

Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 11
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Vickery Towers
(Greenville at Belmont)

Join us for our annual planning session meeting--this is your opportunity to voice what is important to you and what you would like as neighborhood priorities for 2007.

The February General Meeting will be Thursday, February 8.

Make a New Year's resolution to get involved in VPNA!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LETTER FROM THE NEW VPNA PRESIDENT

We are almost there! We are within the last few years of reaching the mark that puts us in the elite group of being 100 years old.



We have seen many changes in Vickery Place over the last several years. In addition to the building frenzy of remodeling, painting and landscaping that showcases our lovely old homes, we have recently had a tremendous number of babies born in our neighborhood. Does this mean that our eclectic, artsy Lower Greenville neighborhood is attracting more and more young families? Whatever the trend, Vickery Place continues to thrive and we, the neighbors, continue to be proud of where we live.

Some of the goals of the neighborhood association as stated in the VPNA by-laws are to promote and encourage the safety, improvement, beautification, and general quality of life in the neighborhood. As your president for 2007, those will certainly be among my goals.

We remain in a mid-urban location which while affording us many luxuries attaches some disadvantages. I hope that as a group we can continue to address crime, traffic, code and other issues of concern to make Vickery Place an even greater place to live.

Our monthly meetings just get better and better with the caliber of speakers and programs we enjoy. Although attendance has risen over the last few years, we are still not there. We need your involvement! The meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 P. M. Our meetings are normally held at Vickery Towers Retirement Center at Greenville and Belmont. Vickery Towers has recently established a manned booth at the Belmont entrance making entry into the parking lot convenient and once inside the gate there is ample parking near the building. We realize how busy everyone is so we provide a variety of snacks for those who come from work and have not had dinner and we try to get the meetings over within an hour and a half so as not to keep folks late. Please join us. Our neighborhood association depends on all of us. I am looking forward to another great year for Vickery Place.

~Shelia Huffman, President 2007

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Don't Set Out Trash Before:

Thursday, Jan 4

Pick Up Week:

Jan 8 - 12



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A YEAR OF THANKS...

This year, we have had the opportunity to see and hear some very interesting speakers at our general meetings. Our Interactive Community Police (ICP) officers kicked off the 2006 year with tips on crime prevention. They also attended each month's meeting, keeping us informed on any criminal activity in the neighborhood. February brought together past and present VPNA presidents as we said 'Happy Birthday Vickery Place'. Former resident Dan Linn was our guest speaker. March we showcased Home & Garden tips with a program by Sherwin-Williams Paint Company & Salvia Garden Design. In April we asked everyone to 'Slow Down' with a program by Dallas Public Works and Transportation. In May Dallas County Appraisal District shed some light on the inevitable property tax-- which *drove us to drink!* So, in June we gathered at Best Cellars for a social wine tasting. In July we gave graffiti the brush with representatives from City Code Compliance and the Graffiti Unit. In August we hosted a 'going away party' for crime at National Night Out. We got some culture at our September meeting, as a Dallas Museum of Art representative gave a presentation about upcoming Van Gogh exhibit and ongoing DMA programs. October went to the dogs with our annual VPNA canine celebration and hot dog supper. In November we said good-bye to 2006 and elected our 2007 board at our year end pot luck supper.

Thank you to the 2006 board of directors, to the terrific speakers, to retailer and restaurant neighbors for their generous contributions to our monthly meetings, to Vickery Towers and their staff for hosting each month's meeting.

VPNA boards and meeting topics change from year to year, but one thing that remains constant is the publication of the **Vickery Place News**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our monthly advertisers. They make the printing of the newsletter possible. Also, thanks to Jerry Stinnett's Printing for publishing the newsletters in a timely fashion each month, Lem Net for hosting our web-site (which also has our newsletters on-line), the newsletter carriers who devote their time delivering it each month and to our newsletter distributor Beth Timpson Clark who organizes and distributes the newsletter to the carriers. Thanks to Selena Urquhart for selecting the Yard of the Month and for North Haven Gardens for sponsoring it.



MEET THE BOARD

The 2007 VPNA board members are: President, Shelia Huffman; Vice-President, Beth Bentley; Secretary, Mary Kay Henley; Treasurer, Will Short. Members at large are Carrie Dingman, Christine Haddock, Mark Rieves, Selena Urquhart and Nita Wiggins. So you can get to know them better, we will feature two board members each month in the newsletter.

President, Shelia Huffman - Shelia moved to Vickery Place in 1990. She has been active in the neighborhood association during most of her residency serving as secretary, vice president, and board member at large. She currently co-edits the Vickery Place Newsletter. Shelia played an active role in the passing of the Vickery Place Conservation District. She opened her home on Richard Avenue to the first Vickery Place Home Tour in 1999. She has organized many programs for the monthly VPNA meetings, headed up the annual dog show and arranged the kid activities for National Night Out.



Some of her favorite things include old houses with big front porches, her Boston Terriers, Loveday and Pheobe JoAnn, and her grandchildren, Jake and Natalie. She loves to cook, take photos and as a retired travel agent, she still loves to travel. One of her greatest pleasures now is "off the beaten path" road trips with Jake and Natalie. She and Jake have traveled the old Rt. 66 through California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas with a visit to the Grand Canyon; fly fished the Rio Ruidoso and toured Carlsbad Caverns by lantern. She and both kids have attended the *Great Passion Play* in Eureka Springs Arkansas, the *Texas Play* in Palo Duro Canyon and visited the Western Heritage Museum and the Memorial in Oklahoma City to name a few. As assistant to Ken Lampton of Re/Max she also enjoys driving through Old East Dallas and Oak Cliff visiting old houses and learning about architectural styles.

Shelia is a native Dallasite, born at Florence Nightingale Hospital, now Baylor Medical Center, but always lived in surrounding suburbs until moving to Dallas in 1987. Her daughter, Danielle, mother of 12 year old Jake and 8 year old Natalie, lives close by and Shelia has a sister and brother-in-law around the corner in the M-Streets. She says, "We have become a sort of 'urban' family and after enjoying the amenities of city life it would be hard to go back to the 'burbs.'"



Vice-President, Beth Bentley - Although living in the lower Greenville area since the 70's, Beth didn't move to Vickery Place until marrying her husband Rick in 1988. The home they live in has been in the Bentley family since the 1920's so not only did she marry into the Bentley heritage but also Vickery Place's!

"I associate my involvement in Vickery Place NA with the arrival of our son Travis—he was just a few months old when I began delivering newsletters, first carrying, then strolling, then pulling him in the wagon—he is now 17 yrs. old!"

Within the first few years, Beth wanted to do more. Having "some" computer skills, she volunteered to bring the newsletter into the computer age with the help of neighbor Tim Bradley. Over the years, with various newsletter editors and strides in technology and computer programs, the newsletter has reached new heights. Beth has come full circle—she is now back as the co-editor of the VPNA news.

Conservation of Vickery Place neighborhood is one of Beth's main passions—she has been instrumental in the Conservation movement within Vickery Place and in our community. Through the collaborative efforts of the Vickery Place historical calendars (1993 thru 1996), the VP home tours (1999 & 2000), the Discover Dallas project (2004), and more recently the Vickery Place Conservation District (2006), Beth has tried to raise resident awareness to the importance of the history, character and early 20th century architecture of Vickery Place. She looks forward to serving as Vice-President in 2007!

8th ANNUAL Legacies

DALLAS HISTORY CONFERENCE

THEME: Dallas Lost and Found

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2007
 Location: Hatton W. Sumners Courtroom,
 Old Red Courthouse
 100 S. Houston St., Dallas, TX 75202
 Time: 8:15 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Presentations:
 "Polly Smith, Photographer: Telling the Story of Texas" by Evelyn Barker, University of Texas at Arlington
 "Thomas L. Marsalis: Myth and Reality" by James D. Barnes, A.I.A., and Sharon Marsalis

"Historic Hotels, 1890-1930" by Sam Childers, Old Red Museum of Dallas County History and Culture

"When Eden Slipped Away: Mill Creek and Turtle Creek" by Dwayne Jones, Preservation Dallas

"Black Dallas: the Rise and Fall of Jim Crow" by Theodore M. Lawe, A. C. McMillan African American Museum

"Historic Restaurants, 1950-1980", by Jackie McElhaney

"Literary Connections: Mark Twain, Katherine Anne Porter, William Owens, and Tennessee Williams" by Darwin Payne

"Dr. Benjamin Bluit and the Bluit Sanitarium" by Marcel Quimby, F.A.I.A.

Morning refreshments will be included in the registration fee of \$30. Patrons (\$100) will be invited to a reception with the speakers the evening before the conference. For more information, please contact Conference Coordinator Michael V. Hazel at 214-421-5141, ext. 3801 or email: mvhazel@sbcglobal.net.



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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Two years this Christmas season VP neighbor Leslie Farrell was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. But it was a blessed and happy holiday for Leslie and her family as she and partner Angi Brown celebrated Christmas at home in Vickery Place this year.

If you would like to keep up with Leslie's progress, you can go to www.midwayhills.org/corner/corner.htm

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'TIS THE SEASON TO RECYCLE!



Bring your Christmas Tree to one of the Christmas Tree recycling locations from December 26, 2006 to January 11, 2007 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Remove all tinsel, ornaments, lights, nails and tree stands before dropping off the tree for recycling)

Closest Christmas Tree Recycling Locations:
Fair Oaks Transfer Station
7677 Fair Oaks Ave. (Monday - Sunday)

Flag Pole Hill
Buckner Blvd. at Northwest Hwy. (Monday - Sunday)

Free mulch can be picked up at the McCommas Bluff Landfill and the Bachman Transfer Station after January 1, 2007, and is available for residential customers only. Bring your shovel and containers! For more information call City of Dallas non-emergency services at: 3-1-1. ~City of Dallas, Sanitation Services Department, www.dallascityhall.com

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR BIG BLUE?

Starting in January 2007, the City of Dallas Sanitation Services Department will change how they collect residential recycling. Residential recycling will be collected every other week, however your collection "day" (Thursday for VP) will stay the same. The first recycling collection day for VP in 2007 is Thursday January 11, and continues every other Thursday.

The "Too Good To Throw Away" program is easy as 1-2-3. Just put everything in your Big Blue Recycling Roll-cart or blue or clear plastic bags and place it out at your place of collection (curb or alley) by 7 a. m. There's no need to separate.

Recycle these items: Glass (all colors); Plastics #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7; Newspapers, magazines, junk mail; telephone books; Steel, tin, aerosol & aluminum cans; Chipboard & corrugated cardboard

The City will continue to offer blue bags to its residents free of charge at all Dallas recreation centers and libraries. To order your Big Blue Roll Cart, call 311 or visit the City's web site, www.dallascityhall.com. Commonly asked questions about the new recycling program and a list of recyclable materials are also available online.



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