



**MAYORAL  
CANDIDATE FORUM**

Date: Thursday, June 14  
 Time: 7:15 pm  
 Place: Vickery Towers  
 main Dining Room



**WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT MAYOR?**

Vickery Place Neighborhood Association will host a Mayoral Candidate Forum for the April 14 general meeting. In addition to Vickery Place NA, residents of the Belmont, Cochran Heights, Greenland Hills, Henderson, Hudson Heights, Lakewood Heights, Lower Greenville, Lowest Greenville West and Munger Place Neighborhood Associations are invited to attend.

All four mayoral hopefuls will participate in the forum: former Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle, District 12 City Councilmember Ron Natinsky, Real Estate executive Edward Okpa and City of Dallas Park Board president Mike Rawlings. The meeting will be facilitated by Vickery Place resident Bruce Thomas, who led the 2007 VPNA Mayoral Forum as well as City Councilmember candidate meetings in past years. To accommodate the schedules of the candidates, our meeting will begin at 7:15 pm. Please submit your questions for the candidates ahead of time by emailing

info@vpna.org or submitting in writing before the meeting begins the night of the event. If time allows, questions may also be taken from the floor.

This is one of a number of forums taking place throughout the City before Election Day on May 14, 2011. Come hear what these candidates have to say about being the next Mayor of Dallas.



David Kunkle



Ron Natinsky



Edward Okpa



Mike Rawlings

**Early voting starts May 2  
 Election Day is May 14**

***Bulky Trash  
 Week of the 2nd Monday***

**Don't Set Out Trash Before:**  
 Thursday, April 2  
**Pick Up Week:**  
 April 11 - 15



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



**MARCH GENERAL MEETING RECAP  
SIGN BUILDING**

In lieu of the March VPNA monthly general meeting, neighbors gathered at the home of Mark and Pricilla Rieves to build “no parking” signs for the annual St. Patrick’s Day event in Lower Greenville. The signs were assembled and stacked for pick up and installation the Thursday before Saturday’s party goes arrived in the neighborhood. Never an “all work no play crowd” recruits were rewarded with pizza, beer, wine and soft drinks for their contribution. Thank you Vickery Place residents for your participation!




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## CELEBRATE SPRING AT THE DALLAS ARBORETUM

Fairy Tale Castles, Adult Education Classes, High Tea to Concerts in the Park, there is something for everyone at the Arboretum. Located at 8125 Garland Road, call 214-515-6500 or visit them online at [www.thedallasarboretum.org](http://www.thedallasarboretum.org) for a schedule of events and ticket information. (We understand that the Easter Egg Hunts are filled but a waiting list is being taken). Don your Easter Bonnet and grab your camera. The Dallas Arboretum is a photo paradise.

*~ photo of Jack and the Beanstalk's house at the Arboretum*

## WHAT TO DO WITH THE LEFTOVER EASTER HAM? MAKE THIS "NOT YOUR ORDINARY" HAM SANDWICH ~ from Food Network Magazine

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons apple jelly or peach preserves
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives or scallions
- 3/4 pound leftover roast ham, cut into chunks (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 3/4 cup diced celery, plus 1/4 cup chopped celery leaves
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans
- 8 slices raisin-nut bread, lightly toasted
- 8 to 12 slices havarti cheese (preferably caraway-flavored)
- 8 Boston lettuce leaves



Mix the mayonnaise, apple jelly and chives in a large bowl until smooth. Pulse the ham in a food processor until finely chopped but not mushy. Toss the chopped ham, celery, celery leaves and pecans with the mayonnaise mixture until combined.

Lay 4 slices bread on a clean surface. Layer 2 to 3 slices havarti on each. Then top with a scoop of ham salad and 2 lettuce leaves. Close with the remaining 4 slices bread. Cut each sandwich in half.



## CELEBRATE EASTER

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invites Vickery Place neighbors to an Easter egg hunt and breakfast followed by Easter worship on Sunday April 4. The breakfast and egg hunt begin at 9:30 a.m. in Nance Fellowship Hall. Worship begins in the sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. Childcare is provided. St Andrew's is a family-friendly neighborhood church that welcomes visitors at any time. The church is located at 3204 Skillman at Monticello. For information call 214 821-9989 or visit [www.standrewsdallas.org](http://www.standrewsdallas.org). ~ Judy McMillian

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# Vickery Place Neighbors



## SPECIAL TIME WITH GRANDMA

Candy Hearne, long time Vickery Place resident and past president of VPNA is pictured with her grandbaby, Redman Hume. Previously welcomed in the Vickery Place January newsletter Redman was born 10 weeks premature, spent 60 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Presbyterian Hospital but was home with Mom, Dad and big sisters in time for Christmas.

Adorable in anything, Redman is sporting a DOC Band. You may have seen babies wearing this type of helmet and wondered why!

A baby's skull is soft and malleable until the sutures fuse around two years of age. For this reason, any external forces, whether during the pregnancy like restrictive intrauterine environment or in the infant's daily life like sleeping on

his back, the choice position for preventing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) can contribute to the head shape. Premies often spend extended time in the NICU on a respirator in a fixed position. This can cause a flattened spot on the infant's head.

Wearing the custom helmet designed for and fitted to the baby's head and professionally adjusted at designated intervals gently reshapes the head.

Until school is out (Mom is a Richardson ISD counselor) lucky grandma, Candy, and lucky baby, Redman, are spending quality time together in Vickery Place. ~ *Shelia Huffman*

## NEW BEGINNINGS

Architect and Vickery Place resident Daron Tapscott has been working on a project in the State Thomas neighborhood for the past year. The project culminated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and speech by Angela Hunt on February 17, 2011, for the MadeWell OB-GYN Birthing Center at 2509 Thomas Avenue. Owner Yolanda Lawson M.D. decided to renovate the 1880s home on Thomas due to its location and its rich history. She kept many of the original features making the center warm and inviting for her patients. Dr. Lawson chose Daron knowing his expertise in historic home restoration and his attention to detail, as he restored her own home a few years earlier, also in the State- Thomas Historic District. Congratulations Daron!

~ *photos by VP resident Les Wollam*



## MAKING A BALD STATEMENT

Vickery Place resident Julie Germann gave it her ALL for a very worthwhile cause. She gave up all 20" of her hair, and had her head shaved. Why, you ask? Here's what she had to say:

"As a pediatric psychologist working with kids with cancer at Children's Medical Center Dallas, almost every day the kids and teens I work with feel the impact of losing their hair because of their cancer treatment. Amongst all the side effects of the treatment they are going through, the hair loss is one of the most concrete and observable symbols of their journey. So in support of all the kids who don't have a choice about losing their hair, I'm shaving it all off!



Through this process, I've chosen to honor three girls who have shown that despite all the changes cancer and its treatment is causing in their life, they actively use their strength, skills, creativity, personality, self-reflection, and sparkling personalities to take control of their journey and not let cancer get in the way of how they feel and what they want to do, no matter their age. Thanks Alexandra (4 years old), Alexia (11 years old), and Jessica (16 years old), for sharing your stories and being such great role-models for everyone who meets you.

To honor these amazing girls and all the incredible kids I work with, I'm shaving my head in solidarity with children who have cancer and typically lose their hair during treatment, while raising critical funds for childhood cancer research! In the US, more children die of childhood cancer than any other disease."

Even though the shaving event has already taken place, you may still make a donation on her behalf to support childhood cancer research so that all children diagnosed with cancer will have a better chance for a cure. Go to <http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/participantid/413260>. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.

Thank you Julie for a true act of compassion and support!



**CAMP  
SOL**

### HEART & SOL RUN

Saturday, April 30

Camp Sol is a group of bereaved parents, medical professionals and mental health specialists linked together to assist grieving families through one of life's most difficult tragedies, the death of a child. The mission is to heal the family heart through a supportive, warm environment where grieving families share experiences and participate in a variety of fun and nurturing activities, specifically designed for adults and children.

The first Heart & Sol 5K and 1 Mile Fun run benefitting Camp Sol will be held on Saturday, April 30th on the Katy Trail starting at Reverchon Park near Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. Race day registration & packet pick up begins at 7:30 am and the 5k run will start at 8:30. The 1 mile fun run will begin at 9:30 and an awards ceremony and post race party will be held in the park following the run.

Runners are able to register online at [getmeregistered.com](http://getmeregistered.com) and can find additional information online at [www.campsol.org](http://www.campsol.org).

Vickery Place resident Annie Cross works for Camp Sol and encourages neighbors to come, run and support this worthwhile event and valuable organization.



## TUDORS, TOURS AND TRADITION

Saturday, April 30 & Sunday, May 1

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the annual Hollywood Home Tour, featuring homes in the Hollywood/Santa Monica Conservation District. The 2011 tour dates are Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st, both days from 12:00pm until 6:00pm. Tour tickets are \$10, which can be purchased in advance at Curiosities (2025 Abrams Rd) or at Lindsley Park on tour days. There will also be a preview party on Friday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the Party and Tour go towards funding for neighborhood services and deserving local charities.

### Preview Party

There will be dinner, drinks, live music, and live and silent auctions, all in the Dallas Arboretum's beautiful setting at White Rock Lake. You can visit the tour homes on Friday night prior to the party or anytime during the normal home tour hours. Preview Party tickets are \$45, \$50 and may be purchased online, [www.hsmna.org/hometour.htm](http://www.hsmna.org/hometour.htm).

## MAY CELEBRATES ANIMALS

The first week in May is designated *Be Kind to Animals Week* to help make people aware of the needs and rights of our furry friends; however, animals need care and kindness every day. They deserve it and it's the law!

With the onset of hot weather please remember to:

Make sure your pet has shade and fresh water available all day; Protect your pet from fleas and mosquitoes (mosquitoes carry heart worms); Make sure your animal's inoculations and heart worm preventatives are current; Never leave your dog unattended in a parked car.

Wheels says all animals are champions and should be treated as such!



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## NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### VPNA NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT @ DOWNING HILL

Thursday, April 28, from 6pm – 9pm

It's time to spruce up your garden and we know just the place! Tom Henderson, owner of Downing Hill Garden Studio at 3016 Greenville Avenue, has invited Vickery Place Neighborhood Association to come by for an evening of shopping, socializing, wine & snacks. The come and go event will take place on Thursday, April 28, from 6pm – 9pm. Come see their new spring items, discover ways to add color to your landscape, and get to know some of your neighbors. Tom will donate 10% of the sales that evening back to VPNA— what a great way to give back to the community. Come on in and bring a neighbor! [www.downinghill.com](http://www.downinghill.com).



### VICKERY PLACE WORCOLA WINE WALK

Saturday May 14, 7pm

This is a “vintage” year for Vickery Place to have a wine walk! On Saturday May 14, 2011 after you cast your vote in the Dallas Election, stroll on down to Worcola Street for the first Vickery Place wine walk. Designated houses on cross streets close to Worcola will offer a selection of wine & tasty appetizers. Your purchase of a Vickery Place wine glass will be your ticket. Look for details of house locations and ticket info in the May newsletter, email blasts and Facebook page.



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### CITY OF DALLAS SERVICES



**Call 311.  
Get it fixed.**

**Got Potholes?** The winter rain, snow and freezes have caused existing potholes to grow and new ones to appear throughout Vickery Place. Water and snow accumulate in existing cracks in the road and low temperatures cause the frozen water to expand, making the cracks spread and stressing the

integrity of the surrounding pavement. When the temperature rises and the water is washed away, it takes portions of the pavement with it and a pothole is born.

If you have potholes on your street, the City of Dallas has a pothole repair program performed through the Street Services division. To request a pothole repair, please call 311 or fill out an online pothole repair request at: <http://dallascityhall.com/services/streets.html> (street location of the pothole will be needed). Repairs generally take less than an hour and are completed within three to five days of the repair request. Dangerous potholes may be fixed in one day.

Please take advantage of the services that the City of Dallas offers to make Vickery Place a safer and more beautiful place to live. For other City of Dallas services, please visit the City's website and click on the 311 Info & Services tab: <http://dallascityhall.com>. ~ Greg O'Shea, VPNA Code Committee.

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## APRIL YARD OF THE MONTH

**5544 Richard Avenue** - Adam Hollins was looking for a “fixer upper” and purchased his Vickery Place home in the fall of 2006 because it was a great investment and close to his job downtown. After home renovations he tackled yard enhancements by designing his vision of stone borders, greenery and seas of flowers. This is the second iteration of plantings in his completed vision with red impatiens as the predominant feature. Other plantings are boxed-woods, azaleas, monkey grass, which are bordered by some new white stone and pre-existing brick borders painted white to match. Adam, who tracks property values in the area, shared his delight in the fact that homes in Vickery Place are holding and increasing in value.



In thanks for his beautiful yard, Adam will receive a \$25 gift card compliments of North Haven Gardens.  
~ Carrie Camin, VPNA Beautification Committee

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## WHAT WAS GOING ON IN 1911?

**White Rock Lake** - In 1911, the City of Dallas celebrated the opening of White Rock Lake and the establishment of a new water source for the city. In the years that followed the lake grew from a water source to what became “The People’s Playground”. In the early years fishing was the predominant sport, but Mayor Joe Lawther (1917-1919) set the stage of something much greater when he decided to encircle the lake with a road that now bears his name. This is the same loop that we all enjoy today. ~ Linda Mitchell

