



# Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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## VICKERY PLACE CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Left to right, Beth Bentley, Daron Tapscott, Beth Timpson Clark, Jim Clark, Derek Adleta, Katherine Seale, Rita Cox, Shelia Huffman, Rick Bentley, Veletta Lill and Linda Mitchell.

This group of happy neighbors from Vickery Place, surrounding Historic and Conservation Districts and Preservation Dallas pose in front of the flags at City Hall after Council decision last Wednesday. (See story inside cover)

Thank you, Everyone, who helped make this day possible! This grand old neighborhood had much to celebrate over the 4th of July.



Selena Urquhart and Derek Adleta are all smiles over decision.



Daron Tapscott and Linda Mitchell beam at outcome



Filled Dallas City Council Chamber day of VPCD hearing

### JULY GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 13  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: Vickery Towers  
(Belmont & Greenville)

#### GIVE GRAFFITI THE BRUSH!

Representatives from City Code Compliance, along with East Dallas neighborhood activists will be our guest speakers to explain new regulations, City initiatives, and neighborhood efforts to abate graffiti and what YOU can do in Vickery Place. (details on page 3)

All VP attendees will receive goodie bags and a chance for the evening's door prize, both generously provided by **Baylor Tom Landry Fitness Center.**

#### *Bulky Trash/ Basura Abultado*

Don't Set Out Trash Before:  
Thursday, July 6

Pick Up Week:  
July 10 - 14



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## VICKERY PLACE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (con't. from front cover)

Vickery Place Conservation District is now the 15<sup>th</sup> conservation district in the City of Dallas. On Wednesday, June 28, 2006, the City Council voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the proposed district, which already had the recommendation of City Planning staff and the City Plan Commission.

This zoning change goes into effect the following day. If you plan to build a new home, and do not yet have a building permit, plans must follow the new CD guidelines. If you are scheduling major remodeling to the exterior of your home, you need to submit a form which can be downloaded and faxed back to the City, [www.dallascityhall.com/html/conservation\\_districts.html](http://www.dallascityhall.com/html/conservation_districts.html). If you do not have internet access or have questions regarding the form or CD guidelines, contact Sherie (pronounced Sheree) Williams, 214 671-1335, with the NE Building Inspection Dept. for Conservation Districts.

Blocks in the VPCD include 5300 & 5400 Goodwin and Willis, 5300, 5400, 5500 & 5600 Vickery and Richard, 5300, 5400 & 5500 Miller. If you would like to work towards appending your block onto the CD, please contact Beth Bentley, 214 821-0831 or [info@vpna.org](mailto:info@vpna.org).

Conservation status will protect and enhance the early 20<sup>th</sup> century architecture, conserve the scale, spacing and character of homes, stabilize the area and increase neighborhood pride due to this recognition as a unique and special place!



Tracey Keimer and Mark Rieves

Persuasive speeches and impressive Power Point presentation (even Mayor Miller commented) were the order of the day at City Council. The pressure off, neighbors relax and celebrate at Gloria's restaurant on Greenville Ave.



Mark Rieves, Beth Timpson Clark, Jill Warren, Daron Tapscott, Derek Adleta & Lindsey LeCuyer



### Future Commissioners

Little Folks get a lesson in city government "and patience" as they spend an afternoon at Dallas City Hall with their parents waiting for the outcome of the Vickery Place Conservation District hearing at City Plan Commission, May 4, 2006.

Pictured are Henry Bryarly, son of Matt and Jennifer Bryarly and Isabelle and Katherine Kei Adams, daughters of Ken and Deborah Adams.



## ELECTION DAY BALLOT: NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2006

(con't. from June issue) ~Pamela Thomas

Now that the basic duties and responsibilities have been given, here is the list of the likely candidates, including party affiliation, on the November ballot:

**Governor:** Chris Bell (D), Carol Keeton Strayhorn (I), Kinky Friedman (I), James Werner (L) Rick Perry (R), Jerry Larson (G)

**Lieutenant Governor:** Judy Baker (L), Nathalie Paravicini or H. Gerald Bintliff (G), David Dewhurst (R), Maria Luisa Alvarado (D)

**Controller of Public Accounts:** Mike Burris (L), Dennis D. Carter (G), Susan Combs (R), Fred Head (D)

**Attorney General:** Jon Roland (L), Greg Abbott (R), David Van Os (D),

**Commissioner of General Land Office:** Michael French (L), Don Cook (G), Jerry Patterson (R), VaLinda Hathcox (D)

**Commissioner of Agriculture:** Clay Woolam (L), Jeff Glatz (G), Todd Staples (R), Hank Gilbert (D)

**Texas Railroad Commission Member:** Charles Mauch (G), Elizabeth Ames Jones (R), Dale Henry (D)

**State Board of Education Member, District 12:** Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, (R), Marian Avalos (G)

(D) Democratic Party Candidate, (G) Green Party Candidate, (I) Independent Candidate, (L) Libertarian Party Candidate, (R) Republican Party Candidate



## GIVE GRAFFITI THE BRUSH! July General Meeting

(con't from front cover)

Graffiti is defined (by the City of Dallas) as any marking, including but not limited to any inscription, slogan, drawing, painting, symbol, logo, name, character or figure that is made in any manner on property without the owner's permission.

One of the most confusing issues is graffiti versus "tagging". Graffiti is an indicator that there are gangs in the area, but there may be people who are called "taggers" who paint graffiti as a way of self-expression. Neither form of graffiti is acceptable in our neighborhood but obviously the gang graffiti comes with additional problems. Studies show a direct correlation between graffiti and crime.

**Sandy Graham of Peak's Suburban Historic District** will be one of our guest speakers at the July General Meeting. She has been very active in the Old East Dallas neighborhood "Graffiti Abatement program" and will share some of her first hand experiences and knowledge in this area.

**Joshua Hathaway, Department of Code Compliance**, along with the new City Graffiti Coordinator, will be on hand to address City initiatives to correct graffiti problems through education, cleanup, and code compliance. Also, there are new rules and regulations regarding the carrying/usage spray paint cans and what your responsibility is if you see graffiti on your property. To report graffiti violations please call 311.

**ICP (Interactive Community Police) Officer Keith Allen** will also be at the meeting to address any on-going gang activity in the area, along with any other crime related issues in and around Vickery Place.

Help make Vickery Place a cleaner, safer, and more beautiful place to live, work and play!





## COUNTDOWN TO NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Plans are underway for the 23rd Annual VPNA National Night Out Against Crime Block Party. Every year, on the first Tuesday in August neighborhoods around the country sponsor similar events to foster camaraderie between residents and show support for a crime-free neighborhood.

We need **YOU** to help ensure the success of this fun, but big undertaking. There are jobs for everyone! If you excel at pouring beer, passing out sodas or serving pizza, there is a place for you. Maybe manning a ticket booth, selling raffle or food tickets is your cup of tea. Set-up, clean-up or just stand around, we need you.

Mark your calendar, **Tuesday, August 1st, 6:30 to 8:30 on Glencoe between Miller and Willis**, (yes, we are back to the old location). There will be entertainment for all ages. Face painting and the ever popular bounce house will entertain the kiddies. Last years hit, the Dunk Tank, will be back so all of you big kids, bring a towel. Tho' we still love him, Paul has turned 64, so a younger band, ***Eight Arms to Hold You***, will play the Beatles music at the event. Representatives from the Dallas Police Department and local civic leaders will be on hand to provide tips on crime prevention and personal safety. Food and drink will be plentiful and raffle tickets will win you great prizes.

The event is free of charge and open to all Vickery Place residents, friends and families. Food, drink and raffle tickets will be available at a small charge. This is a terrific family event and we hope to see you at National Night Out! For more information or to volunteer email [info@vpna.org](mailto:info@vpna.org) or call Shelia at 214-827-4568.



## LANDMARK LOST - THE ARCADIA



Photo circa 1930, from The Dallas Historical Society collections

The Arcadia Theatre opened its doors to the public on November 4, 1927. The feature presentation was “The Sunset Derby”, starring Mary Astor and William Collier Jr. Despite the remote location (far northeast Dallas, out in the sticks in those days), a capacity crowd packed the theatre to welcome the finest suburban movie theatre in the Southwest. It had the first & only “talkie” sound equipment in Dallas and was the first “air-conditioned” theater in Dallas.



Small businesses and shops surrounded the theater (like an arcade—thus the name).

Since opening, the Arcadia theatre has been a movie theatre, a Spanish language film house, a musical performance hall and a dance nightclub. The shops have consolidated into restaurants and clubs. The Arcadia burned beyond repair on June 21, 2006.

Photo courtesy of John Murray



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## YARD OF THE MONTH

July recipient of the Vickery Place Yard of the Month award is 5400 Vickery Boulevard. The flower beds burst with color as bright as fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Geranium, petunia, day lily, crepe myrtle and more create a spectacular landscape.

Remember this home? It was featured on the October 4, 2000 Vickery Place Home Tour. Built around 1912 it is one of the oldest homes in Vickery Place. Fred and Fannie Tennant were the first occupants of the home and lived in it until 1926. The home tour brochure described the home as having surroundings so enjoyable that you may just want to stay all afternoon.



Apparently that is what happened with owners John Frey and Nancy Breaux. They moved in with their three daughters, Hailey, Hannah and Elle about a year and half ago. Nancy is Video and Film Producer for Post Asylum and John works for Land Rover Dallas, the British SUV manufacturer.

John says that although he is keeper of the grounds, he really is not an expert in the garden. Couldn't prove it by us! Just drive by and enjoy this lovely home with the wrap around porch, manicured lawn and beautiful summer flowers.

"People say the landscape reminds them of Key West," shares John. Well, Key West or Dallas, we are just happy that it is in Vickery Place.



John and Nancy will receive a \$25.00 gift card from North Haven Gardens, co sponsor of Vickery Place Yard of the Month. Visit North Haven Gardens at 7700 Northhaven Road in Dallas.

## MOSQUITO ALERT

Mosquitoes are more than a nuisance spoiling your summer evenings and lawn parties. They are vectors. A vector is any animal or insect that is capable of transmitting a disease or considered a public health hazard.



Health risks associated with mosquitoes include St. Louis encephalitis in humans; Western Equine encephalitis in humans and horses; West Nile virus in humans, horses, birds, and other animals; Malaria in humans; Heartworm in dogs and cats; and allergic reactions in everyone.

Standing water breeds mosquitoes. Check your yard to make sure that there is no standing water. Empty pots, buckets, children's toys; any item can become a container and hold water which becomes a breeding place for mosquitoes. A pot hole in the alley or hole in a drive-way can fill with water from the sprinkler and become home to mosquito larvae. Please check your yard carefully and remove standing water and containers that hold it. Change bird bath water daily and keep your pet bowls clean and filled with fresh water. Keep bushes and weeds trimmed as they are also home to mosquitoes.

Protect your family when you are outdoors, especially in the early morning hours, evenings and nights. Wear long sleeves and pants and use a repellent. There have been all sorts of products over the years thought to repel mosquitoes from garlic pills to Avon Skin So Soft. Some people still have to resort to chemicals. Be very careful when applying any product to a child. Make sure that you have read the ingredients and the precautions. Citronella candles, Pinion wood burned in Chimineas and other natural aids help repel mosquitoes in a small outdoor area. There are also chemical sprays such as Yard Guard that keep a small area mosquito free for a short time. Again, be careful spraying anything near a Koi pond, bird bath, dog bowl or food and drinks.

Protect your pets from mosquitoes, too. Make sure that they are on a monthly program prescribed by your veterinarian to prevent Heart Worms. Also try to bring them indoors during peak mosquito hours. Mosquito density can be checked on-line daily as part of the weather report. Have a safe and fun summer.

## GAZPACHO

### Cold soup-- the Hot New Miracle Food



High in Lycopene and Vitamin C and recently recognized by the Dallas Morning News Food Section and AARP Magazine for the 50 + crowd for its healthy benefits, it is recommended that everyone have several servings of

Gazpacho a week. Here is my easy version of this refreshing soup, adapted from the Nancy Dedman Cookbook. -*Shelia Huffman*

- ½ cup onion
- ½ cup green bell
- 1 cup cucumber seeded and peeled
- ¼ cup cilantro
- 1 can tomatoes with green chilies
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 cups tomato juice (Campbell's)
- Fresh squeezed lime juice
- Salt and pepper
- Tabasco
- Avocado (peeled & diced)

Peel and remove center with seed of cucumber with end of vegetable peeler. Cut onion, bell pepper and cucumber into large chunks and add to food processor. Add cilantro and pulse all a few times. Add remainder ingredients and process. Chill. Add more tomato juice if needed. Serve in clear glass bowls or sherbets and garnish with avocado.



### STORK VISITS GRANDMA AND GRANDPA IN VICKERY PLACE

Richard and Candy Hearne's daughter Jessica, Mrs. Ted Hume, gave birth to Caroline Chambers Hume at Baylor

Medical Center in Dallas on Sunday, June 11. Parents and grandparents are tickled pink with the new arrival. Ted and Jessica live close by so Richard and Candy will have generous opportunity to spend quality time (sometimes called baby sitting) with this newest member of their family. Congratulations, everyone!

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### VICKERY PLACE MOM'S CLUB

Tuesday, July 4th — Holiday.

Tuesday, July 11th — 9am stroll. Meet at Vickery and Worcola

Wednesday, July 12 — Pottery Barn Sing Along - Meet at Vickery and Worcola at 9am

Tuesday, July 18 — 9am stroll. Meet at Vickery and Worcola

Tuesday, July 25 — 9am stroll. Meet at Vickery and Worcola



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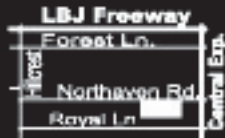
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