



SIXTH ANNUAL WINE WALK

Our Wine Walk will be in lieu of a General Meeting in May. As of this writing, tickets are being prepared for this year's Vickery Place Wine Walk. The event will be Saturday, May 21st starting at 7pm. Details will be emailed to those subscribed to the VPNA email list (subscribe on vickeryplace.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "sign up for our email news & updates"), as well as the Vickery Place Facebook page. Watch for ticket information coming soon!



GOOD TIMES X 10

Garden aficionados filled the back room at Times Ten Cellars on April 12th, for tips & advice from Master Gardeners & North Haven Garden Ambassadors Maggie Sauced & Nancy Nance. The open Q&A forum covered a wide range of topics: bed preparation, lawn maintenance, shade-loving plants, what to plant now. Maggie & Nancy also brought two planters of flowers for door prizes—congratulations to winners Quentin Jones & Sandra Seamans! Thank you Maggie & Nancy for taking the time to share your knowledge!

If you missed the meeting, you can always sign up for North Haven Garden's emails and e-newsletter—they offer classes, workshops, plant listings, a gardening coach program & much more. If you go to their store, check out their Gallery art space & new Café.

Times Ten graciously provided our meeting space, offering great wine & cheese boards—thank you Stephanie, Kert & Times Ten staff for your warm hospitality!

DALLAS 3-1-1

Did you know that Dallas has a 3-1-1 line for non-emergency maintenance requests and non-emergency complaints? And it's not only phone service; you can reach them online and there's even a mobile app where you can request services and report violations. In the 3-1-1 app online there is a menu of requests and complaints you can register, from noisy animals to construction violations to illegal dumping. The requests are arranged alphabetically and the menus guide you through the information needed to complete the request. The website can be accessed via www.dallascityhall.com, then navigating to "resident" and then "311 Requests". The drop down menu only has the most popular requests on it but if you click on one and then select "start over" you can access the entire menu of services. There is also a selection for language on Dallas City Hall's home page to aid those whose first language is not English.

For the 3-1-1 app, you can download it via the links at the bottom of the Dallas City Hall webpage, or by searching for it in the App Store on your mobile device. Once the report is filed, the status can be checked to see when it is scheduled to be addressed, its progress, or if it already been closed. In addition, you can view requests that have been filed by others to see if a similar request has already been completed. Note that requests by others don't have names attached to them in order to protect the requestor's identity.

The 3-1-1 service is a city-funded service, paid for with your tax dollars. VPNA encourages you to take advantage of it to help make our neighborhood a better and safer place.

Next VPNA General Meeting
WINE WALK, 7:00pm
Saturday May 21st
In the neighborhood

Bulk Trash Pickup is the
Week of the 2nd Monday
Don't Set Out Trash Before:
Thursday, May 5th
Pick Up Week May 9th-13th
Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up
Every Monday



MOSQUITO SEASON

Summer is approaching and that means mosquitoes are back in action! With our very mild winter we can expect an earlier mosquito season as well as an increased insect population. The good news is there are several cheap and effective ways to minimize your risk.

- Limit outdoor activity during dusk/dawn hours
- Wearing long, loose and light colored clothing.
- Eliminate any standing water around your home.
- Use Insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 or any EPA registered insect repellent.

More expensive options for the home include foggers, installed misting systems and scheduled yard treatments.

Avoiding mosquito bites also helps avoid the spread of the rapidly-spreading, mosquito-borne diseases, such as Zika, West Nile, Dengue, Chikungunya. If you experience persistent fever, malaise, rash or eye redness, make sure to make a visit to your doctor immediately.

By taking a few precautions, we can all safely enjoy another beautiful Dallas summer outdoors!



DOG LAW

A concerned neighbor requested "...a piece on dogs pooping on yards that are not their own and their owners not picking up the love gift they leave behind. It been a big problem on my street." With that in mind we thought it best to quote the pertinent section of the City Code. So, from Dallas City Code Chapter 7, here is the last word. (continued on next page)

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SEC. 7-4.8. DEFECACTION OF DOGS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY; FAILURE TO CARRY MATERIALS AND IMPLEMENTS FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF DOG EXCRETA.

(a) An owner of a dog commits an offense if he knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows, the dog to defecate in the city on private property or on property located in a public place.

(b) An owner of a dog commits an offense if he:
(1) knowingly permits the dog to enter or be present on private property or on property located in a public place; and

(2) fails to have in his possession materials or implements that, either alone or in combination with each other, can be used to immediately and in a sanitary and lawful manner both remove and dispose of any excreta the dog may deposit on the property.

(c) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a) that the owner of the dog immediately and in a sanitary and lawful manner removed and disposed of, or caused the removal and disposal of, all excreta deposited on the property by the dog.

(d) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a) or (b) that:

(1) the property was owned, leased, or controlled by the owner of the dog;

(2) the owner or person in control of the property had given prior consent for the dog to defecate on the property; or

(3) the dog was a service dog being used in official law enforcement activities.

(e) This section does not apply to a service dog that is specially trained to assist a person with a disability and that was in the custody or control of that disabled person at the time it defecated or was otherwise present on private property or on property located in a public place. (Ord. 26024)



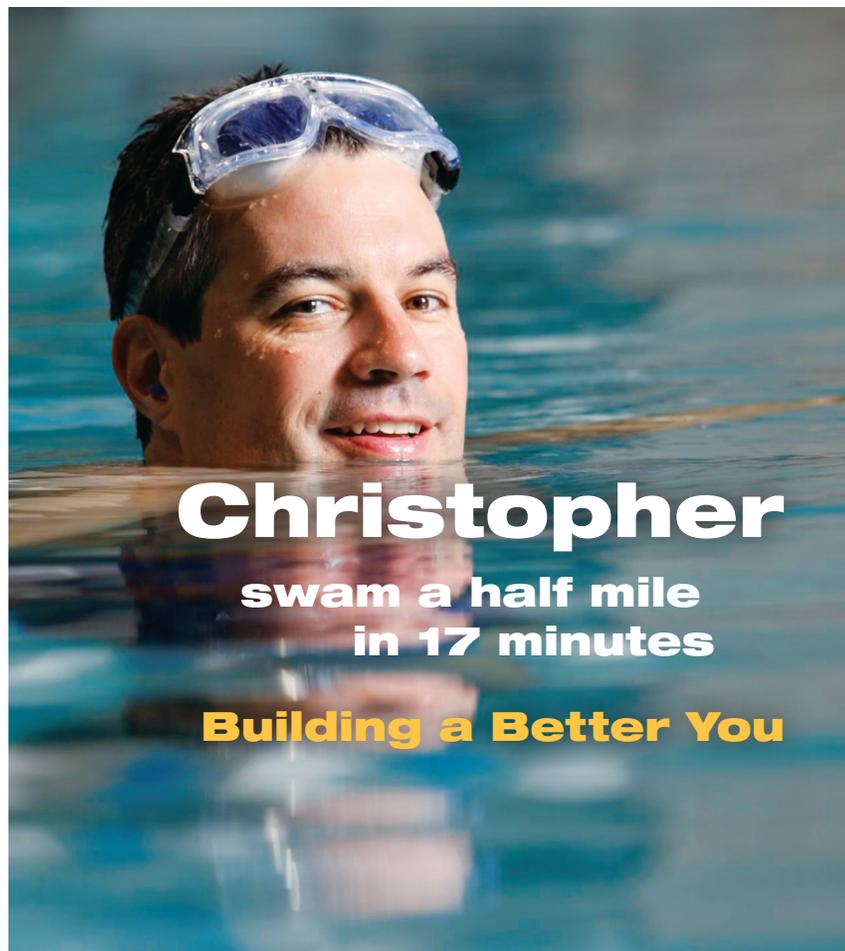
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YARD OF THE MONTH

If the abundantly-flowering, deep-pink azalea trees flanking the front steps of 5238 Vickery are the house's cornerstones, the window box centering the second floor filled with gorgeous hydrangeas and trailing asparagus fern is certainly its keystone. May's yard of the month features hedges of hydrangeas and rose bushes, large Rose of Sharon bushes (Althea is another name as is common hibiscus). It is home to Francisco and Renee Soto who have lived there since 2002. Francisco installed the drip system that makes the second story container gardening possible. Floral designer and antique store proprietor Renee creates while Francisco engineers. Witness the custom birdhouses Francisco makes and Renee sells in her shop along with the many attentions to detail around their house and yard.

This beautiful Vickery Place Neighborhood home is also refuge to six really lucky rescued Chihuahuas: Violet, Pepe, "G", Billy, Jock and Glory. Billy is the special needs pup who live protected behind the screen door to the laundry room.

Francisco has a secret for keeping the 100 rose bushes flourishing and fragrant for Renee: coffee grounds. One wonders if his favorite extravagant tangerine orange bushes don't get an extra serving. Future plans for this month's winners include replacing the hackberry tree that died last year in the front yard with an evergreen or pine.

As with every Vickery Place Yard of the Month winner, North Haven Gardens will bestow a \$50 gift certificate.

Congratulations Sotos—it looks like Billy isn't the only lucky one at 5238!

~The Beautification Committee - Debbie Simurda and Mary Kay Henley



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