



SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 8
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Place: Vickery Towers, Dining Rm
 (Greenville & Belmont)

VICKERY PLACE – THE EARLY YEARS

At the September 8 general meeting, Dallas history aficionado, recognized preservation architect, and longtime Vickery Place resident Daron Tapscott will present highlights on the origins of Vickery Place, the background of the developers, and the early role of the neighborhood association.

Did you know a contest ran in the Dallas Morning News for the naming of the new addition located “above the City”? What streets originally made up Vickery Place? You may have heard about developer and early resident George W. Works, but who were the other partners in the Works-Coleman Land Company that platted the neighborhood in 1911 such as Coleman, Laneri, Vickery, Goodwin & Miller? Vickery Place residents have long been working together on quality of life issues—the “neighborhood improvement league” began in 1915.

Come hear about the early years of Vickery Place! Keeping in theme, VPNA board members will provide food and refreshments reminiscent of the era.



1911 advertisement from the Dallas Morning News

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME 2011

Tuesday, October 4, 6pm - 8pm, 2600 block of Glencoe, between Miller & Willis



“I want a girl, just like the girl who married dear old Dad!” Those were the lyrics to the Billboard chart-topping song in November of 1911, the year Vickery Place was platted. To celebrate the Vickery Place centennial, this year we’ll add a flavor of nostalgia to our annual Nation Night Out block party!

In addition to the year-round social and educational meetings Vickery Place Neighborhood Association sponsors to foster our neighborhood connections, one night each year we make a huge effort to gather as many neighbors as possible for our annual National Night Out Against Crime block party. At the Block Party we enjoy food, entertainment, a raffle, and most importantly, an opportunity to get to know our neighbors and build our community! *Con't on pg 3.*

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EVERY MONDAY



AUGUST GENERAL MEETING RECAP – WHAT’S ALL THE BUZZ...

‘Bee-vangelists’ Susan and Brandon Pollard spoke to Vickery Place residents at the August general meeting about the benefits of the honey bee. As the founders of the Texas Honeybee Guild, they are spreading their ‘bee-osophy’. Pollination is the most important thing they do for us, and our honeybees are disappearing. Susan went on to explain “Honeybees pollinate crops representing more than a third of the nation’s food supply. Bees are an indicator species, the canary in the coal mine. They’re telling us it’s not all lovely.”

The Pollards encourage people to support the area’s urban bee populations by starting community gardens, patronizing arboretums and buying local produce. Instead of poisoning unwanted bees, they encourage residents to call beekeepers to remove and relocate the colonies, like the Goodwin Avenue bees in the ‘Honey Bee Tree’ story in last month’s newsletter. They also visit classrooms, libraries and area markets—you may have spotted Brandon donning his bee costume at the Farmer’s Market or the Green Spot. As part of their bee-wrangling duties, the Pollards maintain hives at a dozen East Dallas properties. These sites allow them to extract honey for their own brand, ‘Zip Code Honey’. Raw unfiltered honey provides a local element and great benefit to your system, the pollens utilized by the bees in your own back yard can provide relief for allergy sufferers. Residents had the opportunity to purchase some ‘75206’ zip code honey as well as handmade candles made from bees wax.

All they are saying is ‘Give Bees a Chance’! Thank you Brandon & Susan for a very informative and ‘be-lightful’ presentation. Texas Honeybee Guild, 214 826-8696, texashoneybeeguild.org.



Vickery Place residents Kathy Harris and Shelia Huffman prepared a tasting feast from recipes that will be published in the Vickery Place Centennial Cookbook. Thanks Kathy and Shelia for giving neighbors the opportunity to sample Shannon Peter’s Shoe Peg Corn Dip, Amy Sack’s Korean Spinach Salad, Rick Bentley’s Forgotten Cookies, Shelia Huffman’s Oatmeal Raisin Cookies and Kathy Harris’ Symphony Brownies. Thanks to Derek Adleta for bringing refreshing Fruity Summer Lemonade, Hibiscus Restaurant for their famous Hot Crab Dip served with wood fired crackers and Henley Quadling for a variety of fine red and white wine to enjoy with the impressive spread. All of these recipes and more will be in Recipes and Recollections: Vickery Place Cooking Since 1911, the cookbook celebrating the VP Centennial. The cookbook goes on sale in late September and the first launch party

will be at Downing Hill on October 1st.



The evening Door Prizes were a jar of 75206 “zip code” honey provided by the Honey Bee Guild and won by Will Short and the Hydrangea table centerpiece provided by the Centennial cookbook and won by Michael David Light.



National Night Out con't from front pg.

Admission to the VPNA NNO Block Party is free, but be sure to bring some cash for food, games, kids' activities, and raffle tickets. Back by popular demand, we'll have hot dogs, Bratwurst with the works, chips and soft drinks for purchase. And beer will be available for a donation. Local businesses have generously donated raffle prizes. Raffle tickets are \$1 each.

Entertaining us this year, disc jockey Cliff Ford will be spinning tunes both contemporary and historic. You may have heard Cliff emcee at favorite local festivals. Cliff has been a Radio, Club, and Party DJ in Florida and Texas from 1979 to present. If you'd like to make a song request, send it to info@vpna.org and we'll do our best to accommodate.

You will also have the chance to visit with our local Dallas Police Department officers, the Chief of DPD Central Patrol, our City Council Members and other City of Dallas representatives. VPNA will have an information table where you can purchase tickets to the upcoming Vickery Place Centennial Home Tour, and sign up to volunteer. Vickery Place wine glasses and commemorative brass plaques are also available. Quantities are limited. The plaques are a beautiful way to celebrate the Vickery Place Centennial.

Volunteer opportunities: we need people who can volunteer an hour (or more!) in advance to help us set up and tear down this event. We'll start as early as noon with the set up, but please join us when you can!



CENTENNIAL HOME TOUR

Sunday October 16, VIP Event Saturday October 15
www.vickeryplace.com

In commemoration of its centennial, the Vickery Place Home Tour will feature five beautifully renovated historic homes, accompanied by one newly constructed contemporary Craftsman home. A special VIP kick-off event will be held the preceding evening featuring an additional bonus home.

Volunteers are needed for tour docents as well as ticket and VPNA merchandise sales. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. In exchange for volunteering, you will

receive a ticket to the tour (including the VIP party). If you are interested, email hometour@vickeryplace.com.

Tour Sponsors: Downing Hill, Brian Gream Renovations, The Wooden House, Ron Davis Custom Homes, David Griffin Realtors, Remax/Ken Lampton, Carper-Miller Real Estate Group, Taste of Greenville Avenue, Greenville Avenue Commerce Association, CB Construction, Adobe Title, BB&T Bank, Mainstreet Inc., and the Bag Store.

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Home Tour tickets will be \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour. The "Works" ticket package which includes the VIP Party Event as well as the Home Tour will be \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Advanced tickets will be sold at North Haven Gardens, Downing Hill, The Wooden House, Talulah Belle, and online at www.vickeryplace.com.

Home Tour proceeds will benefit Animal Rescue of Texas (ART) and James Bonham Elementary School, as well as Vickery Place Neighborhood Street improvements (sign toppers, sidewalk repair, crime watch, etc).

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Vickery Place Neighborhood

IT'S ALL THE RAGE!

Grandmothers and rocking chairs, old ladies and their purring cats? Once the images associated with knitting,—but no more! Needlework is the hot new trend! West Coast Beverly Fabrics reports that they can't keep enough yarn on their shelves and even the teens are taking up the craft. The Big Apple Knitting Guild, where *wool is cool*, celebrates their annual luncheon at upscale Arno's Restaurant in the heart of Manhattan this month.



This group of ladies enjoyed wine, home baked treats and homemade chocolate candies while getting to know new neighbors and working on their own special needle project at the first Vickery Place Needle Nerds meeting, Wednesday night August 24th. If you want to join the group email Ka54harris@aol.com or shelia0806@sbcglobal.net.



MEET NORM AND HIS ALTER EGO--THE NORMINATOR

Norm is a 7-year old black Labrador Retriever who is a sweet, affectionate soul. Periodically, mostly at dinner time, his alter ego THE NORMINATOR surfaces.

Motto: Never Met a Stranger

What He Would Say If He Could Speak: Are you gonna eat that?

Prized Possession: Stuffed Animal Collection (1 chick, 2 pink pigs, 1 sheep, 1 squid)

Favorite Pass Time: Eating; hanging out at The Dubliner with family & friends

Human Servants: Andy & Debbie Simurda

Nemesis/Buddy: Maddie, 3-year old Heeler who herds Norm, cats, squirrels, birds, humans, etc

If you want your pet spotlighted in the newsletter, send a photo and info to phoebe@vickeryplace.com.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Lecuyers, Andy, Lindsey and little Hannah left Willis Avenue a few years back to go West— Louisville, Colorado, just east of Boulder to be exact. They describe it as a charming little town with a surprisingly hot restaurant scene and easy access to Boulder, Denver and the Front Range mountains.

The Lecuyers welcomed Baby Lucy on June 9, 2011. “Big sister Hannah is loving her new role and will be 4 1/2 at the end of this month”, says Lindsay and adds, “how time flies”. Lindsey finished two years of teaching elementary music in nearby Longmont, but will now go back to being a stay-at-home-mom. Andy is the director of programming and content acquisition for Dish Network. “We’re loving life in Northern Colorado - lots of running, biking, hiking, and skiing to be done! Hoping the summer finds everyone in Vickery Place well and keeping relatively cool!!!” Lindsey served as secretary of VPNA for two years and was active in organizing the VP Hot Mamas Stroller Club and the Bonham pre-school PTA.



VICKERY PLACE AT THE MOVIES

Several neighbors gathered at the Angelica at Mockingbird Station opening week-end of *The Help*. It was an amazingly beautiful period piece in spite of such a troubled time in American history. Set in Jackson, Mississippi during the early 1960's, *The Help* illustrates hardships and ordeals encountered by Black America through stories of the hired black housekeepers. Though never missing the poignant narrative, those of us who came of age during this era practically sing along with the soundtrack and all of us who have southern roots left the movie hungry for some fried chicken, collard greens and caramel cake. Don't miss this movie. Take a friend and take a hankie.

SOUTHERN STYLE COLLARD GREENS INSPIRED BY THE HELP

12 hickory-smoked bacon slices, finely chopped
2 medium-size sweet onions, finely chopped
1/4 pound smoked ham, chopped
6 garlic cloves, finely chopped
3 (32-oz.) containers chicken broth
3 (1-lb.) packages fresh collard greens, washed and trimmed
1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon pepper



Cook bacon in a 10-qt. stockpot over medium heat 10 to 12 minutes or until almost crisp. Add onion, and sauté 8 minutes; add ham and garlic, and sauté 1 minute. Stir in broth and remaining ingredients. Cook 2 hours or to desired degree of tenderness.



VICKERY PLACE CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK PARTY

For some more Southern favorites, stop by Downing Hill on Saturday afternoon, October 1, between 1pm and 5pm for the launching of the Vickery Place Centennial Cookbook, Recipes and Recollections: Vickery Place Cooking Since 1911.

Downing Hill, located at 3016 Greenville Avenue, is hosting a party to celebrate the arrival of the cookbook. You will have the opportunity to sample recipes from the collection and the book will be available for purchase. Everyone will receive a free gift just for coming by and you can sign up to win the door prize valued at over \$100.00.

FOREVER PROUD

This years National Assisted Living Week is September 11-17. Planned events at Vickery Towers will help say thank you to the assisted living residents, many of whom have made significant contributions to our community as business people, civic leaders, firefighters, teachers, parents, and grandparents.



In honor of National Assisted Living Week, Vickery Towers will host an open house on Wednesday, September 14th at 11:30 a.m. There will be a "Patriotic barbecue" with entertainment provided by Glen Bailey. If you would like to have lunch and a tour of Vickery Towers to learn more about Assisted Living, call 214-826-1113 and ask for Jeri.



Be considerate of your neighbor and don't park in front of their house. Leave that space for them.



15TH ANNUAL J. L. LONG RUN

Run, don't walk to early registration for the 2011 Long Run! The Long Run, Thursday October 9, is JL Long's only fundraiser. Last year the Long Run had over 700 runners and raised approximately \$40,000 for the school. These funds provide an operating budget allowing the PTA to sponsor educational programs and many of the "extras" not supplied by DISD. Pre-register at Luke's Locker (by SMU bookstore) until September 23rd or online at www.JLLong.com. The race includes a certified

5K and a 1 mile fun run. After the race, enjoy food and drinks and stick around for an awards ceremony for the 5K. The race begins and ends at the school after winding through the beautiful Hollywood Heights/Santa Monica neighborhood. Don't miss this terrific chance to work your body while working for a neighborhood Middle School.

IT'S MY PARK DAY!

The City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department is asking citizens to beautify their favorite neighborhood parks for It's My Park Day from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 10.

Individuals, neighborhood associations, corporate volunteer teams, and Friends groups can organize and participate in beautification projects at a park of their choosing, then invite neighbors and friends to pitch in. With assistance from the City's park and recreation staff, volunteers can help with litter and debris pickup, graffiti removal, weeding, and flower and tree mulching and plantings. Additionally, communities can make It's My Park Day exciting for all ages by hosting a variety of free, family-friendly recreational activities and entertainment. Individuals and groups interested in organizing or joining the project should sign up at itsmyparkdaydallas.eventbrite.com or call Dallas Park and Recreation at (214) 670-8400.



DALLAS GREAT STREETS

What is your favorite Dallas street? A tree lined Vickery Place Street of charming bungalows with big inviting porches? Do you enjoy strolling past the shops on Henderson or the sidewalk cafes on Greenville? Our neighborhood has no shortage of interesting and appealing streetscapes! The City of Dallas is hosting a Dallas Great Streets Visual Essay Contest with cash prizes.

The City's new approach for guiding future road improvements is intended to build safer, more livable streets, designed for use by everyone. Let's put Vickery Place on the "great street map". Submit photos or a video of your favorite street by October 17 to www.dallascompletestreets.com and click on Visual Essay Contest.

LAKWOOD LIBRARYFEST & BOOK SALE

Celebrate Libraryfest@Lakewood on Saturday, September 10, 10am - 5pm. Enjoy free live music and free activities for children. The event will feature the musical talents of The Ackermans, Matt Tolentino, Hank Black, Zach Youpa, and Rami Ackerman. The annual book sale will offer thousands of gently used books and other media items at bargain prices. Snacks courtesy of Whole Foods Market in Lakewood will be available for purchase. All proceeds from the book sale, sponsored by the Lakewood Library Friends, go toward the purchase of materials for the Lakewood Branch Library.



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The outdoor festival-type Main Stage will host such top name entertainers as Randy Travis, Pat Benetar and Neil Giraldo, Jack Ingram, plus Kraig Parker and his ultimate tribute to Elvis.

Since the invention of the Fletcher's Corny Dog, fairgoers have ranked food as one of the top reasons for attending the Fair. Neil Fletcher and his brother Carl invented the Corny Dog in 1942. A little Vickery Place trivia, Neil and wife Minnie lived on the corner of Goodwin and McMillan in Vickery Place. A recent resolution was adopted by the Senate of the State of Texas recognizing Neil as the inventor of the Corny Dog.

The Auto Show has presented new vehicles since 1904, but be sure and visit the Vintage collections at the Classic Corral. The cool lawn behind the Museum of Nature & Science displays yesterday's sinewy, sensuous and sassy best in domestic and import cars, and you can visit with the owners.

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SEPTEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

5421 Richard - Michael Oppedisano moved to Vickery Place a year ago because he loved the location and mixture of old and new homes. The young energy combined with the history of long-time residents is a good fit for him. He labels his yard, “a work in progress”, as a hobby.

Michael selected and planted the landscape as well as the stone boarders. In the current heat wave, he dutifully hand waters his work that exhibits Japanese maples, elephant ears, holly, petunias, potted palms and mini rose trees. His next projects

include adding more colorful flowers, perennials that will be better draught tolerant and building stone steps in his walk-way.

NORTH HAVEN
Gardens

In thanks for Michael’s devotion to his yard, he will receive a \$25 gift card compliments of North Haven Gardens. Fast Fames will provide a complimentary frame for the Yard of the Month certificate.

~ Carrie Camin, *Beautification Committee*



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