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VPNA FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING FEB 18TH AT SLATERS 50/50

CPC? BOA? What The Hey? Almost everyone is familiar with the City of Dallas's main governing body, the City Council, but fewer people know about the City Planning Commission (CPC) and Board of Adjustments (BOA). If you'd like to learn more, please join us at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 18 at Slater's 50/50. Vickery Place resident Mark Rieves will explain the differences between these city government bodies. Mark has lived in the neighborhood for 25+ years and has served on both boards in the past. He is also a former President of VPNA. Please join us!

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

The Vickery Place Neighborhood Association is considering transitioning to digital instead of print newsletters for certain months of the year. We would like your contact information so they we can keep you updated on neighborhood happenings such as our Wine Walk, monthly meetings, and our National Night Out. Go to www.vickeryplace.com and press sign up for our email news, updates and enter your information or email kathrynh72@gmail.com to be added to the distribution.

VICKERY PLACE NA - BIRTHDAY

This February, as we enter into our 39th year as an organized neighborhood association, we celebrate the res-

idents of Vickery Place and its mission which includes preserving and improving the quality of life within our neighborhood and our city. Below is how it all began.

A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WAS BORN...1982

~ Excerpt from a series of articles titled 'A Snapshot of Vickery Place...1982', by Linda Mitchell, published in the 2007 VPNA Newsletters.

On January 28, 1982, nearly 100 Vickery Place neighbors gathered together in the basement of the Greenville Avenue Christian Church for a meeting with representatives of the Dallas Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services to consider the future of the neighborhood. At the meeting the staff presented the results of an extensive neighborhood study conducted during December of 1981 and then attendees provided feedback on those results. The staff also presented an inventory of needs for public facilities and services and listed recent accomplishments for the neighborhood. Marvin Krout (Planning Manager) said that in his opinion, neighborhoods with neighborhood associations generally do better than neighborhoods without. During the meeting, approximately 30 neighbors signed a list indicating that they were interested in participating in a neighborhood association, and it was from this list that the North Henderson Neighborhood Association was born. (Later the changed to the VPNA.)

VICKERY HISTORY FITS TO A T

Vickery Place T-shirts are now being donned in England!! Last Fall, Rosemary Dymond of Devon, England saw our FB post selling our exclusive Vickery Place

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VPNA GENERAL MEETING

50/50 Slaters, 2817 Greenville Ave.
Dallas, TX 75206
Tuesday, February 18, 2019 at 7 PM

T-shirts and had to have one! You see her mother's maiden name was Vickery and Richard Vickery was her great uncle, so therefore Rosemary's great, great uncle. Richard Vickery was born at Higher Blagrove Farm, Chawleigh, England in May of 1851. He immigrated to America in 1870, married, and had a son Charles Richard Vickery. Charles Richard Vickery was a land developer in Fort Worth, and his daughter Lillian, married George W. Works of Dallas who developed Vickery Place neighborhood in 1911. George and Lillian resided in Vickery Place and had three sons: Richard, George W. Jr & Robert Works. Richard Avenue was named after their eldest son.



If you would like to wear your own piece of Vickery history, you can purchase a Vickery Place street car ticket T-shirt by emailing info@vickeryplace.com.

WINE WALK

We are planning our 9th Wine Walk for late May / early June. If you would like to volunteer to help or be a host home, please contact us at info@vickeryplace.com

COMPOST CORNER

Boy Scouts Troop 114 is taking orders until February 24th for their annual mulch/compost fundraiser. They have been selling, delivering and even SPREADING mulch for homeowners in our neighborhood for the last 2 years and have gotten a lot of positive feedback from their customers. They have 2 cubic foot bags for sale for \$4 - \$5.50 per bag. They have black mulch, cedar mulch, hardwood mulch and organic compost available. Delivery will be arranged to occur on weekends in March. For additional information or to place orders, please email Bill Leitner at wcleitner@gmail.com or text him at 405-209-0075

ASSIST THE OFFICER FOUNDATION

Vickery Place appreciates all that the Dallas Police Department does to serve and protect our neighborhood, our community and the City of Dallas. They face tremendous work-related challenges daily, often risking their lives to ensure our safety. In 2016 Dallas lost five of its Police Officers in the line of duty. Since that time, Vickery Place has donated each year to the Assist The Officer Foundation. In December 2019, Vickery Place contributed \$500 to the Foundation.

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS REBUILDS

"In spite of the severe damage we suffered during the recent North Texas tornado, North Haven Gardens has been in this location since 1951 — almost 69 years. We've rebuilt from adversity before, and this time will be no different" said NHG GM Cody Hoya in an inter-



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view just days after the October 20th tornado that devastated the nursery.

Not only was NHG open for business just one month after the storm, they involved the community and supported the community throughout their rebuild efforts. We would like to thank North Haven Gardens for their continued sponsorship of our Yard of the Month program from its inception 20 years ago and their continued support of Vickery Place. We hope you'll visit the nursery for your spring gardening needs.

Vanderbilt Ave and Vickery Blvd. The parade, street party and the many private parties in surrounding neighborhoods, attract tens of thousands to Greenville Avenue. Blocks will be closed to through traffic and the City will designate "no parking" areas with signs placed generally on the north side of streets in Vickery Place. Maps of the affected area and other pertinent information will be distributed with your March newsletter and posted on our webpage VickeryPlace.com and the Vickery Place Facebook page.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day festivities begin on Saturday, March 14, 2020 with a parade in the morning on Upper Greenville, followed by the annual Greenville Ave Commerce Association street party on Lower Greenville between



THE GRAPE CLOSES

Last fall marked the end of a 47-year run for The Grape, a charming bistro that graced our stretch of Lower Greenville. Courtney and Brian Luscher owned the restaurant from 2007 with Courtney taking care of guests in the front-of-house and Brian, one of Dallas' top chefs, creating fabulous dishes.

Our thanks for Courtney, Brian and their team at The Grape and for all the support you have given to Vickery Place and the community over the years.

YARD OF THE MONTH - FINAL 43

Thank you, Vickery Place. For six years my able partner with camera eye, Debbie Simurda and I have roamed your streets looking for yards that represent the integrity of Vickery Place. We resolutely searched for yards that displayed care and creativity, the spirit of the neighborhood and personal involvement. We cherished those moments we caught a candidate working in their yard. We have commiserated with neighbors over their garden's ice damage, Texas summers and rose blight. We have met world travelers, homebodies, artists, musicians and stewards of the Little Library. All this to find the perfect Yard of the Month. What a grand place our neighborhood is!

Editor Alun Urquhart has been patient and forgiving with deadlines. Thank you Alun and your lovely Selena. Without you there would be no newsletter. North Haven Gardens generosity is unparalleled, donating thousands of dollars in gift certificates for winning yards through the years.

Now it is time for Debbie to set her camera on the shelf and for me to lay my pen aside. We are turning over the Yard of the Month column to two new ladies: Tory Marpe and Barbara Kratus. Welcome Tory and Barbara, we leave you with a bounteous collection of candidates in a neighborhood like no other.

Mary Kay Henley

WALK VICKERY PLACE YARD OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2020

Congratulations to our February Yard of the Month - Thomas Bellinger of 5357 Vickery! A Dallas native, 2020 will mark his tenth year as a Vickery Place neighbor and the 100th year of his home!

Although Thomas started his career as a CPA, he soon realized his passion for real estate and design and has focused on connecting people to their homes in East Dallas. This past year he brought that same enthusiasm to his own home that he shares with Paisley (a golden lab) and Kip (his first foster Husky that he adopted, pictured) and redid the inside and outside of his home.

From his Corinthian-columned wraparound porch (a favorite house feature) he can enjoy the view of perennial classics like variegated pittosporum, softly framed by hard-working liriope with splashes of purples, yellows, pinks and reds from ornamental kale and pansies.

Thomas is most excited about his Japanese Maples ("they were a must!") – graceful and elegant, Japanese Maples can offer something for every season – fiery spring reds to lush summer greens to autumn oranges and red winter bark.

We'd like to thank North Haven Gardens for continuing their support of our program despite having to rebuild after significant tornado damage. #northhavengardens #wewillbloomagain Thomas will receive a \$50 NHG gift card for his awesome yard!

February Yard Tip: Time to plant cool weather crops like lettuce, cauliflower, beets and broccoli!



EDITOR'S NOTES

I would like to thank Mary-Kay and Debbie for the YOM contributions over the years. It is a phenomenal achievement to have kept going for so long. The commitment of people like them is what keeps the newsletter going. In that regard I look forward to the contributions of Tory and Barbara in the coming months and years.

Also a shout out to Beth Bentley for all of her contributions and suggestions. Thanks.

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