



## NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL COMING UP

This month, in place of our usual general meeting, we will have a social gathering at The Lakewood Brewing Company. We are calling this the “BYOT” (Bring your Own Topic) meeting. Many of our neighborhood association board members will be on hand to answer questions or address any neighborhood ideas or any concerns you have. We would love to see you there!

The date will be June 22 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The Lakewood Brewing Company is located at 2302 Executive Drive, Garland, TX 75041.



## GARDENING GENERAL MEETING

A big thank you goes out to our speaker at the May general meeting. The manager at Redenta’s, Josh Addison, provided lots of great tips on what types of plants and flowers will survive in our climate, along with some handouts with even more useful information. He also told us about their free classes and other services, such as landscape consultations. If you are looking for help with your yard, go by and see Josh!



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

**Don’t Set Out Trash Before: Thurs, June 6th  
Pick Up Week June 10th-14th  
Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up**   
**Every Monday**

## DON’T GO UP A BLIND ALLEY!

Keeping grass, trees, brush and other vegetation trimmed around your property will do more than show you care about your home.

Both the Dallas Police Dept. and the Code Compliance Dept. emphasize the importance and necessity of keeping the alley space, whether it is paved or not, behind (or beside) your home clear of brush, unobstructed, and litter free—maintaining the alley will: reduce criminal activity (vagrants or potential burglars cannot hide in overgrown brush); prevent coyotes, stray animals and rodents from nesting or making homes in tall weeds or grass; and keep our neighborhood looking beautiful.

Each homeowner is responsible for the upkeep of their yard, their sidewalks, and their half of the alley way. Not doing so may result in a ticket from the City. Let’s not go up a blind alley—keep your property safe, and show you care about your home and your neighborhood.

The police have also recommended to ensure that your house number is clearly visible on your back fence to help in case there are ever any incidents.



## Next VPNA Social

**Saturday, June 22nd from 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Lakewood Brewing  
2302 Executive Drive, Garland**

## SUMMER VACATION Keep Your Home Safe

It's that time of year, when many families leave town on their summer vacation. As you make plans for that ideal get away, consider your home's safety before you go. Burglars target homes that look empty because it makes the process easier for them. With that in mind, it's important to make it look like your home is occupied while you're away.

Hold your mail, newspaper and package deliveries. A pile of unopened mail, unread newspapers, or packages left on the front porch announces to a would-be burglar that your home is empty and ready for intruders. Or have a neighbor pick these things up for you until you return home.

Make it look like someone's home. You can set timers for your lights, television, and other electronics to turn on and off throughout the day. You want your lights to look natural, as if someone's home. Avoid leaving your lights on the entire time you are gone. This will not only increase your electric bill, but it's also suspicious, since most people don't leave lights on all the time when they're home. If you're going to be out of town for a week or more, hire someone to mow your lawn and trim your hedges, so it looks like someone's around and doing the yard work. Ask a neighbor to park a car in front of your house or in your driveway to make it look like someone's home.

Have Neighbors to Keep an Eye Out. Tell your neighbors how long you'll be gone and ask them to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity at your house. Give them your contact numbers and where you will be, in case of an emergency. Have them call 911 if there is any suspicious activity.

Avoid Social Media. While it may be tempting to share photos on Facebook or tweet about your exciting travels, consider holding off on vacation-related posts. Those you are connected to online are typically your friends, but you never know when your information will get into the wrong hands. A friend of a friend may see your status update and know that your home is vulnerable. Consider waiting to post about your adventures until you get back.

Nix the Spare Key. If your home is being targeted, the first thing a criminal will look for is a spare key. He will look in the standard places: a conspicuous plastic rock, under the mat, or above the door. If you're going on vacation, think about removing the spare key all together until you are home, or leave a key with a neighbor.



## GONE SWIMMING

Tietze Park is located on Skillman Avenue between Llano and Vanderbilt Streets. In 1924 the land was acquired by Dallas, when it was on the outskirts of the town. Originally it was called Keith Park but was later called Tietze Park, after W.R. Tietze, Superintendent of Parks for the city from 1896-1933.

A sandstone picnic pavilion was added in 1934. The park also features a community swimming pool, lighted baseball field, tennis court, basketball court, a second ball field also suitable for soccer, picnic area, children's playground, recycling drop-off igloos, a plaza with benches and tables, and more than 75 mature and outstanding oak and live oak trees, cedars. There are a few spectacular kneeling bois d'arc trees, believed to be at least 150 years old

The park is always a bustle of activity and is set to be even more popular with the opening of the

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- which has just opened.

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Fri, Sat, Sun 12 pm to 8 pm

Closed Tuesdays to the public for swim lessons

Tietze Admission: \$2 – 11 & under; \$4 – 12 & older  
You can buy a season pass atdallasaquatics.org



## TWICE-WEEKLY WATERING SCHEDULE

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is strictly prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1st - October 31st.

Last Digit of Address - Watering Days Allowed  
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## AROSEISAROSEISAROSEISAKNOCOUT

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Red, Pink, yellow or rainbow- hundreds of the bushes fill our neighborhood and have become a landscaper's staple. They welcome spring and bring color to our neighborhood. Hardy to Zone 5, they weather the heat and cold of North Texas with equal aplomb. With little pruning or deadheading and only one or two applications of fertilizer, they thrive. What could possibly go wrong?

Actually, several things: Rust, Black Spot, Botrytis Blight, Powdery Mildew and Stem Cancer. These are in addition to RRD or Rose Rosette Disease. Yes, Knockouts do get sick and often the only cure is removal or pruning way back; way ,way back.

So, if your Knockout is down for the count or you have just been fortunate to read this far; here is a surprise for you. This month's \$50 gift certificate to



North Haven Gardens will go to the best haiku or short poem incorporating Vickery Place and roses. Please know the retired UTD prof who will be judging has the requisite software. Submit your entries to [debbie@vickeryplace.com](mailto:debbie@vickeryplace.com) by June 20,2019. Like Knockout roses, North Haven has been helping to beautify Vickery Place for decades. Their able staff, including master gardeners, is there to help with all your gardening needs.

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