



MAY MEETING - PARKS & REC

For the Vickery Place May meeting we have invited our Parks Board representative (and M Streets neighbor) Paul Sims, to give us an update on the new amenities going in at both Tietze Park and Glencoe Park. The meeting will take place Tuesday May 15th, 7pm at the Sundown at Granada, 3520 Greenville Avenue (farm to table restaurant located next door to the historic Granada Theater)—we will meet upstairs on the rooftop level.

Tietze Park has served the neighborhood community and sports leagues since it was built in 1924. The park sits upon 9 acres, with athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, a swimming pool, stone pavilion, playground, walking path, and numerous shaded benches. Tietze is scheduled for a new Aquatic Center, which will include a lap pool, a children's pool, and a water slide. The city also engaged Nancy McCoy of Quimby-McCoy as Preservation Architect to design new restrooms, a picnic pavilion, an office and a concession area, within the existing footprint of the 1930s-era sandstone structures.

Established in 1944, Glencoe Park has also been home to many athletic games and recreational activities throughout the years. Recently you may have noticed the groundbreaking—this is for the new shade pavilion to be erected. Long range plans

include additional landscaping, lighting, perimeter walking trail, park benches and more. Check out Glencoe Park's Masterplan, go to <https://www.dallasparcs.org/392/Neighborhood-Park-Plans>.

Order a bite to eat, get a cold brew (\$10 flat bread specials & \$4 drafts) and learn what's in store for your community parks! Free self-parking behind the Granada Theater. See you up on the roof!



NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

Did you know that May is National Preservation Month? Preservation Dallas has a host of events planned around the City, showcasing Dallas history and historic architecture, many event are free. For a listing, go to: www.preservationdallas.org.



CALLING ALL ARTISTS

We are looking for our local artists to submit designs for a large scale (approximately 20' x 20') mural for Vickery Place that represents our neighborhood. Reach out to info@vickeryplace.com for more information or feel free to send in your submissions.

**Bulk Trash Pickup is the
Week of the 2nd Monday**
Don't Set Out Trash Before: Thurs, May 10th
Pick Up Week May 14th-18th
Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up 
Every Monday

Next VPNA General Meeting
Tuesday, May 15th, 7 pm
Sundown at Granada
3520 Greenville Avenue

VICKERY PLACE 8TH ANNUAL
FOOD AND WINE WALK
SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, 7PM

Our neighborhood has one particular feature that most other neighborhoods envy: beautiful patios and porches and established gardens that were meant to be enjoyed in the summer evenings with food, wine and good conversation. The 8th Annual Vickery Wine Walk will take place Saturday June 2nd at 7pm and will feature three residential stops along Goodwin Avenue. Included will be a delicious selection of foods offered by local restaurants, perfectly paired with sparkling and fine wines.

Your \$65 purchase of a 10oz laser-etched Vickery Place keepsake wine glass will be your entry into the event and may be purchased on-line starting Monday May 21st. Those on our e-news list will be the first to get the link to purchase—so sign up today for our email news at www.vickeryplace.com.

This is always a very popular evening and ticket sales are capped at 100 tickets. So keep an eye out for upcoming emails and Facebook posts with further details. The event will take place rain or shine—no refunds on tickets. We will keep a waitlist for any participant cancellations. Tickets may only be sold to those 21 years of age and over.



APRIL MEETING RECAP - GET SCHOOLED
ON NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Slaters 50/50 on Greenville Avenue hosted our April 11th meeting, with representatives from our local feeder pattern schools, REL/Geneva Heights Elementary, J.L. Middle School and Woodrow Wilson HS. Not only are all 3 campuses International

Baccalaureate Schools, but they all have exciting programs to offer your kids!

Principal Hart from REL/Geneva Heights kicked off the evening, discussing their IB program, popular Dual Language program, the new Science Lab, as well as the overall culture of the school. PTA President (and Vickery Place neighbor) Jenn Dawkins talked about their 2nd annual 'Color the Heights' fun run held at the school, as well as the active Pre-Lee program. Master Gardener Lisa Chamberlain gave us an overview of the multiple school gardens (both vegetable & flower)--not only do they beautify the grounds but serve as an outdoor learning center. If you are interested in helping maintain the gardens, see the dates schedule.

J.L. Long PTA President Katy Dahlman mentioned the school's interesting history, architecture and Landmark designation. Katy enthusiastically discussed the many activities/programs offered at Long, such as the annual Long Run, UIL, Science & Math team, the Bucs squad, Theater, Choir & Band to name a few.

Woodrow Wilson's PTA President Maria Hasbany & Woodrow's SBDM chair (Site Based Decision Management) Becky Daniel, gave an overview of their IB program and other academic disciplines offered, as well as some of the fun activities at Woodrow such as the acclaimed annual Spring Musical (this year was 'The Music Man'), the annual parade/pep rally for Homecoming, and the Wildcat Mini Cheer Camp for young girls K-6th grade.



REL/GENEVA HEIGHTS SCHOOL
GARDENING DATES

If you would like to help with the school gardens at REL/Geneva Heights Elementary, 2911 Delmar

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Ave, below are the dates for the rest of the school year. They welcome community involvement!

Beautification/Maintenance Days are Wednesdays, 9am-11am, April 25, May 9 & 23 and June 6. For more information contact Betsy See, see. betsy@gmail.com

Education Days are Thursdays, April 19, 8:30am-11:30am; May 3, 8:30am - 1:30pm; and May 10, 8:30am - 12:30pm. For more information, contact Lisa Chamberlain, LisaAChamberlain@gmail.com



SOLAR PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Help build a great library for DISD Solar Prep School for Girls on Henderson! School librarian Erica Compos, has posted an Amazon wish list for books the girls need in their library. It's so easy! You can either contact her at: ercarrera@dallasisd.org. Or choose and buy a book for the school library here:

<https://smile.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/29B1XYHRYWUKA>.

By using the 'Smile Amazon' link, not only will you be helping these girls for as little as \$9.00, VPNA will receive a small percentage to put back into the neighborhood! (Just link your Smile Amazon account to Vickery Place NA). Solar Prep is the former James Bonham Elementary School, 2617 N Henderson Avenue.

Solar Prep is not just for girls anymore! In the Fall of 2018, Solar Prep for BOYS will open in the space that now occupies the JFK Learning Center, 1803 Moser Avenue (where most of Vickery Place neighbors go to vote.) To find out more and to apply for your son by May 11th, visit dallasisd.org/ApplyChoice.

FREE FREE FREE

Did you know that attending the VPNA general meetings are free? We are a non-profit organization that is focused on preserving and enhancing the architectural, historic, and cultural heritage of the Vickery Place Neighborhood. We host general meetings each month that focus on neighborhood

issues (i.e. bike lanes, parks, safety, building codes) and you are invited to attend, at no cost! We do not collect annual dues, HOA fees or other required donations. We do plan special events to help us with our fundraising (Wine Walk and Home Tour) so that we can continue to make Vickery Place a great place to live. Please join us at the next meeting so you can learn more about what it is that VPNA does for you and the neighborhood!



IN THE SWIM

The Woodrow swim team sent seven swimmers to the state meet



The girls 400-meter freestyle relay team is headed to state. From left to right, they are Helen Agee, Irina Starostine, Abby Giles and Noelle Martinez (photo by Becky Daniel).

The Woodrow Wilson swim teams placed in the top four at the UIL Region 4-5A competition last weekend. The girls team finished second and the boys team was fourth out of 30 schools.

The two teams placed swimmers in every final race as well as in all of the relays. The girls 200-meter freestyle relay team, which was made up of Helen Agee, Abigail Giles, Katherine Chauza and Claire Agee placed first, qualifying them for the state meet in Austin. The girls medley relay team, which included Helen Agee, Riley Daniel, Irina Starostine and Katherine Chauza, placed second, qualifying them for the state competition as well. The girls 400-meter freestyle relay team placed second, qualifying a third relay team for the state meet.

Helen Agee swam her way to state by placing first in the 100-meter backstroke. She will be joined by Katherine Chauza who placed third in the same race.

The girls team is led by captains Annabelle Furrh and Claire Gustafson. "The girls' captains have spent hours in the pool motivating their teammates and they are both exceptional role models in and out of the pool," said coach Brook Varner.

WATERING SCHEDULE IN EFFECT

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is limited to no more than twice per week according to the MANDATORY schedule. No watering is allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays and from April 1-October 31, watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the allowed watering days. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering are allowed on any day and at any time.

City of Dallas Maximum Twice Per Week Watering Schedule	
Last Digit of Address	Watering Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sundays and Thursdays
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturdays and Wednesdays
No address number	Sundays and Thursdays

Maximum twice-weekly watering allowed according to address (see chart below).

Hand water or use a soaker hose. Both are permitted on any day.

Maintain your sprinkler system. Repair any broken, missing or misdirected sprinkler heads.

Automatic sprinkler system owners are required to have rain and freeze sensors installed.

Don't water during any form of precipitation. Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks and streets.

Don't waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area when you're watering.

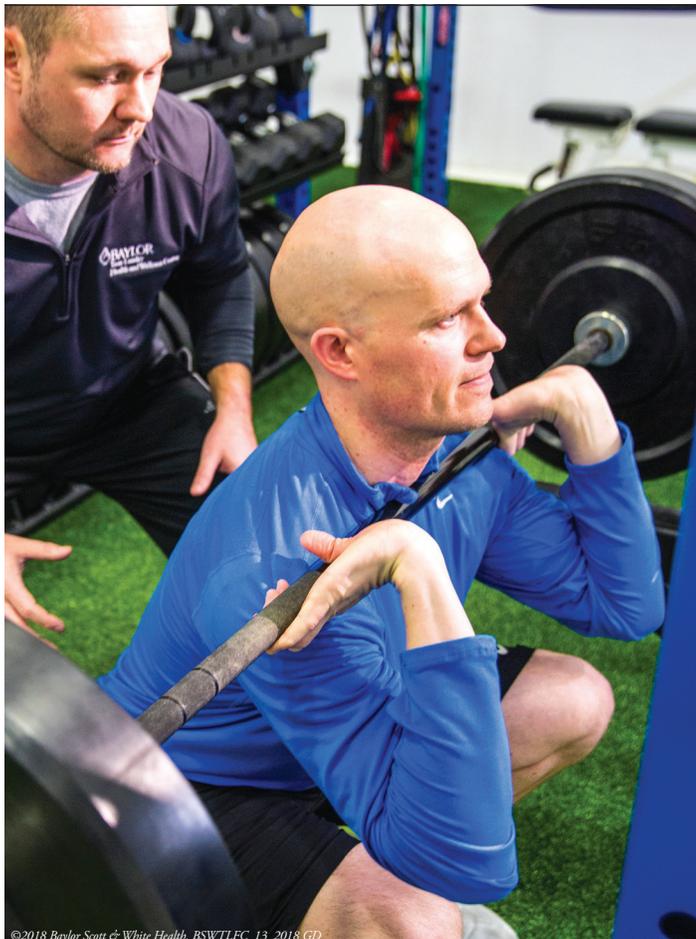
Violations of these outdoor water guidelines can result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. First offenses will be issued a warning.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Vickery Place has been described as an island sitting near the heart of Dallas. Nestled on that isle is May's Yard of the Month, 5644 Willis. The house, like the neighborhood has been cherished the entire century of its existence.

Beatriz and Alex Quiroz have lived here with their two daughters for four years. Beatriz' brother lives next door. Previously, it was owned by Dallas chiropractor, Dr. Grace Carrington, who moved into the house in the 1920s. Dr. Carrington was Grace's grandmother.

Beatriz' childhood home is at Greenville and Rich-



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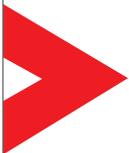


mond where her family still lives. While Beatriz teaches at Kiest Elementary; the Quiroz daughters attend Solar Preparatory. This is a house and a family rich with Dallas history, vibrant with the old and the new.

Alex owns Antonio's Landscaping & Construction, specializing in outdoor features. His work is evident in the front yard with its contrasts of the old and the new. A new eco-friendly yard of gravel fronts filigree wrought iron columns lining the large front porch where an old red wagon filled with seasonal plants rests. Chairs and a loveseat provide seating for this family favored gathering spot.

Once again, the old and the new with traditional annuals and modern elements like the front yard of small stones, and an oxidized steel mail box which Alex made. Bright pink geraniums bloom in porch baskets while begonias line the beds.

Northhaven Gardens will award May's winner a \$50 gift certificate and Vickery Place Neighborhood Association sign, signaling the yard of the month, will take its place on May Day. Congratulations to the Quiroz family.



Let's cook up your dream kitchen.



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RIDGEWOOD TRAIL - PART ONE

There was a lot of publicity when the new, but oddly named, 'Mockingbird Pedestrian Bridge' opened in November 2017 (it was part of the bond package in 2006). Oddly named because it is also open to cyclists. Oddly named because the design is not very 'pedestrian'. It is an important addition to the local non-automotive infrastructure. It provides safe passage from one side of Mockingbird to the other which will save numerous lives over the years given the volume of accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists on that stretch of the thoroughfare. It is important to note that the bridge does not exist in isolation. It is a key component of the Ridgewood Trail which allows, largely, off road access from Glencoe Park all the way to the new SOPAC Trail at Fisher Road north of White Rock Lake. The Ridgewood Trail is currently under-publicized, there being little mention of it on the City of Dallas or Dallas Parks websites, but it is open and seems to be enjoyed by more and more people as they discover it.

This quick guide to the new trail goes from west to east. There are no markers or signs announcing the trail where it starts at McCommas and 75. There are however 'safety markers' all the way along the trail so that you can provide a relatively precise location if it is ever required. All trails in Dallas have these markers and they generally have an acronym for the name of the trail and a 'distance' location. The first marker on Ridgewood Trail, for example, is identified as RWT 100.

RWT 100 - the start of the trail at 75, awkwardly across the highway from the northern end of the Katy Trail.

RWT 101 - marks where the trail enters the bustling Glencoe Park at Martel and 75 (see the front page for more park information). Look out for the marker for "Mr Football".

RWT 102 - the trail leaves Glencoe Park at Ellsworth

RWT 103 - a new part of the trail leading up to the bridge, between storage units and 75. There is an empty piece of land which would make an ideal pocket park. There is a station for bike rentals.

RWT 104 - where the trail starts to ramp up to the bridge at the noisy back end of a hotel and apartment complex.

RWT 105 - on the other side of the bridge at Mockingbird Station there is access to DART and shops. Patios there are not dog friendly, which is a shame.

RWT 106 - Twin Sixties is one of only three spots on the trail where roads have to be crossed at level grade.

RWT 107 - taking the north spur, wedged beside a multi-story parking lot and



the train line to and from Plano.

RWT 108 - adjoins a new university swimming facility.

RWT 109 - marks the end of this part of the trail. Turn left and you can cross the highway to the gardens at the Bush Library. Turn right and you hit the small bar and restaurant area on SMU Boulevard, up to Greenville.

This segment is about 1.25 miles long, roughly speaking.

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