

Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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JULY GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 8
Time: 7:00 pm
Place : Vickery Towers
Main Dining Room
(Corner of Greenville & Belmont)



FAST BREAKS AND ICE CREAM SUNDAES

FAST BREAKS

Did someone say 'road trip'? Whether you want to shop till you drop at the best outlet malls, spend the night in a quaint bed and breakfast in Jefferson, float the Guadalupe or enjoy the musical *Texas* under the stars in Palo Duro Canyon, day trips and short overnights are easy and inexpensive ways for you and your family to explore our great state.

Mary Ramos who writes the *Fast Breaks* column in the Sunday travel section of the *Dallas Morning News* will join us at the Vickery Place July 8th general meeting to share some destinations and itineraries for planning summer fun!



Chill out in the air conditioned dining room of Vickery Towers, enjoy *frosty ice cream* sundaes with a variety of toppings compliments of VPNA, and learn about some *cool* getaways. When you sign in for the meeting, be sure to put your name in for the door prize drawings at the end of the meeting.

HAVE A SAFE FOURTH OF JULY!

Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that more fires are reported on that day than any other day of the year in the United States? More than half of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

- Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks. Consumer fireworks include firecrackers AND sparklers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.
- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.



Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado

Don't Set Out Trash Before:

Thursday, July 8

Pick Up Week:

July 12 - 16

Volume 29, Issue 7
July 2010



1-DAY Weekly Trash
& Recycling Pick-up

EVERY MONDAY



JUNE NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL RECAP

The June 10 VPNA neighborhood gathering at Times Ten Cellars was a *grape* success! The wine boutique at 6324 Prospect Avenue in Lakewood offered a casual rustic setting for a night of relaxation and friendly conversation.

VP neighbors gathered in the Tank Room, sharing spirits, nibbling on Scallini's pizza and sharing stories. With the wide variety of award winning wines that Times Ten has to offer from Sauvignon Blanc, to Petit Syrah, to Muscato, everyone got to enjoy their favorite varietal. Many new faces came out for this event—welcome to the neighborhood!

We would like to extend our thanks to the staff of Times Ten Cellars for their hospitality. Here's to good wine, good food and good neighbors—Cheers!



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WE WANT YOU!!!

We need volunteers for the 2011 Vickery Place Centennial Celebration.

If you would like to work on the parade committee or the home tour committee, please email info@vpna.org or contact Shelia Huffman, 214-827-4568. Both of these events are in the initial planning stages so now is the time to be a part of this historic occasion.

Additionally we are looking for old photographs or other memorabilia of Vickery Place. If you have an elderly neighbor please take the time to visit with them and record their stories for the Vickery Place Centennial Archive.

ICE TEA ANYONE?

Porch sitting or poolside sipping, nothing is more refreshing on a hot summer day than a glass of iced tea. Dress it up with a fresh berry, orange slice or sprig of mint. Try one of these brews at your next gathering. Bonus, we have discovered the health benefits of tea. Well, maybe not always!

Arnold Palmer Tee

Made famous by the golfer and often enjoyed on the course.

Mix ½ iced tea and ½ lemonade

Pour into ice filled highball or tall glass and enjoy.

Almond Tea

Tart and sweet this delicious drink is a crowd pleaser.

Steep 4 regular tea bags in

2 cups boiling water – add

1 – ½ cups sugar or substitute

3 tbsp. Unsweetened instant lemon tea

1/3 cup lemon juice

12 oz can frozen lemonade

2 tsp vanilla extract

3 tsp. almond extract

Mix well

To 1 part concentrate, add 2 parts ginger ale (sugar free or regular).

Long Island Tea

This recipe is from Food Networks Ina Garten who lives in the Hamptons, so it must be authentic.

6 ice cubes

1/2 jigger gin

1/2 jigger vodka

1/2 jigger white rum

1/2 jigger tequila

1/2 jigger Cointreau

1 jigger fresh lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon sugar syrup (see note)

Cola

Lemon slice, to decorate



Put the ice cubes in a mixing glass. Add the gin, vodka, rum, tequila, Cointreau, lemon juice and sugar syrup. Stir well, then strain into a tall glass filled with ice cubes. Add enough Coca Cola to fill the glass, and decorate with the slice of lemon. Note: To make sugar syrup, heat 1 cup sugar and 1 cup water in a small saucepan until the sugar dissolves.

THE TRADITION OF FAIR PARK FIREWORKS CONTINUES

This year's spectacular Fair Park fireworks display will be held on **Monday July 5th**.

Dancing waters of the Esplanade Fountain will be running starting at 6 p.m. Concessions and games also open at 6 p.m. Music will be provided by the Dallas Wind Symphony from 8:45 until 9:30 p.m. The free fireworks extravaganza bursts into the skies over Fair Park at 9:30 p.m.

Fair Park parking will be \$10, or you can take DART's Green Line to Fair Park Station!



**FAIR PARK
FOURTH**
...on the Fifth!



'SOLE SISTERS' FILM PROJECT LAUNCH

Calling all Sole Sisters! The right pair of shoes can lift both your spirits and your soles. Join forces with award-winning filmmaker and Cochran Heights resident Cynthia Salzman Mondell of Media Projects as she collects women's stories and mounts the financial campaign for her SOLE SISTERS film project. Share those intimate, never before told stories about your relationship with your shoes at www.solesistersfilm.com.

DISCOVER, LEARN, INSPIRE—ENJOY THE ARTS WITH TARGET

The Nasher Sculpture Museum, the Dallas Children's Center, Shakespeare in the Park, the Black Dance Theater, the Latino Cultural Center and more... Target invites you and your family to see more of the arts while spending less. As part of their efforts to support education in the communities they serve, Target sponsors free or reduced-price admission to arts and cultural events nationwide.

Don't miss the **Target Arts & Wonder Free Family Event, July 16-18**, at a museum or performing arts institution near you. Bring your family and enjoy the arts with Target!



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with the Arts & Wonder icon!**



COOL THURSDAY AT THE ARBORETUM

Open air concerts, a Dallas Arboretum tradition, features a wide assortment of music from country to rock and roll. Hear exciting cover bands while enjoying a picnic dinner.

\$8 for members and \$16 for non-members, or purchase a variety of seasonal passes. Parking is free, and you can bring in cooler, picnic basket and alcohol or you may purchase food and drink at the Arboretum. For upcoming concerts and addition information, visit www.dallasarboretum.org or call the Concert hotline at 214-515-6518.



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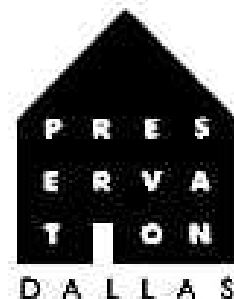
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Individual sessions, \$10 members, \$20 non-members; 3 sessions \$25 members, \$50 non-members; Full series \$50 members, \$120 non-members. For a registration form or to find out more, www.preservationdallas.org, (214) 821-3290.



HVAC in Historic Homes - Travis Dodson, Senior UNICO Project Management Thurs, July 8; 6:00–7:30 p.m. As you consider the restoration or remodel of your historic home, its heating and cooling mechanical system is often a critical element. With the right design and installation contractor, you will have options that compete with conventional HVAC systems on design, ducting space requirements, aesthetics, efficiency, and comfort. Partnered with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the UNICO System has many key strategic solutions to these challenges.

Dallas' Historic Lodgings; Plaza Courts to Luxury Hotels - Sam Childers, Historian, Writer & Museum Consultant Tuesday, July 13; 6:00–7:30 p.m. In Dallas' infancy, accommodations for the traveler consisted of boarding houses or unfurnished rooms, but within 10 years of the city's founding, Dallas could boast its first hotel. As the village evolved from town to city, its elegantly appointed hotels that rivaled those in New York or Chicago established Dallas as a modern city. With the rise of the automobile following World War II came dozens of motels and motor courts—and Dallas had established itself as a hotel town. Sam Childers has selected images from a wide variety of libraries, archives, and museum collections to illustrate the history of hotels in Dallas and the role they played in the growth and image of the city.

Dallas Landscapes for Historic Homes - Patty Dye, PMD Landscapes Thursday, July 15; 6:00–7:30 p.m. Explore landscapes that will highlight your home's distinctive architectural style. Five of Dallas' most popular period house styles meet with fabulous traditional and modern plant choices. Learn how to bring the most unique features of your home into focus by combining perennial and annual plantings for year-round appeal. Achieve your goal of all-season beauty with easier, "greener", sustainable maintenance—less work, less water, and lower costs!

Old House Appraisals; Considerations for Purchasing an Older Home - Ann Piper, Certified Appraiser Tuesday, July 20; 6:00–7:30 p.m. Ann Piper will discuss the process of comparing home values inside and outside of historic districts. You will learn why *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* matter to your home purchase and restoration. Included is invaluable information about tax incentive programs available within Dallas.

Parks for the People; The Development of Public Parks in North Texas - Susan Kline, Historian Thursday, July 22; 6:00–7:30 p.m. The creation of parks in North Texas provided for the preservation of green spaces and the natural environment as well as recreational opportunities in the region's growing cities. Both Dallas and Fort Worth benefited from far-sighted city leaders who expanded their park systems in an effort to keep up with the needs of an expanding population. New Deal programs and the post WWII boom also shaped each city's parks. Through the use of historic images and recent photographs, Susan Kline will explore the legacy of these important but vulnerable cultural resources.

White Rock Lake Flowing into its Second Century - Sally Rodriguez, Dallas Park & Recreation Dept. Tuesday, July 27; 6:00–7:30 p.m. In 1909, Dallas city leaders approved the damming of White Rock Creek to create a new water source for a growing city. Those early city leaders could hardly know that the lake they were creating 10 miles outside of Dallas a century ago would become an urban oasis enjoyed by over two million visitors a year. In 2011, White Rock Lake will celebrate its centennial. As White Rock Lake flows into its second hundred years, what can we do to preserve this urban oasis that serves all the citizens of Dallas?

Victorian Secrets - Daron Tapscott, Architect / Kate Singleton, Historic Preservation Consultant Thursday, July 29; 6:00–7:30 p.m. Toward the end of the 19th century, tensions were developing between the traditions of the past and forward-thinking philosophies in art, design and social conventions. Learn about the lesser-known side of Dallas in the Victorian era, and how Victorian lifestyles affected Dallas' early neighborhoods.

I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE ROAD AGAIN....

Approximately 18 percent of America takes along Fido when they travel for pleasure. Traveling with your dog can be fun and rewarding as long as you are prepared.

When packing, include his crate, leash, food, water, medications and treats. Make sure his shot records are up to date and have a copy of his rabies vaccination with you. Pre-packaging per-meal servings of dog food makes feeding easy and ensures that you brought enough. Bring water from home or bottled water as a change of water could result in an upset stomach even for your pet. For convenience, purchase disposable containers or collapsible bowls for food and water at pet stores or on-line. **Always** have plastic bags with you for cleaning up after your dog.

Make sure his ID tag has your cell phone number on it or have a new one made at the pet store before you leave home. If your dog is not already micro chipped, now would be a good time.

For your safety and your pet's safety he is better off confined to the back seat of the car while riding. **Never** let him hang his head out the car window.

Many hotels and motels welcome your well behaved pet. Search policies on-line, and call the hotel direct to confirm that you will have your dog with you. Only a crate trained dog who does not bark when you are away should be left in the room and then only for short periods of time. If you do leave, hang the *Do Not Disturb* tag on the door. Be considerate; make sure that your dog is not destructive to the accommodations or a nuisance to other guests.

On the highway take plenty of exercise and water breaks. Look for eateries that have outdoor seating so that your dog can dine with you. For instance the **Collins Street Bakery**, world famous for their fruitcake, offers the same unsurpassed quality sandwiches and other baked goods. The newest location off I 35 near Waco has some outdoor tables where your dog can join you. The **Smokehouse Country Store and Tastin' Kitchen** has long been a popular stop for Texans who enjoy the smoked meats and jerky. Their new facility in New Braunfels just off I 35 has outdoor seating under a gazebo where your dog is welcome. Remember; **never** leave your dog alone in a parked car in the heat.

Of course all itineraries and destinations are not Fido friendly, but if you have planned a laid back vacation with few commitments, the company of your pet may make your trip even more memorable. Have a doggone good time!

**SEE YOU AT THE JULY 8 GENERAL MEETING.
COME HEAR ABOUT ROAD TRIPS AND ENJOY
AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE!**



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SUMMER WATER SAFETY

Follow these general water safety tips for a fun and injury-free summer:

- Don't swim alone. Keep an eye on your child at all times. Remember, kids can drown in seconds and in silence. Swim in areas supervised by a lifeguard.
- Obey posted rules. Read and obey all posted signs and follow the rules and directions given by lifeguards.
- Always be aware. Be knowledgeable of the water environment you are in and its potential hazards.
- Enter safely. Use a feet first entry when entering the water. Do not dive in shallow water--backyard pools are often diving hazards, especially for teenagers.
- Take precautions. Children and inexperienced swimmers should wear a proper U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. (Children's floaties do not take the place of a proper approved floatation device or parental supervision).
- Avoid alcohol. Do not mix alcohol or any other drugs with swimming, diving or boating.
- Protect yourself. Use sunscreen with at least SPF 30 and both UVA and UVB protection and be sure to re-apply after swimming. Even a few serious sunburns can increase the risk of getting skin cancer.



As recently seen on Good Morning America, The American Academy of Pediatrics says younger children may benefit from swimming classes, a reversal of its earlier position that recommended against such lessons for toddlers.

New data suggests that early swim training may actually lower drowning rates in children under the age of 4 and since there is no evidence that such training can do harm, the AAP has revised its position.

It should however be noted that swim lessons for young toddlers do not take the place of constant parental supervision at the pool or the beach.

The Dallas Park and Recreation Department has lessons for people of all ages and abilities. Go to www.dallasparks.org for more information or to enroll. Or check with your local YMCA, www.ymcadallas.org.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER...STAY COOL!

STOP RAISING MOSQUITOES IN YOUR HOME OR YARD!

That's the message from the City of Dallas. Every one of us can make a difference to break the life cycle of the mosquitoes by doing these few simple things:

- Get rid of old tires, jars, cans, buckets etc. They all can hold water and will become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Empty plastic wading pools when not in use. If in use, clean it out weekly.
- Repair leaky faucets and pipes. Mosquitoes only need a fraction of an inch in which to lay and hatch their larva.
- Change water in birdbaths twice weekly, and scrub out the birdbath to make sure it's free on larva.



Approximately 2 weeks after the eggs are laid the mosquitoes are adults. They usually stay within 1 mile of their breeding ground. Don't let your address become theirs!



ROBERT V. "BOB" JEBAVY - June 5, 1925 – June 5, 2010.

Bob Jebavy, beloved father of longtime Vickery Place resident and neighborhood contributor Linda Jebavy Mitchell, passed away after a difficult struggle with congestive heart failure and diabetes. Having lived through the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression and serving in combat in the U.S. Marines during WWII, Bob just recently completed his autobiography, **Destiny**. Linda spent many gratifying hours helping her dad edit the book and it will soon be available for purchase. Once a Marine always a Marine...Semper Fi, Bob.

Linda Mitchell moved to Vickery Place in 1981. She was instrumental in organizing the Vickery Place Neighborhood Association, served as treasurer in 1986 and served as president in 1988. Linda supported the Conservation District movement and continues to be a contributing editor to the Vickery Place News.

RAYMOND A. "PAPÁ" OGAS - February 28, 1912 - June 21, 2010

At 98 years of age, Mr. Raymond Ogas was perhaps Vickery Place's oldest resident, both in age and residency within the neighborhood. He was born in Alpine, Texas to Abelino and Guadalupe M. Ogas. After attending Sul Ross University, he boxed professionally until his marriage to Felicita R. Ogas. He then worked for the Texas Oil and Gas Company, a.k.a. Texaco. Moving to Dallas on Willis Avenue, Raymond worked for Lone Star Cadillac, becoming a Doctor of Motors for GM and instructing returning GI's. He was a self-made man and acquired Tyler Ave. Garage as owner and operator, working on cars until the age of 90. Raymond is preceded in death by his wife Felicita and his only son, Raymond, Jr.



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CRIME WATCH/EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL

If you have already joined or renewed for the remainder of 2010, thank you for supporting the ENP (Expanded Neighborhood Patrol) program! If not, NOW IS THE TIME. The more members we have, the more patrol hours we can afford. With every seven (7) new annual members that join, we are able to increase our annual weekly hours by one (1) hour, or fifty-two (52) hours per year.

Going on vacation this summer? One of the benefits of joining ENP is to have an officer keep an eye on your home whenever he is on duty, while you are out of town on vacation or traveling for business. Just send him an email well in advance to let him know the dates you will be gone—be sure you receive a confirmation response.

Our ENP officers are now very familiar with our neighborhood and recognize potential crime areas and patterns. Become a member today! Simply fill out the form below, mail it back with a check (payable to VPNA) or bring to the next General Meeting.

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 and warrants.
- Patrols can check on your home when you are on vacation.
- Receive Crime Alert emails



MAY 2010 CRIME STATS:

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
BURGLARY	4/24/2010	56XX WILLIS
BURGLARY	5/24/2010	51XX GOODWIN
THEFT	3/22/2010	55XX GOODWIN
THEFT	5/10/2010	54XX GOODWIN
THEFT	5/13/2010	25XX HENDERSON
THEFT	5/15/2010	51XX WILLIS
THEFT	5/17/2010	52XX RICHARD
THEFT	5/18/2010	28XX HENDERSON
THEFT	5/19/2010	52XX GOODWIN
THEFT	5/20/2010	26XX GLENCOE
THEFT	5/26/2010	54XX GOODWIN
AUTO THEFT	5/13/2010	50XX VICKERY
AUTO THEFT	5/30/2010	24XX HOMER
AGASSAULT	5/2/2010	30XX HENDERSON
OTHERASLT	5/13/2010	51XX RICHARD
OTHER	1/31/2010	53XX BELMONT
VANDAL	5/1/2010	56XX MILLER

**For more detailed crime stats,
go to www.vpna.org.**

CRIME TIP: Check your doors and windows before retiring to make sure they are locked. Warmer weather may encourage night time prowling. If you see or hear suspicious activity or something that 'does not seem quite right', do not hesitate to call 911 and be sure to ask for a follow-up call.

JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

Yearly contribution of \$250 Jan - Dec 2010, Bi-yearly contribution of \$125, June 2010 - Dec 2010

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YARD OF THE MONTH

The July Yard of the Month award goes to Randall and Lauren Gannaway at 5136 Goodwin Ave. They have lived in Vickery Place for two years and since moving in have done a lot of yard work! Purple impatiens line the walkway up to the house where you will find hydrangeas, Buford holly shrubs, daylilies, azaleas, and a variety of potted succulents. Randall and Lauren make a point of visiting the Vickery Place YOM each month and were very excited when they found out their own hard work had been rewarded. Randall especially loves to work in the yard and is a big fan

of Neil Sperry. They both love the neighborhood for its central location and all the restaurants within walking distance.

NORTH HAVEN
Gardens

In appreciation of the Gannaway's beautiful yard, they will receive a \$25 gift card courtesy of North Haven Gardens. ~ *Contributing Editor Mandy Swenson, Beautification Committee.*



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