



# Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 8  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Place: Vickery Towers  
(Greenville at Belmont)

### POT LUCK DINNER

a family favorite dish that you would like to share with your neighbors, please bring it and bring the recipe. Pianist John Rainone will set the mood with popular tunes and holiday music.

The November general meeting is the neighborhood association's annual meeting where new officers are elected to serve on the next year's board. As always, there are plenty of positions and committees open for volunteers. We welcome new faces and fresh ideas in the neighborhood association.

This will be a festive social evening and the only business will be voting on the 2007 board of directors. Bring your family and join your neighbors for dinner.

## POTLUCK & PIANO

We're kickin' off the holiday season with an old fashioned pot luck supper. A smorgasbord of an evening, we'll sample traditional favorites prepared and shared by members of VPNA, enjoy holiday cheer, elect the 2008 board and just get in the spirit of the season.

This year's board will provide the wine, soft drinks and a selection of entrees. If you have



## VICKERY PLACE RESIDENTS PUTTIN' ON THE DOG!



Eddie Hinojoza & his Pug, Freddie



Nita Wiggins and her Shih Tzu, Pepper



Katherine and Isabelle with their Dalmatian, Pongo

Dog Show story and photos, see page 2.

### Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado

Don't Set Out Trash Before:  
Thursday, November 8

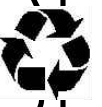
Pick Up Week:  
November 12 - 16



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### Recycling Pick-up

Thursday, Nov 1, Nov 15,  
Nov 29





## 5TH ANNUAL VPNA DOG SHOW

Vickery Place Neighborhood Association held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Dog Show and Chili Dog Supper in the courtyard of Vickery Towers Retirement Center Thursday evening, October 11.

Father George Luck of St. Matthews Episcopal Cathedral celebrated the traditional Blessing of the Animals. Dogs and their owners paraded before the judges to show off their costume or just their own unique personality. Judging the fun dog contest were local champion breeder and handler Anna Brinker and realtor and Historic Home Specialist Ken Lampton. All dogs were winners--Vickery Place Animal

Hospital provided doggie bags filled with treats, Bow Wow Bakery passed out samples of delicious gourmet biscuits and Christine Haddock sent every dog home with a favor.

Everyone enjoyed the cool fall weather. It was perfect for the chili dog cook-out. This fun event is looked forward to each year by residents of Vickery Towers Retirement Center and neighbors of Vickery Place. Below is an excerpt from an email received by VPNA after the Dog Show:

*'My mom lives at Vickery Towers and I am writing to thank you for the fun and interaction y'all provided last Thursday evening for herself and many other old folks who live there. Bless you for sharing the dog show and your hotdogs, too. I hope you'll come back often. Thanks again, Rick'*





## VICKERY PLACE VOTES!

Election Day is  
November 6, 2007.

Trinity Parkway - Proposition 1 (This will be the very last item on the ballot):

You are not voting whether to build, or not build, the Trinity Parkway. The decision to be made by Dallas voters is, in essence, what the Trinity Parkway will look like when it is built.

A "YES" vote means you wish to limit the location, size, design, use and speed of the proposed Trinity Parkway, as stated in the ordinance.

A "NO" vote means you support construction of the Trinity Parkway as it has been proposed by the North Texas Tollway Authority and the city's Balanced Vision Plan.

There are also 16 State Propositions on the ballot. To view all of the propositions, voting locations (including early voting), a sample ballot and other voting/election information, go to [www.dalcoelections.org](http://www.dalcoelections.org).

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# Gardens

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*Christmas Trees, Fresh Greens, Poinsettias & more are arriving this month at North Haven Gardens.*

**November Events at NHG** Details for these & other events at [www.NHG.com](http://www.NHG.com)

<p><b>11/3 Bulb Day</b> Select and learn all about spring blooming bulbs! <i>Free programs!</i></p> <p><b>11/10 - Birdhouse Contest - Enter to win!</b> 1:30pm - "Growing Fruit Trees in N. Texas"</p> <p>1:30pm - Attracting Beautiful Backyard Birds</p>	<p><b>11/11 Fall Harvest Pie Day</b> Bake your favorite pie and <i>Enter to win!</i></p> <p>1:30pm - "Growing Fruit Trees in N. Texas"</p> <p>11/17 - 11:00 am - "Daylilies in the Garden"</p>
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A VARIETY OF  
SCARECROWS,  
PUMPKINS AND  
GOURDS AT THIS  
TIME OF YEAR!**

### **VICKERY PLACE SNAPSHOT...1982**

*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. This article is the ninth in a series of snapshots of the information presented by the City at that meeting and information later published in the planning guide for our neighborhood.*

The planning guide recommended five self-help activities to address the residents' concerns about the appearance of the neighborhood: a clean-up program, a paint-up program, yard beautification, home improvement education and vector control. A clean-up program, including an education element, would be organized by the neighborhood organization with the assistance of Clean Dallas Inc., local PTA, youth groups and the City. After the clean-up, the Street and Sanitation Department would arrange additional trash pick-ups. For a paint-up program, residents would acquire paint at a reduced cost or by donation. Other local organizations might provide volunteers to help paint homes for owners unable to do so. The paint-up program was recommended because it "can have a rapid and highly visible positive impact on the appearance of the neighborhood".

Neighborhood meetings and newsletters could provide yard beautification and maintenance information from County Agricultural agents and garden clubs. The Park Department would remove dead trees in the parkway by owner request. For most of 1982, the City funded a Home Repair Training Program that taught citizens the how-to's of home repair—including plumbing, electricity and carpentry. There were no fees for hardship cases and reduced fees for our neighborhood as part of a target area.

Vector control (getting rid of rats, mice, insects and other pests) was not ranked as a high priority in the neighborhood survey, but the City offered the assistance of Health and Human Services Department in providing advice and literature to residents who needed help.

Next time: what financial investment resources were available to Vickery Place residents? (How did the City and private institutions contribute to the revitalization of the neighborhood?)



## EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### **CANDLELIGHT ON HENDERSON - Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 5pm to 9pm**

Shops on North Henderson Avenue invite you to the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Candlelight on Henderson...an enchanting evening in which to delight in food, drink and holiday fare.

Shops participating in this year's event are:

Again & Again Consignment Furniture, 5207 Bonita @ Henderson; Another Time & Place, 2815 N. Henderson Avenue; Art is Art, 2811 N. Henderson Avenue; Emeralds to Coconuts, 2730 N. Henderson Avenue; Gypsy Wagon, 5211 Bonita Avenue; La Mariposa, 2813 N. Henderson Avenue; Milton Kent Antiques, 2819 N. Henderson Avenue; Pandemonium Ltd., 2726 N. Henderson Avenue. What a great way to start the Holidays!



### **JUNIUS HEIGHTS HISTORIC HOME TOUR - Sunday, November 11, 2007, 11am to 5pm**

Junius Heights' (the newest and the largest City of Dallas Historic District) continues to make history and is proud to host its 1st Annual Historic Home Tour. This pre-Veteran's Day event will display charming and unique homes and gardens characteristic to Junius Heights, as well as the restoration and adaptive residential reuse of

St. John's Methodist Church. Junius Heights is honored to showcase how "Preservation Pays" and the value of preserving Dallas' irreplaceable history. In addition to its' spectacular tour of homes, they will host an "Arts and Crafts Fair" featuring local artists with unique gifts just in time for the holidays! Tickets (\$15) can be purchased on-line at [www.juniusheights.org](http://www.juniusheights.org), or at Cock and Bull Wine Bar and Restaurant, Garden Café, or Quaint Home Gallery.

Junius Heights was built at what was the eastern edge of the city of Dallas in 1906. Advertisements of the day promised that Junius Heights would "become the choicest residential section of Dallas." The neighborhood was served by the Junius Heights streetcar line until streetcar service was discontinued.

Today Junius Heights has an active neighborhood association that obtained historic designation in May 2006, making it Dallas' newest and largest historic district. It is the largest collection of Arts and Crafts/Craftsman homes in the southwest, and includes Prairie and Tudor styles in a neighborhood of well over 700 homes in Old East Dallas, situated east of Munger Place, south of Swiss Avenue and southwest of Lakewood.

### **WOMAN IN A MOMENT - Tuesday November 20, 2007 - January 2, 2008**

Patty Rooney's upcoming exhibit at the Garden Cafe, 5310 Junius, showcases legendary female figures. Rooney chose the medium of encaustic, beeswax and pigment used by ancient Egyptians and Greeks. Anna Karenina, Madame Bovary, Lady MacBeth, all tragic or heroic icons as well as a few modern day women such as Marilyn Monroe, Jacqueline Kennedy and Frida Kahlo are featured in this award winning exhibit. 25% of the proceeds from the sale of Rooney's paintings are donated to the local charity, the Magdalen House (commonly known as Maggie's House).





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## SEPTEMBER 2007 CRIME STATS:

CRIME	DATE	ADDRESS
BURGLARY	08/31/07	56XX MILLER
BURGLARY	09/01/07	52XX BONITA
BURGLARY	09/09/07	55XX BELMONT
BURGLARY	09/18/07	55XX RICHARD
BURGLARY	09/18/07	27XX HENDERSON
BURGLARY	09/21/07	55XX GOODWIN
THEFT	09/03/07	28XX GREENVILLE
THEFT	09/04/07	28XX GREENVILLE
THEFT	09/05/07	54XX BONITA
THEFT	09/06/07	55XX RICHARD
THEFT	09/07/07	52XX BONITA
THEFT	09/08/07	52XX BONITA
THEFT	09/07/07	53XX VICKERY
THEFT	09/12/07	54XX GOODWIN
THEFT	09/13/07	54XX GOODWIN
THEFT	09/13/07	51XX WILLIS
THEFT	09/18/07	54XX MILLER
THEFT	09/26/07	28XX HENDERSON
THEFT	09/27/07	55XX VICKERY
AUTO THEFT	09/10/07	51XX RICHARD
AUTO THEFT	09/19/07	25XX MADERA
AGASSAULT	09/27/07	53XX GOODWIN
OTHERASLT	09/09/07	52XX BONITA
FRAUD	09/27/07	54XX MILLER
VANDAL	08/31/07	52XX VICKERY
VANDAL	08/31/07	52XX VICKERY
VANDAL	09/02/07	28XX GREENVILLE
VANDAL	09/09/07	52XX BONITA
RUNAWAY	09/20/07	54XX GOODWIN



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**NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE  
VPNA CRIMEWATCH/ENP!**



Thank you for supporting the VPNA ENP program! Since June 2007, VPNA has implemented the Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) which hires off-duty Dallas Police Officers to patrol our neighborhood. It is a successful crime prevention tool in many Dallas neighborhoods, such as Greenland Hills, Cochran Heights, Hollywood /Santa Monica, Munger Place, Forest Hills, and now Vickery Place! Its purpose is to raise police presence, reduce crime, improve communication, and educate residents on how to be safe and look out for one another.

**Benefits of joining Crime Watch/ENP:**

- Police response within minutes to your 911 calls when an ENP officer is on duty.
- ENP officers will become experts on our neighborhood, able to recognize suspicious activity.
- With data terminal in police car, officers are able to check instantly for stolen vehicles or outstanding warrants.
- Patrols can check on your home when you are on vacation.
- Receive Crime Alert emails through our ENP network.

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Special Offer: last 2 months in 2007 & first 6 months of 2008 for a contribution of \$125

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Special Offer: last 2 months in 2007 & full year of 2008 for a contribution of \$225

\_\_\_\_\_ Once a year contribution of \$200, Jan 2008 – Dec 2008

\_\_\_\_\_ Twice a year contribution of \$100, Jan 2008 – June 2008

(\* Special Offers only valid if you also join for 2008)

Anyone who lives in Vickery Place neighborhood may participate, whether you rent or own. The more neighbors that join, the more patrol hours we can have each week. Simply fill out this Crime Watch Dues Form—mail it back along with a check (payable to VPNA) or bring to the next General Meeting.

**Vickery Place Crime Watch/ENP Dues Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Email is required to receive neighborhood alerts; please print clearly)

Mail this form and a check (payable to VPNA) to  
Vickery Place Neighborhood Association, PO Box 720192, Dallas, TX 75372

## SWEET POTATO-PUMPKIN CUPCAKES WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

Makes two dozen cup-cakes

1 cup coarsely chopped pecans  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup butter, softened  
4 large eggs  
1 (16oz.) can mashed sweet potatoes  
2/3 cup orange juice  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg  
1/4 tsp. salt  
Cream Cheese Frosting  
Garnish: coarsely chopped pecans



Place pecans in a single layer in a shallow pan. Bake at 350 for 8 to 10 minutes or until toasted, stirring once after 4 minutes.

Beat sugar and butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating until blended after each addition.

Whisk together mashed sweet potatoes, orange juice, and vanilla extract. Combine flour and next 5 ingredients. Add flour mixture to sugar mixture alternately with sweet potato mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed just until blended after each addition. Fold in toasted pecans. Place foil baking cups in muffin pans, and coat with vegetable cooking spray. Spoon batter into cups, filling two-thirds full.

Bake at 350 for 28 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean. Remove immediately from pans, and cool 50 minutes to 1 hour or until completely cool. Spread cupcakes evenly with Cream Cheese Frosting.

# HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

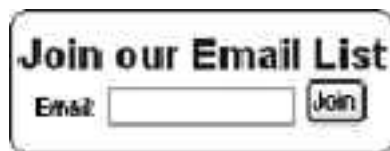


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