measures such as a steering wheel lock or hidden fuel cut-off

### Experience a crime?

- Call 911 if it's an emergency
- Otherwise file an online police report at [Dallaspolice.net](https://dallaspolice.net)
  - Report even small crimes like minor property theft or vandalism. While unlikely to be solved, reporting them contributes to the data that police use to prioritize specific areas or crimes, and it helps give fellow neighbors a complete picture of what is happening in the neighborhood.

If have any questions or concerns, or if you need assistance regarding crime in the neighborhood, please reach out to me any time at [crimewatch@winnetkaheights.org](mailto:crimewatch@winnetkaheights.org).

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*National Night Out is an event celebrated across the nation where neighborhoods host events for residents and city staff to attend and get to know each other.*



**Tuesday, October 24th**  
**5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Heights Garden Park**  
**(N. Rosemont and 7th St)**

We will have a bounce house, free pizza and soda, and kids' activities, as well as special appearances from our neighborhood police officers, code inspectors, and other city staff. Members of Dallas Fire and Rescue will be coming with a fire engine, and rumor has it that Sparky, the Fire Department Mascot, may even make an appearance!

## Code Compliance Update, Robbie Christopher

Have you ever wondered what was done to your home before you purchased it? There is online access to Master Permits and Certificates of Appropriateness (CA) applications [here](#)

Contractors are required to obtain Master Permits for their work and the permits include their contact information. Homeowners are not required to obtain one for work they do themselves. Also, if a previous owner did work without an approved CA, subsequent owners are responsible for correcting the problem before a new CA may be approved. Before you apply for a CA, spend a few minutes checking what has been done in the past. It may save you some time and frustration.

The schedule for the CA submission and approval dates can be accessed [here](#)

For those of you who have obtained an approved CA for current work, please remember to place the document where it is clearly visible so there is no question that the work being done is authorized.



## Winnetka Heights Monthly Happy Hours



# Winnetka Heights Board Members

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