



ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY BLOCK PARTY

The annual St. Patrick's Day Block Party is just around the corner.

This year the block party will be held on Saturday, March 14th from 9 am to 8 pm on Greenville between Vanderbilt and Vickery. The streets will close from 7 am to 8 pm. Please see the map for details.

After the block party, it is common practice for the party-goers to go to the bars on lower Greenville. Throughout the day, it is not uncommon for our neighborhood to be inundated with foot traffic.

Police officers will be at the event site and conducting neighborhood patrols from 8 am – 10 pm. Officers will also be available from 10 pm to 3 am.

Here are some things you should know:

- As always, temporary “no parking” signs will be installed on Thursday, March 12th. The ‘No Parking’ signs will be placed in parkways Thursday evening however the parking restriction does not go into effect till Saturday morning. If you are interested in joining one of the teams to put out the signs, email info@vickeryplace.com.
- If you live on a street with Resident Parking Only, please ensure that your family members and other guests have the appropriate RPO placards for their cars.
- Note that any cars parked in a “no parking”, “no standing” zone, or cars that are creating

a safety issue will be towed at the owner's expense.

- Call 911 for police, parking, code, etc. during this time.

We hope you enjoy the block party!

A word of caution: Remove your car from the north side of the street (where the No Parking signs are placed) before Saturday morning and tell your neighbors to do the same. Cars parked in violation of the no-parking plan will be towed. There will be no exception for residents.

Day of the block party: If you have any issues related to illegal parking, traffic congestion, noise, excess litter, call 9-1-1. DPD has a dispatcher dedicated to handle the “party zone” area. Due to the increase of persons/activity in the area, you may not be able to get reception on your cell phone. If you are having your own St. Pat's Day celebration at your home, please be considerate of your neighbors—keep the noise level down and clean up afterwards.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING – NO PARKING SIGN BUILDING AND PLACEMENT

Please join us on Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12 for our annual No Parking Sign Building and Placement for the St. Patrick's Day

**Bulk Trash Pickup is the
Week of the 2nd Monday**

**Don't Set Out Trash Before: Thurs, March 5th
Pick Up Week March 9th-13th
Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up** 

Every Monday

Next VPNA General Meeting

**St. Patrick's Day Block Party
Sign Building and Placement**

Block Party on Saturday, March 14. We will build the signs starting at 6:30 pm at 5518 Goodwin Ave – please bring a hammer and gloves as the posts usually have a lot of splinters! Pizza and beer will be served after the sign building to everyone who participates. People will also be assigned to teams to place the signs on Thursday.

On Thursday, we will go out to place the signs starting at 6 pm (or earlier if your team is available). Again, we will meet at 5518 Goodwin to load the signs and place them in your team’s assigned blocks. Please bring a mallet to hammer in the signs if you have one as well as gloves.

If you’d like to participate and haven’t contacted us, please do so via info@vickeryplace.com. We look forward to seeing you there!



WINE WALK IS COMING

May 16th with a rain date of May 30th. This event has always been a hot ticket. A great way to meet the neighbors and enjoy some awesome wine! Tickets will go on sale April 16th. Additional details about the event and ticket sales will be forthcoming so watch for info on our Facebook and Instagram as well as the April Newsletter.

Are you interested in volunteering to help with the 2020 Wine Walk? Please let us know at Info@VickeryPlace.com



DESPERATELY SEEKING NEWSLETTER CARRIERS!

The USPS has nothing on the volunteers that have been delivering our own VPNA newsletter for years now. These volunteers get out the news for our very own community, and it’s events, ten months out of the year with remarkable timeliness and accuracy! But we need a few more to really cover the whole neighborhood. We need 2-3 more carriers to handle a route of 1-2 blocks each. We have a dire need for the 5500 and 5600 blocks of Belmont at this time.

If you would be willing to step up and volunteer for these or other streets in the neighborhood please reach out to info@VickeryPlace.com or Stephanie.VPNewsletter@gmail.com.

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BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR KEEP THOSE SIDEWALKS CLEAR!

With the nicer weather upon us, more and more neighbors are out and about—jogging, walking the dog, or pushing a baby stroller. Please keep your sidewalks clear of debris, trim back any low-hanging branches, and don't park over the sidewalk. Not only is it the courteous thing to do, to prevent injury or force someone into the street, you won't get cited by the City for a code violation. This also applies to alleys. As Dallas Police reminded neighbors at the last VPNA meeting, keep your rear alleyway clear of brush, debris, and low branches—don't give the bad guy a place to hide.

From the City of Dallas Code, Obstructions Alley/Sidewalk/Street:

The occupant or owner is responsible for keeping the street, alley, sidewalk and public grounds clear of obstructions. This includes the trimming of trees, shrubbery and vines which may obstruct any vehicle traveling through an alley, or which

may obstruct a sidewalk or street or other public grounds.

Additionally, sidewalks must have a height clearance of 8 feet - streets and alleys must have 15 feet of overhead clearance. Trim trees and shrubbery to coincide with Bulky Trash Week. [Vickery Place Bulky Trash Pick-Up is the Week of the 2nd Monday of the Month].



MUNGER PLACE HISTORIC HOME TOUR & WINE WALK SATURDAY APRIL 4TH, 4-8 PM

Celebrate 115 years of history by strolling through East Dallas's Munger Place Historic District while sipping wine and tasting hors d'oeuvres from local businesses. The tour will feature five beautifully preserved and restored early 1900s residences. As a bonus, visit the History House to learn about the history of Munger Place and old East Dallas. Tickets \$35.00 online, \$40.00 at the door, www.mungerplace.com. Event is a go, rain or shine.



ANNUAL TIETZE SHRED! SATURDAY MARCH 28, 9AM- 1PM

The 13th annual document shredding event and fundraiser, sponsored by Friends of Tietze Park, takes place Saturday, March 28, 9 am to 1 pm in the parking lot of Skillman Church of Christ, 3014 Skillman St. Sierra Shredding will be handling the on-site shredding and once again you will be able to watch your sensitive documents being shredded on a monitor.

Cash or check payment, \$8 for up to 1 standard banker's box (approx. 30 lbs) \$5 for each additional box, Seniors (65 & older): \$5 per box. Documents must be in box or bag. Yes: floppy discs and reports with plastic spines. No: Metal binder clips or tapes. <https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftietzepark/>



VICKERY PLACE YARD OF THE MONTH MARCH 2020

Congratulations to our March Yard of the Month - The Betts Family of 5435 Willis Avenue!

Jesse and Christina moved to Vickery Place in 2015 when they realized it was time to “grow up” and leave Uptown. One year ago, their son Carson joined the family. Although the modern craftsman home on Willis is a new-build, it complements the original character of the neighborhood, has great architectural details inside and out, and features an inviting landscape plan.

For winter, the front yard displayed a monochromatic explosion of white pansies, a cold weather annual favorite, and when multiplied by hundreds stops you in your tracks. The front landscaping beds curve forward towards the perimeter of the property providing inviting and cozy curb appeal.

This summer they expect to utilize their backyard outdoor living space for entertaining--and definitely more kid's parties now that Carson is getting a little older. The Betts installed synthetic turf surrounding the pool and a row of trees provides a bit more privacy along the fence line. They also plan on reestablishing a pollinator garden for bees and butterflies.

We'd like to express our ongoing appreciation to North Haven Gardens for their support of our Yard of the Month program. The Betts Family will re-



ceive a \$50 NHG gift card, and they can't wait to see what their gardener has in store for them this spring! #northhavengardens #wewillbloomagain

March Yard Tip

Plant cool-season annual flowers early in month, including petunias, pansies, snapdragons, calendulas, stocks, sweet alyssum, English daisies, pinks, larkspur and poppies.

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