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## VICKERY PLACE DIGITAL NEWS – JUNE 2022

### Vickery Place Wine Walk 2022!

The rain gods were with us and the Vickery Place Wine Walk 2022 was a big success!! Thank you to our wonderful guests, our three awesome host homes (Jason and Mary Spencer at 5209 Vickery, Doug & Holly Currie at 5247 Vickery and Ryan & Michelle Mathews at 5436 Vickery), and to our generous sponsors ([Alcove Wine Bar](#), [Hook Line & Sinker](#), [Eddie's Tex-Mex](#), and [Christie's](#)). If you have photos from the event to share, or wish to give feedback for the planning of next year's event, please email [info@vickeryplace.com](mailto:info@vickeryplace.com).



**No June General Meeting** – There is no General Meeting scheduled for June, our Wine Walk Event was in lieu of our monthly meeting.



### May Meeting Recap – Geneva Heights

There was lots of enthusiastic discussion and good information shared at the May 17<sup>th</sup> neighborhood meeting at Fireside Pies on Henderson, with Geneva Height Elementary School representatives.

**Lydia Hathorn discussed the advantages of joining the Pre-Genova Association (better known as Pre-G).** It's a great opportunity for parents and pre-school age children in the area to connect, network, and socialize before starting at

Geneva Heights Elementary. They also help fundraise for the GH PTA and for needs of the teachers. If you would like to join the group, go to [www.pregeneva.com](http://www.pregeneva.com)

**Sandra Jennings coordinates the GH Peace Pantry (food pantry).** The Peace Pantry provides 25-35 meal bags each week during the school year, to food insecure student families. During the summer months DISD provides meals to families at various distribution sites. The pantry has been moved to its new temporary location at [Interfaith Family Services](#) on Ross Avenue, which provides housing and resources for families in crisis. The pantry will work out of this location for the next couple of years while the new Geneva Heights School is undergoing construction. Food donations will ramp up again in the Fall--stay tuned for ways you can help!

**Lydia Wright is the newly elected PTA President. She gave us an update on the new innovative replacement school for Geneva Heights Elementary.** Demolition of the current school building will begin in June, and the new campus will take approximately 2 years to complete. In the interim, students, teachers and principal will be relocated to the former Jill Stone School, 6606 Ridgcrest Road, in Vickery Meadows. DISD staff are currently busy rebranding the former school, transporting furniture and materials, and readying it for when students return to class on August 15, 2022. If you need more information about the move or temporary location of the school, contact school principal Patrice Lane, [pjackson1@dallasisd.org](mailto:pjackson1@dallasisd.org). If you need more information regarding the GH rebuild, contact Jacqueline Bell, [JACBELL@dallasisd.org](mailto:JACBELL@dallasisd.org). To get a sneak peek at the new replacement school for Geneva Heights, go to: <https://www.dallasisd.org/thenewgenevaheights>.

Thank you ladies for providing us with so much great information! And thank you Fireside Pies for providing the meeting space and TV monitor for our presentation!

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## **Coyotes Among Us – Public Meeting Recap**

On May 25<sup>th</sup> Dallas Animal Services (DAS) hosted a public meeting at the Lakewood Library, to address reports of “abnormal coyote behavior” in the area, 5619 Belmont and 5604 Willis. This comes just a few weeks after a 2-year-old boy was attacked by a coyote in White Rock Valley. The boy was on the front porch of his home when the coyote attacked him. Representatives from DAS and the Dallas Park and Recreation Department provided information about urban coyote behavior, what to do when you sight one, and ways to manage behavior.



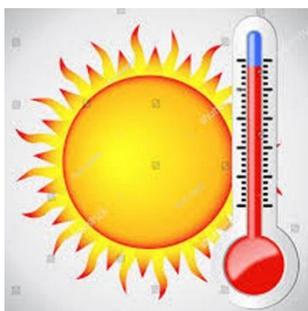
Trapping and relocating coyotes is not an effective solution, says Brett Johnson, an urban biologist at the park department, and killing coyotes should be a last resort. Urban coyotes are not going anywhere. They can survive in a variety of environments — everything from a forested area to a grassy patch in a city parking lot.

There are some things neighbors can do to help. Leaving pet food outside is not a good idea-- instead, just provide enough food for pets to eat in one sitting. Keep your yard raked and free of brush & debris; rodents are attracted to lush vegetation, especially during periods of drought, and coyotes and bobcats are attracted to rodents.

Urban coyote behavior is considered concerning if the animal enters yards, porches, picnic areas or other spaces where people populate; if the animal is not easily scared off or startled; or if the animal steals food from porches. If those activities are observed, make noise, wave arms, toss objects near the coyote, spray it with a hose or annoy it until it leaves. **Then call the coyote hotline at 469.676.9813 and report the sighting.**

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## **Fatal Distraction – NEVER LEAVE ANYONE In A Parked Car In The Heat!**



Summer is here and that means sweltering temperatures in Texas. We read in the paper or see on TV all too often where someone has died from being left in a parked car. Children, the elderly, and pets rely on parents, caregivers and owners to watch out for them. **Do not leave a helpless person or pet in a parked car in the summer heat, EVER.** On a day when the temperature outside is 86 degrees, the temperature inside a car can quickly reach 135 or even 150 degrees! Research indicates that leaving the windows open a crack does little to reduce this oven effect. A parked car in our summer heat is deadly. Below are some precautions that you might take:

- Place your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat next to your child so that you will have to check the back seat when you leave the vehicle.
- As tempting as it is to take your pet along when you run errands, during the summer months leave him at home or make sure that your destination is Fido Friendly.
- Never run into the store leaving a child, an elderly person or a pet in the car, thinking you will only be a minute. It only takes a few minutes before the temperatures inside the car are fatal.
- Keep your car locked when parked on a residential street or in your drive-way to prevent a curious small child from opening the door, climbing inside and becoming trapped.

Lives are busy and stressful, lifestyles hectic—we often become distracted. Please take these reminders to heart and pass them on to others. If you see a child or the elderly left in a parked car, call 911 immediately. If you see an animal in a parked car in the heat, notify the store manager to make an announcement for the owner to return to the car, call 911 or the fire department.

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## **Doo The Right Thing!**

Help keep pets and people safe and healthy by picking up after your dog. Be a good example and doo the right thing! 1.5 million dogs in DFW produce an estimated amount of 1,125,000 pounds of waste daily. That's a lot of doo! Stormwater runoff that flows over pet waste can become polluted with bacteria, viruses and parasites. When it rains, stormwater flows into the street, into the nearest stormwater inlet, and then flows through the underground pipes until it discharges into the nearest body of water. Since stormwater is not treated, any contaminated stormwater will eventually end up in our local creeks, lakes and the Trinity River.

The Pooper Scooper Law (Dallas City Code, Sec 7-4.8) requires pet owners to pick up after their pet if it defecates on public or private property that is not their own. The law also requires pet owners to carry with them some type of sanitary device to pick up after their pet. Failure to comply with the pooper scooper law not only sends pollution into our environment, but is also punishable by a monetary fine.

City of Dallas, Stormwater Management also recommends that pet owners pick up their pet's waste from their own lawn at least once a week. This minimizes the amount of pet waste on your lawn that could come in contact with stormwater runoff.

### **Tips for Dealing with Pet Waste:**

- Attach a small bag or pouch to your dog's leash so that you can always carry a supply of baggies.
- Throw your pet's waste into a trash can: tie the end of the pet waste bag securely, then place it in your trash can.
- Pet waste may also be flushed down the toilet, remember to not flush the bag.

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## **Oram Street Underground Market**

The Underground Market is an outdoor pop up market held each Sunday, 11am-5pm, in the 5700 block of Oram Street (just off Greenville Ave.) The market features 30+ vendors from all over the Dallas area, with a wide variety of just about everything! You'll be sure to find something fun! Walk, bike or drive on down each Sunday and shop local!



## June 2022 Yard of the Month – 5445 Richard Avenue

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



The act of beautifying our yards and gardens is a labor of love for us and our neighbors in Vickery Place. When folks are also professional artists, their yard can easily become a work of art itself. Gordon Young's home at 5445 Richard



is a perfect example of landscape design begetting more beauty than just a selection and location of plants. As a matter of fact, in a local example of life imitating art, Gordon has displayed digital prints of his very own backyard in a gallery at North Haven Gardens.

A previous YOTM winner, Gordon knows how to keep his yard unique, healthful, and appreciated by all who pass by. He invests in low toxicity pest treatments (both indoors and out)

and selects annual plantings that bring bold color while in bloom yet leave beautiful greenery in between. Gordon's father was an agronomist at the University of Nebraska and taught him how to hybridize his own flowers. Though we did not learn this scientific technique during our visit, Gordon did share with us that he too has been a teacher during his life, including a teacher of art at Richland College for over 40 years.

Gordon bought his home on Richard Ave. in 1995 where he soon built an art studio in the back. We loved seeing what he calls his "plague paintings", created during the recent pandemic. But, in the space between his house and studio is where the real magic comes to life. Full of beautiful Japanese Maples, mock orange trees, tomatoes, 4 o'clocks, sunflowers, bearded irises, herbs, and hydrangeas, Gordon's backyard is a palette styled by nature and an appreciation for authentic beauty. Among the flowers, trees, and herbs are wooden bird houses and a ceramic bird bath. Birds are present as well. Some are singing in the trees while others are silent sculptures. A sandpiper, flamingo and 2 geese create a welcoming space and paying honor to all that enjoyed Gordon's beautiful yard.

Though we learned a great deal from Gordon, our biggest lesson was to enjoy what we plant, love our yards appreciate the care and support of good neighbors, and create a space that you and everyone you invite into it will enjoy. Congratulations to Gordon and Hillary (his beautiful cat) of 5445 Richard Ave. for winning June 2022's VPNA Yard of the Month! We also want to send a big thank you to [North Haven Gardens](#) for their sponsorship and \$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.

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<b>Vickery Place May 2022 Crime Stats</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Crime</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Premises</b>
05/03/22	Motor Vehicle Theft	54XX Miller Ave	Residence
05/06/22	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	52XX Miller Ave	Hwy/Street/Alley
05/01/22	Vandalism	56XX Belmont Ave	Apartment Parking Lot
05/01/22	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	56XX Belmont Ave	Apartment Parking Lot
05/02/22	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	56XX Belmont Ave	Apartment Parking Lot
05/18/22	Motor Vehicle Theft	56XX Belmont Ave	Apartment Parking Lot
05/28/22	Property Theft	56XX Belmont Ave	Apartment Bldg
05/19/22	Motor Vehicle Theft	2800 N. Henderson	Convenience Store
05/23/22	Burglary of Bldg (forced entry)	2800 N. Henderson	Restaurant
05/23/22	Burglary of Bldg (forced entry)	2900 Greenville Ave	Restaurant

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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 June 13 - 17.**  
Don't set out bulk items before **Thursday June 9th.**  
Weekly Trash and Recycling Pick-up is **every Monday.**