



BUZZ ABOUT THE MEETING

The August 11 general meeting will feature a presentation from the Texas Honey Bee Guild about why it is worth the effort to save the bees, beekeeping, threats to bee populations, myths/facts about bees, plants that support bees, and “do’s and dont’s” around bees. This is an educational program and school age children are invited and encouraged to attend. A must see for everyone who is fascinated by the Honey Bee!

The Executive Director from the White Rock YMCA will give a short summary about the programs that the YMCA offers and will be on hand to answer questions.

Great food has been planned with a sampling of several dishes from the Vickery Place centennial cookbook, Recipes and Recollections: Vickery Place Cooking Since 1911.

Hibiscus is providing their famous crab dip (yes the recipe is in the cookbook). Salad, appetizers, desserts, fruity Summer Lemonade and a fine selection of red and white wine will also be served. This special treat will give residents a taste of a few of the wonderful recipes that have been collected for the cookbook.

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 11
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Place: Vickery Towers, Dining Rm
 (Greenville & Belmont)



THE HONEY TREE

Around 1831 a Bois’d Ark tree started on the land that eventually became 5327 Goodwin Avenue in Vickery Place. Once used as a property boundary, this wonderful tree grew into an essential shade tree for the house that was built during the 1920’s after Vickery Place was platted.

This past year the 90 year old house was sold and demolition underway. Along with the home, the 180 year old Bois’d Ark was scheduled to come down.

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***Bulky Trash
 Week of the 2nd Monday***

Don't Set Out Trash Before:
 Thursday, August 4
Pick Up Week:
 August 8 - 12



***1-DAY Weekly Trash
 & Recycling Pick-up***
EVERY MONDAY



VPNA JULY 14 NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHER RECAP



Photo by Ken Lampton

My cup runneth over...and the room runneth over at the July social gathering at the Grape on Greenville Avenue. Neighbors packed the back room spilling into the hallway, creating an intimate party of friends. This was a perfect opportunity for Vickery Place residents to get to know the Grape (if not already familiar with the Greenville Avenue landmark) and the Grape to get to know Vickery Place. Staying true to their tradition of quality, the Grape served up some delicious hors d'oeuvres—the Baked Brie and Lamb Tartines quickly disappeared!—as well as a fine selection of wine.



Thank you Brian and Courtney Luscher and the Grape staff for a fun and memorable evening and Thank you Henley and Wendy Quadling for coordinating this event.

KRLD RESTAURANT WEEK

August 15 – 21, 2011

Nearly 100 restaurants over the Dallas Ft-Worth metroplex are participating in KRLD Restaurant Week. Neighborhood restaurants include The Grape, Hibiscus and Wood Fire by Kirby's.

Restaurants offer a 3 course, Prix-Fix dinner for only \$35.00 and they donate \$7.00 to the North Texas Food Bank, making this a great way to enjoy a good meal while saving money and helping others.



Photo by Wendy Quadling

The Grape on Greenville Avenue, where the VPNA July get-together was held, was Dallas' first blackboard restaurant.

Hibiscus is an upscale restaurant on Henderson serving American continental cuisine (providing their famous crab dip at the August VPNA general meeting).

Wood Fire by Kirby's, another Greenville avenue icon, recognized as Dallas' first specialty steakhouse.

Be sure and make reservations and ask for the "restaurant week" menu when you arrive. For a full listing of participating restaurants, visit www.opentable.com.

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HONEY BEE STORY CON'T...

A thriving honey bee hive had developed in the tree trunk during the 1950's. Sandra Smith, prior owner of the home had recalled that each spring hundreds of honey bees would come out of the hive and form a huge ball that would hang from a branch of the tree. This activity is known to bee keepers as swarming which is a natural means of reproduction of honey bee colonies.

This past February with a team effort of tree trimmers, bee keepers, an independent backhoe operator, a concerned neighbor, a housing developer, and even a City street crew, the bees were successfully re-located to a new home, just across the street.

This process started early in the morning by screening off the exit of the bees. Then slowly section by section the tree trimmers made cuts in the tree until the top of the hive could be seen. This small opening was also screened off to contain the bees. Next, the tree base was cut and with the help of the backhoe it was gently laid on the ground. The base revealed an intact thriving hive and most importantly the queen. This opening was also screened off.

The resulting 'hive' was now a 10 foot long, 3 foot diameter slab of Bois'd Ark. Again, with the use of the backhoe, the trunk was carefully lifted across the street to its current resting point. This one ton section of the great old tree sits peacefully today to allow the bees to just be.

A special thank you in the team effort of the successful relocation of the Goodwin Avenue bees:

Susan and Brandon Pollard with the Texas HoneyBee Guild
Callazo Tree Service
Jeff Baron with JB Homes
Tracy Travers with Travers Excavating
Leigh Hahn with JB Homes

Sincerely,
Beth Timpson-Clark

HONEY SWEET TOPPING FOR ICE CREAM

1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon honey
2 bananas sliced
¼ cup chopped walnuts
¼ cup raisins
1 tablespoon butter
Vanilla ice cream



Heat the butter on medium high heat. Swirl it around so the entire pan is coated. Add the honey and swirl once more. Add the sliced bananas, nuts and raisins. Saute for a minute on each side, until golden brown. Serve warm, over vanilla ice cream!



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Vickery Place Neighborhood

NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDLE NERDS...Embroidery, crochet, knit, appliqué?

There is no better time than during the neighborhood centennial for getting back to life's fundamental values.

Important now more than ever, with all of us having such busy schedules!

We often forget how enjoyable life really should be and we put off the little things that make it dear such as needle work and getting together with friends.

Whatever you do or have a desire to learn to do it is always more fun with food, wine and someone to share it with. Bring your current project or pick up a kit at a local craft store and begin that Christmas stocking or tree skirt that you've been promising yourself for years and join the Neighborhood Needle Nerds.

First meeting Wednesday night, August 17, 7pm at 5548 Richard Avenue. RSVP to ka54harris@aol.com.

It'll be a stitch! A real hoopla! Sew much fun! You're sure to leave with a yarn!

CAUGHT IN THE RAIN



Do you suppose Hemmingway had this picture in mind when he wrote "Cat In The Rain" back in the twenties? These clever cats, Nellie and Gussie, display some feline ingenuity on a rainy night while waiting for their owners, Kathy Harris and Wally Bettes to return home.

If you want your pet featured in the Vickery Place News, send a photo and some information to phoebe@vickeryplace.com and he or she will be pictured. Not just limited to dogs and cats--hamsters, birds, fish and others are invited.

VICKERY PLACE CENTENNIAL HOME TOUR

Mark your calendars! The Vickery Place Home Tour kicks off on the evening of Saturday October 15th, 2011 with a VIP party, followed by the tour of homes on Sunday October 16th.

The tour commemorates the Centennial of Vickery Place neighborhood and will showcase 6 homes, with an added bonus home the night of the VIP event. Architectural styles range from original 1911 Prairie, 1920's Craftsmen and Tudor, to one newly constructed Contemporary Craftsman home.

Volunteers are needed for tour docents as well as to sell tickets and VPNA merchandise at the homes. Both morning or 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.

To find out more about the featured homes, ticket pricing and sales or volunteer opportunities, visit www.vickeryplace.com.



Texas Heat

Consider leaving an iced bottle of water in a strategic place on your porch for the mailman.

EXCITING CHANGES FOR TIETZE PARK

In late 2010 City Park Department staff, Tietze Foundation board members, and City Council District 14 appointee to the Park Board reviewed the new enhancements planned for Tietze Park, followed by City Council approval.

Through 2006 Bond funds, the city covered the costs of basic updates — the walking path, additional benches, new ADA-approved water fountain, new trash receptacles, some new picnic tables, and a portable restroom enclosure, 'Friends of Tietze Park Foundation' will pay for extra improvements such as the shade structure over the playground. Brick pavers that were sold by the Foundation will also be installed during this project.

The improvements to Tietze Park continue on-schedule and should be completed by summer's end. And in case you did not already know it, Tietze Park is a Free Wi-Fi Hotspot! www.tietzepark.org.

MAKING A HUGE SPLASH are Friends of Tietze Park and the Lakewood Heights, Lower Greenville and Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Associations.

Recent City budget cuts called for closings and limitations on libraries, parks and pools. Since Tietze Park Pool was opened in 2010, it was scheduled to be closed in 2011, but outcries from concerned neighbors and Friends of the Park kept Tietze open for summer recreation for Dallas kids.



This 9-acre gem located on Skillman Avenue between Llano and Vanderbilt Streets was acquired in 1924 by the City of Dallas.

Tietze received the Preservation Dallas Achievement Award and continues to update and maintain making it the most used park in the City per square foot.



Dallas Fire Department Baseball Team (Station #17 5435 Lewis St.) Summer 1938, Tietze Park

Photo from Mrs. Frank Wilson's scrapbook (Frank Wilson was the pitcher)



ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT SERIES: TRANSFORMING SOUND

Saturday & Sunday, August 20 & August 21 and August 27 & August 28

Musicians from the University of Texas Butler School of Music and SMU Meadows School of the Arts will perform classical masterpieces in the fourth annual neighborhood concert series.

Vickery Place residents are invited to "come as you are" to enjoy these Saturday and Sunday evening concerts. Concerts begin at 5:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 3204 Skillman at Monticello. The concerts are free. For more info, www.standrewsdallas.org or call 214 821-9989.

FAREWELL HECTOR

Hector Garcia grew up in New Jersey, eventually moved to Texas, and once lived in Vickery Place. In 2004 he opened Hector's on Henderson in the space that was originally Potter Iron Works, keeping the unique hanging light fixtures forged by Henry Potter. Other legendary restaurants, Oporto, Savino's and Alfredo's have occupied this space throughout the years. Hector's was voted Best Neighborhood Restaurant by D magazine. Hector often sang classic tunes while diners enjoyed menu favorites such as the Tuna Tini, Not Your Mom's Meatloaf, Candied Apple Crème Brulee and Moon Pie.



Photo donated by Richard Potter

Hector shared the story of his mentor in the restaurant business Franco Bertolasi, who ran the famous Dallas restaurant, The Riviera on Inwood. Vibrant and colorful Franco would end the evening with *Arrivederci*, (until we see each other again) knowing that he would. Sadly Hector's on Henderson closed in July of this year. *Arrivederci Hector!*



Photo by Ken Lampton

DPD: CENTRAL DIVISION QUARTERLY CRIME SUMMIT

The Dallas Police Department Central Patrol Division's Quarterly Crime Summit is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The Meadow's Foundation has graciously offered use of their facility for this meeting and is providing refreshments. The Meadows Foundation is located at 3003 Swiss Avenue, in the historic Wilson block. Parking is available by entering the gate on Oak Street.

This is your opportunity to network with area neighborhood crime watch groups and concerned citizens. Deputy Chief Michael Genovesi, commander of the Central Division, will host the meeting. The guest speaker will be Detective Michael Dana of the Dallas Police Department's Swindle Unit. Detective Dana will discuss Identity Theft. The information sharing meeting is free and the public is invited to attend. For more info, contact Sr. Corporal Martin Hoffer, 214-670-6924, martin.hoffer@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Dallas Public School classes begin on Monday, August 22, 2011.

WATCH FOR SCHOOL ZONES, especially in areas of town where you are not familiar with the surroundings. Obviously the safety of children is first and foremost, but remember you can be ticketed for speeding, changing lanes or talking on your hand held cell phone while in a school zone, which carries a hefty fine.



Have you been to the DISD web-site lately? There you will find all sorts of helpful information, such as the 2011-2012 school calendar, uniform information, curriculum overview for every grade level, programs offered, how to get involved at your local school, parenting tips and much more. Go to www.dallasisd.org.

TEXAS SALES TAX HOLIDAY WEEKEND

August 19 - 21, 2011

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 19, 20 and 21 - the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. In addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school. For a complete list of items that qualify, go to www.window.state.tx.us.



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AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH

5411 Willis - Robin Merricks was moving to Dallas from Denver and was lucky to have a friend who already owned a home in Vickery Place. She coordinated with Diane Goldwin to share the charming Willis bungalow and moved here in February of this year. She says she could not be more pleased.

Together they worked “hard at it” to convert the front yard into Yard of the Month status. They picked a mixture of flowers in colors they liked featuring marigolds and lantanas framed with boxwoods. Robin noted that they tend to buy what appeals to them while at the nursery. She also stated with enthusiasm that they “...absolutely love Vickery Place; the friendly people and accessibility to everything.”

NORTH HAVEN
Gardens

In thanks for giving us access to their well groomed yard Robin and Diane will receive a \$25 gift card from North Haven Gardens.



REMEMBER DALLAS WATERING RESTRICTIONS

- **Don't** water your yard between 10 am - 6 pm, April 1 - October 31st.
- **Don't** water during any form of precipitation.
- **Don't** allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks or streets.

NORTH HAVEN *Gardens*

Fall Vegetables

August is the time to seed cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli & Brussels sprouts indoors. Direct sow zucchini, Swiss chard, collard greens, okra, parsley & more! The cooler weather yields excellent harvests through fall.

Backyard Chicken Sale 3rd Saturday each month 11am-2pm
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