



JULY GET-TOGETHER

Date: Thursday, July 14
 Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 Place: The Grape Restaurant
 2808 Greenville Avenue



NEIGHBORHOOD BISTRO GET-TOGETHER

If you have not already experienced the ambiance of The Grape (Dallas' first blackboard restaurant) at 2808 Greenville Avenue, or even if you are a frequent patron, please join your neighbors for a friendly get-together on Thursday July 14. (Note earlier time of 6:30)

Complimentary appetizers will be provided and happy hour drink specials will be available for VPNA. Get to know your neighbor during this casual evening! **Due to summer busy schedules, this event is in lieu of a July business meeting.**

The Grape Restaurant has stayed true to its roots for over 35 years, offering quality food and wine at affordable prices and the tradition continues. In 2007, the Greenville Avenue institution was acquired by Chef/Owner Brian Luscher and his wife and General Manager Courtney. The Luschers purchased The Grape from the original owners and have given the restaurant a small 'face lift' for the 21st century, still keeping the history and charm in tact. www.thegraperestaurant.com.

Volunteer for the October Centennial Home Tour, email hometour@vickeryplace.com.

SHARING A 1911 BEGINNING...

Along with Vickery Place neighborhood being platted in 1911, other significant events and persons share this memorable year.

Notable Events: 1st edition of Boy Scout Handbook & Boys' Life magazine, Chevrolet automobiles, Dallas Rotary Club (the first in Texas), Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Fenway Park in Boston, Hotel Galvez (Galveston), IBM (International Business Machines), Indianapolis 500, International Women's Day, Kessler Plan for the City of Dallas, Mars Candy, SMU (Southern Methodist University), Whirlpool Corporation, and White Rock Lake. *Continued on pg. 5.*



Vickery Place 1911 - 2011



1-DAY Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up EVERY MONDAY



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Don't Set Out Trash Before:
 Thursday, July 7
Pick Up Week:
 July 11 - 15

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JUNE SOCIAL AT MEXTOPIA RECAP

Some 40+ Vickery Place residents stopped by Mextopia on lower Greenville for the VPNA June 9th social. New and familiar faces alike came in to cool off, grab a bite to eat and visit with fellow neighbors. Restaurant owner Ricardo Avila served up drinks and an assortment of delicious nacho platters. Conversations ranged from gardening, crime, zoning, occupations, to travel and summer plans.

The informal social setting and inviting hospitality of Mextopia made for a very “refreshing” evening! Thank you Ricardo and Mextopia staff!



DOWNING HILL SUMMER KICK-OFF

Several Vickery Place neighbors gathered Thursday evening June 30th at Downing Hill for summer refreshment and a class in summer drink making by Texas Chow Girl Anna Brindley, <http://texaschowgirl.com/>. Try cooling off with this refreshing Citrus Aide as a summer drink or use it as the base for your backyard Margaritas. Thanks Tom and Anna for a fun community outing!



Citrus Aide

- 6 limes
- 2 Lemons
- 2 Oranges

Simple Syrup: To make simple syrup, combine 2/3 part warm water and 1/3 part sugar to melt the sugar. When cooled, add to citrus juices (sweeten to taste). Let cool before using or you will dilute the citrus flavor.



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Looking for something to do that is fun and air conditioned? Join Preservation Dallas on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm throughout July, in the Wilson Carriage House for their Summer Sizzlers annual summer program that offers insight into local preservation topics, architecture, and history. Prices start as low as \$10! To register, visit www.preservationdallas.org or call 214-821-3290.



The Debate Continues - Historic Building Additions, What's Appropriate?

Tuesday, July 12; 6:00-7:30 pm Speaker: Daron Tapscott, Preservation Architect

Since the ascendancy of modernist architecture in the 1950s, architects and homeowners have struggled with whether to create an addition that seems as if it belonged to the original structure or to create an addition that is clearly distinguishable as twenty-first century construction. Hear one architect's view on designing compatible yet distinguishable additions to historic buildings.

The Hidden History of St. Paul United Methodist Church

Thursday, July 14; 6:00-7:30pm Speaker: Jon Rollins, Principal, Good Fulton & Farrell Architects

From its founding more than 140 years ago by a community of freed slaves to today, the congregation and cultural setting of St. Paul UMC has dramatically changed and evolved. This presentation will document some of the hidden architectural and cultural histories revealed during the brief window provided by the rehabilitation of this Dallas Landmark structure.

Freedmantown/North Dallas: Changes to a Cultural Landscape

Tuesday, July 19; 6:00-7:30pm Speaker: Marsha Prior, Director, Historical Research Services, Geo-Marine, Inc.

Although North Dallas was racially and ethnically diverse when it was established as a freedmantown in 1869, segregation and deed restrictions created a neighborhood that was almost exclusively African American by the early 1900s. Known today as Uptown, North Dallas' landscape is drastically altered, but a few remnants of the built environment remain to tell of its fascinating history.

Industrial Hipsters: A History of Deep Ellum

Thursday, July 21; 6:00-7:30pm Speaker: Robert Meckfessel, Principal, DSGN Associates, Inc.

This talk will provide an overview of the vibrant history of Deep Ellum, including its widely (and wildly) diverse architectural and cultural history. From its earliest days as an industrial center, its heyday in the 30s as a blues and jazz center, and all the way through its edgy rebirth in the 80s and 90s; Deep Ellum has played a unique and colorful role in Dallas history.

Midcentury Modern Resources for Homeowners

Tuesday, July 26; 6:00-7:30pm Speaker: Cliff Welch, AIA, Welch Architecture

In addition to the overall design, this genre has its own palette of materials: from paint colors, plastic laminate, ceramic tile, cabinetry, and furnishings. This talk will discuss the approach that one firm takes on resourcing and the restoration of post-war modern residential architecture and interiors.

White Rock Lake: The Centennial of an Urban Oasis

Thursday, July 28; 6:00-7:30pm, Speakers: Peggy Riddle, Jim Anderson, Sally Rodriguez

This interactive program features little known facts about the White Rock area and never before seen photographs. Come ready to participate! This is your opportunity to ask the experts as well as provide your own memorable stories from this beloved area. Following will be a book signing for White Rock Lake by Sally Rodriguez.



~ Photo by Ken Lampton

Vickery Place Neighborhood



In the
Spotlight

SUMMERTIME... WHEN THE LIVIN' IS EASY

Vickery Towers kicked off summer with a parking lot picnic and live music.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The LeBlancs moved to Austin when they left Vickery Place. They recently bought a vintage (1939) home in the residential neighborhood of Tarrytown, located west of downtown Austin.

Eric says, "the kids are great and growing fast". Both Ethan and Lilly were born while the LeBlancs lived at 5605 Vickery Blvd. Eric served two years, 2005 and 2006, as president of VPNA and both he and Tommie were instrumental in the Vickery Place Conservation movement.



THAT FACE, THAT FACE, THAT WONDERFUL FACE!

Hello, my name is Phoebe JoAnn. I live in Vickery Place and I am heading up "Spotlight on Vickery Place Pets". If you would like to be *spotlighted*, tell the person in your household who controls the camera to aim it your way and submit a photo and a little information about you and what makes you so special to phoebe@vickeryplace.com.



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD... *A beautiful day for a neighbor. Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?*

Although Fred Roger's song was written about a fictitious children's television community, I think it could have been written about Vickery Place. We are blessed to have good folks living among us who watch out for each other and go out of their way to help one another.

Last winter when the ice storm had some of us "iced in", Will Short filled and delivered my grocery list along with his own family's list, and Linda Mitchell who had braved the icy roads doesn't even own a dog, but made a special stop at the pet shop to pick up food for my Boston Terriers. Now a recent foot surgery has played havoc with my mobility and my neighbor Dao Vorhees has been watering my yard to keep it from dying in the Texas heat. Ken Lampton brought over tacos from the Korean Food Truck for lunch. Kathy Harris, Jeannine Baisch and Candy Hearne have all offered rides and errands to help me out

during my time in the cast. If you have a neighbor who always acts in a neighborly way or goes out of their way to help out, "spotlight" them in the newsletter. info@vpna.org. ~ Shelia Huffman



SPECIAL DELIVERY

At last! For those of us who have had the unsurpassed experience of an *In -N- Out* burger, our mouth began watering over a year ago when we first heard the rumor that the California based fast food chain was coming to Dallas. Well, it's here at last! It opened Thursday morning, June 23 at 8:30 am at 7940 North Central Expressway and our friend and neighbor, Ken Lampton,



Introduce Yourself!

Whether you've been in Vickery Place for decades or days, say hello to your neighbors and make some new friends.

was one of the first in line. After enjoying a juicy burger and fries, he bought a baker's dozen and drove through Vickery Place passing them out to neighbors along the way.

TRIPLE AND TRINITY

Vickery Place dad, Dr. Ken Adams, celebrated father's day the old-fashioned way, on a bicycle built for four? The Adams family has a great appreciation for family life, sharing projects and activities with one another. You will see Ken and Deborah with their 3 daughters, Isabelle, Katherine and baby Trinity enjoying neighborhood activities and events--if you are lucky you may even get a cool drink from the girl's lemondade stand.



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Notable personalities born in 1911: Babe Didrikson Zaharias, American athlete and golfer; David Merrick, American theater producer; Ebby Halliday, real estate magnate of Dallas; Ginger Rogers, American actress; Gypsy Rose Lee, American burlesque entertainer (famous for her striptease act); Hank Greenberg, American baseball player; J. Ray Weir, founder of Weir's Furniture Village on Knox Street; Jack Ruby, Dallas nightclub owner and killer of Lee Harvey Oswald; Jean Harlow, American actress; LaVerne Andrews, member of the 1940s Big Band/Swing group The Andrews Sisters; L. Ron Hubbard, American science fiction author and founder of Scientology; Lee J. Cobb, American actor; Lucille Ball, American actress (I Love Lucy); Marshall McLuhan, Canadian author; Mitch Miller, American singer and television personality; Robert Johnson, legendary American blues singer and musician; Ronald Reagan, American actor and the 40th president of the United States; Roy Rogers, American singer and actor; Tennessee Williams, American playwright (A Streetcar Named Desire); Maureen O'Sullivan, Irish actress; Hubert H. Humphrey, U.S. Vice President and Senator; Vincent Price, American actor.



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DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION SCAMS

Summertime is prime time for door-to-door scams. The Better Business Bureau recently released a list of the latest scams, www.dallas.bbb.org. Below are a few that we have heard or witnessed happening in our area

Door-to Door Magazine Sales - These con men use high-pressure tactics on their victims. This year, BBB has received 662 complaints involving these scams. This summer, BBB recommends the following on how to handle magazine salesmen: listen carefully, be aware of high pressure sales tactics, stand strong, verify the individual and the company, and know your rights.

Alarm System Door-to-Door Sales - Some businesses can be pushy. Before you make a major purchase, check out the company first at bbb.org. Also, find out if the company is properly licensed in your state and if they screen employees before hiring. Get bids from at least three companies before selecting an installer. Be sure you compare similar systems on price.

Energy Scams are a great way for scam artists to cash in. Beware of door-to-door salespeople, unsolicited letters, or phone calls that promise to save energy and money on bills. Signing up for such offers can cause a monthly bill to skyrocket. Hidden charges could apply, due to switching service or cancellation fees.

- More tips from the BBB:
- Always ask for proper identification before listening to the pitch.
 - Never let a stranger inside your home.
 - If you feel threatened, call the police at 9-1-1

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Burglary	5/3/11	55XX Miller
Theft	5/5/11	53XX Miller
Theft	5/6/11	28XX Laneri
Theft	5/6/11	52XX Belmont
Theft	5/6/11	54XX Miller
Theft	5/6/11	54XX Willis
Other Assault	5/6/11	53XX Manett
Burglary	5/7/11	55XX Belmont
Telephone Harass	5/8/11	53XX Manett
Robbery	5/9/11	25XX Henderson
Burglary	5/10/11	53XX Goodwin
Other	5/11/11	55XX Miller
Other	5/11/11	56XX Miller
Theft	5/12/11	51XX Belmont
Theft	5/12/11	25XX Henderson
Burglary	5/13/11	53XX Willis
Vandalism	5/14/11	26XX Madera
Theft	5/18/11	52XX Goodwin
Auto Theft	5/18/11	30XX Henderson
Auto Theft	5/19/11	51XX Goodwin
Theft	5/19/11	55XX Miller
Other	5/22/11	51XX Goodwin
Other	5/26/11	28XX Henderson
Theft	5/26/11	51XX Richard
Burglary	5/28/11	52XX Willis
Theft	5/30/11	30XX Henderson
Other Assault	5/30/11	53XX Richard

**For more detailed stats visit
www.vpna.org**

OBSERVE TRAFFIC LAWS

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY



Watch Your Speed - With summer having arrived and schools being out of session, there's an increase in bar-b-ques, outdoor parties, visitors and children playing in the yards and sidewalks in Vickery Place the coming months. Inevitably, there will be more adults and children in our streets. Watch your speed!

The speed limit on most Vickery Place streets is 30 mph, however 25 mph is recommended in a residential neighborhood. With the increased number of visitors and children outside and runners and walkers enjoying our neighborhood and streets, please observe the speed limit and watch out for your neighbors and other pedestrians.



Stop Signs - In addition to contributing to the safety of neighborhood residents, Dallas Police also maintain an active presence in Vickery Place. Citations will be issued for speeding and not coming to a complete stop at Stop signs.

~ Greg O'Shea, Crime Watch / Safety Committee Chair

SUMMER SAFETY



DON'T LEAVE ANYONE IN A PARKED CAR IN THE HEAT! Summer is here and that means sweltering temperatures in Texas. We read in the paper or see on TV all too often where someone has died from being left in a parked car. Children, the elderly, and pets rely on parents, caregivers and owners to watch out for them. Never leave a helpless person or pet in a parked car in the summer heat. If it is 93 degrees Fahrenheit the temperature inside a car, even with the windows open a bit, will climb to 102 degrees in as little as 10 minutes, to 125 degrees in just 20 minutes and approximately 140 degrees in 40 minutes. A parked car in our summer heat is deadly. Below are some precautions that you might take:

- If you are traveling with an infant or child riding in a rear seat car seat, it is suggested that you place your purse or briefcase in the backseat next to the child as a reminder when you park and exit the car that the child is with you.
- As tempting as it is to take your pet along when you run errands, during the summer months leave him at home or make sure that your destination is Fido Friendly.
- Keep your car locked when parked on a residential street or in your drive-way to prevent a small child from opening the door, climbing inside and becoming trapped.

Lives are busy, lifestyles hectic. Plus some things that we did not have to consider several years ago have changed—for instance, there were no laws mandating children and car seats to the back seat of a vehicle. Please take these reminders to heart and pass them on to others. If you see a child or the elderly left in a parked car, call 911. If you see an animal in a parked car in the heat, you must act. Notify the store manager to make an announcement for the owner to return to the car, call 911 or the fire department. Stay around to make sure the situation is resolved.

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JULY YARD OF THE MONTH

5555 Vickery Boulevard - Andy and Debbie Simurda chose to live in Vickery Place in 2006 because of the convenient location, ability to walk to places and character of the neighborhood. The house was already landscaped when they bought it. They moved some of the existing plants and added new ones over the years, including the thriving roses. Andy modestly says that “trim” is the key to maintaining their lush greenery over the years and seasons. The Simurdas offered that Vickery Place is “a great neighborhood with good neighbors and good gardens that make it all the more pleasant to enjoy.”



NORTH HAVEN
Gardens

For their contribution to the beautification of Vickery Place, the Simurdas will receive a \$25 gift card from North Haven Gardens. Fast Fames will provide a complimentary frame for the Yard of the Month certificate.

~ *Carrie Camin, Beautification Committee Chair*

REMEBER DALLAS WATERING RESTRICTIONS

- **Don't** water your yard between 10 am - 6 pm from April 1 - October 31st.
- **Don't** water during any form of precipitation.
- **Don't** allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks or streets.



NORTH HAVEN *Gardens*



Fall Tomatoes

Now through July 15th is the time to plant your fall harvest tomato transplants . We have both heirloom and hybrid varieties, including 'Sapho', 'Celebrity' and 'Green Zebra'. Shop early as popular varieties sell fast! For more edible planting info & what else to plant now, visit the Edibles page at www.nhg.com.

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