



## GREENVILLE – BELMONT – HENDERSON – CENTRAL - GOODWIN VICKERY PLACE DIGITAL NEWS – FEBRUARY 2021

### **Vickery Place ZOOM Meeting!!**

Mark your calendars! Vickery Place NA will be hosting a neighborhood ZOOM meeting planned for Tuesday, March 9, 7-8pm. Invited attendee Darren Datallo, crime watch chair for the Lower Greenville NA, will discuss Extended Neighborhood Patrols (ENP) and how it works in their neighborhood. The ENP program hires off-duty police officers to patrol a neighborhood. The program is coordinated through the Dallas Police Department.



Other topics will include an approaching District 2 Candidate Forum, overview of upcoming activities or lack thereof (St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival canceled). There will be a Q & A period at the end, for neighbors to give input on any issues or suggestions for fundraising ideas and future neighborhood events. More details to follow as the date nears—stay tuned!

**Happy Birthday Vickery Place NA!** This February Vickery Place NA marks 39 years as an organized neighborhood association!! We celebrate residents past and present, who strive to improve the quality of life for all and make this neighborhood such a great place to live!

#### ***A Neighborhood Association Was Born...1982***

*~ Excerpt from a series of articles titled 'A Snapshot of Vickery Place...1982', by Linda Mitchell, published in the 2007 VPNA Newsletters.*

*On January 28, 1982, nearly 100 Vickery Place neighbors gathered together in the basement of the Greenville Avenue Christian Church for a meeting with representatives of the Dallas Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services to consider the future of the neighborhood.*

*At the meeting the staff presented the results of an extensive neighborhood study conducted during December of 1981 and then attendees provided feedback on those results. The staff also presented an inventory of needs for public facilities and services and listed recent accomplishments for the neighborhood. Marvin Krout (Planning Manager) said that in his opinion, neighborhoods with neighborhood associations generally do better than neighborhoods without. During the meeting, approximately 30 neighbors signed a list indicating that they were interested in participating in a neighborhood association, and it was from this list that the North Henderson Neighborhood Association was born. (Later the name was changed to the Vickery Place Neighborhood Association.)*

**St. Patrick's Day Celebrations...CANCELED!** Hang on to your shamrocks and green attire for another year. The Annual Greenville Avenue St Patrick's Day Parade & Festival which takes place on Upper Greenville has been CANCELED due to the coronavirus pandemic, announced Dallas Maverick's owner and parade supporter Mark Cuban.

<https://www.dallasnews.com/arts-entertainment/things-to-do/2021/01/31/dallas-st-patricks-parade-on-greenville-avenue-in-2021-is-canceled-confirms-mark-cuban/>

### **News from Geneva Heights Elementary**

*~ from Julie Kim, PTA President & Sandra Jennings, Peace Pantry Coordinator*

- **Geneva Heights Polar Plunge Challenge** - Geneva Heights PTA and the Pre-Geneva Association will be hosting the first annual "Polar Plunge" fundraiser, Feb 1 – Feb 28. For \$25 anyone can nominate someone to take a polar plunge during the month of February. Rejecting the nomination will cost you \$50. They have bigger pots to get Principal Ruiz, Coach Luke or Ms. Sikes to take the plunge. Monies raised will go towards the Teacher Stipend program (every teacher can get reimbursed up to \$100 (\$200 for specials teachers) for additional supplies, furniture, continuing education courses etc.) This event is open to everyone - members and non- members, even your grandmother in Idaho! Don't get cold feet...this is a socially distant activity so take the plunge today! To nominate someone and donate, go to [pregeneva.com/polarplunge](http://pregeneva.com/polarplunge).
- **Geneva Heights Yard Message Fundraiser** - Have a birthday, announcement or a shout out you want to share? Now you can order a custom yard message from the GHE PTA to celebrate your occasion!  
How it works:
  1. Complete the **Yard Message Request Form** with the message you want (ie: Happy 8th Birthday Jeremy!) at least 72 hours before the date you need it for.
  2. They will contact you within 24 hours to confirm the date, message and payment.
  3. They will set up the message on the front lawn of GH Elementary the night before so you & your family can enjoy it the next day. We will take down the message that evening by 5pm.
- **Geneva Heights Kinder Round Up** - The school administration will be working on putting together a virtual Kinder Round up. Though exact details are not yet available, expect more info to be released sometime in late March or early April.

- **Geneva Heights Peace Pantry** - The Geneva Heights Peace Pantry is currently sending home food bags for 30 families in our community. Due to the generosity of neighbors (including Vickery Place NA), the pantry was able to send holiday bags full of fresh produce, meals for the two-week break, snacks, a cookie decorating kit, and grocery gift cards. The families were so appreciative!

With the pandemic still in full swing, the pantry can always use more supplies. They have secured a small budget allocated for fresh produce since so much of the pantry is shelf-stable or canned food—they are very excited to be able to provide this to families. Below is the link to the GH Peace Pantry Amazon wish list if you'd like to add items to their shelves. Thank you!!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O306NPHU72PP?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O306NPHU72PP?ref=wl_share)

**February 2021 Yard of the Month**  
 ~ by Tory Marpe, Yard Of The Month Committee

When Wes and Laura moved to Dallas, they wanted a beautiful, single-family home in a great neighborhood. That is exactly what they found when they bought their newly-built 5434 Vickery Blvd in Vickery Place in 2017.

Having lived in a number of great cities, Wes and Laura appreciate landscapes filled with plants local to the climate and soils. So, after the unfortunate demise of an old tree around which the house had originally been built, the couple redesigned a drought-tolerant, Texas heat-loving front scape full of yuccas, agaves, sago palms and a beautiful Bearded Yucca in an elegant bed of crushed granite. As a matter of fact, several of the smaller agaves growing now were “pups” propagated from their original parent plants. <https://www.vickeryplace.com/post/february-2021-5434-vickery-blvd>



Love reading Yard of the Month? Why not join us?! It's a great way to meet your neighbors and get a private tour of the best gardens in Vickery Place. Involvement includes scouting yards, taking photos, and writing articles. If you'd like to join the Vickery Place Yard of the Month committee, please email [info@vickeryplace.com](mailto:info@vickeryplace.com)

