



# Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 10  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Place : Vickery Towers  
(corner of Greenville & Belmont)

## REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE

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Wondering how Vickery Place home sales are faring with the economic downturn? Is the smaller home/less square footage trend catching on locally as it is nationally? Do you

know the new guidelines for house appraisals and mortgage loans? Are VP builders turning green?

For the September 10<sup>th</sup> general meeting we have invited real estate agent Ken Lampton, mortgage lender Katie Lewis and appraiser John Scarborough to discuss market trends, new Federal government initiatives for appraisals and loans, some misconceptions regarding home loan qualifications and much more. Each guest speaker will have about 10 minutes to present their topic after which we will open the floor for questions and answers, so please bring your questions with you.

Ken Lampton lives in the adjacent Belmont Addition Conservation District and has been selling homes in and around Vickery Place for over 20 years. Professional training as an engineer and his certification as a historic home specialist give Ken an edge in the East Dallas market.

Katie Lewis, a Vickery Place resident, has worked for Bank of America as a mortgage loan officer for the past 5 years. Her approach to lending is about building relationships and customizing each home financing solution to fit her customer's needs.

John Scarborough also resides in the Lower Greenville community and has been a certified appraiser for 25 years making him very familiar with the area market trends. He currently works for Crosson Dannis Inc, a real estate valuation and consultation company.



**Vickery Place  
NNO 2009**

**Tuesday, October 6  
6:00pm - 8:00 pm**

**Glencoe between  
Miller & Willis**



To celebrate the opening of the 2009 State Fair of Texas, step right up to our Corny Dog Concession, where we will be

serving some State Fair fare! The meeting will be held in the main dining room at Vickery Towers. See you there!

### *Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado*

**Don't Set Out Trash Before:**

Thursday, September 10

**Pick Up Week:**

September 14 - 18



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### *Recycling Pick-up*

Thursday, September 3  
Thursday, September 17



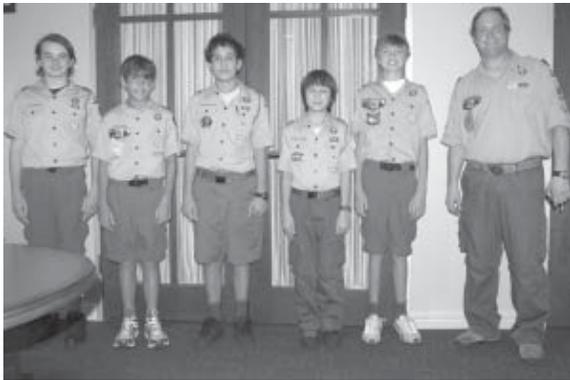
**AUGUST GENERAL MEETING RECAP  
DART GREEN LINE**

DART Community Affairs Representative Rosa Cavazos Rosteet energized the audience discussing the much anticipated Phase One of the Green Line Project. A short video highlighted aerial shots, development and art attractions along the new line and showed where we can expect expansions in the future.

Phase One of the Green Line Project will extend from Victory Park at the American Airlines Center through downtown to Deep Ellum, Baylor University Medical Center, Fair Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Come September 14th, these four new stations will be bustling with activity—just in time for the 2009 State Fair of Texas! To celebrate the grand opening, DART will be hosting a Super Saturday on September 12 with all kinds of activities for the whole family—for more information, see page 7 of this newsletter.



VPNA President Will Short & Secretary Mary Kay Henley pictured with guest speaker Rosa Cavazos Rosteet (center)



BSA Troop 42: Nathan Bass-Roberts, Patrick Blonien, John Davidson, Jacob Davidson, Will Meyer & assistant leader David Davidson.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 42 working on their Citizenship In The Community merit badge attended the meeting. Vickery Place resident and DART employee Jack Wierzenski, who also has a son in the Troop, helped answer DART questions presented by the audience.

Vickery Park Restaurant (located at 2810 N. Henderson Avenue) manager Matt Tobin and staff member Claudio Vera served up beef sliders and their famous mac & cheese for all to enjoy—your



VP neighbors Derek Adleta & Susan Chmelan get served by Vickery Park staff Claudio Vera & manager Matt Tobin



momma didn't make mac & cheese like this! And to sweeten the deal, VP neighbor Rick Arista provided the Nature Valley Nut Cluster Treats.

Thanks to **DART** for making this an informative meeting, **Vickery Towers** for providing our meeting space and to **Vickery Park** for the delicious food!



Rosa Cavazos Rosteet, Suzanne Bass, Jack Wierzenski and Linda Mitchell visit after meeting.

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## K-JO'S SHRIMP AND GRITS

4 C chicken broth  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 C of quick cooking grits (not instant)  
1 1/2 C Cheddar Cheese, shredded  
2 T butter  
6 Green onions, chopped (reserve finely chopped tops for garnish)  
1 Green bell pepper, chopped  
1 tsp minced garlic  
1 lb small shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails on  
1 (10 oz) can Rotel tomatoes (spicy or mild)  
salt and pepper to taste  
6 slices of bacon, crumbled (thick sliced)



Devein and peel small shrimp leaving tails on. Season with salt and pepper.

Bring 4 cups of chicken broth and salt to a boil. Add grits and cook according to package directions till done. Add a handful of cheese to the grits and stir to keep moist. Stir occasionally.

Cook bacon till crisp. Crumble when cool.

Saute green onions, bell pepper and garlic in butter or bacon grease till translucent.

Combine grits, 3/4th bacon reserving the remainder for topping, veggie mixture, and cheese (reserving some for topping) and Rotel tomatoes. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Mixture should be a little runny.

Using a butter knife, make marks in the grits and push the shrimp fully into them leaving the tails exposed. Cover the shrimp meat fully with the grits mixture.

Top with bacon and cheese. Bake for 35 minutes or until the thermometer reads 145. Garnish with green onion tops if desired.

Karla Jo Zimmerman is a former resident of Vickery Place. She now lives in Lakewood Heights with husband Karl and daughters Tori and Claire. Currently a culinary student at El Centro College, Karla drew on her Alabama roots to create her version of Shrimp and Grits.

### **NOT YOUR KID'S SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM LUNCH!**

Each Thursday afternoon, the Food and Hospitality Institute of El Centro College prepares a complete four course meal and serves it to the general public at lunch. Cost is a very affordable \$12.00 and reservations are required! To make a reservation, call 214-860-2217.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME 2009!

This year marks the 18th Annual Vickery Place National Night Out Against Crime! What started out as a group of neighbors parading a designated route through the neighborhood and sharing watermelon in a driveway has grown into an annual street fest and block party.



The Vickery Place National Night Out celebration will be held on **Tuesday**

**October 6th, from 6:00pm**

**to 8:00pm on Glencoe, between Miller &**

**Willis Avenues.** This will be in lieu of the October General Meeting. There will be plenty of food, drink and entertainment for the entire family! The event is open to all Vickery Place residents and is FREE with the exception of optional food and drink items.

Salim Nourallah and his band are back by popular demand for their 3rd year. Kids and adults alike will smile as Bonkers the Clown



juggles, does magic tricks and creates balloon animals. Sample dishes of nearby Henderson and Lower Greenville Avenue restaurants. In Octoberfest spirit, our grillmeister will be serving up Bratwurst with all the trimmings! Beer, water and soft drinks will also be available.



'Taste of Vickery Place' coupon books will be on sale along with Vickery Place T-shirt's. There will be tables with informational materials on Vickery Place Neighborhood Association, the Expanded Neighborhood Patrol, City of Dallas recycling and more.



You will have the opportunity to visit with local police units, Central Patrol's Police Chief, Vickery Place ENP officers, our City Council members and City representatives.

NNO is an opportunity for communities to promote neighborhood camaraderie and strong police interaction. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, it does represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year. Come on out, have some

fun and get to know your neighbors! Want to help out with this event, email [info@vpna.org](mailto:info@vpna.org) or call Beth, 214 821-0831.



**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS 2009 – ALL ABOARD!**  
September 25 – October 18.

This year's theme salutes the arrival of the Green Line light rail service to Fair Park in time for the opening day of this year's Fair. Fairgoers who have endured two years of construction at the front of the park will be rewarded with an attractive, art-deco station and \$12 million worth of enhancements inside the gate. The 700 ft. reflecting pool has been renovated and upgraded with a new fountain system. A second light rail station will be conveniently located near the MLK gate.



Nighttime's the right time for the Starlight Parade - See illuminated floats, giant puppets and costumed characters each evening at 7:15 p.m. FREE.

*Illumination Sensation*, a spectacular light and fireworks show, will be presented on the Esplanade at 8 p.m. each evening. It will incorporate the newly-installed fountains in bursts of color choreographed to a musical montage and punctuated by pyrotechnics and special effects. FREE.

Also new for 2009 is *Pirates of the Caribbean Dive Show*, a wild, wet and hilarious free attraction guaranteed to delight visitors of all ages. The show is sponsored by McDonald's and will be presented in Gateway Plaza every day at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. with an added 6 p.m. performance on Saturdays and Sundays. FREE

The national touring company of *Mary Poppins*, featuring two of the Broadway production's original stars, will be this year's State Fair Musical. The Tony Award winner will be presented in matinee and evening performances at The Music Hall from September 24 – October 18.

The recently-renovated *Cotton Bowl Stadium* will host the annual State Fair Classic: Grambling vs. Prairie View on October 3 and the fabled Red River Rivalry between the Texas Longhorns and Oklahoma Sooners on October 17.

Circling the feet of the 52-ft. State Fair ambassador is the diminutive and delightful *Big Tex Garden Railway*. Designer/landscape artist Paul Busse's miniature train display appeals to young and old alike. Located in Big Tex Circle. FREE.

Texans and their families and friends from across the country are invited to climb aboard the sleek DART passenger cars and ride the rails destined for food and fun at the 2009 State Fair of Texas. The gates open at 10 a.m. on September 25. For ticket info, dates and times of performances and more, visit [www.BigTex.com](http://www.BigTex.com).

**TEXAS STATE FAIR FUN FACTS:**

- The Texas-OU football game has been played during the Fair every year since 1929.
- Texas Star Ferris Wheel is 212-ft.
- Big Tex made his first State Fair appearance in 1952.
- Corny dogs were invented in 1942 by State Fair concessionaires Carl and Neil Fletcher.
- Fair Park is a National Historic Landmark and boasts the largest collection of art deco exposition buildings in the United States.



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## ART & SOUL ANNIVERSARY & BENEFIT



ART is ART, located at 2811 N. Henderson Avenue, will be hosting a charity silent auction with contemporary, original paintings, a unique wall mirror, metal sculpture and hand-crafted pottery donated by local artisans, on Thursday, September 17, 2009, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. There are 12 items up for bid (at reduced reserve prices), and proceeds go to Kidd's Kids, a non-profit organization based in Dallas.

Kidd's Kids, founded by radio personality Kidd Kraddick, sends 40 to 50 families with special medical needs children on a five-day, all-expense paid trip to Disney World every November. ART is ART will also donate 10% of ALL purchases made throughout the day to Kidd's Kids.

In addition to the auction ART is ART is celebrating their two-year anniversary on Henderson! Complimentary beverages and light hors' devours will be served (while they last).

The main focus at ART is ART is spring-boarding talented, local artists by showcasing their contemporary, original works. Check it out, bring your friends and help raise funds for Kidd's Kids!

## COOL THURSDAYS AT THE DALLAS ARBORETUM

Pack a picnic and enjoy your favorite songs on the concert stage and lawn overlooking scenic White Rock Lake, every Thursday from September 10 – October 29. Individual ticket prices are \$7 per members, \$14 for non-members and \$7 for children 3-12. For more info, go to [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org).

### Concert Line-up:

September 10 - Dallas Unlimited

Sep 17th 2009 – Hunter Sullivan

Sep 24th 2009 - Key West, The Band

Oct 1st 2009 - Briefcase Blues

Oct 8th 2009 - Tuxedo Junction

Oct 15th 2009 - Natchez Trace

Oct 22nd 2009 - Petty Theft

October 29th 2009 - The M80's



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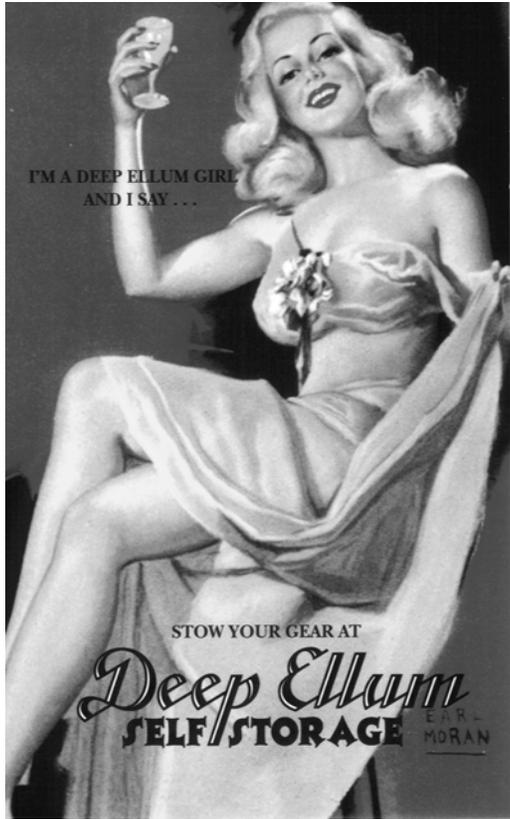
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**GREEN LINE SUPER SATURDAY!**  
 Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DART will be celebrating the grand opening of their four new stations in Phase One of the Green Line and wants you to join in the fun! For more detailed information on Super Saturday visit [www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org).

**Baylor University Medical Center Station**, Hall and Junius streets, will feature a health and fitness fair with screenings, demonstrations and much more.

**Deep Ellum Station**, at Good-Latimer Expressway and Gaston Avenue, will celebrate the colorful art, music and history of Deep Ellum.

**Fair Park Station**, Parry and Exposition avenues, will offer four hours of Fair Park fun!

**MLK, Jr. Station**, J.B. Jackson Jr. Boulevard and Trunk Avenue, DART will have a community-oriented event for the entire family.

**Customer Appreciation Day**

Regular weekday and weekend service on the Green Line starts September 14, and they're kicking it off with coffee provided by McDonald's and donuts by Krispy Kreme from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the four new stations and Victory Station. Volunteers at the stations will assist riders and provide information about the new fare schedule and routes.

**Victory Park Celebrates Full-Time Service**

DART will celebrate full-time service at Victory Station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 19 with fun and food provided by the Dallas Stars, Dallas Mavericks, Katy Trail, Hard Rock Cafe and WFAA-TV.





**Christopher**  
swam a half mile  
in 17 minutes

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## Taste of Vickery Place!

Get your 'Taste of Vickery Place' coupon book while they last (or get your second!) For the low price of \$12 you will get 15 discount coupons to some of your favorite restaurants in the neighborhood: Café San Miguel, Capitol Pub, Cuba Libre, Dickey's, Fireside Pies, Fish City Grill, The Grape, Greenville Bar and Grill, Hector's on Henderson, Hurricane Grill, Quesa-D-Ya's, Stan's Blue Note, Sushi Axiom, Vickery Park, and Victor Tango. Using your dining coupons, your potential savings are \$200!



To purchase your book, contact Kathy at [info@vpna.org](mailto:info@vpna.org) or call 214-887-3451. Books are also available for purchase at La Mariposa, 2813 N. Henderson Avenue.

**JULY 2009 CRIME STATS:**

CRIME	DATE	ADDRESS
THEFT	6/25/2009	52XX WILLISAVE
THEFT	6/29/2009	28XX GREENVILLE
THEFT	7/11/2009	56XX BELMONT
THEFT	7/17/2009	52XX VICKERY
THEFT	7/19/2009	51XX MILLER
THEFT	7/20/2009	56XX BELMONT
THEFT	7/22/2009	26XX HENDERSON
THEFT	7/25/2009	26XX MADERA
THEFT	7/29/2009	51XX WILLIS
THEFT	7/30/2009	51XX MILLER
AUTO THEFT	7/28/2009	56XX BELMONT
BURGLARY	7/9/2009	56XX BELMONT
BURGLARY	7/13/2009	55XX BELMONT
BURGLARY	7/15/2009	53XX MANETT
BURGLARY	7/20/2009	54XX WILLIS
VANDAL	7/10/2009	53XX BELMONT
VANDAL	7/10/2009	53XX RICHARD
VANDAL	7/25/2009	55XX MILLER
OTHERASLT	7/8/2009	53XX RICHARD
OTHERASLT	7/25/2009	30XX HENDERSON
TEL HARASS	7/12/2009	54XX BONITA
OTHER	7/21/2009	51XX RICHARD
OTHER	7/25/2009	28XX HENDERSON

For a more detailed report, go to [www.vpna.org](http://www.vpna.org) and click on Crime Watch

**VOLUNTEERS IN PATROL CLASS**



Courtesy of Friends of the Katy Trail: Dallas Police Central Division will be holding a Volunteers in Patrol Class on Saturday, September 19th from 9am until 3pm. This class will include a tour of the City of Dallas 911 Facility. They will also have guest speaker who will discuss Crime prevention on the Katy Trail.

The course will be held at 3535 Travis suite # 100. Space is limited, so email or fax your Volunteer Application and Volunteer Waiver early to reserve your space.

To get an application and waiver form or to find out more, contact Stephen Comstra, Neighborhood Police Officer, Central Division, 214-670-4420 or [stephen.comstra@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us](mailto:stephen.comstra@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us).

**Crime Watch Tip from our ENP Officer:** Common sense—never open your door to someone you don't know or expect. Acknowledge their presence from the inside; don't pull back curtains to peek from a window. The goal here is to create as much mystery as possible to the person on the other side of your door while letting them know someone is home.

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**SEPTEMBER  
YARD OF  
THE MONTH**

**5238 Miller**  
Mike and Erin Sanders moved to Vickery Place neighborhood almost 2 years ago because they like the architecture of the homes, in particular the style of the Arts and Crafts era. Mark, who had a landscape

business in college, designed and put in the yard himself. He wanted to have a balance of color with both perennials and annuals, so he put in Hamlin grass, roses, Indian Hawthorne, a Maple tree and as a tribute to their Colorado roots, a Blue Spruce tree. Mark noted that he and Erin, "...enjoy the convenience of the neighborhood in being close to the new, fun restaurants on Henderson and nearby." In thanks for their lovely yard, the Sanders received a \$25 gift card, compliments of North Haven Gardens.

~ Carrie Camin & the Beautification Committee



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Spring blooming bulbs such as daffodils, tulips, hyacinth and more begin to arrive mid-September! If you missed out on your favorite varieties last year, be sure to shop early this year. Don't forget, proper temperature is key to successful tulips. North Haven Gardens is the ONLY store in town that will keep your bulbs properly chilled until planting time.



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