



## GREENVILLE – BELMONT – HENDERSON – CENTRAL - GOODWIN VICKERY PLACE DIGITAL NEWS – JANUARY 2021

### **VPNA 2021 Message** ~Rob Irvin, VPNA President

Greetings and Happy New Year to all residents of Vickery Place! I hope your holidays were healthy and happy and you're starting off the New Year on a good note. As everyone knows, 2020 was a challenging year due to COVID and everything that went with it.

First of all, I'd like to thank the 2020 VPNA Board for their service both last year, which is continuing into this year due to the suspension of elections. You all are definitely going above and beyond with your service. It's been a pleasure serving with you and I look forward to doing so until the elections occur.

Second, I'd like to thank our neighborhood residents for their friendship during the past year. My wife and I have seen many new faces on our walks through the neighborhood. Everyone has been very friendly and welcoming, and it is great to see this positivity during this time. It's also been great to see everyone that's participating in the online Scavenger Hunt that we've had.

Also, thanks to all who have signed up for our online newsletter. If you'd like to do so and haven't had the opportunity, please visit our website [www.vickeryplace.com](http://www.vickeryplace.com).

Finally, just as a recap, depending upon when "in person" activities can safely resume, we have the following fun things planned:

- St. Patrick's Day sign building and placement (March)
- Wine Walk (in May or September)
- National Night Out (First Tuesday in October)
- Parkway Tree planting (February or September)
- General informational meetings about neighborhood crime and safety, gardening tips and other topics of interest to the neighborhood.

Again, thank you for your friendship and support. I look forward to seeing and meeting all our neighbors in 2021. ~Rob Irvin

**Yard of the Month – 5402 Richard Ave**  
~Tory Marpe, VPNA Beautification  
Committee

Congratulations to our first Yard of the Month winner of 2021, Luke Walter at 5402 Richard Ave!

Luke purchased his Craftsman-style home 2.5 years ago, attracted to the large Japanese Maple in the front yard and the splendid potential of the existing landscaping around the large lot.

Today, Luke's hard work and vision for a "North Texas Landscape" look has resulted in a beautiful palette of colors and textures that thrives in our hot Texas summers and all year long.

There was plenty to work with when Luke first began designing his landscape. Beautiful trees, rose bushes, raised beds and built-in planters were all part of the existing collection. After moving the roses, palms, bamboo, and a few other plants, Luke wrapped dramatic yuccas around the front porch, added drought-tolerant succulents to the raised bed and colorful African Milk Trees to the stone planters. The reds, purples, greens, and whites in his design not only complement one another but also the color and trim of Luke's 1930's home.

When it does rain, you can find Luke relaxing on his covered front porch, enjoying the view of his yard and maybe eating something he grew himself. Luke grows citrus, herbs, berries, and even has a wall of hot peppers in the back. Given we are all staying home a bit more these days, Luke has the right idea by surrounding himself with beauty and abundance in his home and yard. We thank Luke for sharing his story and all our neighbors who make choosing the yard of



the month such a fun challenge. Keep up the great work, everyone!

Home Garden Tip: When designing your landscape, pay attention to the needs and concerns of each plant you choose and combine those with similar sun and water needs. You can avoid getting too much (or too little) sun or water by placing plants next to others that need the same amounts of each. A little planning upfront and attention to care requirements will help manage and maximize one's landscaping, for the long run.

### **Geneva Heights Peace Pantry Holiday Bags**

Thanks to the generous donations of the Vickery Place Neighborhood Association Board, surrounding Neighborhood Associations, and individual donors, 30 Geneva Heights families received a full holiday meal, fresh fruits and vegetables, a grocery store gift card, cookie decorating kits & sweets to enjoy over the holiday break. Thank you, Sandra Jennings and all of the GH Peace Pantry volunteers for coordinating the holiday distribution, and for all you do during the school year to help food insecure families in the GH community! The GH Peace Pantry (food pantry) needs are ongoing throughout the year—if you would like to contribute items, check out their Amazon Wish List: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O306NPHU72PP?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O306NPHU72PP?ref_=wl_share).

### **End-Of-Year Giving, VPNA Board of Directors**

We would like to recognize those that have made an end-of-year donation to Vickery Place NA, and extend a big 'Thank You'--your continued support is greatly appreciated!!

Candy Hearne, Cameron Carreras, Catherine Laudon, Courtney Mills, Debbie Simurda, Derek Adelta, Ed Miles, Jeanne McGuire, Lydia Wright, Mary Nelson, Mary Warren, Melanie Gordon, Nancy Corley, Rick & Beth Bentley, Shelly Bythewood, Steven Albitz

Of course you don't have to wait till the end of the year to make a financial contribution to Vickery Place, you can donate at any time—just visit [www.vickeryplace.com](http://www.vickeryplace.com) and scroll down to the donate button. Vickery Place Neighborhood Association is a 501c3 charitable organization, and your donation is tax deductible. Thank you!

### **Legacies History Conference**

The 22nd Annual Legacies Dallas History Conference will be hosted virtually on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 9am. Six speakers will be presenting their papers on topics related to the theme 'LAW AND DISORDER IN DALLAS REVISITED'. Conference tickets are \$10 and Patron tickets are \$100.

- Historic Courthouses and Jails in Dallas  
*By Marcel Quimby*
- A Fun Look at Crime  
*By Rose-Mary Rumbley*
- Murder It Was: The Deaths of Two Women That Shocked Dallas in the 1910s  
*By Rene Schmidt*
- Horror in Hollywood Heights  
*By Teresa Musgrove*
- Ejected from Old Red: Black Jury Service in the Time of Jim Crow  
*By Ralph Cousins*
- The Man with Nine Lives: Herbert "The Cat" Noble  
*By Peter Kurilecz*

Additionally, there will be special behind-the-scenes footage shown of the Old Red Courthouse of spaces (like the attic and basement) that are rarely, if ever, seen by the public. To register, please visit: <https://dallasheritagevillage.org/programs/legacies/>

**2021 Openings**, from [dallasnativeblog.com](http://dallasnativeblog.com)

- **Name TBA, 1918 Greenville (former location of Daddy Jacks)** - Chef Jimmy Park's Japanese restaurant on Greenville Avenue doesn't have a name yet. But it has nearly everything else: It has a vision, as a small omakase restaurant making beautiful, fresh food. It has an address, in the former Daddy Jack's on Lowest Greenville. And it has an executive chef, an unnamed person from Las Vegas who moved to Dallas to work with Park. "I want to grow as

a chef and get better, but in order to do that, I can't be the best chef at my own restaurant," Park says. Diners will make reservations, then trust their chefs with a multicourse tasting. **Opening date: March/April 2021, Cuisine: Japanese**

- **Name TBA, 2808 Greenville Ave (former location of The Grape)** - Restaurateur Chas Martin, who runs The Charles in the Dallas Design District, is opening a more neighborhood-driven restaurant on Lower Greenville. The restaurant doesn't have a name or a menu yet. Here's what we know: This new restaurant will have "some of the DNA of The Charles," Martin says, but it'll probably be more dressed down. "It needs to fit the neighborhood," he says. The restaurant is opening where The Grape restaurant operated for nearly 50 years. Diners should look out for "some nostalgic nods" to the Grape, Martin says. **Opening date: August 2021, Cuisine: European**
- **Christies, 2817 Greenville Ave (former location of Slater's 50/50)** - Christies Sports Bar & Grill, open for 29 years in Uptown Dallas, closed mid-pandemic with no word on its future. But what 2020 took away, 2021 will return: Christies is shortening its name — though still not adding a grammatically correct apostrophe — and moving to Lower Greenville in Dallas. This new bar will be a little bigger, with a rooftop patio and a spruced-up interior. It'll still be a simple sports bar serving wings and such, with pool tables and "TVs everywhere," co-owner Jordan Carson says. Some things never change. **Opening date: Late January 2021, Cuisine: Bar food**
- **Spider Murphy's, 2810 N. Henderson Ave (former location of Bar Stellar/Vickery Park)** - Irishman Feargal McKinney is tripling down on Henderson Avenue by opening his third bar in a half-mile. Spider Murphy's is between The Old Monk and The Skellig, in a funny-shaped building that once was Vickery Park and later Bar Stellar. While Spider Murphy's looks and feels like an Irish pub, it will have the most nontraditional menu of any of McKinney's bars. "I've lived here more than half of my life now, so I'm more comfortable leaning in to Texan and Tex-Mex flavors," McKinney says. Plus, "I can't have three places on the same street serving fish and chips." McKinney and co-owner Charles Reis hired chef Oliver Sitrin (formerly of the Blind Butcher on Greenville Avenue and most recently of Bullion in downtown Dallas) to create an approachable menu, one that so far includes elotes fritters and shrimp mezcal shooters. Anyone missing the Idle Rich Pub should stop at Spider Murphy's: The old sign is hanging on one wall. **Opening date: Early 2021, Cuisine: Inventive pub food**

### **Vickery Place Scavenger Hunts 1, 2 & 3**

We had a lot of fun with our Vickery Place Scavenger Hunts--thanks to everyone who participated! Lots of interesting and unique objects '*Hidden In Plain Sight*'!! We hope to have a new hunt in the Spring—be on the lookout!