

# The Whispers

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## McManus 'Arrests' Crowd at Annual Meeting



Chief McManus telling it as he sees it

**Keynote—Chief McManus** Breezing through homelessness, crime, guns, and arbitration, Keynote Speaker Police Chief William McManus held the rapt attention of the 70 attendees at the Whispering Oaks Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting, this year held at Hobby Middle School. And he did not shy away from anything.

On *homelessness*, McManus pointed out: (1) The City is constantly trying to get people off the streets and into shelters,

working toward long-term solutions for folks. However, mainly because of substance addiction and mental health struggles, 90–95% will not accept services. (2) When encampments are removed, they soon reappear, creating a seemingly endless problem. (3) Offering aid on the street, such as food and money to panhandlers only prolongs their remaining on the street.

On *crime*, (1) he pointed out that attempting to compare the Uniform Crime Reporting statistics of one city to another is fruitless because the reporting is not uniform, that different cities will use different standards. (2) On murder, he said the major cause is, primarily, heat-of-the-moment conflicts and, only secondly, risky behavior, such as gang involvement, drugs, and prostitution.

On the *new gun law*, he predicts, not that more crime will occur, because “criminals always find guns,” but rather that more accidental

shootings will occur because too many people who will own guns will not know how to handle them for lack of training.

On *arbitration* for police, the chief expressed concern, not about arbitration per se, because he believes that police do have a right to appeal his decisions, but rather that arbitrators who come from outside do not know and understand our city, our culture, and our problems.



Vice-President Peter Lund explaining a fine point

### Flying T—presented by TxDOT and CoSA

Thanks, in part, to Councilman John Courage and through the offices of the City, TxDOT will create a “Flying T” at the intersection of Whisper Valley and Wurzbach Road. The aim is to facilitate traffic in and out of Whisper Valley. This will be done with concrete-based turning lanes, making the right turn and the left-merging easier. The work is to be completed by the spring.

### Finances—presented by President Simon Esparza

The year will finish on target for a positive cash flow on our profit & loss statement for our fiscal year ended September 2021. Our balance sheet for the year will end with good cash flow and no debt. See our website for more details on financials. Of course, increased membership and contributions would bring a big boost to the budget.

### Key Achievements of the 2020–21 Board

1. WOHA membership rose to 56%.
2. A New Members welcome kit was developed.
3. Entranceway lighting at Whisper Path was completed.
4. A turning lane at Whispering Wind and Lockhill-Selma was completed.
5. A traffic-control agreement was reached with the EKHLA school on Dreamland at Lockhill-Selma.
6. Flying T agreement was reached.
7. The entire outer wall was pressure-washed clean.

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Attendees listening attentively to the chief



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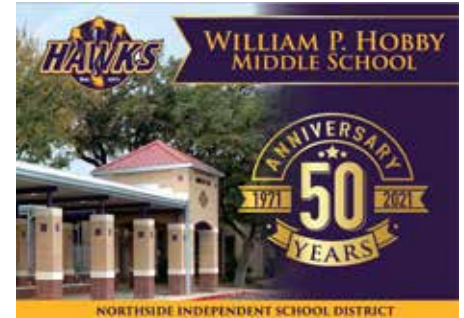
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## Simon Sez



Hello, neighbors! One more year in the saddle as President and excited to be re-elected for one more term.

This past year has been a total WOW! Despite the many challenges we have all had with Covid, I am full of optimism for this new year. It has been tough, but our Board of Directors are very optimistic because they are proud of what we have accomplished this past year for Whispering Oaks. I want to thank all our neighbors who showed up for the annual meeting in September. It was great to have a nice showing of nearly 70 residents (despite Covid) and be able to share what the WOHA Board has done this past year. We are very appreciative of our guest speakers, Chief William McManus, the TxDOT representatives, and Councilman John Courage for giving of their time to speak to our neighbors. The accommodations and setup were excellent. A huge thanks to Principal Lawrence Carranco of Hobby Middle School for graciously letting us have the use of their cafeteria.



Replacing three departing Board members are three new members eager to continue our mission. As a result, I am excited about the balance of 2021 and what 2022 will bring. With Covid starting to taper off, we plan to bring some nice events for our neighbors. We will be collaborating with the Swim Club to plan fun events for our neighborhood's children. We are looking to put a Christmas Social together and have other events to come prior to end of year.

The HOA is working to have our landscaping work begin at the entrances and islands at Whispering Wind and Whisper Path, work that may have already started at the time of this newsletter's publication. Updated irrigation is on the top of the agenda for better cost savings and watering efficiencies; work will begin this year. Lights at Whisper Willow are in process and we expect to have work commencing by the end of this year. The Flying T, at Whisper Valley at Wurzbach Road, which was discussed at the annual meeting, has been approved and designed, with work expected to begin prior to the end of this year. As well, more street work should be happening early next year.

I ask that all of us take the time to continue to work on our yards, follow all our covenants, and be great, considerate neighbors. We, as an HOA, have a goodly amount of work to do, so please take just a little time to join one of our committees so you can bring fresh ideas and new energy to our neighborhood. If you want to get involved or have any suggestions, email us at [board@whisperingoaks.org](mailto:board@whisperingoaks.org) or contact any Board member. Feel free to call me anytime, as well. If you have not signed up for membership, please do so and donate to our capital fund. Go to our website for payment options and contributions at [whisperingoaks.org](http://whisperingoaks.org).

Continue to enjoy our full-color, expanded newsletter and look for upcoming articles from our committees. Enjoy your fall and fast-approaching holiday season. And we look forward to an outstanding year together!

**Simon Esparza**  
President, WOHA

*"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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8. Oak-wilt warning letters were sent to all high-risk properties.
9. Despite the Covid, three events were still held: shred day, junk day, blood donation station.
10. An all-new website was developed with expanded capabilities, including paying dues and making contributions.
11. A new neighborhood directory was published.

### Next Year's Goals

1. Grow membership by 15%.
2. Create window/bumper stickers for all members.
3. Complete the lighting at Whisper Willow—the last entranceway to be lit.
4. Update the entranceway landscaping and irrigation systems to make them more efficient.
5. As Covid subsides, hold more social events.
6. Develop a stronger partnership with the City Code Compliance team.
7. Work with the City to reduce speeding along Wurzbach Parkway.
8. Post "Neighborhood Conservation District" signs at all entranceways.
9. Formally launch the Legacy Fund.

### Oak Wilt Reminders

Because it is a devastating disease that does not just "go away,"

1. Be on guard.
2. To protect them, treat them.
3. If they die, cut them down right away.

### Announcement of the Legacy Fund

Original resident William Goggins has left a gift of \$65,000 to WOHA. This has led the Board to begin discussion of the establishment of a Legacy Fund. The plan will be revealed in the next issue of *The Whispers*. "Watch this space!"

### Brief Report from Councilman John Courage

The Councilman received a strong ovation for the good, involved work he has done for the district, including Whispering Oaks, for the past five years. He, in turn, spoke some complimentary words about the good working relationship the WOHA Board has had with his staff. In the light of the controversy over police funding, he explained that the Public Safety budget has expanded because of the expansion of the city's population. He mentioned that he is still trying to increase the homeowner's tax exemption and will try again next year. Finally, he told the crowd that in District 9, there are some 270 City-funded projects under way.



Councilman John Courage contributing his part

### WOHA Board Elections and Other Business

- Re-elected Board members: Rick López, Peter Lund, Richard Pressman
- Newly elected members: Adele Barnett, Louis Bixenman, Ami Sewell
- All will serve two-year terms.
- As well, the Membership approved five revisions to WOHA's By-Laws, with each garnering at least 94% approval. The revisions were drafted to improve the Board's efficiency, accountability, and accessibility.



#### The WOHA Board for 2021-22:

Rick López, Janice Witt, Louis Bixenman, Adele Barnett, JoAnne Aguilera, Simon Esparza, Richard Pressman, Evita Morín, Peter Lund. Not pictured: Cheri Wiese and Ami Sewell

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## WOHA Negotiates End to Lockhill Traffic Snarls

By Peter Lund

WOHA's long battle to mitigate weekday congestion along Lockhill-Selma caused by a nearby school has paid off. Traffic snarls began shortly after the Eleanor Kolitz Hebrew Language Academy on Dreamland opened its doors in 2018. Parents retrieving 490 children on school-day afternoons weren't moving through the school's small parking lot quickly enough, so that vehicles would stack up all the way down Lockhill-Selma into Whispering Wind, a full block away. The school provides no bus service.

"It's been a long, nerve-wracking problem," says one resident on nearby Whisper Dove. "We simply couldn't get out of the neighborhood safely, and even getting onto Dreamland was dangerous because cars blocked the turn lane."

When processing permit applications for the school, City planners clearly underestimated the potential impact on

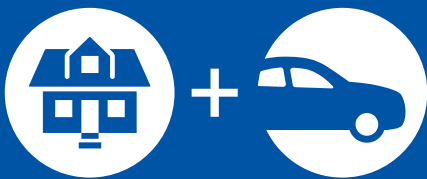
adjacent roadways. Most area schools are served by two-lane roads that allow traffic to bypass if one lane clogs. Unfortunately both Dreamland and Lockhill-Selma are single-lane roadways, which might have been widened at the time, but were not. Their expansion will likely be necessary as the school's enrollment grows over the coming years to nearly 700 students.

Recent congestion was compounded by the school's on-going violation of City mandates. When City staff approved the Traffic Impact Analysis submitted by the school's architects in 2017, several traffic mitigation requirements were imposed, but the school found it had difficulty complying, mainly because of a lack of funding.

During a meeting in August, WOHA was able to convince the school's senior leadership to take two measures: stagger afternoon pickup times and make more efficient use of its parking lot. Within days after the meeting, the school implemented changes, causing traffic to have eased considerably.

WOHA will continue to monitor the school's growth and adherence to City traffic management requirements, working with the administration and the City to see that all runs as smoothly as possible.

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## Two Cranes Happy to Lend a Hand

By Vincent T. Davis



A comforting sight awaited Leslie Fellows when he answered the knock on his trailer door—our own Whispering Oakers Lucinda Crane and her son, Gregory, bearing plastic-bagged meals and much-welcome conversation. Fellows' dogs, Baby and Buttons, crouched at his feet as he leaned on a sun-bleached wooden staircase to take the frozen lunches.

Both wearing protective masks, the mother and son listened as their client talked about missing Janice, his wife of 35 years who had died last year. They nodded as the widower told them about missing five puppies he couldn't afford to care for any longer and so had to adopt out.

"Thank you," Fellows, 77, said. "Bless y'all, I appreciate it; this helps out a lot."

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Crane, 53, and her son, Gregory, 20, volunteer at Meals on Wheels San Antonio to deliver meals to seniors and homebound residents. The Northwest Side route takes the Cranes to clients who live in trailers, homes, and apartments near the nonprofit's headquarters on Blanco. The Cranes have a close connection to Meals on Wheels San Antonio. Lucinda's father, George Walling, was a volunteer driver for the nonprofit, and her grandmother Herlinda Cerda received meals in the late 1990s.

Lucinda said the family began volunteering when her three children began logging hours with community outreach events. That led to monetary donations, but she felt a kinship with the Meals on Wheels mission. She recalls talking to a client who said that her money is tight and her food gets low, so she depends on the meals. She can't drive, so she has to depend on an agency to take her grocery shopping, but only once a month.

"Those things really touch you," Lucinda said, "that there is that need out here." But, more so, it's a blessing, she said, to be volunteering with her son and getting to know folks on their route whom she now considers "friends."

Gregory graduated from Antonian High school last year just as the coronavirus became part of everyday life. He decided to take a gap year from going to college to join his mother in offering good deeds to folks in need. "I enjoy it," he said. "Being able to do the same route and getting to know the people has been a nice experience. Seeing so much need, it opens your eyes."

—Adapted from the *San Antonio Express-News*, 16 August

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### Upcoming WOHA Board Meetings

All Board meetings are open to dues-paying members. If you wish to be on the agenda, please advise the President. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, except December, unless otherwise posted. All meetings are held at the Adante Independent Living Facility, 2739 Cembola Blvd., in the Game Room on the second floor and last up to two hours. Upcoming meetings:

- **Tuesday, 9 November, 6:30 p.m.**
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## Fifth Generation WO Descendant

Ben Stier, great-grandson of Whispering Oaks idols Roz and Sig Moroh and grandson of longtime WO residents Ivy and Arthur Stier, married WO product Susie Einstein, daughter of Ed Einstein and Penny Habbeshaw. Ben met Susie while living for a time with his grandparents. They returned for a visit to the Stiers and the Einstein-Habbeshaws from Japan, where Ben, who is pursuing a Naval career, is stationed. With them is their daughter, named for her great-great grandmother, Roz. Also pictured is great aunt Marsha Moroh, who came in from California to meet little Roz. Both Marsha and Ivy grew up in Whispering Oaks. That makes five generations. A reunion was held at the local Jim's Restaurant.

Not to miss out on the fun was third-generation resident Bodie, son of Graciela Pressman, who was raised in Whispering Oaks and lives here. She is the daughter, in turn, of Judine Taylor, pictured, and Richard Pressman. That makes Bodie a third-generation resident.



L-R: Arthur Stier, Ben Stier, Roz Stier, Susie Einstein Stier, Marsha Moroh, Ivy Moroh Stier



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## Code & Covenant Corner

Reminders of Municipal Code and Whispering Oaks Covenant requirements that apply to every property regardless of WOHA membership status.

### Thinking about a new fence? Remember these rules.

Cool autumn days are popular for yard work. But if you're thinking of repairing or replacing your fence this fall, there are a few restrictions to keep in mind.

First, installing or replacing a fence will require a permit from the City's Development Services Department at 1901 South Alamo Street. Staff will want to verify that your fence will comply with setback and height limitations for your street. Most fences within our community cannot exceed 6 feet in height. A fencing permit is inexpensive and is ultimately the responsibility of the homeowner to obtain—even if a contractor performs the work. Minor repairs, such as replacement planks or pickets, made to an existing fence do not require a permit as long as the overall height or footprint remains the same.

Secondly, the City has designated Whispering Oaks as a Neighborhood Conservation District, which carries additional fencing restrictions that nearby communities don't have to worry about. City staff will remind you of these rules when you apply for a permit. NCD Guidelines restrict what type of material can be used. For example, chain-link fencing is prohibited. These guidelines also restrict placement of fencing within a property. For most homes within Whispering Oaks, a fence cannot extend past the home's facade.

Lastly, deed restrictions for all properties within Whispering Oaks require that plans for new or modified fencing be approved by WOHA before construction begins. WOHA volunteers prefer to review your plan after City staff have been consulted. Our website has more information on this process.

**Be warned:** Failing to obtain a permit or approvals from all legal stakeholders before undertaking a fencing project could result in penalties and even the removal of unauthorized work.

## Reminders about the Ever-Present Evil: Oak Wilt!

**NOVEMBER** – Fall is a great time to plant new trees!

**DECEMBER** – Don't move firewood! Never use infected red oak wood.

**JANUARY** – Wrap up your tree pruning.

**FEBRUARY** – Beetles that carry the fungus spores from tree to tree are most active.

**FEBRUARY–JUNE** – Avoid pruning/wounding oaks from February–June, if possible. If pruning is a necessity for safety purposes, make sure to **PAINT ALL OAK WOUNDS IMMEDIATELY**.

### PREVENT NEW INFECTIONS

- Remove and dispose of oak wilt-infected red oaks immediately.
- Avoid wounding oak trees, including pruning, from February through June.
- Sterilize/sanitize all pruning equipment between trees.
- Paint all wounds and fresh stumps immediately regardless of season.
- Handle oak firewood cautiously, burn all firewood before spring, and never store unseasoned oak wood from infected trees near healthy oaks.
- Cover unseasoned firewood (from infection centers and unknown origins) with clear plastic and bury the edges of the plastic.

### Here we go again...

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## Dead Animals in the Street

Here's some good advice from good neighbor Mary Ellen Rioux: If you see a dead animal in the street, call 311 immediately and give the street address or the nearest intersection. It's best to be proactive because dead animals, especially during hot weather, cause particular problems. Among them are that they draw curious children, putting them in danger, and they draw other animals, including dangerous ones, into the road.



We should do the same when we see injured animals in the road. It's cruel to leave an animal suffering, so let the City take care of it as quickly as possible. Remember that we pay for the 311 service with our solid waste fees and taxes, so we should use it. And it is a most valuable service.

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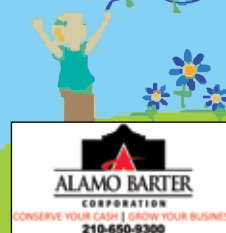
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## Garden Club Report

# Garden Club Encouraged to REFUSE Plastics



Featured speaker Karen Taylor flanked by Garden Club President Pamela Harrison-Martínez (!) and meeting host Diane Crawford.

Karen Taylor, District VII Director for the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., addressed the Whispering Oaks Garden Club members at their September meeting. “Going Green: Ways to Refuse Plastics in Your Home” was her topic, which covered dozens of ways to stop plastic use. Here are several of her suggestions:

- Take reusable shopping bags to the store or request paper bags.
- Use mesh produce bags. Purchase them at a supermarket or online.
- Instead of plastic wrap, use silicone or beeswax wraps.
- Bags that frozen foods come in are not recyclable, so opt for fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Mesh produce bags can be used for bulk items such as mushrooms, nuts, and coffee beans.
- Buy coffee in cans, preferably of cardboard with metal ends, or use paper bags for bulk coffee.
- Use refillable coffee pods, as the prefilled pods are not recyclable
- Buy soft drinks in aluminum cans instead of in plastic.
- Choose soda straws made from paper, stainless steel, bamboo, silicone, or glass.
- Stop buying single-use water bottles. Instead, fill your reusable bottle with home-filtered water.

Ms. Taylor offered many other green ideas for the home. For an email or paper copy of her three-page handout, contact Pamela Harrison Martínez or Ann Parsons. See the WO Directory for their contact information.

*Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint and the soil and sky as canvas.”*

—Elizabeth Murray

*“We may think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it’s our garden that is really nurturing us.”*

—Jenny Uglow

## Yards of the Month



### August 2021



Methinks Allen and Jerry Kobrin, 11154 Whisper Spring, are kinda proud of their yard.

### September 2021



Belinda and Ronald Schmidt – 11013 Whispering Wind

### October 2021



Javier and Corina Dilley

So how come three YOMs if *The Whispers* is a bi-monthly publication? ‘Cause we shifted from issuing every other even month to issuing every other odd month. Why? ‘Cause the most important month of the year for WOHA is September. We wanted the issue to come out in early September in anticipation of the Annual Meeting in late September. From now on, *The Whispers* will appear early every *odd* month.

## How About *Indoor* Gardening?

Did you know that indoor gardens require only three simple ingredients: a sunny spot, water, and soil! And you can grow some of your own food.



Beginner gardeners might choose a kit that comes with built-in-full-spectrum LED lights that simulate daylight and have self-watering containers to get the optimal results with minimal effort.

If your home has limited natural light, consider using the artificial lights such as the popular LEDs (light-emitting diodes). LEDs help regulate the amount of light your plants need.

Equally easy and attractive are trellis gardens, hanging gardens, bottle gardens, and living walls. These attractive backdrops give added ambiance to any home. Many come with the added ease of ready to grow, drop-in plant pods.

If you have concerns working with soil indoors or just want to try something a little different, grow an indoor garden using a hydroponic system. Hydroponic gardening is great for smaller spaces and your plants will grow faster than in soil. <https://www.verticalroots.com/the-what-and-why-of-hydroponic-farming/>

It's easy to grow an indoor garden with limited space. With a little creativity and research, you can find a garden idea suited to your lifestyle and space.

Find more information for fun and interesting indoor plant ideas:

- <https://www.nbcnews.com/shopping/home/best-indoor-garden-kits-n1267376>
- <https://livewall.com/products/indoor/>
- <https://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/gardens/garden-styles-and-types/how-to-create-a-living-wall>

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## Save the Monarchs!

Monarch butterflies are amazing insects. Every year, they migrate up to 3000 miles from Northern North America to Mexico and California. Scientists still don't understand how these butterflies find their way to specific nesting sites year after year.



Unfortunately, Monarch butterflies are struggling. Commercial herbicides have been killing milkweed, which monarch caterpillars eat. Also, some Monarch nesting sites have been threatened by human encroachment and development.

So how can we help? Here are a few ways that we can make our yards and neighborhoods more attractive for Monarch butterflies.

### 1. Plant Milkweed.

Milkweed can be a tricky plant to grow. But planting milkweed will help Monarch caterpillars – that's the only plant they eat! When planting milkweed, try to find local varieties. Exotic milkweed from South America can look pretty, but Monarchs may not eat it.

### 2. Plant flowers that attract pollinators.

Planting beautiful flowers in your yard is a great way to help Monarchs! Butterfly bushes are an obvious choice, but you could also plant Lantana and Cuphea. Monarchs will appreciate the free food that flowers give them.

### 3. Avoid using pesticides.

Obviously, spraying pesticides on your flowers will hurt monarchs. But using pesticides and herbicides anywhere in your yard can also kill milkweed. Milkweed is sensitive to glyphosate, which is included in a lot of pesticides. So, avoid spraying pesticides anywhere in your yard.

While Monarch butterflies are in a lot of trouble right now, we can help them to survive. Hopefully, in a hundred years, our great-grandchildren will be able to enjoy Monarch butterflies like we do.

To read more:

- <https://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch/>
- <https://www.onegreenplanet.org/environment/ways-you-can-help-save-the-monarch-butterfly/>
- <https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/home-lifestyle/gardening/g35927657/best-pollinator-plants/>

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## Real Estate Report

June – September 2021

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	Price	Per Sq. Foot
<b>Active listings – 7</b>		
High	\$449,000	\$168
Low	\$230,000	\$140
<b>Pending listings – 8</b>		
High	\$456,000	\$169
Low	\$320,000	\$141
<b>Sold listings – 14</b>		
High	\$500,000	\$200
Median	\$350,000	\$155
Low	\$248,000	\$94

Home sales in July 2021 decreased slightly when compared to July 2020, from 4,285 to 3,885. However, the San Antonio market is continuing to show movement in home purchases and sales.

Looking across other metropolitan counties, Bexar, Harris, Travis, and Dallas all showed a decrease in sales this month. However, homes are being purchased more quickly, with the average number of days on the market in San Antonio at 25 days, and Bexar County at 23 days. This is more than half the time it took for homes to sell last year.

Home sales prices in July averaged \$353,811 with a median price of \$298,400. Comparatively, the average price in Texas was \$392,429, which is 18.5 percent higher than last year. The median price in Texas increased 16.7 percent up to \$315,000, compared to \$270,000 last year. ~SABOR

## Know A Neighbor Who's Not Getting *The Whispers*?

There's only one likely explanation: The resident is receiving mail at a post-office box. But the Post Office will not deliver *The Whispers* there automatically. First, the person must keep that request with the post office current. Then the Editor of *The Whispers* must receive a request to forward, in turn, the change from the street address to the P.O. Box.



In any case, if *The Whispers* can help, we will. But, please understand, we are not responsible for Post Office rules!

## Look What's Coming to All Our Entranceways



This is to remind all our residents and to let those considering moving here that we are a Neighborhood Conservation District. That means that the architectural standards of the neighborhood have to be observed to keep it the beautiful place it has been always.

More information is available on the WOHA website ([whisperingoaks.org](http://whisperingoaks.org)) or from the Architectural Committee of the Board of Directors.



## Wanna Read Sumpin' Funny?

A woman walks up to a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. "I couldn't help notice how happy you look," she says. "What's the secret for a long and happy life?"

"I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he says. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat only fast food, and I never exercise."

"That's amazing. How old are you?"

"Twenty-six."

## Y otro en Español

Un físico, un ingeniero y un matemático viajan en un tren por Escocia. Al observar por la ventana, ven una oveja negra.

"Ajá," dice el físico, "veo que las ovejas escocesas son negras."

"Hmmm," dice el ingeniero, "querrás decir que algunas ovejas escocesas son negras."

"No," dice el matemático, "todo lo que sabemos es que existe al menos una oveja en Escocia, y que por lo menos uno de sus lados es negro."



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