



Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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JULY WINE-TASTING

Come join us for a wine tasting event!

Date: Thurs., July 8th

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Place: The Liquor Shoppe,
5400 E. Mockingbird Lane



The Liquor Shoppe is opening their doors the evening of July 8th to accommodate and welcome Vickery Place Neighborhood Association. Come out and mingle with your neighbors while tasting a wonderful selection of wines.

The Liquor Shoppe is located at 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane (in between Premier Video and Whole Earth Provision Co.). Hope to see you there!

'A HARD NIGHT'S DAY' COMING TO VICKERY PLACE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

~ Jennifer Bryarly

Vickery Place Neighborhood Association will host the eagerly awaited **National Night Out Against Crime Blockparty** on Tuesday, August 3rd. A **Hard Night's Day** will rock the neighborhood from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m at Vickery and Worcola.



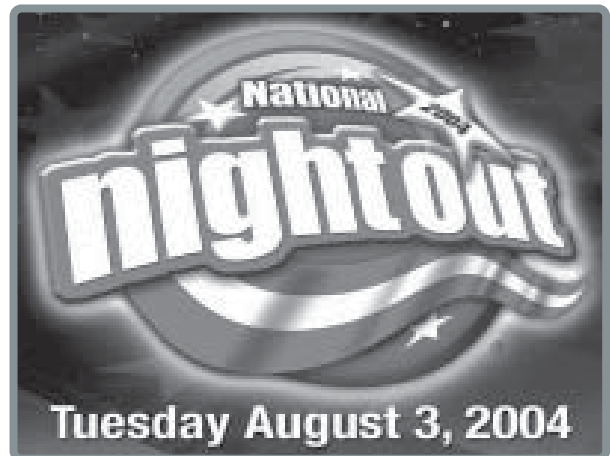
Every year - on the first Tuesday in August, neighborhood crime watch groups all over the nation sponsor block parties to help everyone get to know their neighbors. In VP, the traditional party has

grown into an evening of great fun with food, drinks and entertainment, and this year is no different.

Representatives from the Dallas Police Department, as well as civic leaders, will be on hand with tips on crime prevention and education. Again this year, the kids can jump around in the bounce house, play basketball toss for prizes and get free balloons. Great gifts donated by area businesses will be raffled. And as always, there will be plenty of food and drinks!

The event is free of charge and open to all Vickery Place residents, friends and families. Food, drinks and raffle tickets are available for a small charge. It's fun for the whole family, so don't miss it!

Volunteers are Needed! We need help with things like setting up, making popcorn, selling drinks, organizing the raffle, and post-event clean up. If you can pitch in for an hour or so, please let us know! Contact us via email at info@vpna.org.



Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado

Don't Set Out Trash Before:

Thursday, July 8th

Pick Up Week:

July 12th - 16th



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CRIME STATS

Dallas Police Department Crime Summary for Block Watch May 2004, Sorted by division- NE RA=1143 & NE RA=1144

Div=NE RA=1143

Crime	Date	Address
Burglary	5/20/04	51xx Vickery Blvd
Auto Theft	5/15/04	54xx Goodwin Ave, Auto Parts
Theft	5/19/04	55xx Goodwin Ave, Bicycles
Other Aslt	5/27/04	56xx Goodwin Ave
Fraud	4/26/04	56xx Goodwin Ave, Mcycle/Minbike

Div=CEN RA=1161

Crime	Date	Address
Burglary	4/7/04	55xx Belmont Ave, Home
Furniture		
Theft	5/4/04	22xx Greenville Ave, Liquor/Beer
Theft	5/20/04	21xx McMillan Ave, Tools
Auto Theft	5/30/04	23xx Greenville Ave, Vehicles
Auto Theft	5/11/04	21xx McMillan Ave, Vehicles

JUNE MEETING RECAP

~ Leslie Farrell

June's regularly scheduled Vickery Place Neighborhood Association General Meeting was a big success as tikes and mosquito bites go. With a couple of our young set joining parents and most of our VPNA board present, June's meeting was well-served with nicely charred hot dogs and conversation of all kinds and plenty of humidity. Vickery Towers residents joined in as an extra meal bonus for those who missed dinner earlier in the evening. Our devoted Central Division ICP officer, Richard Hunt, offered the latest analysis and appraisal of crime and prevention activities in this area of East Dallas.

The hope for the evening was to discuss plans underway for the upcoming August 3rd VPNA National Night Out party with designs to recruit interested volunteers from the neighborhood to work various tasks that make for a good party.

If you'd like to volunteer for NNO despite not getting a hot dog for it, please let us know. Best communication these days is by email at info@vpna.org. Tasks range from beverage & food arrangements, facilities, raffle organizing, to hauling portable trash containers and managing kids stuff.



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TEN EASY, NO COST WAYS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Having good neighbors starts with being a good neighbor. Sometimes, a small change of habit can mean being a better neighbor. None of these suggestions costs anything. All of them can help make VP a friendlier place.

- 1. Bulky Trash:** Don't put trash out on the curb before the monthly pickup date. Doing so contributes to a trashy looking neighborhood, and could result in a fine from the City.
- 2. Pooper Scooper:** Don't let your dog dump in your neighbor's yard. Carry a pooper scooper when you walk the dog. It's the law.
- 3. Turn it Down!:** Keep the volume down after 10:00 PM.
- 4. Don't Park in the Yard:** City code prohibits parking on an unpaved surface.
- 5. Rake Your Leaves:** Bag them up for bulky trash pickup, or start a compost pile in the backyard. Don't leave them all winter to blow in your neighbor's yard or rot in the gutter.
- 6. Don't Park in Front of Your Neighbor's House:** No, it's not illegal to park in front of the house next door, but it's rude to adopt that spot as your personal parking spot. Your neighbor would like to park there himself, or have that spot for his visitors.
- 7. Don't Block the Sidewalk:** If you park in the driveway, don't leave your car blocking the sidewalk. Lots of people walk in VP, and no one wants to have to detour into the street. Trim your trees so that limbs don't obstruct the sidewalk.
- 8. Barking Dogs:** Train your dog to not bark too much. Everyone appreciates a good watchdog. No one appreciates a dog that barks all the time.
- 9. Drive Friendly:** We're all in a hurry, but take it easy in your neighborhood. Let the other person go first when parked cars clog the street. Slow down!
- 10. Smile and Wave:** Smile when you meet someone walking down the street. Wave when you see your neighbor walking his dog, even if you don't know his name. Smile and give a wave of thanks when another driver lets you go first just the way they do in small towns in Texas.



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MEET THE BOARD: SANDI HOLMES - SCHWEDLER

Sandi Holmes-Schwedler is currently serving on the board as a member at large. Even though this is her first year on the board, she has been contributing to the newsletter by writing the Yard-of-the-month and other articles about organic gardening since October of 2000. Sandi was born and raised in Dallas and has lived in Vickery Place with her husband Michael and son Dietrich for 13 years. They share their home with a yellow lab named Milo and an orange Tabby named Fanta.



Sandi and her family share several passions; the first is organic vegetable gardening. They have 3 large beds containing 15 tomato plants of several varieties, potatoes, beans, hot and mild peppers and a wide variety of herbs. They sell their fresh produce, for anyone that might be interested. The second interest they share is that of travel. They love Italy and are planning a return trip for the Christmas holidays along with another visit to Paris and London. They also love to visit friends and family in California, Indiana and New York. The third love is that of the neighborhood. They would not want to live anywhere else (except maybe a villa in Tuscany!).

Call for Volunteers

Vickery Towers offers water aquatics for keeping in shape and vigorous! And could use a few good folks to assist participants into and out of the pool while the instructor keeps the class focused.

Please consider offering 30 minutes to an hour a week. The schedule for water aquatics is expected to run from July through August, and it maybe a hot September if the season runs true to Texas tradition.

The classes will be held on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30pm**, at the Vickery Towers pool!
Even if you can only help launch the season, please give **Karen Cool** a call at **214.826.1113**, and let her know!



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

To remember those that are fighting in Iraq, resident **Jean Sterling** has a grandson who is fighting in Operation Freedom. He and his comrades would love to receive your cards and letters of support.

His address is:

120th Eng B Charlie Company
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The cost for an air mail stamp is 60 cents.

Let's show our troops how much we support them in their valiant fight for freedom around the world!



Vickery Tower's Program Director Terry Abshire is at it again!

First United Methodist Church has offered 75 years of excellence in the Arts and Music and continues through the Rotunda Series's production of Rodgers and Hammersteins
"Cinderella"

Directed by Beth Wortley and Musical Direction by Tim Effler,
the role of Father is performed by bass Terry Abshire.

Performances are scheduled for **July 9, 10, 11 at 7:30pm** in the Sanctuary.
Contact Terry or Karen at 214.826.1113 to find out when Vickery Towers is planning to attend if you'd like to ride along!

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SUMMER SIZZLERS CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & TOURS



Preservation Dallas's Summer Sizzler series of classes, workshops and tours is back by popular demand! Each session is listed by date below. The cost per session is \$10 for Preservation Dallas members and \$15 for non-members.

Take advantage of the discount packages: 3-SESSION PACKAGE for \$25 (members)/\$35(non-members); 5-SESSION PACKAGE for \$40 (members)/\$55 (non-members); and the ALL-SUMMER PASS(13 sessions for members only) for \$100.

All sessions will meet in the Wilson Carriage House, behind the Preservation Dallas offices, at 2922 Swiss Avenue unless otherwise noted. Call Preservation Dallas at 214.821.3290 for reservations and more information.

7/10/04 Summer Sizzler: Stylish Pairings: Landscapes for Historic Homes **Saturday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Local author and architectural historian, Virginia McAlester, and respected landscape architect, Emily Williams, share their insights on early landscaping trends in Dallas as well as modern design ideas for landscaping historic properties. The focus is on designing period landscapes and gardens that complement historic buildings.

7/13/04 Summer Sizzler: Effective Detective - Finding & Researching Properties Using Historic Photos & Postcards **Tuesday, 6:00 PM – 8:00 pm**

Old photographs and postcards are a fascinating and indispensable documentation of a building's history. Carol Roark, archivist with the Dallas & Texas History Division of the Dallas Public Library will provide tools and sources for researching historic properties that you never thought existed.

7/15/04 Summer Sizzler: Paint Analysis for Historic Properties **Thursday, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Researching the original paint colors of historic properties is part detective work, part chemical analysis. This is a fascinating process, and noted paint analyst, Stashka Starr, will walk you through the basics of finding your property's true colors.

7/17/04 Summer Sizzler: Houses by the Book: Early Mail Order House Plans from Catalogues & Magazines **Saturday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Many houses of the late 19th and early 20th century came from catalogues and magazines. Dallas served as the center for publications in Texas as well as the home to several associated architectural firms that sold mail order houses. Noted Houston architectural historian Margaret Culbertson shares her research on early mail order house plans, including those of Sears Roebuck & Company and George Barber.

7/20/04 Summer Sizzler: Economics of Rehabilitation: What Have I Gotten Myself Into? **Tuesday, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Evaluating a house for rehabilitation or tackling a house project can be a daunting task. This class, taught by Tracey Venegas, addresses the economic issues and rehabilitation process employed in Dallas. Special emphasis will be on estimating costs, obtaining financing, and finding ways to minimize expenses.

7/22/04 Summer Sizzler: How Transportation Influenced Development in Dallas **Thursday, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

From trade trails to train tracks, from trolleys to tollways, the development of Dallas has followed the development of new technologies. Respected author and local historian, Mike Hazel, will discuss the many directions Dallas took on its way to becoming a major metropolis.

7/24/04 Summer Sizzler: Marketing Your Neighborhood Association **Saturday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Bring a sack lunch, and hear ideas for creating and hosting websites for your neighborhood association, publishing your own newsletter, and other suggestions for sharing information among your residents. Leaders of Dallas neighborhoods, including Errol Miller of Winnetka Heights, and Jennifer Bryarly of The Richards Group marketing company, will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. After the lectures, exchange information with other neighborhood representatives at a picnic on the grounds of Central Square Park, across from Preservation Dallas.

7/31/04 Summer Sizzler: Roadside Architecture of Dallas Caravan Tour **Saturday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Roadside architecture is meant to be seen from the automobile. Meet at the Wilson Carriage House, then join tour guide Dwayne Jones, Executive Director of Preservation Dallas on this caravan for a quick tour of some of the city's last roadside establishments. Tourist courts, drive-in restaurants and gas stations are among the highlights. Enjoy a step-back-in-time with an inexpensive, yet hearty, lunch at a favorite roadside stop.

PHONE PRESERVATION DALLAS AT 214.821.3290 TO BOOK YOUR SESSIONS!

**Individual sessions are \$10 for Preservation Dallas members/\$15 for non-members,
or take advantage of these specially priced packages:**

3-SESSIONS: \$25 members/\$35 non-members

5-SESSIONS: \$40 members/\$55 non-members

ALL-SUMMER PASS (members only): \$100

JULY YARD OF THE MONTH

The yard of the month for July goes to 5527 Vickery, home of Matt and Jennifer Bryarly and their huge English Bulldog, Shackelford. Matt and Jennifer have lived in their 1926 craftsman-style bungalow for almost 4 years and through a lot of trial and error (as Matt put it) came up with a winning combination for the shady front yard.

The path to the front porch is off center due to the huge pecan tree that provides the house with welcoming shade in the summer. As you approach the porch, you'll see a sweet little garden on the left that contains hostas, rosemary and caladiums with lovely begonias in the flowerbox. A pretty birdbath is also in this area.

On the right side of the path is a larger, longer bed the spans the length of the porch. Here you'll find more of the hostas and begonias but also upright junipers, Mexican heather, azaleas, hydrangeas that have huge pink blooms and elephant ears. It's a calming, quiet and shady garden that you should see if you need ideas for your shady spot.



5527 Vickery

Plant: Color for fall such as asters, marigolds, zinnias, warm season grasses, tomatoes, peppers and other warm season veggies for fall harvest.

Fertilize: If you didn't fertilize in June with an organic fertilizer, it's time to do it now.

Prune: Roses to encourage fall blooming, dead or damage limbs in trees or other plants, and dead-head plants to remove the spent blooms to encourage new flowers.

Water: Water infrequently but deeply – and don't forget the water restrictions the city may have. Don't let your automatic sprinkler run during the day if the restrictions are on.

Pest Control: Take advantage of the organic nurseries in our area to find chemical-free pest control for all types of pest on all types of plants.

Don't forget! Feed and water the birds, they are nature's insect control! Empty standing water around your property to keep down the mosquito population.

Happy Gardening,

Sandi
sandimholmes@yahoo.com



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