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## VICKERY PLACE DIGITAL NEWS – APRIL 2022

### May General Meeting – The New Geneva Heights Elementary!



Want to hear more about our dynamic local grade school, Geneva Heights Elementary? Then please plan to attend our **May Meeting on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-8pm at Fireside Pies, located at 2820 North Henderson**. We have invited PTA President and Vickery Place neighbor Lydia Wright, a Pre-Geneva representative, as well as someone for the GHE Peace Pantry, to share with us what is happening at GHE--hear about the new innovative replacement school, some of the exciting programs offered (International Baccalaureate, Dual Language, Community Partners) , and

networking opportunities for kids and their families. Food and drinks will be available—we hope to see you at Fireside Pies!

Dallas ISD is making a \$31 million investment in a new replacement school for the Geneva Heights learning community. During the public engagement process, the community developed three BIG (Bold, Innovative, Generational) ideas that would serve as guiding principles in the design of the new campus. They were:

- Adapt to growth while maintaining our small, tight-knit community;
- Remain the gem in the community
- Reflect the spirit of our diverse community

The result is an innovative building design that will meet the needs of area families now and for generations to come.”

The existing Geneva Heights campus will be demolished later this year to make room for the construction of the new replacement campus. During construction, students and staff will be relocated to the former Jill Stone Elementary campus in Vickery Meadows. Dallas ISD maintenance is working to prep and brand the campus for Geneva Heights. The new Geneva Heights Elementary is scheduled to open in Fall 2024.



## We're Baaaacck!! - June 4<sup>th</sup> Vickery Place Wine Walk

~ 2022 Wine Walk Committee



After a 3-year hiatus, this ever popular event is back! **Vickery Place Neighborhood Association will host its 2022 Wine Walk on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm!**

This progressive wine walk will feature 3 neighborhood stops, serving premium wines (sparkling, white and red) beside delicious food pairings.

Tickets are \$125 per person. To keep the crowd manageable and more intimate, sales are limited to 100 attendees. We will keep a waitlist in case of cancellations. Proceeds

from this event will be used to support neighborhood initiatives, host neighborhood events and community outreach programs.

We hope you sign up for this fun enchanting evening with your neighbors! Purchase your tickets [HERE](#). Must be 21 years of age in order to purchase tickets. This is always a sell-out event, so get your tickets today!

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### April General Meeting Recap ~ Kathryn Hunteman, VPNA President

Thanks to Stan's Blue Note for graciously hosting our April general meeting. It was nice to see neighbors and get more feedback regarding the survey results. If you indicated interest on the survey in neighborhood activities like walking the neighborhood, book clubs, yoga in the park, kid play dates, etc, you will be receiving an email in the coming weeks with more information on those activities—we are always looking for new ways for neighbors to connect!

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### May 2022 Yard of the Month Winner - 5222 Goodwin Avenue

~ Beautification Committee, Angela O'Brien, Michele Miller, and Tory Marpe

One of our favorite things about Yard of the Month (as writers and readers) is meeting wonderful Vickery Place neighbors, especially when they are relatively new to the neighborhood. So, please let us introduce you to **Tessa Schreiner and John Burkhead of 5222 Goodwin Ave** – new Vickery Place homeowners since September 2021 and May 2022's Yard of the Month winners!

Tessa, a development officer at SMU, and John, a lawyer, moved to their beautiful gray Craftsman-style home on Goodwin Ave. with their 2 twin miniature poodles, Ann "Lady" Richards and Yellow "Rosie" of Texas. With them, they also brought an abundance of



potted succulents, plants and trees, their own green house, and a passion for beautifying their yard; front and back.

As their good luck would have it, Nora Clark with Allie Beth, the realtor selling Tessa and John's now home was also a former owner of the 5222 Goodwin house and shared with them a great deal of history about the home. The former owners also kindly left behind a beautiful wooden porch swing and a pair of red rocking chairs on the spacious front porch. They serve as a beautiful backdrop and vantage point to see the abundance of color John has planted all the way around the front porch, including Swedish Ivy, Lantana, Mandevilla, Roses, Lilies, Hydrangeas of all colors, and they are trying a number of ground-cover plants including a very unique variety called "Stepables".

We were lucky enough to spend a bit of time with Tessa and John and learned some great tips, including:

- Look at online community marketplaces for slightly (or even never) used yard items before buying new at full retail price. Tessa and John found an amazing greenhouse on Wayfair.com with great reviews but said to be very difficult to assemble. They found the same greenhouse on [www.OfferUp.com](http://www.OfferUp.com) already assembled, close by for pickup, and priced less than Wayfair.
- YouTube and podcasts can be amazing resources for gardening tips and techniques. John recommends P. Allen Smith and Monty Don, both on YouTube. We also recommend local legend Neil Sperry on WBAP.
- When extreme weather comes to North Texas, John and Tessa have 2 tricks up their sleeves to protect non-cold-hardy plants. First, though they have several enormous containers full of succulents and plants, they separate those plants into smaller pots before moving them all into their garage. Second, a strategically placed window in the garage allows them to store plants inside for several days or weeks while still getting necessary light to survive.

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Congratulations to Tessa, John, Lady, and Rosie of 5222 Goodwin Ave. for winning May 2022's Vickery Place Neighborhood Association Yard of the Month! We also want to send a big thank you to Northaven Gardens for their sponsorship and for the \$50 gift card they generously award our winners!



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### City of Dallas Watering Schedule

Time of Day watering restrictions are currently in effect! Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is strictly prohibited between the hours of 10am and 6pm from April 1st – Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.

If the last digits of your address are 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers), your allowed watering days are Sunday & Thursday.

If the last digits of your address are 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers), then your allowed watering days are Saturday & Wednesday.

## Vickery Place April 2022 Crime Stats

Date	Crime	Address	Premises
04/09/22	BMV	51XX Willis Ave	Apartment Parking Lot
04/16/22	Property Theft	51XX Goodwin Ave	Outdoor Area Public/Private
04/16/22	Public Intoxication	52XX Goodwin Ave	Hwy/Street/Alley
04/17/22	Assault (Verbal Threat)	52XX Willis Ave	Hwy/Street/Alley
04/21/22	Motor Vehicle Theft	56XX Belmont Ave	Apartment Parking Lot
04/23/22	Motor Vehicle Theft	51XX Miller Ave	Business Parking Lot

### Summer Vacation– Keep Your Home Safe!

It's that time of year, when many families leave town on their summer vacation. It is also a time when we see an uptick in criminal activity. As you make plans for that ideal get away, consider your home's safety before you go. It's important to make it look like your home is occupied while you're away.

**Mail, newspaper and package deliveries.** Hold your mail, newspaper and package deliveries, OR have a neighbor pick these things up for you until you return home. 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.

**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. 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 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. Let your neighbor know if someone will be stopping by to water plants, or feed your pets. 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 of your exciting trip on Facebook or Instagram, 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.

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**Bulk Trash Pickup Week for Vickery Place is the week of the 2nd Monday of the month!**

**Bulk Trash pickup is May 9 - 13. Don't set out bulk items before **Thursday May 5.** Weekly Trash and Recycling Pick-up is **every Monday.****