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APRIL MEETING - GET SCHOOLED ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS!

Join Vickery Place neighbors on Wednesday April 11, 6:30pm, at Slater's 50/50, 2817 Greenville Avenue, mezzanine level, to hear more about the curricula offered at your neighborhood schools.

Robert E. Lee Elementary, which will become Geneva Heights Elementary in July 2018, is now officially an International Baccalaureate (IB) campus!

What is an IB school you ask? Basically, the curriculum is focused towards turning kids into world students, teaching them about different cultures and how they can impact the world as individuals. Students from REL/Geneva Heights feed into J.L. Long Middle School and Woodrow Wilson HS, which are also IB campuses, so the philosophy and values continue throughout their learning career.

REL/Geneva Heights programming also includes Pre-K, a dual language program, outstanding art classes, a new science lab, a climbing wall, chess club, chicken coops, and an outdoor learning garden! And both J.L. Long and Woodrow have exemplary programing, including IB, Fine Arts, Science & Technology.

Here's the lineup for the evening: Principal Bert Hart, PTA President Jenn Dawkins, and the master gardeners from the outdoor learning garden will be there to talk about the exciting things happening at REL/Geneva Heights. J.L. Long PTA President will discuss programs offered at Long, and the PTA president and SBDM chair from Woodrow are set to come and talk about Woodrow. Come wet your whistle, enjoy a 50/50 burger, and learn more about your local schools!

UPDATE ON HENDERSON REZONING CASE Z145-300

There was no final vote taken on the Henderson rezoning case at the March 28th City Council hearing. The council voted to keep the hearing open for another two weeks and try to work out a proposal that addresses serious concerns about traffic, parking and density. The new hearing date is set for Wednesday April 11, 1pm at Dallas City Hall.

For meeting updates, email info@vickeryplace.com. To voice comments, concerns or questions about the proposed rezoning case, contact Councilman Adam Medrano, adam.medrano@dallascityhall.com or Philip Kingston, philip.kingston@dallascityhall.com.

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Wednesday, April 11th
Slater's 50/50, 2817 Greenville

'Color the Heights' Fun Run April 21

Color the Heights Fun Run/Walk features a designated 1 mile course around the school property, Robert E Lee/Geneva Heights Elementary, 2911 Delmar Ave. The event will take place on Saturday, April 21, check in time is 9:30 am, race starts at 10:00 am. For the safety of all participants, skateboards, scooters, & skates of any kind are prohibited in this event. To register for the 'Color The Heights' Run, find out more, or to make a donation, visit: releepta.org/colortheheights/. Plan on staying after the race for fun events (silly string, pie in the face, raffles!), food and friends.

From Trash to Cash
How Dallas Benefits from Garbage

The City of Dallas pursues opportunities to be innovative and has blazed a trail in doing so. An example of that is the City's Public/Private partnership with Dallas Clean Energy McCommas Bluff, LLC (DCE). DCE owns and operates one of the largest landfill gas to pipeline quality facilities in the United States at the City's McCommas Bluff Landfill. The more than 20-year partnership provides a 1-2 punch in helping the City provide crucial landfill environmental compliance as well as turn trash at McCommas Bluff into cash.

"This partnership is a win-win for the City of Dallas and DCE," says City Sanitation Services Director Kelly High, "This project not only helps the landfill maintain EPA compliance by capturing and processing the gas, it allows both parties to share in the revenues created by selling the processed gas as renewable natural gas."

The facility pulls in over 11 million cubic feet of landfill gas from almost 500 landfill gas wells daily, that is sold into the market. For the City of Dallas' general fund, that adds up to the tune of almost $2.5 million annually. The plant runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and employs 11 full time positions.

It's My Park Day

Individuals, families, community groups and corporate teams can keep Dallas green for It's My Park Day. The annual citywide cleanup is 9 a.m. to noon on April 21 at various Dallas parks. It's My Park Day volunteers will participate in litter removal, mulching, weeding and common area maintenance projects. Dallas Park and Recreation will provide supplies including gloves, shovels and other small tools.

To volunteer, sign up through April 13 at DallasParks.org. For event details, call Dallas Park and Recreation Park Maintenance Services at (214) 670-1923.

Yard of the Month

In the last sixty days our neighbors at 5326 Vickery have planned their February 10 wedding, traveled to Italy and executed a winsome yard that is April's Yard of the Month. Congratulations Christina and Mark Ingold! When Mark bought the house about three years ago, a large overpowering hedge, fronted the front porch and helped outline the flagstones and flower bed. Removing the hedge and replacing it with new dwarf plants united the house and landscape into a more appealing balanced scene. They added a miniature magnolia and skillfully pruned the viburnum tree with its snowball blossoms. Originally a one-story bungalow, previous owners added a second floor. The front flower bed is a seasonal focal point. Pastel Easter eggs in spring; a pumpkin patch in fall. Lambs ear replaces Osaka cabbage when it starts

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to go to seed. The space is always fresh and interesting.

Christina grew up in Houston, is in finance and Mark, who deals in rare coins and collectibles hales from Wisconsin. Both came to 5326 via Uptown and love the Vickery Place neighborhood. Christina has some good advice for home gardeners "Trust your gut, don't be gun shy and check the inventory". She describes averting disaster by making sure that what the nurserymen are delivering is exactly what she ordered.

The Ingolds were thrilled to hear about Vickery Place Association's long relationship with North Haven Gardens and the $50 gift card that is sent to every winning Yard of the Month. The card can be used for more plants or even a garden coach, one of North haven's most popular programs.

Vickery Place Neighborhood Association is able to award Yard of the Month winners a $50 gift through the generosity of North Haven Gardens. North Haven, at 7700 Northhaven Road has been a Dallas institution since 1951 and a good friend of Vickery Place Neighborhood Association.

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CARING FOR YOUR YARD & GARDEN

DID YOU KNOW?
Beautiful flower beds can add value to your home.
A garden can help you save money on groceries.

SPRING TIPS:
Aerate and fertilize your grass to ward off weeds or insects. Sow seeds to prevent a late frost from killing your plants. Divide and plant any leftover fall perennials. Plant vegetables that turn over quickly, so you can get more than one crop over the summer.

SUMMER TIPS:
Many plants, as well as your lawn, require more frequent or deeper watering. Add mulch to help beds retain moisture.
Pull weeds throughout the season.
Harvest your crops and replant where you can.

FALL TIPS:
Fertilize the lawn and prune trees before the first frost sets in. Enjoy the last of your crops and flowers and then clear your gardens out for the season. Compost dead plants for use on your beds next year. Plant your bulbs for next spring.

WINTER TIPS:
If you have irrigation, check for any damage or leaks while the need for watering is low. Plan your garden for next year by perusing gardening books or exploring Pinterest for ideas.
Maintain and repair gardening tools.

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