



# Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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## 2005 BOARD ELECTIONS

The 2005 Board of Directors slate will be presented during our November general meeting at the Barley House. We will accept nominations from the floor.

Please join us on Nov. 11th and cast your vote for the 2005 VPNA Board of Directors.

\* Note the change in location. We'll be hosting our meeting at the Barley House.

**Date:** Thursday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** BARLEY HOUSE -

2916 N. Henderson Ave.

We'll be on the covered patio of the East Side Grill which is connected to the Barley House.

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1 FREE BEER  
AT THE BARLEY HOUSE**



*Courtesy of VPNA.  
Offer valid 11/11/04  
7-9 p.m.*

help out your neighborhood thru activities such as St. Patrick's Day planning, Crime/Code Committees, or perhaps you want to start a "Mommies" group, or anything, please come to our Nov 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado

Don't Set Out Trash Before:  
Thursday, November 4th

**Pick Up Week:**  
Nov. 8th - 13th



## Elections 2004!!!

~ Eric LeBlanc

As your Vice President for Vickery Place I wanted to take a moment to ask for your help. At our next general meeting we will be electing a new board for 2005. We are desperately seeking a few good folks to help us continue the great work that has been done in the past year.

Many of you may wonder what kind of activities are actually generated out of the organization. Our VPNA board provides a voice into many city activities. As an example we actively participate in the St. Patrick's Day planning that is done with the city. Our recent National Night Out Party in August was a major success and was sponsored by VPNA.

On a personal note, I was asked what serving on the VPNA board has meant for me..... More than anything, I see it as a way to give my time to keeping Vickery Place as a "neighborhood" with "neighborhood" activities. One of the main reasons I moved to East Dallas is to "feel" that sense of community that I feel is lost in so many of the new neighborhoods to our north. By serving on the board, I can help drive activities that help bring all of our neighbors together such as National Night Out and help protect the neighborhood by working with our Code and Crime Committees. (Notes from other boardmembers on page 3).

Many of you are new to the neighborhood and many of you have been here for years..... We need your help. If you are interested in serving on the board, or just want to learn how you can

We will be meeting at the Barley House on Henderson at 7:00p sharp. Did I mention that there will be FREE BEER!



Vickery Place stickers, like the one above, can be purchased for \$5 each. T-shirts are on sale for \$10. You can buy them each month at our general meeting.

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**CRIME STATS**

THEFT	07/27/04	56XX	BELMONT
THEFT	09/08/04	56XX	BELMONT
THEFT	09/14/04	56XX	BELMONT
VANDAL	09/01/04	56XX	BELMONT
VANDAL	09/23/04	56XX	BELMONT
VANDAL	09/23/04	55XX	BELMONT
VANDAL	09/20/04	53XX	BELMONT
1VANDAL	09/24/04	53XX	BONITA
ROBBERY	09/23/04	52XX	BONITA
ROBBERY	09/23/04	52XX	BONITA
OTHERASLT	09/18/04	30XX	HENDERSON
VANDAL	09/15/04	25XX	MADERA
THEFT	09/06/04	24XX	MADERA
THEFT	09/20/04	23XX	MADERA
THEFT	09/09/04	56XX	MILLER
THEFT	09/12/04	55XX	MILLER
AUTOTHEFT	09/26/04	53XX	MILLER
BURGLARY	09/04/04	52XX	MILLER
THEFT	09/13/04	52XX	MILLER
VANDAL	09/23/04	51XX	MILLER
THEFT	09/14/04	56XX	RICHARD
VANDAL	09/12/04	54XX	RICHARD
BURGLARY	09/14/04	52XX	RICHARD
THEFT	09/19/04	52XX	RICHARD
THEFT	09/26/04	51XX	RICHARD
BURGLARY	09/03/04	53XX	WILLIS
BURGLARY	08/29/04	52XX	WILLIS



**CANINE CAPERS** - *The October meeting was dedicated to the neighborhood dogs as we celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual VPNA Dog Show.* ~ Shelia Huffman

Neighbors gathered in the Vickery Tower's courtyard to show off their best friend and Vickery Tower's residents lined the sidewalks to watch the festivities and enjoy chili dogs and beautiful Autumn weather.

Father Martin Yost of **St. John's Episcopal Church** performed the traditional *Blessing of the Animals* celebrated by St. Thomas of Assisi. The **SPCA of Texas** was represented by Kathy Richardson, Becca Speer and Clair Schwarz who distributed literature on animal concerns and what we can do to help. Ken Lampton of **RE/MAX, (M-Street-Dallas)** and Anna Brinker of the **Lone Star Airedale Terrier Club** judged the show. Prizes were awarded in such categories as Best Costume, Look Alike, Best Rescue Dog Story and more. Happy dogs and owners took home treats, frisbees, tennis balls and bones compliments of **Canine Commissary** on Greenville Avenue and **Pet Supplies Plus** on Mockingbird. Raffle Prizes included a private obedience lesson from **Flying Fur Obedience School**, hand thrown-hand painted dog bowls from **Linda Gossett Studio**, a pail of assorted products and treats from **Pet Supplies Plus** and gift certificates from **Canine Commissary**.



We sincerely thank all of these people who donated time, talent and merchandise to make this fun event a success. We also thank VPNA board member, Jennifer Bryarly and her husband Matt, board member Sandi Holmes-Schwedler, and Shelia Huffman for putting on the dog, so to speak. As always we appreciate the facility of **Vickery Towers** for hosting our meetings and parties.

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## WHY I GOT INVOLVED

~ *The VPNA board*

As we approach a new year and elect a new board of directors for Vickery Place neighborhood, you should know why your involvement is so important. Below are some notes from our current board on what motivated them to be active in our community and participate in neighborhood activities and events.

**Angi Brown** - We have a great neighborhood and that is because we have created a real community through our newsletter, monthly events and the best block party in the city! I have really enjoyed getting to know other neighbors by working with them on the board.

**Sandi Holmes** - I got involved because I loved gardening and wanted to be able to share some of that passion with my neighbors. I also wanted to be able to recognize people's hard work through the acknowledgement of the "Yard-of-the-month". Gardening, landscaping or just plain yard work is hard and takes a lot of your time. Having someone tell you that it looks good makes it worthwhile. I hope anyone that has enjoyed reading the newsletter will decide to spend a little bit of his or her spare time helping the neighborhood by volunteering on the board or by getting more involved by attending the monthly meetings.

**Jennifer Bryarly** – When I moved into Vickery Place, I didn't know anyone. After about a year I decided to go to a Vickery Place general meeting. That night I was recruited as editor of the newsletter. Shortly after, I was elected to the Board. That was 3 years ago. Thinking back I remember the feeling of not knowing my neighbors. Now more than anything, I love the people I've met along the way and always being "in the know" on the happenings in and around Vickery Place. And building the newsletter each month makes me feel good knowing that I've helped improved the communication between neighbors. I hope you will get involved too!

## LANDMARK DESIGNATION A 'LONG' TIME COMING

~ Beth Bently

J. L. Long Middle School, 6116 Reiger, recently gained Historic Landmark status. The effort began 2 years ago with an ad hoc committee of the Long PTA, comprised of Vickery Place neighbor Beth Bentley, and fellow J. L. Long parents Kaye McCallum and Bob Richie. The committee spent many hours researching the history of the building, and photographing the intricate details and embellishments of the building's façade. Woodrow Wilson High School, which shares a campus with Long, gained both City and State Landmark designation back in 1989. The historic overlay for J.L. Long was first approved by DISD, the City of Dallas Landmark Commission, the City Planning Commission, and finally by Dallas City Council in October 2004. J. L. Long Middle School is a treasure to the East Dallas community and plays a major part in Dallas's educational, architectural and cultural heritage.

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF J. L. LONG

As the "junior high" movement swept the nation in the early 1930's, Dallas educators readily embraced the notion, realizing the need for a transitional period between elementary school and high school. J. L. Long was the second Junior High School built in Dallas, opening its doors to students in September of 1933. The enrollment the first year was 550 students.

C.W. Morris was principal for the first 16 years. He thought of the handsome new school as his ship, and he its captain, saying, "we run a tight ship!" Thus came the school's nautical theme—the athletic teams were (and still are today) referred to as the "Buccaneers", the student newspaper was entitled "The Long Log", and the student handbook was known as the "Anchor".



In 1934, students watched as well-known local artist Olin Travis painted the "Food" mural in the school library. It was one of the WPA arts projects produced in Dallas during the Depression. Mr. Travis is also known for two murals he painted in the Hall of State at Fair Park.

John Lawson Long, the school's namesake, was Superintendent of Dallas schools at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He made many contributions to the Dallas Educational System and helped lay the foundation for the Dallas School District. Mr. Long died in June 1933. The Dallas School Board seeking to honor his memory choose to name the new Junior High School in his honor. Mr. Long's resolve to provide students with a classical education, as well as build strong character, continues on today.

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### MEET THE BOARD – ANGI BROWN

Goodwin Avenue neighbor Angi Brown has lived in Vickery Place with her partner, Leslie Farrell, for a little over five years. Although this year is her first to serve on the VPNA board, she has been active for several years as a volunteer for the National Night Out Block Party and working on the committee to promote the conservation district designation, seeking to preserve the character of Vickery Place neighborhood. Angi is not a native of Texas, but originally from the Midwest. Before moving to the Lone Star State, she lived in Denver Colorado, Dover New Jersey, Los Angeles California and Chicago Illinois. Her career in marketing and product development for cable television, telephone and high-speed Internet services gave her a great opportunity to travel and eventually brought her to Dallas. Most recently she has made a radical change in vocation and returned to school fulltime, attending Brite Divinity School (TCU) in Fort Worth. In addition to studying, Angi is currently working for a unique United Methodist mission, a community of artists called ArtSpirit which engages, explores and interprets the mysteries of God and spirituality through the arts ([www.artspiritdallas.org](http://www.artspiritdallas.org)). Angi also serves as a board member for The Open Door Preschool at Grace United Methodist Church which teaches language skills to preschoolers who primarily come from low income, non-English speaking families. Much of her spare time is spent on house renovations for one of the neighborhood's original bungalows. She and Leslie courageously tackle most projects themselves. "It's been great fun working with this year's board and getting to know our community better. I've made some good friends and that makes living in our lovely neighborhood even better!"

## EATING SOLO?

Slaving over a hot stove only to eat alone always seems like too much work, especially around the holidays. If you'll be dining solo this year, our single serving menus can help you have a stress-free and satisfying dinner, without unwanted leftovers!

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Prep Time:** 20 minutes

**Cook Time:** 25 minutes

**Yield:** 2 to 3 servings

2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/2 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup beef broth  
1 (1/2 pound) piece beef tenderloin, trimmed, sliced  
1/4 inch thick, then cut into 1-inch pieces  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1/4 cup thinly sliced shallot  
1/2 pound creminis, trimmed and halved (quartered, if large)  
2 tablespoons sour cream, at room temperature  
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon black pepper  
Accompaniment: buttered cooked wide egg noodles

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a small heavy saucepan over moderate heat and whisk in flour, then cook roux, whisking constantly, 2 minutes. Add broth in a slow stream, whisking constantly, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, whisking occasionally, 3 minutes. Remove from heat and keep warm. Pat beef dry and season well with salt and pepper. Heat 1/2 tablespoon butter with 1/2 tablespoon oil in a 12-inch heavy skillet over moderately high heat until foam subsides. Saute beef turning once, until browned on both sides but still pink inside, about 1 minute. Transfer to a plate with a slotted spoon.

Heat remaining 1/2 tablespoon butter with remaining 1/2 tablespoon oil in same skillet over moderately high heat until hot but not smoking, then saute shallot, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Add mushrooms and saute, stirring occasionally, until the liquid mushrooms give off is evaporated and mushrooms are browned, about 8 to 10 minutes. Return meat with its juices to skillet, stir to combine, and then transfer to a platter.

Reheat sauce over low heat (do not let boil), then whisk in sour cream, mustard, dill, salt, and pepper. Pour sauce over beef and serve immediately. *(Recipe from FoodNetwork.com)*



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# Vickery Place Frequently Asked Questions

Whether you are a veteran to Vickery Place or have just moved in here are some frequently asked questions and answers to help you out.



- **Who is responsible for fixing the sidewalk in front of my house?**
  - The homeowner is responsible for maintaining the condition of the sidewalk in front of their house. Under rare circumstances the City will share the cost of repairing the sidewalk. However this shared cost may be more expensive than hiring an independent contractor yourself.
- **Who is responsible for maintaining the alley behind my house?**
  - The homeowner is responsible for maintaining the alley directly behind their house and making sure it is free of litter and debris.
- **How can I get the alley behind my house paved?**
  - The City of Dallas requires that home owners share the costs of improving an unpaved alley. A petition has to be signed by 2/3rds of the residents whose houses share the alley. To start this process you can either call 311 or fill out the online form at <http://311.dallascityhall.com/index.html> Be sure to choose the Service Request Entry - Paving - Unimproved (New Alley) - PWT
- **How can I get part of my block designated as NO PARKING?**
  - By City of Dallas ordinance, "No Parking" signs are handled on a petition basis. In a residential area, the citizen must have a petition signed by 80% of affected citizens in the same block, on the same side of the street, with 51% being in favor of the change. There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee and a fee of \$25 per sign installed/removed. This petition can be found online at [www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/parking\\_petitions.html](http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/parking_petitions.html) For further information, call Transportation Engineering at (214) 670-3260.
- **Who can I contact regarding suspicious activities?**
  - Always call 911 if something seems suspicious around our neighborhood. Having a patrol car drive by might just prevent a crime. Additionally, you can contact our dedicated ICP officers at 214-670-4420. to alert them of suspected regular illegal activities being conducted out of a particular residence.
- **Who can I contact regarding Dallas City code violations? Ex. Bulky trash out at an improper time, cars in the yard, too many garage sales, junk cars, etc...**
  - You can either call 311 or fill out the online form at <http://311.dallascityhall.com/index.html>
- **Who are our Local Political Representatives?**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ City Council Representative – District:14 (Precincts 1223 &amp; 1229) Veletta Forsythe Lill Dallas City Hall 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5FS Dallas, TX 75201-6390 (214) 670-5415 (214) 670-1847 fax</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ City Council Representative – District:2 (Precinct 1221) John Loza, Mayor Pro Tem Dallas City Hall 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5EN Dallas, TX 75201-6390 (214) 670-4048 (214) 670-1816 fax</li></ul>
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- **What are our polling locations?**
  - Voting Precincts: 1221, 1223, & 1229
  - Precincts 1221 & 1223: Vote at Vickery Towers
  - Precinct 1229 (North Side of Goodwin only) – Vote at Ridgecrest Baptist Church
  - To confirm your voter registration and precinct number, check:
  - <http://www.dalcoelections.org/voters.asp>

## 2004 Board of Directors

President: Leslie Farrell  
Vice President: Eric LeBlanc  
Secretary: Kris Starbird  
Treasurer: Todd McCavitt

### Members at Large:

Angi Brown  
Sandi Holmes  
Anton Skowronski  
Jennifer Bryarly

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*Because of a family illness and death, we do not have a Yard of the Month for November.*



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