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VICKERY PLACE – HOW IT ALL BEGAN!

Sex, Brothels and Bawd Houses in the Victorian Era! How can he top that presentation?! For our February general meeting, we have once again invited Dallas history aficionado, noted preservation architect, and longtime Vickery Place resident Daron Tapscott to give a presentation on the origins and founders of Vickery Place neighborhood. (If you missed this presentation for the neighborhood centennial, you won't want to miss it this go around!)

Fields and farms once made up the area we now call home. Did you know a contest ran in the Dallas Morning News for the naming of the new addition located "above the City"? The name chosen… you guessed it, Vickery Place! And who were Vickery, Laneri, Miller, Richard and Goodwin? Where was the original Vickery Place School, which still stands today? Residents have long been working together on quality of life issues—the "neighborhood improvement league" began in 1915.

As we commemorate 105 years of Vickery Place neighborhood, we also celebrate the Neighborhood Association's 35th year! Come join us and learn about the early years!

The meeting will be held Thursday February 18, 7pm at Preservation Dallas, 2922 Swiss Avenue (located in the Wilson Block). We will meet in the Carriage House located behind the main building—you may park in the lot in the rear or on the side street. Light snacks will be provided.

Next VPNA General Meeting
Thursday February 18th, 7:00 pm
Pservation Dallas - Carriage House
2922 Swiss Avenue
(in the Wilson Block)

KICKING OFF THE NEW YEAR AT THE GRAPE

Approximately 60 neighbors gathered in the wine room at The Grape Bistro on Greenville Avenue for the January 12th general meeting. VPNA president Rob Irvin introduced the 2016 board members present and invited residents to mark their three top priorities for the upcoming year as they mingled with one another, drank a glass of vino and noshed on small bites. The priority results are listed below—the VPNA board will use this information as a guide to plan general meetings and initiatives for the upcoming year.

- Beautification/Improvements (Sidewalks, Street Lighting, Tree Planting): 26 votes
- Crime Prevention Initiatives (Crime Watch, Network Camera Installation, Private Camera, Private Patrol, National Night Out): 20 votes
- Social Activities (Wine Walks, Porch Parties, Chili Cookoff, Happy Hour): 17 votes
- Informational/Educational Programs (City Services, Home Repair, Gardening, Area Schools, History of Our Area): 12 votes
- Sense of Community (Community Activities, Newsletter, Social Media): 9 votes.

Bulk Trash Pickup is the
Week of the 2nd Monday
Don't Set Out Trash Before:
Thursday, February 4th
Pick Up Week February 8th-12th
Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up
Every Monday

Rob also introduced Dallas Police Officers Navarro and Wilkins, who went over the new 'open carry' law and what that entails; as well as Columbia-Pacific representative Todd Seneker who gave neighbors an update on the Vickery Towers development (more details inside).

A big thanks to Grape owners Courtney & Brian Luscher for hosting our first meeting of the year--we are certainly off to a great start!

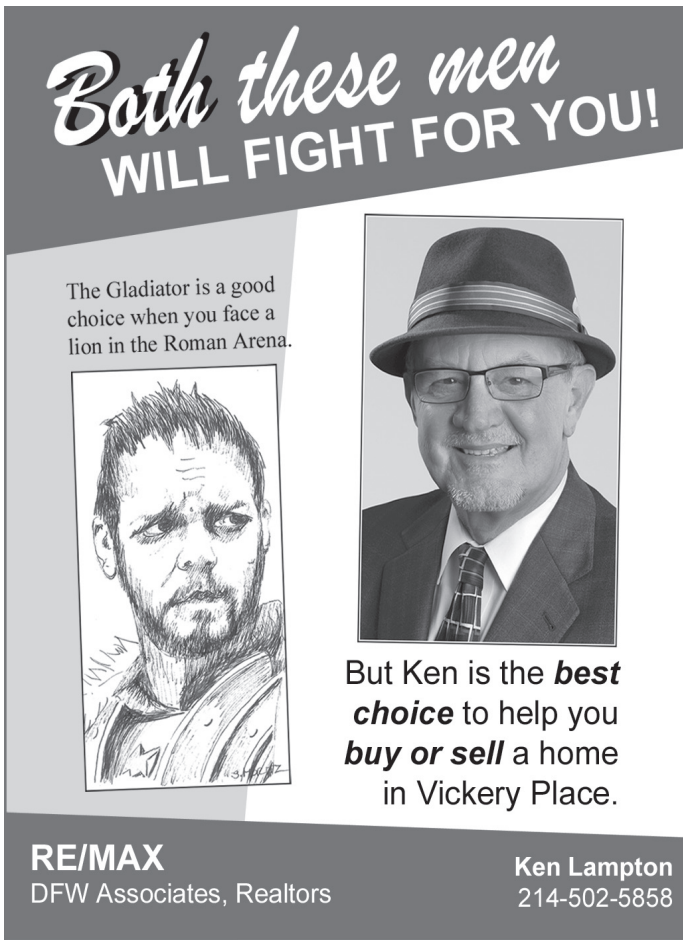
EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT!

Robert E Lee Cougars started back to school on January 6th! The year ended with a bang when VPNA presented the school with a HUGE check, over $6000, to fund a "SMART" classroom. THANK YOU VPNA and neighbors who accepted this challenge and gave so generously to our school. As Lee continues to be integrating and developing the International Baccalaureate curriculum in the candidacy year, our kids have been working on some fantastic transdisciplinary themes each 6 weeks. For example, right now, Pre-K and 2nd grade are focusing on "How the World Works". Kinder, 1st, 3rd and 5th grades are thinking about "Where we are in place and time". And the 4th graders are talking about "Sharing the Planet" across their studies.

The annual Scholastic Book Fair returns February 8-12th! Send out some positive vibes and join us for the Feelin' Groovy Book Fair: PEACE, LOVE, BOOKS! Get your reading (and volunteering!) groove on when books, flower children, tie-dye and great 60s music come together to create a scene our school and community can really dig. We will help Mrs. Brown transform the library into her own little far-out place. There are LOTS of ways to help. Keep in mind, a percentage of the proceeds come right back to Lee! There are books available for purchase for ALL ages. This is a GREAT way to get acquainted with Lee. Mrs. Brown, the beloved librarian of 11 years, makes you feel a part of the school from the moment you meet her!

For more details on attending the book fair and/or volunteering, please email Mrs. Brown at AABrown@dallasisd.org or jenn dawkins at jenndawkins@att.net

As you think about where to spend your time this year...Robert E Lee would love to be considered as an option! Many students need help reading. As little as 30 minutes to an hour a week can make a BIG difference to the Lee students. DISD has an



easy process for volunteering and provides all the instruction/materials for helping tutor a student. Please reach out to Ms. Barnwell (the IB coordinator) at rbarnwell@dallasisd.org with any questions or interest!

Other opportunities to volunteer include the chess club, the outdoor learning garden and Lee grounds improvement project.

In addition to VPNA and all of you awesome neighbors, several local businesses have been supporting our school this year! We are SO appreciative and wanted to let you all know so we can continue to thank them with our business and support! Velvet Taco, Yucatan Taco, Greenville Ave Pizza Company, H&G Supply, Project Pie, Trader Joe's, Old Chicago Pizza, My Family's Pizza, Fiesta, Blue Goose, Two Men and a Truck Moving Company, Kroger, Plains Capital Bank, Columbia Pacific (company that is redeveloping the Vickery Towers project), Core Power Yoga, Corner Market, Society Bakery, Taco Joint, Lakewood Vet Center, Veritex Bank, and Henley Law Firm. THANK YOU!!!!

~ Jenn Dawkins

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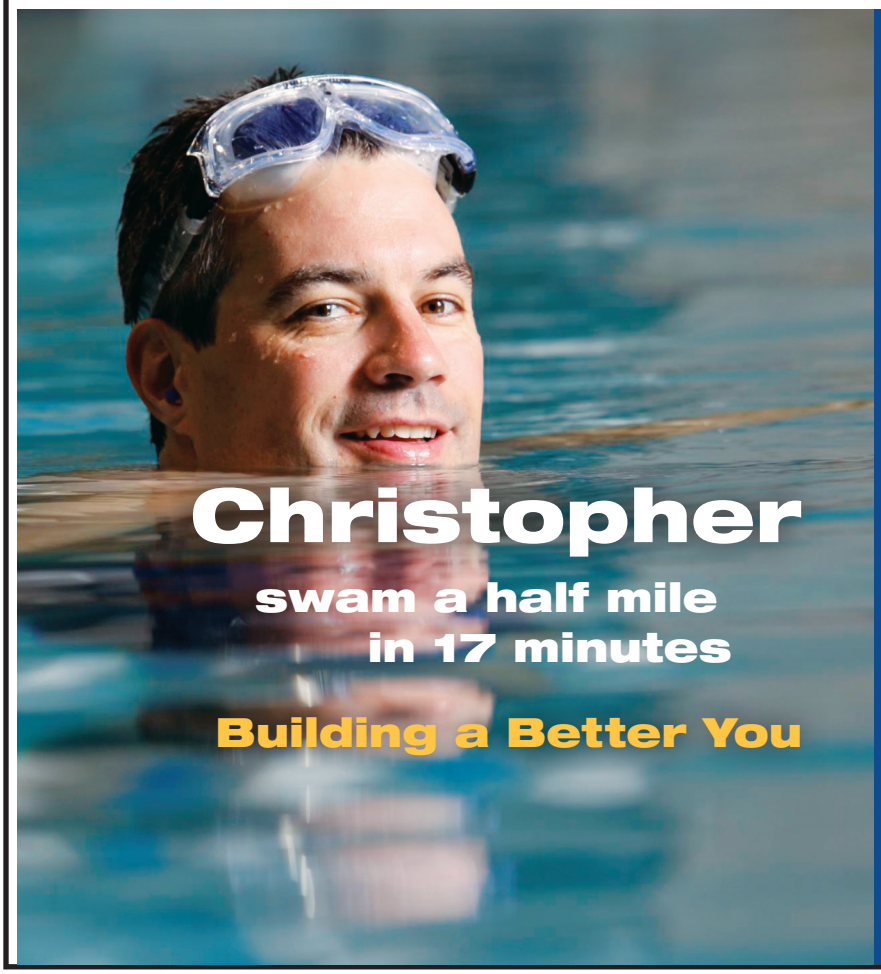

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VICKERY TOWERS UPDATES

In the past week, or so, a new website went up that provides quite a lot of detail on the progress of construction at the old Vickery Towers site: **www.hwgc.com/vickery**. *See the example below:*

Construction Advisory

Week of: Monday February 1st, 2016 – Saturday February 6th, 2016

Jobsite Location: 5619 Belmont Avenue

Project Standard Work Hours: Mon–Fri. – 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Major Work Activities this Week:
- Building C Structural Demolition
- Building A Asbestos Abatement L4 (3rdParty Supervised & Monitored)
- Building A Asbestos Abatement L3 (3rdParty Supervised & Monitored)
- Building B Pre Abatement Demolition L2
- Pre Abatement Trash Haul-off

Public Utility Work at Belmont Street to Glencoe Road (Projected Start Date of February 8th, 2016)

Temporary Cell Tower Yard Construction

Possible Non-Standard Work Hours & Activities:

Saturday February 6th–8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Street Closures / Impacts:

None at this time

Deliveries:
- Temporary Cell Tower rebar for pier is on site
- Temporary Cell Tower pole will be delivered February 1st
- Utility Piping (Water & Storm Piping)

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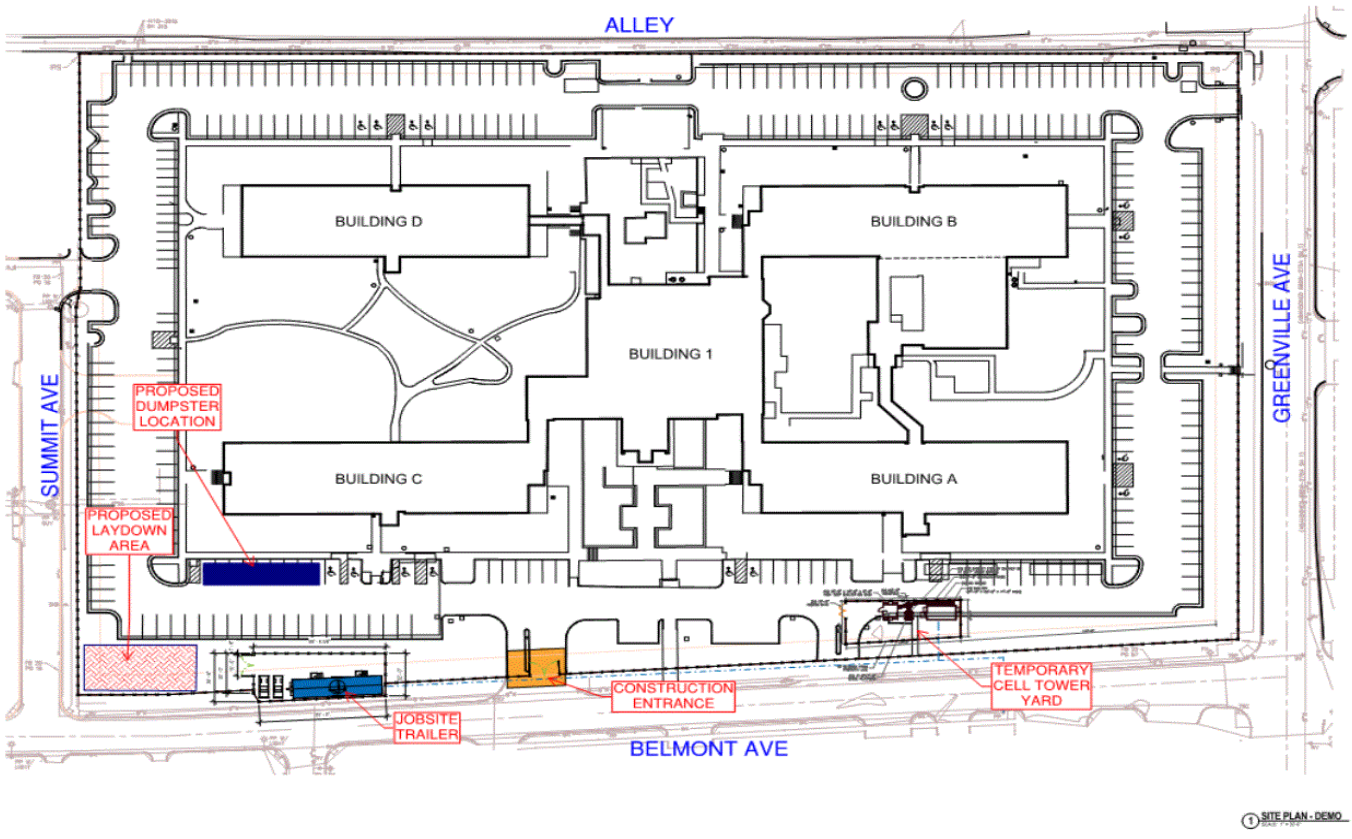

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YARD OF THE MONTH

Our first Yard of the Month for the New Year 2016 is 5549 Willis. The start of a new year heralds new beginnings and no where in Vickery Place has a new beginning been more welcome that at 5549 Willis. The beautiful old house sat sad and vacant for almost a decade until loving hands restored it. Restoration called for a new yard and new owners Chris and Lauren Thompson, making their own new beginning, were up to the task. The Thompsons moved here with their two cats Dolce and Cashew from Austin, but hail from Philadelphia. Chris was in Dallas on a business trip that took him down Greenville Avenue and somehow he was diverted to Vickery Place. He fell in love with the neighborhood and immediately let Lauren know in Austin that this is where they must live if they move to Dallas. With homes being snapped up quickly, they cleverly contacted the D/Squared contractor and he put them onto 5549 –it never went on the market. They love the "walkability" of the area. A trek from their house starts down the Pennslyvania blue stone walkway that they had installed up to the front porch. Working with a landscaping friend in Keller, Turf Rescue the plotting of the brand new yard began. Two Rose of Sharon bushes grace each side of the steps and the hibiscus-like blooms that will prevail through the summer are most anticipated. Along the Worcola side of the house, the Thompsons chose Japanese Cherry trees that will welcome spring with their pale pink blossoms. Waiting until they moved in to landscape allowed the new owners to use a good friend bringing his landscaping business to Dallas to do the work and allowed them plenty of input.

As with all Yard of the Month winners, North Haven Gardens awards a $50 gift certificate and a chorus of neighbors say "THANK YOU! and WELCOME TO VICKERY PLACE"

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