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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 14
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Vickery Towers at Belmont & Greenville Avenue

Come hear the city council candidates from Districts 2 and 14. Vickery Place is divided between these two districts.

DALLAS CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

Our next meeting will feature our traditional City Council Candidate Forum. As usual, all council candidates for Districts 2 and 14 have been invited. As you may know, Vickery Place is split between these two city council districts. Additionally, both incumbents (John Loza and Velletta Lill) are term limited. Therefore, both seats are open and highly competitive.

Candidates for Council 2 include:

- Pauline Medrano (educator and community activist)
- Monica Barros-Greene (business person and community activist)
- Se-Gwen Tyler (former DISD trustee)



Candidates for District 14 include:

- Angela Hunt (promoter of the Greenland Hills Conservation District)
- Candy Marcum (former chair, City of Dallas Human Rights Commission)
- Kathy Ingle (former DART Board member and chair)
- P.D. Sterling (local political activist).

You can confirm your council district by looking up your registration information at the Dallas County Elections web site (www.dalcoelections.org; click on "**Search For Your Voter Registration**"). The main election date is Saturday, May 7. Early voting commences Wednesday, April 20 and runs through Tuesday, May 3. Early voting times are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Sunday (1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) and the last day (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.). You may vote with many forms of identification other than your voter registration card (although your card may speed up check-in at the polls). One benefit of early voting is that you may vote at any early voting location in the County. On May 7, you can vote only at your precinct voting location, which for most Vickery Place residents is Vickery Towers. Residents on the north side of Goodwin, however, are in a different precinct and vote at Ridgcrest Baptist Church.

Of course, headlining the ballot with the City Council races is the Strong Mayor proposition. Also on the ballot, however, are elections for the little known Dallas County Schools Board. The Dallas County Schools should not be confused with the DISD. This entity provides buses and other services to several school districts, including DISD, and has its own elected board.

If you are not already registered to vote, you must register at least 30 days prior to May 7 to be eligible to vote in this election. If you are reading this article within 30 days of the election, and find you are not registered, don't despair! Go ahead and register as soon as possible, and you'll be all set to vote if there is a runoff! See you at the polls.

~Bruce Thomas

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Don't Set Out Trash Before:
Thursday, April 7



Pick Up Week:
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Painting and Planting proved a winning combination as lots of new faces and old showed up to enjoy the March program, *SPRUCE UP FOR SPRING*.

The all time favorite crowd pleaser, pizza, was delivered compliments of Vinny's New York to get the evening off to an enjoyable start.

The established Sherwin-Williams location at Abrams and Mockingbird, along with the new kids on the block at Richard and Henderson, gave a super presentation on house painting and products. Salvia Garden Designs was equally informative with a presentation on organic gardening.



Both John Martinez, sales representative for Sherwin Williams and Rusty Allen, owner of Salvia Garden Designs emphasized the importance of correct preparation whether you are painting old wood or planting tired soil. And both addressed the special needs of Texas climate.

Martinez explained the generous paint and product discount that has been set up exclusively for Vickery Place. The Sherwin Williams team sent everyone home with a great planner full of information complete with color palettes for the Arts and Crafts Bungalow.

Tips on when to fertilize and what products to use, how to water less and stay green, the importance of planning and the use of color were only a few of the tips that Allen shared. He provided handouts on “step by step” conversion to an organic garden and visited with folks after the meeting answering questions. Rusty Allen is available for personal consultations.

We had the opportunity to meet new ICP officer, Stephen Catina. He was on hand and available to visit with everyone.

The evening ended with a fun presentation of door prizes compliments of Sherwin-Williams.

Thanks to everyone who made this meeting so enjoyable—Vinny's Pizza for feeding us, Vickery Towers for our terrific meeting space and to our good neighbors for making Vickery Place a great place to live!



KROGER CARES CARD



Your new Kroger Cares Card is attached to your newsletter. Please remove it and put it in your wallet so that you can use it when you pay for your groceries at Kroger Super Markets. Using the Kroger Cares Card puts money back into our neighborhood. You can use it along with your Kroger Plus Card, the one that gives you the discounts and savings. *YOU DO NOT GIVE UP THE DISCOUNTS AND SAVINGS BY USING THE KROGER CARES CARD.* Present both cards to the cashier or pass them both across the self check-out scanner when you pay for your groceries. The rebate that Kroger gives to VPNA helps pay for the newsletter, activities such as National Night Out as well as neighborhood improvements such as tree plantings and street sign toppers.

Munger Place Centennial Tour of Historic Homes



When: Saturday, April 23 10:00-6:00 & Sunday, April 24, 12:00-5:00

Tickets: \$10 in advance available at Lakewood Minyards, Abrams Road or call 214-826-6431. 12 yrs. old and under free with adult. Tickets available at each tour home for \$12 day of tour.

Location: Old East Dallas - Lower Greenville, south of Gaston.

Munger Place (a Dallas Historic District and listed on the National Register of Historic Places), the oldest planned subdivision in Dallas, celebrates 100 years of history as it opens 10 homes to give visitors a glimpse of old houses today. This neighborhood of 250 homes, primarily built in the Prairie architectural style, boast wide front porches and eclectic mix of architectural design from the early 1900's. These homes have been featured in several television shows, movies and motion pictures including 'Walker Texas Ranger' & 'If Walls Could Talk' on HGTV.

Other Festivities:

Prairie Park, at the corner of Collett and Tremont Streets will have tickets, food and entertainment throughout the home tour. Porch Fest will feature many local artists and artisans selling their wares on residents' porches. Preservation Hall will feature a display of neighborhood history. In addition to funding neighborhood restoration and renovation projects, a portion of the proceeds will benefit East Dallas Boys and Girls Club and the Gardeners in Community Development.

Historic East Dallas Neighborhood Hosts 14th Annual Home Tour

WHO: Hollywood Santa Monica Neighborhood Association

WHAT: The 14th annual home tour will feature five historic, beautifully renovated and preserved homes. Proceeds from the Hollywood Home Tour benefit East Dallas schools and parks.

Established in 1924, Hollywood/Santa Monica began hosting its Home Tour in 1991 to celebrate its historic architecture and to benefit the local community. Nestled behind Lakewood Country Club, the Tudor, Spanish Eclectic and Minimal Traditional homes of Hollywood take the spotlight on this weekend and guests get a rare peek into one of Dallas' most unique and charming residential areas.

WHEN: Noon until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st, 2005

WHERE: Homes on Tour – TBA; Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Minyard's in Lakewood, Blow Salon, Larry Davidson Salon, and on the days of the tour at Lindsley Park and any of the homes.

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CANDLELIGHT TOUR & PREVIEW PARTY to be held on Friday, April 29, from 6:00 until 11:00 p.m. will benefit J.L. Long Middle School. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased in advance. See these gorgeous homes in the warm glow of evening followed by a party and auction.

IS THERE A BUILDER'S SIGN IN THE YARD NEXT DOOR?

As Sergeant Joyce Kilmer wrote in his poem, *Trees*, probably around the time Vickery Place was platted, "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can made a tree". This famous verse evokes the feelings that many of us have toward a tree, especially our tree. Unfortunately, as in many situations, man can destroy what nature has created.

In our series, "Is There a Builder's Sign in the Yard Next Door?" we want to give you some suggestions for protecting your property. This often includes your trees because, although they are rooted well onto your property line, their braches may extend into the skies above the property claimed by the fellow next door. Damage can be done to trees by bulldozers and other heavy equipment.

Following is the Dallas City Ordinance regarding damaging trees on someone else's property. It is enforced by Code Compliance— but after the fact, after the damage has occurred.



SEC. 48-9. INJURING TREES, SHRUBS OR PLANTS ON ANOTHER'S PROPERTY.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to cut, injure, mutilate or destroy any shrub, plant or tree in the city, in or upon property not belonging to such person, without the permission of the owner of the property.

(b) Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of an offense. (Code 1941, Art. 87-3; Ord. 19963)


There are also cases in our legal system regarding tree branches that extend onto another person's property, the outcome of which would be up to the judge hearing the case.

In the event that your tree is damaged or destroyed, know it's monetary value by having appraised your tree. First take several photographs of your tree to have on file, then measure it. Measure the circumference of the trunk of your tree six inches above the grade of the yard. Divide that number by 3.14 and you will have the diameter of the tree for determining it's value. If you are measuring a multi-trunk tree such as the popular crepe myrtle, measure the circumference of the largest trunk six inches from the grade and divide it by 3.14, then measure the other canes or stems the same way...finally, add the largest stem to one half of the sum of the other stems and you will have the 'diameter' measurement for determining the value of the tree.



Once you have the measurement, call several nurseries or landscapers to get an estimate of the cost of a tree of that size and variety, delivered and planted. Keep that information on file along with your photographs of the tree in the event that it is damaged by the construction.

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It is better to take steps to protect your tree before the construction work begins. If you know that your tree branches are at risk of being damaged, try to negotiate with the builder. Ask if he or she, or the new homeowner will pay for a professional tree trimmer or at least share the cost with you. If they will not, you may want to bear the cost of a professional trimmer in order to protect your tree. Get recommendations from a neighbor and get estimates from the company as tree trimming can be expensive.

~Shelia Huffman

MY MOM'S MILLION DOLLAR PIE



This is my favorite spring Dessert, so light and fluffy, and the combination of pecans and pineapple is delicious. It is a must have on my family's Easter Buffet and Mother's Day Brunch. Easy as pie, and it really is good. Try it!

2 prepared pastry pie shells, browned and cooled

1 box of Dream Whip (containing 2 envelopes of mix)
1 cup of cold whole milk and 1 tsp. Vanilla as required for preparation of Dream Whip

8 oz. package of Philadelphia Cream Cheese (softened)
1 ½ cups powdered sugar
4 Tablespoons crushed pineapple (drained)
1 cup chopped pecans (divided use)

With an electric mixer prepare both envelopes of Dream Whip according to package directions using milk and vanilla. Remove prepared Dream Whip to a clean bowl, cover with plastic wrap and set aside in refrigerator. In mixing bowl, cream Philadelphia cream cheese until smooth, add powdered sugar and pineapple and blend. Fold in ¾ cup of nuts and one half of the prepared Dream Whip. Put mixture in prepared pie shells. Add additional ¼ cup of nuts to remaining Dream Whip and spread this mixture over pies. Chill until ready to serve.

~Shelia Huffman

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- * **EXPERIENCED** Angela has experience working on the issues that impact the district and the city. Whether it is advocating for a bond program to repair our streets and improve our parks or preserving our neighborhoods, she understands the needs of our community.
- * **RESPECTED** Endorsed by the Hon. Veletta Forsythe Lill, Hon. Craig McDaniel, Hon. Lori Palmer, Virginia McAlester, and over 100 East Dallas community leaders.

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Plan to attend our April 14 candidate forum at Vickery Towers. If you have friends outside of Vickery Place but in Districts 2 or 14 who would like to attend this meeting, please feel free to invite them or bring them as your guests.

Most Vickery Place residents vote at Vickery Towers. Residents on the north side of Goodwin, vote at Ridgecrest Baptist Church.

VOTE MAY 7

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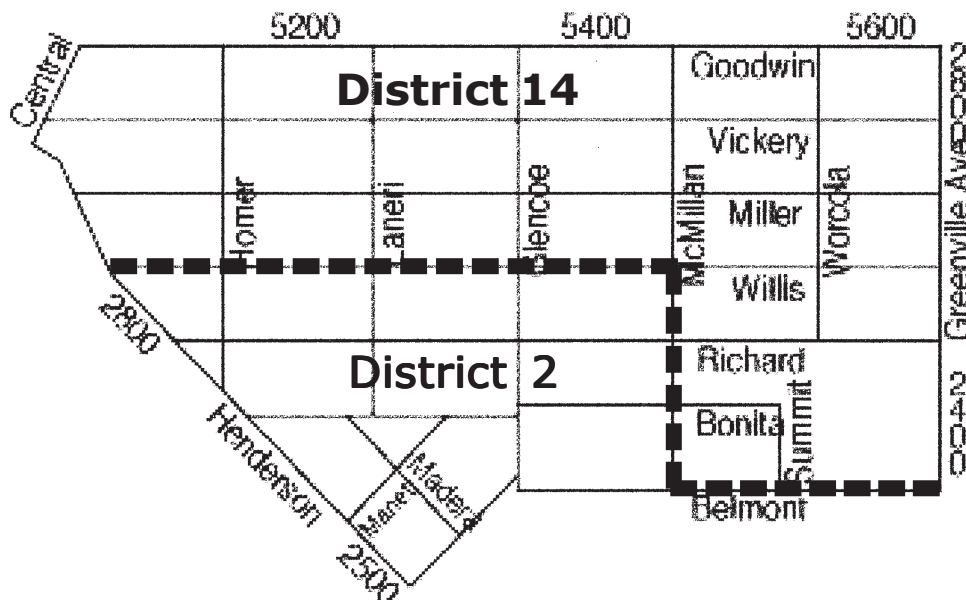
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CRIME STATS FOR JAN/FEB 2005

Crime	Date	Block Street
THEFT	01/01/05	51XX RICHARD
OTHER ASLT	01/01/05	53XX BONITA
OTHER ASLT	01/02/05	54XX VICKERY
THEFT	01/03/05	29XX HENDERSON
THEFT	01/05/05	28XX N HENDERSON
BURGLARY	01/05/05	54XX WILLIS
BURGLARY	01/07/05	55XX RICHARD
THEFT	01/11/05	52XX MILLER
THEFT	01/11/05	52XX MILLER
OTHER ASLT	01/13/05	23XX MADERA
RUNAWAY	01/14/05	52XX RICHARD
AUTO THEFT	01/16/05	28XX HENDERSON
THEFT	01/20/05	53XX MILLER
OTHER ASLT	01/21/05	52XX RICHARD
THEFT	01/22/05	56XX BELMONT
BURGLARY	01/22/05	25XX N HENDERSON
THEFT	01/24/05	51XX WILLIS
THEFT	01/25/05	51XX WILLIS
OTHER ASLT	01/26/05	30XX HENDERSON
THEFT	01/26/05	55XX BELMONT
AUTO THEFT	01/27/05	51XX RICHARD
FRAUD	01/28/05	53XX MILLER
ROBBERY	01/30/05	52XX RICHARD
THEFT	01/30/05	23XX MADERA
THEFT	02/01/05	52XX BONITA
OTHER ASLT	02/02/05	56XX MILLER

Crime	Date	Block Street
OTHER ASLT	02/04/05	52XX BONITA
THEFT	02/05/05	51XX WILLIS
THEFT	02/05/05	51XX WILLIS
AUTO THEFT	02/06/05	54XX BELMONT
THEFT	02/08/05	54XX RICHARD
THEFT	02/09/05	51XX RICHARD
THEFT	02/11/05	53XX MILLER
THEFT	02/12/05	51XX RICHARD
THEFT	02/12/05	51XX RICHARD
AUTO THEFT	02/12/05	52XX WILLIS
THEFT	02/15/05	54XX VICKERY
OTHER ASLT	02/16/05	56XX MILLER
AUTO THEFT	02/17/05	51XX RICHARD
THEFT	02/19/05	27XX HOMER
THEFT	02/20/05	51XX MILLER
OTHER ASLT	02/20/05	28XX HENDERSON
RUNAWAY	02/21/05	52XX RICHARD
PH HARASS	02/23/05	52XX BONITA
THEFT	02/24/05	28XX N HENDERSON
THEFT	02/25/05	53XX RICHARD
VANDAL	02/25/05	54XX BONITA
VANDAL	02/25/05	25XX LANER
VANDAL	02/25/05	53XX RICHARD
VANDAL	02/25/05	55XX MILLER
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TEXAS GARDENING IN APRIL

Plant: Roses!! Go to a local nursery that has a great selection of antique roses. These roses are very hardy and usually very heat and drought tolerant. Remember; don't plant roses too close to the house or too close together. They need air circulation to be healthy and disease free. Water only at the roots of the plant and not on the leaves...this includes sprinkler heads. Allowing sprinklers to spray on the plants will definitely invite fungal disease such as blackspot. Let the roses dry out between watering.

Also plant tomatoes. They need a bed prepared with organic compost. They can stand a few hours of shade with no problems in production. Don't overwater! To check for moisture, put your finger in the soil between waterings; if the soil feels moist, wait until it's drier before watering again.

Fertilize: Grass, roses, annuals & perennials. Try to use an organic fertilizer (for lawn and flower beds/pots) so it provides a slower, gentler release of nutrients that not only feeds the plant but provides the soil with nutrients also. It's like putting your lawn and flowers on a well balanced diet to increase energy and performance instead of slugging down a sports drink (Miracle Gro).

Prune: The dead (spent) flowers of your annuals and perennials to stimulate regrowth and more blooms.

Water: Only when the soil feels dry. Unless you've planted a water plant in the full sun, rarely does ANYTHING in your landscape require daily waterings. When you do need to water, water deeply and far less frequently than you're used to. Pick plants that love the Texas heat. Believe it or not, there are many lush, tropical-looking plants out there that are either native to this area or are truly adapted to this area. Aren't sure about what to choose? Go ask your friendly local organic nurseymen and they'll answer your questions.

I would love to tailor the gardening section in the VPNA newsletter to anything that interests the neighborhood. If

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