

# Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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## OCTOBER DOG SHOW AND HOT DOG SUPPER

Bring your dog to Vickery Towers on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. so he can meet his furry neighbors.

Date: Thursday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6-8 PM

Place: Vickery Towers - at the corner of Belmont and Greenville

*NOTE: In case of rain, our dog show will be moved to another date.*

## **DOG SHOW AND HOT DOG SUPPER**

~ Jennifer Bryarly

Vickery Place Neighborhood Association is asking all our VPNA neighbors to come and show off their dog, and meet your neighbor's four-legged friends.

Be creative and get your pup's costume together for our annual dog show and compete for prizes in such categories as best costume, owner/dog look alike, largest dog, smallest dog and more.

Come hungry. We'll be grilling hot dogs with all the fixings. And we'll have a few treats for fido on hand.

Last year's dog show was a huge success! Residents from Vickery Towers lined the sidewalks to watch as 30+ neighbors gathered accompanied by their best friend. From mutts to pedigrees, little to big, some in costume, others just waiting for the opportunity to show off their

special trick. Mark your calendar now - **Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** - and remember the earlier start time to take advantage of the daylight hours. Look or listen for us in the **courtyard of Vickery Towers.**



## **THE FUTURE OF VPNA IS UP TO YOU - VOTE!**

The Vickery Place nominating committee has been working hard on the 2005 Board of Directors slate, which will be presented at our November general meeting. We will also accept nominations from the floor. Please plan on attending this meeting, Nov. 11th, so you can cast your vote for the 2005 VPNA Board of Directors.

### **Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado**

Don't Set Out Trash Before:  
Thursday, October 7th



Pick Up Week:  
Oct. 11th - 16th

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**CRIME STATS** (July and August)

Sex Offn	6/28/2004	withheld	Theft	7/26/2004	54xx Miller Ave
Family	7/1/2004	23xx Madera	Theft	7/26/2004	56xx Willis Ave
Theft	7/2/2004	54xx Vickery Blvd	Tel Harass	7/31/2004	54xx Belmont Ave
Burglary	7/3/2004	55xx Belmont Ave	Theft	8/1/2004	55xx Belmont Ave
Vandal	7/3/2004	21xx McMillan Ave	Auto Theft	8/2/2004	23xx N Henderson Ave
Burglary	7/3/2004	24xx Madera St	Auto Theft	8/2/2004	55xx Richard Ave
Other Aslt	7/5/2004	54xx Belmont Ave	Theft	8/3/2004	54xx Bonita Ave
Other Aslt	7/5/2004	22xx Madera St	Theft	8/3/2004	23xx Madera St
Theft	7/7/2004	28xx Henderson Ave	Theft	8/3/2004	51xx Willis Ave
Vandal	7/7/2004	52xx Vickery Blvd	Theft	8/8/2004	25xx Worcola St
Auto Theft	7/9/2004	54xx Bonita Ave	Burglary	8/9/2004	52xx Willis Ave
Burglary	7/9/2004	26xx Madera St	Theft	8/9/2004	xxxx McMillan
Other Aslt	7/11/2004	55xx Vickery Blvd	Burglary	8/10/2004	56xx Miller Ave
Theft	7/11/2004	51xx Miller Ave	Auto Theft	8/11/2004	54xx Miller Ave
Theft	7/12/2004	56xx Belmont Ave	Vandal	8/15/2004	54xx Richard Ave
Theft	7/13/2004	51xx Miller Ave	Runaway	8/18/2004	52xx Richard
Theft	7/13/2004	52xx Richard	Robbery	8/21/2004	25xx Henderson Ave
Burglary	7/15/2004	56xx Belmont Ave	Burglary	8/21/2004	51xx Vickery Blvd
Robbery	7/16/2004	25xx Henderson Ave	Other Aslt	8/22/2004	26xx N Henderson Ave
Theft	7/16/2004	53xx Bonita Ave	Other Aslt	8/23/2004	54xx Willis Ave
Ag Assault	7/17/2004	25xx Henderson Ave	Tel Harass	8/23/2004	26xx N Henderson Ave
Theft	7/18/2004	51xx Richard	Theft	8/23/2004	56xx Miller Ave
Theft	7/18/2004	51xx Willis Ave	Robbery	8/26/2004	51xx Vickery Blvd
Auto Theft	7/18/2004	51xx Richard	Robbery	8/26/2004	51xx Vickery Blvd
Vandal	7/18/2004	53xx Bonita Ave	Burglary	8/27/2004	56xx Belmont Ave
Runaway	7/18/2004	23xx Glencoe St	Theft	8/27/2004	55xx Bonita Ave
Theft	7/20/2004	26xx N Henderson Ave	Theft	8/28/2004	53xx Bonita Ave
Other Aslt	7/24/2004	22xx Greenville Ave	Theft	8/28/2004	53xx Richard Ave
Theft	7/25/2004	xxxx Richard	Theft	8/29/2004	51xx Willis Ave
Theft	7/25/2004	51xx Richard			
Auto Theft	7/25/2004	51xx Willis Ave			



**SEPTEMBER MEETING DISCUSSED CRIME**

~ *Leslie Farrell*

Sandwiched between the recent success of National Night Out in August and October's Dog Show, September's monthly meeting held in the dining room of Vickery Towers was lightly attended. Those present included regular presenter, Dallas Police Officer Richard Hunt of Central Operations.

Officer Hunt remarked about any and all concerns brought forth in the intimate gathering of 13 Vickery Place residents, including the recent armed robberies of the area and the Park Cities. The suspects of the crimes have been apprehended and all are at work to charge and process the individuals.

As one might imagine, hard-working immigrants at construction sites can be easy targets for crime, but, any concerns and suspicious activity should be reported, for their safety and the betterment of our neighborhood.

Other discussion during the September meeting included the idea of putting more officers on the street to fight crime, Chief Kunkle's circuit of engagements around the city, personal stories of crime experiences, and a continued desire to see quality crime prevention and methods implemented to reverse the reality and the perceptions of crime in Dallas.

Officer Hunt reminded all to TAKE, LOCK & HIDE as relates to items in parked automobiles, to keep areas well-lit and vegetation cut back to avoid screening illegal activity, and to remember that a crime never happened if it is never reported: call 911, even if you think the system stinks, make yourself available for follow-up by telephone, and participate in community activities whenever possible to make things work better.

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## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS SIMILAR, BUT NOT HALLOWEEN

~ Jennifer Bryarly

De los Muertos is often compared to Halloween. While the two celebrations appear to be similar, they are very different.

De los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is a Mexican tradition celebrated on November 2nd. It is a time when families spend time at the cemetery, visiting the graves of their relatives, cleaning and perhaps painting the headstones, arranging flowers, especially flowers of the dead (marigolds) and lighting candles.



It is also the time when Mexican families construct special home altars dedicated to the spirits of their deceased loved ones. The altars are usually filled with objects that provided pleasure to the departed person in life.

Halloween, October 31, is the practice of giving sweet offerings to masked and costumed revelers. It is the glossing of the name Hallow's Eve that gave us the name Halloween.



The origin of All Hallow's Eve dates back 2000 years ago to the Celtic celebration of the dead. Celtic ritual believed that the souls of the dead returned on the evening before November 1. The celebration included burning sacrifices and wearing costumes.

## DALLAS' COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: NOTE TO SELF 'GET INVOLVED'

-Leslie Farrell, VPNA 2004 president

September 22, 2004 Dallas Public Library Auditorium

In a forum presented for all by the Dallas Homeowners League (DHL) and Councilmember Veletta Forsythe Lill, Ms Lill remarked that Dallas is the *largest* city in America *without* a comprehensive plan for its future growth and development. Furthermore, Dallas has been the *largest* city in America *without* a university within its borders until recent negotiations were agreed upon for the satellite campus of the University of North Texas in the South Dallas sector of the city. Growth and opportunity are ahead of this city and today's galvanizing of citizen interest in Dallas' first city-wide Comprehensive Plan is vital to the success of its development, implementation and sustaining message of vision.

For some weeks now, *before* the project's official kick-off in October, principals involved in the biggest project in the life of the city of Dallas have been rallying citizens about getting involved and participating in this bottom-up concept of developing vision for our city.

The reason 'why' Dallas should have a Comprehensive Plan is a simple one: stability will create economic viability. Predictability in how land tracts can be developed and invested is crucial to economic improvement; an example is a Love Field neighborhood once degraded in value due to fragmented and inconsistent land-use is now flourishing and on the rise as one of the hottest values in the city due to planned and predictable use of the land for the years ahead. The Dallas Comprehensive Plan will not change or turn over zoning of every inch of land, but will instill concepts and values defined by the people of the city who live and invest in the city to guide growth in the years ahead based on projected population growth and basic imagination of how one's quality of life intersects with the city one lives in.

Fregonese Calthorp Associates has been selected to guide the project through collaborative work with city planning staff, city council leaders and appointed commissioners, municipal agency leaders, neighborhood and civic leaders, and, business leaders. The highest urban technology tools will be employed along with the most inclusive vision planning to reflect a variety of choices of how the city can grow based on thoughtful participation by all: individuals, developers, small businesses, civic groups, commercial businesses.

The Dallas City Council has established a Council Comprehensive Plan Committee which includes:

Veletta Forsythe Lill (Chair) – District 14  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Donald W. Hill – District 5  
Sandy Greyson – District 12  
Dr. Elba Garcia – District 1  
Ed Oakley – District 3  
Lois Finkelman – District 11

Leading the city's planning staff are:

Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Department of Development Services  
Patricia Rincon-Kallman, Assistant Director, Long Range Planning  
Peer Chacko, Planning Manager, Long Range Planning  
Janet Tharp, Development Services  
Angela Calvin, Development Services

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**'GET INVOLVED'** (Continued from page 4)

Leading a cross-section of diverse interests of the city, a 75-member Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee will be appointed to meet every two months to serve as a sounding board for the approaches and proposals of the Comprehensive Plan as well as to act as ambassadors for the plan to the greater community. Two dates have been reserved for the Advisory Committee to meet: October 19 and December 14, 2004.

Leading the most fundamental level of the process are the citizens attending eight Community Workshops slated to be held around the city in a variety of environments designed to 'go to' the people for their opinion. Realizing that working citizens have many obstacles which keep them from participating in democratic and pluralistic processes, the Comprehensive Plan will begin with workshops set in the neighborhoods representing some of the most critical needs of the city. Workshop dates will begin in November 2004 and will be announced through all means possible to optimize citizen participation, including radio, newspaper, internet websites and more.

As a strong citizen group for the greater city, the Dallas Homeowners League has initiated this forum as a means to begin the education process which will ask strong questions and demand clear, thoughtful answers through the process.

By January 2005, the knowledge gained through the various voices of the city will be lead to Citywide Vision Workshops. These workshops will be interactive and open to all, and will focus on applying the lessons learned during the Community Workshops to different parts of the City. The goal of these workshops will be to enable participants to help staff and consultants develop several alternative scenarios for Dallas' future, based on different choices of development types, transportation modes, and economic development options. These scenarios will be evaluated and brought back to the community for further input and identification of a viable shared vision.

The Comprehensive Plan will be developed over a period of 18 months and presented to City Council for adoption by December 2005.

The timeline of the Comprehensive Plan is an aggressive one for urgent reasons. Not only is the city seeing rapid change and growth, such as is seen in the residential 'teardown' concern, or in long-time underdevelopment of southern sectors of the city, but for the fact that critical amount of experience will be leaving the city council leadership due to term limits in their elected positions. After years of improving effective relationships in city leadership, the Dallas City Council is in position to lose a large portion of leaders due to term limits of elected positions. The opportunity to work at the core level of mature and effective human collaboration is at its best now.

To keep informed and watch for new information:

- review the City website often at: [www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/comprehensive\\_plan.html](http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/comprehensive_plan.html)
- use the Hotline number: 214.670.3312
- attend as many meetings and workshops as is possible
- vocalize at meetings
- keep in touch with your city councilmember
- just show up!

## *From Vickery Towers*

### **Texas Representative Dan Branch to speak at Vickery Towers**

Hon Dan Branch of Dallas is slated to visit and speak with constituents at Vickery Towers on October 18, 2004 at 7pm in the Main Dining Room of Vickery Towers.

Rep Branch serves as the only Dallas County member on the Appropriations Committee and as Budget and Oversight Chair of the Public Education Committee. Rep Branch will be sharing updates and reports on his work in these committees, especially regarding the state of affairs of education in Texas.

Plan to attend and bring questions and comments. For further information, contact VT resident Ted Martin at front desk, 214.826.1113.

~ Ted Martin, IL Council, Vickery Towers

**GET INVOLVED -  
We need you!**

# HOT DIGGITY DOG

## 2ND ANNUAL VICKERY PLACE DOG SHOW and HOT DOG SUPPER

Thursday, Oct 14th at 6:00 p.m.  
Vickery Towers Courtyard  
at the corner Belmont and Greenville

CAN YOU SING  
CAN YOU DANCE  
TELL A JOKE  
DO A TRICK?

CAN YOU SIT  
CAN YOU STAY  
OR MOSTLY  
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WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. *NOTE THE EARLIER TIME.*

## PUMPKIN PIE

2 eggs, slightly beaten  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 1 lb. can pumpkin(2 cups)  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
1/4 tsp. cloves  
1 2/3 cups evap. milk(1 can)  
1/2 tsp. allspice



One 9 inch pie crust, slightly cooked (or 10 1/2 inch). Bake in hot oven 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Keep oven door closed and reduce temp to 350 degrees and continue baking for 45 minutes or until table knife inserted in center of pie comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. May be eaten cold or at room temperature and can serve with whipped cream.



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### MEET THE BOARD - JENNIFER BRYARLY

Jennifer and her husband, Matt, have lived in Vickery Place for 4 years now. This is the third year Jennifer has served on the Vickery Place board. She has been editor of the newsletter for 3 years now as well.

Jennifer and Matt enjoy taking their English bulldog, Shackleford, (photo on front page) on walks through the neighborhood. And you'll often see all three eating outside at one of the nearby restaurants.

Jennifer is an interactive producer at The Richards Group, [Click Here](#) and has a journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin. **Hook 'em!**

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## OCTOBER YARD OF THE MONTH

5326 Vickery Boulevard

Home of Clinton & Ashley Coleman

The selection for October's Yard of the Month is the home of Clinton and Ashley Coleman at 5326 Vickery Boulevard. After several years of living in Manhattan, Clinton & Ashley moved to Dallas and lived in an apartment until they found their home at Vickery Place. They bought their home in August 2003, and officially moved in the following November after exterior renovations had been



**5326 Vickery**

completed by Jade Painting. The house now includes a little Coleman Family of two cats and an incredibly adorable puppy, all named after streets of Manhattan.

Four years ago, the house had just been renovated by Genaro Silva Construction, from a one story bungalow into a grand two story prairie home. The Colemans have a front yard that has a functional and traditional landscape design that consists of beautifully lush perennials which thrive year round and is easy to maintain for many years to come. They have continued to build upon this landscape, which has a variety of vibrant colors that ebbs and flows throughout the front yard.

The most notable signature this landscape has is at front of the yard; an **Antietam (Burnside Bridge) Sycamore tree\*** stands forty feet tall in front of the house, which was a two foot stick that was planted four years ago. Behind Sycamore is a medium sized Hydrandea that blooms white in the spring. Mexican Heather is splashed around the trees, the Hydrandea bush and along with Indian Hawthorne and river rock at the front of the driveway. When you walk up to the house, you are guided through a meandering sidewalk that is lined with a plethora of tall mondo grass and more Indian Hawthorne bushes. Twenty year-old Crepe Myrtles stand tall on each side of the front of the house, with two more Crepe Myrtles wrapping around the right side of the house. An Apple tree and several Azeleas are tucked along the side, which cannot be missed by those driving east on Vickery Boulevard.

By day, the front yard is showered by sunlight and has very pleasing curb appeal that provides inspiration to many admirers. By night, it is lit with thoughtfully placed landscape lighting in which the plants glimmer and provides a feeling of welcoming warmth to the Coleman home.

Please check out 5326 Vickery Boulevard and congratulate Clinton & Ashley for their accomplishments in having a fantastic landscape that continues to flourish through all seasons.

If you have any comments, suggestions or recommendations for the next YOM article, please feel free to email me at [rollin@cheekylittlemonkey.com](mailto:rollin@cheekylittlemonkey.com).

~ Written by Rollin Stone Skowronski



### **2004 Board of Directors**

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