

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 11
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Place : Vickery Towers
 (Greenville at Belmont)

There will be no General Meeting in December. Join us in January for our annual planning session meeting--this is your opportunity to voice what is important to you and what you would like as neighborhood priorities for 2007. Make a New Year's resolution to get involved in VPNA.

Thank You Vickery Place for a great year!

The November pot luck supper was a special ending to 2006. Delicious food was brought by neighborhood board members and residents. We didn't know that there are so many fantastic cooks in Vickery Place! Everyone sat around chatting and enjoying wine while listening to wonderful background music by pianist, John Rainone. Priscilla Rieves was the winner of the evening's drawing, tickets for 4 to the Contemporary Ballet Dallas performance of 'Boogie Woogie Christmas' at the Eisemann Center.



Terry Gwynne and John Rainone play 'Hey Jude'

The only business of the evening was the election of 2007 VPNA officers and board. Serving next year will be Shelia Huffman, President; Beth Bentley, Vice President; Will Short, Treasurer; Mary Kay Henley, Secretary. Members at Large are Carrie Dingman, Christine Haddock, Mark Rieves, Selena Urquhart, and Nita Wiggins. Everyone is looking forward to the new year!



Nita Wiggins and Mary Kay Henley enjoy dinner



Selena Urquhart, Lindsey Lecuyer and Ken Lampton at the dessert buffet.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PEACE ON EARTH

GOODWILL TO MEN.

Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado
 Don't Set Out Trash Before:
 Thursday, Dec 7

Pick Up Week:
 Dec 11 -15

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Rick Bentley, Roger Andres, Gloria Shouse and Tracey Kiemer help themselves to delicious dishes



New & past treasurers Will Short and Bruce Thomas



Jake & Natalie Rachel with door prize winner Priscilla Rieves



New board member Mark Rieves and wife Priscilla

We would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to the 2006 VPNA Board for their invaluable contribution of time and energy spent this past year on VPNA projects and programs. VPNA President Eric LeBlanc, wife Tommie and their two children Ethan and Lily, moved to Austin. The LeBlanc family was an intrigal part of Vickery Place and they will be missed. We wish them the best in their new home.

NITA'S FRUIT SALAD

- 1 can (8-1/4 oz.) pineapple chunks, undrained
- 1 can (11 oz.) mandarin orange segments, drained
- 1 cup BAKER'S ANGEL FLAKE Coconut
- 1 container (8 oz.) BREAKSTONE'S or KNUDSEN Sour Cream, any variety
- 1 cup JET-PUFFED Miniature Marshmallows

DRAIN pineapple, reserving 1 Tbsp. of the juice. MIX pineapple, reserved juice and remaining ingredients; toss lightly. Cover. Refrigerate several hours or until chilled.

Everyone enjoyed Nita Wiggins version of an oldie but goodie holiday favorite, 5 cup fruit salad. Nita combined 2 cups drained Mandarin Oranges, 2 cups Pineapple chunks and 1 cup miniature marshmallows. Cover and refrigerate several hours. One cup of sour cream, 1 cup of Angel Flake Coconut, 1 cup broken walnuts also make a great addition to this easy salad.

TIS THE SEASON TO BE WARY - *Crime prevention during the holidays*

Although it is always time for crime prevention, the Holiday season is a particularly important time to remember some key do's & don'ts to minimize the opportunity for crime activity.

House:

- Lock your doors & windows and set the alarm when you leave.
- Make sure your house is well lit—use timer lights or motion detectors around your property.
- If you leave your home in the evening, be sure to turn on lights and even leave a television or radio on to make the house appear as if someone is home
- Do not let Christmas presents be in view from the outside.
- When you un-wrap that new laptop or cool plasma TV, do not place the boxes on the curb for trash pick up—this is an advertisement to thieves of what is in your home. Break down boxes and take to a recycling bin.

If you travel:

- Use automatic timers for lights.
- Ask a neighbor or friend to watch your home, possibly park their car in your driveway from time to time (and pick up your mail and newspapers and any packages that may have been delivered while you were gone).
- If you are away for an extended period, postpone your newspaper and mail services.

Car:

- Lock up your car and if possible, park in your garage or driveway.
- DO NOT leave valuables in plain view inside your vehicle; stow all items in the trunk or undercover—or better yet, take them inside the house.

Shopping:

- Shop before dark if possible. Park in well lit areas.
- To discourage purse snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages.
- Do not carry excessive amounts of cash (use checks and credit cards when making purchases)
- Carry your purse close to your body with a shoulder strap. Carry wallets in your front pockets.
- Have your keys ready when returning to your vehicle and inspect the interior and area around your car BEFORE you unlock your vehicle. Pay attention to all around you as you place items in the trunk.
- Again, DO NOT leave valuables in plain view inside your vehicle; stow all items in the trunk or undercover.

Don't forget, the most important part of crime prevention is to know your neighbor and to look out for one another. Stay safe and happy holidays!

OCTOBER 2006 CRME STATS:

CRIME	DATE	ADDRESS	STOLEN
THEFT	09/05/06	56XX WILLIS	MUSIC INSTRMTS
THEFT	09/25/06	53XX GOODWIN	TOOLS
AUTO THEFT	10/01/06	53XX BELMONT	VEHICLES
BURGLARY	10/02/06	53XX GOODWIN	HOMEAPPLIANCE
THEFT	10/02/06	51XX MILLER	TOOLS
THEFT	10/04/06	56XX RICHARD	TRAILERS
THEFT	10/05/06	54XX GOODWIN	AUTO PARTS
VANDAL	10/05/06	51XX RICHARD	
BURGLARY	10/06/06	52XX GOODWIN	CURRENCY
THEFT	10/06/06	26XX MADERA	AUTO PARTS
THEFT	10/08/06	51XX RICHARD	
BURGLARY	10/09/06	51XX GOODWIN	GUNS
THEFT	10/10/06	28XX HENDERSON	MISCELLANEOUS
THEFT	10/11/06	25XX LANERI	RADIO/STEREO
THEFT	10/11/06	51XX MILLER	AUTO PARTS
BURGLARY	10/12/06	53XX MILLER	TELEVISIONS
THEFT	10/14/06	54XX GOODWIN	TOOLS
THEFT	10/14/06	54XX RICHARD	AUTO PARTS
VANDAL	10/17/06	53XX MILLER	
THEFT	10/19/06	52XX BONITA	RADIO/STEREO
THEFT	10/20/06	52XX BONITA	TOOLS
THEFT	10/20/06	51XX WILLIS	AUTO PARTS
VANDAL	10/22/06	53XX VICKERY	
BURGLARY	10/31/06	56XX WILLIS	HOMEAPPLIANCE

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THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS IS ALIVE AND WELL IN VICKERY PLACE

2006 proved to be the year of the baby in our neighborhood and November 4th was an especially busy day around here as some happy families received an early Christmas gift this season.



Jonathan and Trisha Neerman traveled to Nanchang in the Jiangxi Province of China to bring home Esther Lian Nicole Neerman. She was born January 29, 2006, was adopted October 24, 2006 and was brought home to Vickery Place on November 4th. She is originally from Yujian, Jiangxi, Peoples Republic of China

Pictured left, Jonathan, Trisha and Esther at the White Swan Hotel in Guangzhou, China where all American Families must stay for a few days. That's where the babies get their visas that allow them to become American Citizens once they touch ground in the United States.

It takes a village....

It was truly a family affair at the birthing center when Will and Anna Short, maternal and paternal grandparents, Will's sister and aunt welcomed a baby girl on Saturday November 4th. She weighed 7 lbs., 14 1/2 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Her name is Skylar Katherine.

Pictured right, at home with hands full are Anna, Will, Skylar and pups, Ella and Sophie.



*Happy Christmas to all...
and to all a good night's sleep!*

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE

Visit the Texas Discovery Gardens for their holiday plant sale, going on now thru December 31st, M-F 10-3pm. They will be selling various varieties of trees, shrubs and flowering plants for all of your holiday or special occasion gift needs—you may even find a little something for yourself! Texas Discovery Garden is located at Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Call for more details and plant varieties, (214) 428-7476, ask for Beverly. Or visit them online, www.texasdiscoverygardens.org.



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CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invites Vickery Place neighbors to their annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service. The service begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday December 24 in the sanctuary. Child care is provided. St. Andrew's is located at 3204 Skillman at Monticello. For information call 214 821-9989 or check www.standrews.presbychurch.com.

ROBERT E. LEE CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

Celebrations in May of 2007 will mark the 75th anniversary of Robert E. Lee Elementary School. School librarian Angela Brown has been seeking memorabilia and needs your help. If you have memories, anecdotes, pictures, or any other materials from Robert E. Lee's history, particularly the early years, please e-mail her at Aabrown@dallasisd.org. Or call 972-749-7400 and ask for Angela Brown or Santos Cortez.



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