



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME BLOCK PARTY

Our October General Meeting will be our annual National Night Out Against Crime Block Party! Tuesday, October 1st, 6pm - 8pm, on Glencoe between Miller & Willis

Admission to VPNA's NNO Block Party is free, but be sure to bring cash for food trucks, vendors, t-shirts, glassware & raffle tickets. Beer & water will be available for a donation. Local businesses have generously donated raffle prizes. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Salim Nourallah & the Treefort Five will be back to provide the music entertainment! Details on VickeryPlace.org.

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## SEPTEMBER VPNA GENERAL MEETING RECAP – CRIME WATCH REBOOT



Hot Dogs • Links • Polish Sausages • Bratwurst

At our September general meeting, Officers Camacho, Le and McIntire, members of the Dallas Police Department's Neighborhood Policing Team, discussed crime trends in our neighborhood, educated us on various crime fighting tips, and recommended online tools and resources.

The number one crime in our neighborhood is "Burglary of a Motor Vehicle" (BMV) where thieves break into parked cars and steal items such as cell phones, purses, bags, GPS equipment and laptops. The police strongly recommend NOT parking on the street, "LOCK (your car), TAKE (your keys), HIDE (your belongings)".

The police stressed how much they need us to call 911 when we see suspicious activity in our neighborhood! Suspicious activity can be a car slowly circling the block, someone peeking in car windows as they walk down the street or someone loitering around a house/sidewalk/alley. If in doubt, CALL 911!

For a list of crime-fighting online tools and resources, please visit our website ([www.VickeryPlace.org](http://www.VickeryPlace.org)).

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the September 12th general meeting, those present voted on & unanimously accepted the proposed Nominating Committee comprised of residents Anton Skowronski, Beth Bentley, Daron Tapscott, Selena Urquhart & Will Short. The five-member Nominating Committee is to prepare a slate of candidates for the VPNA 2013 board of directors which will be voted into office at the November annual meeting.

If you have an interest in becoming more involved with neighborhood activities, serving on a committee, launching a special project or delivering newsletters, please contact us at [info@vickeryplace.org](mailto:info@vickeryplace.org).

**Bulky Trash:** week of the 2nd Monday  
**Don't Set Out Trash Before:** Thursday, October 10th  
**Pick Up Week:** October 14th to 18th  
**Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up:** Every Monday



## 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Mark Rieves, Vice President - Selena Urquhart  
Treasurer - Greg O'Shea, Secretary - Debbie Simurda

**Members at Large:** Allan Cano, Alun Urquhart, Anton Skowronski, Beth Bentley, Henley Quadling, Laura Gaudet, Mary Kay Henley, Will Short

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

***Ipomoea batatas***. Darla Berry tells us that the worst day of the year for her is when the sweet potato vines die back. Even in the brutal Texas heat, the multitude of chartreuse green leaves keep her yard bright and fresh from spring to late fall. Easily propagated by just pinching off part of the vine and letting it root in water for about three days they fill large spaces of yard. The front porch at 5418 Willis is surrounded by these vines and hearty begonias; here is October's VPNA YOM.

**NORTH HAVEN  
Gardens**

Darla has lived in her home for 33 years, 20 of them with her husband Ricky. She recognizes each holiday with a new flag and decorations for the yard. Tucked into the plenteous vines are ceramic ducks, kittens and squirrels; all garage sale finds. There is an angel Dachshund memorializing Alex and Junebug, who once shared the house with the Berrys. These days three cats wander in and out.



5418 Willis won the Vickery Place Neighborhood Yard of the Month in the early 80's when Darla was eating breakfast at John's Café and you can still find her there at the center table many mornings.

She tells us Halloween decorations will be going up soon and neighbors are invited to enjoy. As with every VPNA winning yard, North Haven Gardens presents a \$50 gift certificate.

~by Beautification committee: Debbie Simurda & Mary Kay Henley

## WORCOLA WITCHES & WARLOCKS WALK

9CT9BER 31, 2013, 5:30PM TO 7:30PM

Join us for trick-or-treating, fun and games on Halloween! This event is aimed at children of elementary age and under. With this newsletter two children can participate for free; without the newsletter or for additional children, we suggest a \$5 donation to the VPNA. Check-in begins at 5:30 at 5603 Willis. You must check-in to take full advantage of the event. If you would like to help make this event spectacular, please email: [laura@vickeryplace.com](mailto:laura@vickeryplace.com).

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