



Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 13
Time: 6:30 PM
Place : Vickery Towers at Belmont & Greenville Avenue - In the West Courtyard (facing Summit; enter parking lot as usual off of Belmont)

Third Annual VPNA Dog Show and Chili Dog Supper. Bring your dog and join the family fun! Raffle tickets will be on sale, free doggie yoga lessons, free Chili Dog Supper and Dog Contest.

ALL DOGS ARE WINNERS AT OUR DOG SHOW!

Everyone goes home with a treat. But for fun and prizes, we will have our traditional "corny dog contest" for look alike, best trick, best costume, and other silly categories so that everyone can participate in the fun. Judging this year again will be Anna Brinker, handler and breeder of Champion Airdale Terriers and Ken Lampton,

handler and seller of Champion homes in Best of Show neighborhoods (such as ours).



Learn how you and your

dog can reduce stress and tension and increase strength and flexibility together in a yoga lesson from instructor Terry Gwynne.

Terry has taught yoga in the metroplex since 1998. She is a graduate of Austin Yoga School's Teacher Training program and continues to study with senior Iyengar teachers. She has trained and titled her dogs in competitive obedience since 1996. She brings with her Champion GlenAngus Black Ty Affair, aka "Teddy". Teddy has earned the title of breed champion and Companion Dog Excellent. In addition to his obedience training, Teddy enjoys sheep herding, Frisbee and walks in the park. To relax, they share a few Downward Facing Dogs!

You will have a chance to win the adorable friendly little pup (pictured above), the no care kind. Made especially for Vickery Place at Build A Bear Workshop, this little black and white Border Collie sports a T-shirt that says "Since 1911, Vickery Place" just like the signs you have seen throughout the neighborhood, a heart filled with pride for Vickery Place, his own little bungalow and a certified birth certificate waiting for his name. Other prizes include a \$25.00 gift certificate from Canine Commissary on Greenville Avenue, a 5 x 7 picture frame for your best friend and a \$25.00 gift certificate at the Doggie Wash on Mockingbird. The proceeds from this raffle will go to the SPCA and Camp Wolfgang Rescue to help with animal victims of Hurricane Katrina.

**October 13
Dog Show**
**November 10
Pot Luck Supper**

A Chili dog supper with all the trimmings and S'mores for a sweet ending will taste great on a crisp October evening.

Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado

Don't Set Out Trash Before:

Thursday, October 6

Pick Up Week:

October 10 - 14



Meet in the Vickery Towers courtyard on the west side of the building. **Note the earlier time to take advantage of the daylight.**

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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING RECAP

The topic of Crime and Code brought together a good crowd of neighbors for the September General Meeting. Cuba Libre Restaurant served a tray piled high with their famous Coconut Chicken, heaping platters of beef and chicken quesadillas and a chafing dish of hot bean dip and chips. Thanks, Cuba Libre! It was a delicious treat.



Diane Malone & her dog Riker

VPNA gave Vickery Towers resident, Diane Malone, the VPNA Good Neighbor Award for community service. You have probably seen Diane and her dog, Riker, walking along Greenville or Belmont Avenues picking up trash, making the surrounding area of Vickery Place a better place. Diane also walked 50 miles this past spring for breast cancer. Riker, too, received a Good Dog certificate, because where you see Diane, you see Riker. A bow and a wow to Diane and Riker.

President Eric LeBlanc reminded everyone that the first town hall meeting for a Vickery Place Conservation District would take place Monday night, September the 12th in the Vickery Towers dining room and encouraged everyone to be there. He also let everyone know that conservation support signs were available by

emailing info@vpna.org for those who would like to display them in their yard. Eric asked everyone to continue to use their Kroger Cares Card since the neighborhood association earns dollars from Kroger, just for presenting it at check-out. Kroger cards, too, can be obtained by emailing info@vpna.org.

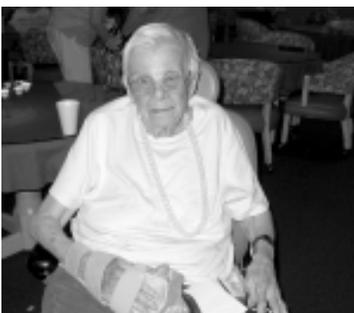
Nana Owusu, District 4 Manger, of the Department of Code Compliance for the City of Dallas, and Jeri Carter, District 4 Inspector were both on hand to share with us some policies and changes in the department. Owusu explained the new policy effective in Code that bypasses the warning stage and immediately fines the offender when a violation of Dallas City Code occurs. He also explained the sometimes very lengthy process of trying to get an offence corrected due to laws regarding the seizure of property. Owusu said that the code compliance divisions are broken into three categories, Premise and Zoning, Structural, and Multi Family and Multi Tenant. He also reminded everyone that the sidewalk in front of their house is the responsibility of the property owner. Owusu went over many of the items that are not picked up by sanitation, even on the curb as bulky trash, such as chemicals or paint cans and many building materials. For a complete list view the website for bulky trash.



Jeri Carter, Nana Owusu & Jennifer Peters

Sandy Graham from Peaks Suburban Historic District explained the Graffiti Abatement program that she and other volunteers along with Code Compliance are heading up in our area. The group selects a project, gets together and paints the surface that has been defaced by graffiti. Graham asked for volunteers from Vickery Place. If you are interested contact Sandy Graham at segraham@p450bm3.net

Officers Keith Allen and Stephen Catina from the Inter-Active Community Division (ICP) of the Dallas Police Department were also guests for our Code and Crime Program. "ICP," said Allen, "is accountable for crime in a neighborhood." He reported that overall crime in Vickery Place is down 7%. Allen explained the new home security policy and took questions from the floor on how the response to alarm systems would now be handled. Other questions from the floor included concerns regarding the tattoo parlor that is expected to open at the corner of Henderson and Bonita.



Door prize winner

The evening was ended with the door prize drawing, a dinner at Dickey's Barbecue, won by a resident of Vickery Towers.

As always VPNA cannot emphasize enough how much we appreciate everyone who makes our meetings so successful. Vickery Towers who shares their facility, the speakers who bring us great programs and topics of interest, the restaurants and retailers who give us refreshments and door prizes and our neighbors who gather monthly to participate in making Vickery Place a better place. If you do not attend the monthly general meetings, try it. You are in for a treat. Hope to see you soon.

BASIC DOG BISCUIT TREATS

Homemade dog treats are fun to make and healthier than many of the store-bought versions.

2 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup corn meal
1 teaspoon iodized salt
2 teaspoons bone meal
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
2 large eggs mixed with a 1/4 cup beef broth



Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Grease cookie sheets.

Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl. Add oil, peanut butter and egg mixture and stir to combine. Knead the dough for 2 -3 minutes until it holds together well adding additional broth if the dough is too stiff. Allow the dough to rest for 30 minutes.

Roll dough out to about 1/2" thick on a lightly floured surface. Cut into shapes with a knife or your favorite cookie cutter.

Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake for approximately 30 minutes until golden brown. Turn off the oven and allow the biscuits to dry in the over for 2 hours or overnight. Once cooled they can be stored in zip lock bags.

You can buy dog bone shaped cookie cutters at most kitchen gourmet or pet shops. Always check with your vet regarding the ingredients in the biscuit if your dog has allergies or is on a special diet. Never feed your dog, grapes, chocolate, sugar, rich starchy food or table scraps.

Until he extends his circle of compassion to include all living things, man will not himself find peace. ~Albert Schweitzer

CANINE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

A Vickery Place Neighbor fosters two Great Pyrenees separated from their family in Hurricane Katrina. When they arrived in our neighborhood, their coats were matted, they both had ear infections and they were underweight, but after loving foster care, both dogs are doing well and the SPCA is trying to reunite them with their owners.



These dogs were not micro chipped or wearing identification tags, the most important steps that you can take with your animals to help reunite them with you should they become lost. Talk to your vet or the SPCA about the microchip program. It is a national service and all rescues scan for owners when a dog is found. Make sure that your dogs are wearing ID tags on their collar at all times and it is advisable to include your cell phone number on the dog's tag.

If you would like to help with the plight of the animals affected by the hurricane, you can make a donation to the SPCA or attend our Dog Show on October 13th. We will have a raffle and the proceeds will be donated to this worthy cause.



Thanks to another great neighbor in Vickery Place reaching out to help others.

THE GIFT OF LIFE!

You may remember the Farrell family from the March newsletter. They were pictured in front of the Carter Blood Mobile during a Vickery Place blood drive for Leslie Farrell. Here they are again! This time Leslie is with them as they line the hospital room to welcome the new arrival to their family. Leslie's first nephew, True, was born September 15. Welcome baby and congratulations family!



It Takes A Village

If you have a new addition to your home and would like to share the good news, please send a digital photograph to info@vpna.org along with date of birth, parents name, siblings name and baby's name and we will include the announcement in the newsletter.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING UPDATE:

I'm pleased to report that our city is moving to a "single-stream" recycling program, starting October 1st. That means that instead of having to separate glass, cans, paper, and plastics, you can put them all in one container.

Starting this October, you can place all recyclables in blue or clear plastic bags. Acceptable recyclables include: glass, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, telephone directories, steel, tin, aluminum cans, chipboard, corrugated cardboard, and plastics (#'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7)

~ Angela Hunt, District 14 Councilwoman



AUGUST CRIME STATS:

CRIME	DATE	ADDRESS	CRIME	DATE	ADDRESS
BURGL	07/10/05	25XX HENDERSON	BURGL	08/19/05	52XX WILLIS
BURGL	08/30/05	28XX HENDERSON	THEFT	08/22/05	29XX HENDERSON
BURGL	08/11/05	51XX MILLER	THEFT	08/11/05	BELMONT@MCMILLAN
BURGL	08/17/05	51XX MILLER	THEFT	08/27/05	51XX RICHARD
BURGL	08/26/05	52XX RICHARD	THEFT	08/23/05	52XX WILLIS

ITS TIME TO "FALL BACK"

Don't forget—Sunday, October 29, at 2:00am, is when we change from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time.

This is also an ideal time to change the batteries in your battery operated smoke detectors. Smoke detectors are the most effective way to save your life in the event of a fire.

If you do not have a smoke detector, or if you know somebody that does not have a smoke detector, the Dallas Fire Department will provide one free to any Dallas resident. To request a free smoke detector contact the Fire Prevention Department, 214 670-7016 or go to www.dallasfirerescue.com and "click" on the smoke detector.

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HALLOWEEN FUN

Vickery Towers is hosting a "Trick or Treat" for area children this Halloween.

Children of Vickery Place, children from Bridge the Gap and children of employees of Vickery Towers are all invited to join the fun on All Hallows Eve.

Little Ghosts and Ghouls will parade up the sidewalk along the swimming pool and through the lobby to show off costumes and receive treats from the residents of Vickery Towers. This is a safe way for little ones to have a fun time trick or treating. See you there.

Vickery Towers Retirement Center
6:30pm till 8:00pm
Monday, October 31st

SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER:

- Children should be accompanied by an adult
- Wear flame retardant, non-restrictive costumes that do not block their view
- Carry a flashlight
- Approach only houses that are lit by a porch light
- Have all candy inspected by an adult before eating

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Contrary to how it may initially appear, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), is not a scary holiday, but a lovely tradition honoring departed family members and special friends. It originated in Mexico but has been embraced by more and more Americans over the past several years.

Families create "alters" in their home in remembrance of the deceased person by placing flowers, candles, pictures of the person and many of their favorite foods in a designated area of the house. The traditional flower is the Marigold. The alter will probably also contain salt and water which represents ongoing life. Families prepare favorite foods of the departed loved one as they believe that the spirit of the deceased returns to earth on Dia de los Muertos to share the feast. The foods will nearly always include Pan de Muertos, sweet tasting yeast bread, and a sugar treat shaped like a skull that is especially enjoyed by the children. These foods and decorations are also taken to the cemetery where they adorn the grave of the departed person. The family may have a picnic at the gravesite during this celebration. At the picnic, they may dance, sing and tell fond stories about the deceased person.

Dia de los Muertos is one of Mexico's most significant holidays and it is celebrated from October 31st through November 2nd, the same time that our country celebrates All Saints Eve and All Saints Day.

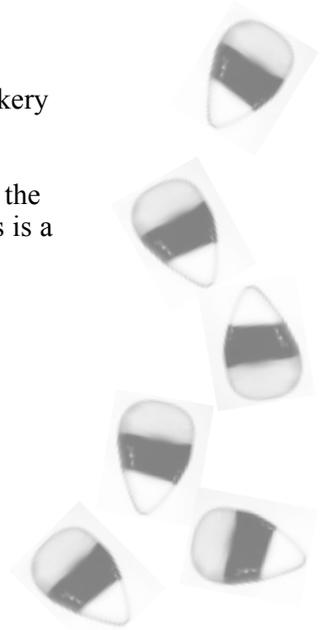
If you want to know more about this tradition or see some of the mentioned items, contact Vickery Place resident, Candy Hearne. You can find Candy at La Mariposa on Henderson Avenue.

~Shelia Huffman

A CEMETERY TOUR - JUST IN TIME FOR HALLOWEEN & DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

History is recorded not only in documents and buildings, but it is also etched in stone. This tour sponsored by the Dallas Historical Society and led by Frances James, affectionately known as the "Cemetery Lady", provides a different look at Dallas history. Frances picks different cemeteries for each tour, so each tour is different! Participants will visit cemeteries in various parts of the city, some dating back to the mid-1800s. They all supply vast amounts of historical information and give us a glimpse of the people who created the foundations for the city, as it exists today.

This year's Cemetery Tour will be on Saturday, October 29, 2005. Tour bus departs the Hall of State, located in Fair Park, at 9:00am and returns at approx. 2:00pm. Lunch is included in the ticket price of \$35 for DHS members, \$45 for non-members. Reservation required. Call Frank at 214-421-4500 x105 or email frank@dallashistory.org for more information or to make your reservation.



FIRST TOWNHALL MEETING OF THE PROPOSED VICKERY PLACE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Held Monday September 12, 2005 at Vickery Towers, it was very well attended by Vickery Place residents with well over 120 people.

Nathaniel Barnett from the City of Dallas gave a three-part slide presentation that explained 1.) various zoning tools, 2.) Conservation Districts as a zoning tool and 3.) the Vickery Place Feasibility Study.

Questions were taken from the floor. Most of the questions asked regarded the consideration of a moratorium on building within the neighborhood until the conservation process was finished or ways to speed up the completion of the conservation process. The other popular question from the floor was how the proposed conservation district could now include new blocks, those that previously did not have a high enough percentage to be a part of the proposed district.

Barnett explained that there is no way to effect a moratorium on building or to speed up the process. He added that due to State law, the City couldn't place a moratorium on residential construction. The city is hearing two proposed conservation districts per year and the process takes 12 to 18 months.

Regarding block inclusions, the Plan Commission would not allow blocks to be added or subtracted once they approved the feasibility study for the proposed CD district to move forward. However, blocks may be appended onto the Vickery Place Conservation District once it passes.

The date for the next Community Meeting is still to be determined, but should be in the latter part of October. Look for your postcard from the City of Dallas and feel free to stop by one of the "Take One" boxes sprinkled throughout the neighborhood for updated information.



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DISTRICT**

If you would like a "Support A Conservation District" sign for your yard, email info@vpna.org

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