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VICKERY PLACE DIGITAL NEWS – DECEMBER 2021



**Photo from the Hockaday School for Girls (corner of Belmont & Greenville Ave) Archives, circa 1941.*

November Annual Meeting and Election

Vickery Place neighbors met at nearby Pizzeria Testa on Greenville for the November Annual Meeting and Board Election. Lots of enthusiasm and excitement were expressed for the upcoming year! Thanks to the management and staff for taking good care of our group, and allowing us to meet in their space.

We would like to give recognition and extend a double heartfelt 'thank you' to this year's board of directors. Due to Covid, their one-year term extended into two years, and as we all know, the last two years have been challenging to say the least! Their time and commitment are greatly appreciated!

Please give a warm welcome and congratulations to the newly elected 2022 Vickery Place NA Board of Directors!

Officers: President Kathryn Huntzman, Vice President Lyle Burgin, Treasurer Debbie Simurda and Secretary Rob Irvin

Members at Large: John Cross, Kyle Dooner, Tiffini Leaverton, David Maddox, Matt Miller, Michelle Miller, Jake Musick, Oleta Salyard, and Jason Spencer

*Please note there will be no VPNA general meeting in December—time to celebrate the holidays with friends and family! Look for our newsletter in January 2022, and follow us on Facebook & Instagram, for event and neighborhood happenings!

BMW Marathon Through the Neighborhood

Please be advised that the 50th BMW Dallas Marathon Festival takes place the weekend of December 10th – 12th 2021. The marathon and half marathon runs will be on Sunday Dec 12th, and the course takes them down Greenville Avenue, from Longview Street to Richmond Ave. Plan your travels around Dallas accordingly on Sunday!! See marathon map [HERE](#).

Throwing Some Shade To Vickery Place

15 new trees were planted in our neighborhood parkways with the November 13th Tree Planting event, adding color, beauty, and shade to Vickery Place!! Thank you VPNA resident Ken Dawkins for coordinating this worthwhile event with the City of Dallas arborist Phil Erwin! And thank you neighbors Jake Boydston, John Cross, Rob Irvin, Ken Dawkins, David Maddux, Jason Spencer, Quaid MacFadyen and Drew Garrison for your hard work planting all the trees. This neighborhood project will benefit us all for years to come!!



It's a Giving Day In The Neighborhood

Good things are happening in the 5300 block of Miller Avenue!! Neighbors gathered to celebrate their first ever 'Neighborsgiving' in November. Not only was this a great way for neighbors on the block to get to know one another, but they also collected 80+ cans of food for the Geneva Heights food pantry! Kudos to Brett and Bobby Shane Palmer for the initiating this fun tradition and to the residents of the 5300 block of Miller Avenue!

Don't Let The Cupboard Run Bare!

The Geneva Heights Elementary School's Peace Pantry assists food insecure student families with weekly distributions, and they could use our help! The Peace Pantry coordinators have made it easy and convenient for you to give throughout the school year with the Geneva Heights Amazon wishlist:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O306NPHU72PP...>

This is an ongoing need, so please bookmark the link, and contribute as often as you can. Thank you!

Tis The Season To Be Wary!

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

- Lock your doors and windows when you leave the house or retire to bed. If you have an alarm system, set your alarm.
- Use timer lights or motion detectors around your property.
- Leave your front porch light on.
- Lock up your car and if possible, park in the driveway; Do NOT leave valuable items in your car.
- Have packages delivered to your office or a drop box location—porch pirates abound during the holidays.
- When out shopping, have your keys ready when returning to your vehicle and pay attention to your surroundings.

If you are traveling for the holidays:

- Double check that doors and windows are locked—this included your garage or outdoor shed.
- Let a trusted neighbor know you're leaving, when you will return, and a contact number. Have them watch for anything that might appear out of place.
- Ask your neighbor to grab the paper each day and pick up the mail—even when you have the PO stop your mail, that does not always happen, so have a neighbor check.
- Leave some lights on, set a lamp on a timer.

Don't forget, the most important part of crime prevention is knowing your neighbors and looking out for one another! Have a safe and happy holiday season!!

Vickery Place November 2021 Crime Stats:

<u>Crime</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Premises</u>
BMV	11/02/21	56XX Belmont Ave	Residence - Condo/TH Parking
Motor Vehicle Theft	11/05/21	56XX Belmont Ave	Residence - Apt Parking Lot
Public Intoxication	11/06/21	54XX Willis Ave	Residence - Outdoors

Vandalism	11/07/21	53XX Vickery Ave	Residence
Vandalism	11/12/21	52XX Miller Ave	Residence - Street
Burglary	11/22/21	29XX N. Henderson Ave	Commercial - Store

Geneva Heights Replacement School Update

On November 3, 2021, DISD held its 3rd community meeting regarding the new Geneva Heights replacement school. Two architectural plans were discussed. Both would retain the exterior of the original 1931 building, while gutting and rebuilding the interior to modern standards. The original building will house offices and the media center. Two new state of the art wings will be constructed—one with classrooms along Vanderbilt Avenue, and the other along Goodwin Avenue with the gymnasium and lunchroom. The new main entrance will be on the Goodwin Ave side. The parking lot will be along Matilda, providing a buffer between the school and street traffic. Outdoor play areas will be between the buildings and on the rear of the lot. Community gardens, chicken coop and outdoor learning areas will be in the green space in front of the original building along Delmar, where the current entrance is located.



Buildings will be LEED green certified—VPNA resident and former Plan Commissioner Wayne Garcia suggested the idea of solar panels being installed, which the design firm will consider.

Construction will take approximately 16 months, starting in August of 2022, and ending January of 2024. Capacity of new school will be 750 students. Plan is to keep students and teachers together during construction—where they will be attending school in the interim is under discussion by DISD and still to be determined.

Building materials and more details to be presented at the next community meeting in January or February. To see the Nov 3rd PowerPoint presentation or to view the video, go to: <https://www.dallasisd.org/Page/75178>. To sign up to be notified of the next community meeting, contact Jacqueline Bell, jacbell@dallasisd.org.

Bulk Trash Pickup Week for Vickery Place residents is the week of the 2nd Monday of the month.

Bulk Trash pickup is Dec 13th-17th.

Don't set out bulk items before **Thursday Dec 9th.**

Weekly Trash and Recycling Pick-up is **every Monday.**