



GENERAL MEETING

Our next general meeting will be held on April 9th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. It will be held at Slater's 50/50. We will have our local police officers present and they will discuss what you can do to protect yourself from crime.



HENDERSON COMPLETE STREETS UPDATE

The Henderson Complete Streets project is underway. The planned improvements include the addition of bump-outs on alternating sides of the street, a traffic signal at Henderson & Willis Avenues, pedestrian crosswalks, barrier free ramps, pedestrian lights, trees, landscaping and the replacement of damaged storm drain inlets, gutters, sidewalk and driveways. Also included in the plans are resurfacing and striping the entire corridor. Construction cost for this project is \$3,136,994.00, and estimated completion date is Spring 2020.

The project will be done in five phases. Phase one, which started on March 25, 2019, will consist of work on the segment between Miller Ave and Bonita Ave, and will take approximately 3 months to complete.

Phase 2 will consist of construction in the segment

between Bonita Ave and Belmont Ave. Phase three will be the segment between Belmont Ave. and Glencoe Street. Phase four will be the between Glencoe Street and McMillan Ave. Phase five will be between McMillan Ave. and Ross Ave. We will try to notify you as we receive further notices for construction time frames for phases 2-5.

For further information, you may contact the Project Manager Marco Bravo, 214-948-4011.



ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY BLOCK PARTY

The 40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was filled with plenty of sunshine, laughter and celebrations. This parade is known as one of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades in the Southwest, with more than 100,000 people attending each year. There were more than 1,700 parade participants, and over 90 parade float entries. For \$15.00 each, attendees could then gain entry to the block party, consisting of live music, food and, yes, more drinks. Although we had a lot of foot traffic through the neighborhood, there didn't seem to be too many issues, other than the usual stumbling party goers trying to find their way to the next venue. A big thanks to all who helped plan, execute, and clean up after the event! See you next year!

**Bulk Trash Pickup is the
Week of the 2nd Monday**

**Don't Set Out Trash Before: Thurs, April 4th
Pick Up Week April 8th-12th
Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up** 
Every Monday

Next VPNA General Meeting

April 9th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Slater's 50/50
2817 Greenville

ENP PROGRAM UPDATE

We recently put out a survey to see if Vickery Place residents would be interested in having ENP's (extra neighborhood patrols). This would involve collecting funds from each neighbor wanting to participate and then using those funds to hire an off-duty police officer to patrol the area.

There was some debate about whether hiring an off-duty police officer would be the answer. If 100 households were to pay \$250.00 per year, the police officer would be able to patrol for 8 hours a week, in two 4-hour time blocks. When we put out the survey, we had a little over 100 households willing to participate. Some felt that 8 hours per week would not make enough of a difference to make the program worthwhile.

Others felt that Vickery Place should have a crime watch group who can patrol each day for a certain amount of time.

At the end of the day, the board voted against administering the ENP program at this time. If, in the future, we have enough people who want to participate, and have the resources to administer the program, we can consider it again.

In the meantime, the best course of action we can all take is to call 911 and report all crimes, even if you do not need or want a police report. DPD needs to have a record of crime activity so they will know where to patrol more often. If we do not report the crime, they will devote their time to other areas who seem to have more problems. So please, call 911 and report it!



GENEVA HEIGHTS COLOR RUN!

Join Geneva Heights students, friends and family on Saturday April 27 at 10am, for its 3rd annual 'Color the Heights' Color Run. The run will feature a designated 1-mile course around the school property (2911 Delmar Avenue) with a color blast at every turn. NEW this year, you and your friends will conquer TWO obstacle stations as you run, jump, and balance your way to the finish! Stay after the race for activities like the

Silly string corral, Pie in the face, Basketball shoot out, Limbo contest and much more! Swag bags this year will include the Color Run t-shirt, color packets, sunglasses and finisher medal. All proceeds from the race will benefit Geneva Heights Elementary School.

Registration is \$15 per participant and includes: Color Run registration PLUS a swag bag. (Registrations after April 2 will be \$20). Parents/guardians, you are welcome to run alongside your kids without registering, but you will not receive a swag bag. <https://genevaheightspta.org/product/colorthheights/>



HOME TOUR SEASON IS HERE

April 6, 2pm – 5pm – Cochran Heights Home Tour
Take a stroll across Henderson Avenue and see inside these unique and charming homes. The neighborhood is known for its collection of renowned architect Charles Dilbeck homes, but that is not all it has to offer. The tour will feature five homes showcasing the range of Cochran Heights living. Tickets \$20, <http://www.cochran-heights.com>

April 13, 4pm – 8pm - Munger Place Wine Walk & Historic Home Tour
Celebrate 114 years of history by strolling through Munger Place while sipping wine and tasting hors d'oeuvres from local East Dallas businesses. Tour will feature five beautifully preserved and restored

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early 1900s residences, as well as, the “under construction” history house. The Premium Wine Taster Package is \$65.00 online purchase and \$65.00 at the door. The General Wine Taster Package is \$25.00 online purchase or \$30.00 at the door. Limited number of tickets, so purchase early, https://www.mungerplace.com/walk_2019.html

April 13, 10am – 3pm – Park Cities Historic Homes
 This historic home tour features four homes, two by noted architects, and the earliest home on the tour was built in 1916. Saturday, April 13, 2019. Tickets: \$20 in advance at Tom Thumb Stores, online sales end April 9, \$25 at the door of any of the homes on day of event, <http://www.pchps.org>

April 27 & 28, 12 – 5pm – White Rock Home Tour
 The White Rock Home Tour will showcase mid-century modern and contemporary modern homes, Saturday April 27 and Sunday April 28, 2019. Ticket Will Call at Hexter Elementary is open from 11 am to 4 pm each day, \$15 in advance & \$20 that weekend. <http://www.whiterockhometour.com/tour-details/>



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APRIL GARDENING TQ-DQs

Planting

- Plant ground covers and warm season annuals and perennials as soil temperatures warm and the danger of frost has passed, such as cannas and gladiola corms. It's best to wait until next month to plant hot weather annuals such as caladiums, elephant ears, periwinkles, and zinnias.
- Plant warm season turf grasses (Bermuda, St. Augustine and Zoysia) starting in mid-April. Plant Bermuda grass seed only when nighttime temperatures average 65 degrees.
- Early April plant: tomatoes, snap beans, radishes, cucumbers, corn, lima beans, mustard, peppers and squash.
- Late April plant: watermelon, southern peas, okra, cantaloupe, eggplant, and pumpkin.

Pruning

- Prune spring blooming shrubs and vines after they finish flowering.
- Allow foliage on spring bulbs to die back and dry before removing, so it can store food for next year
- Shade trees may be pruned. Do not prune live oaks and red oaks between Feb. 15 and June 30.

Plant Care

- Check roses, ornamentals, and vegetables for powdery mildew, prevalent in mild, moist spring weather.
- Fertilize azaleas according to soil test recommendations after they finish blooming.
- Check new growth on ornamental plants weekly for aphids and scale insects and treat if necessary.
- Apply first fertilizer treatment to established warm season turf grasses (first to mid-April). Use a fertilizer based on a soil test (which may cost as little as \$10) and follow recommendations. "Weed & Feed" products are not recommended.
- Mow established warm season turf grasses weekly or as needed.
- Use broad-leafed weed control products to eliminate spring weeds such as dandelions, henbit, and chickweed. Some types can damage St. Augustine. Always read and follow label directions.
- Begin harvesting cool season vegetables.
- Water all your plants when they're dry, but be particularly diligent with new plantings that can quickly dry out in our persistent spring winds. Use 3 – 4 inches of mulch on all flower, shrub and vegetable beds.

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