



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS CANCELED

Green beers, shamrocks and shenanigans are on hold for another year! The Annual Greenville Avenue Saint Patrick's Day Parade & Festival on Upper Greenville (north of Mockingbird Ln), has been CANCELED due to the coronavirus pandemic, announced Dallas Maverick's owner and parade financial supporter Mark Cuban.

The day usually consists of three separate events, each run by different entities: a 5K run, a candy-throwing parade that attracts just under 100 floats and tens of thousands of revelers, and a block party south of Mockingbird near Blue Goose Cantina and Stan's Blue Note. The St. Paddy's Day Dash 5K organized by Run Project is still taking place on March 13, 2021, but has moved to Fair Park. The parade and block party have been canceled.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR KEEP THOSE SIDEWALKS CLEAR!

With the nicer weather upon us, more and more neighbors are out and about—jogging, walking the dog, or pushing a baby stroller. Please keep your

sidewalks clear of debris, trim back any low-hanging branches, and don't park over the sidewalk. Not only is it the courteous thing to do, to prevent injury or force someone into the street, you won't get cited by the City for a code violation. This also applies to alleys.

From the City of Dallas Code, Obstructions Alley/Sidewalk/Street:

The occupant or owner is responsible for keeping the street, alley, sidewalk and public grounds clear of obstructions. This includes the trimming of trees, shrubbery and vines which may obstruct any vehicle traveling through an alley, or which may obstruct a sidewalk or street or other public grounds. Additionally, sidewalks must have a height clearance of 8 feet - streets and alleys must have 15 feet of overhead clearance. Trim trees and shrubbery to coincide with Bulky Trash Week. [Vickery Place Bulky Trash Pick-Up is the Week of the 2nd Monday of the Month].



SPRING FORWARD REMINDER!

On Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2am, Daylight Saving Time begins. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour (spring forward).

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

Next VPNA Zoom Meeting

Tuesday March 9 at 7 pm

Check website, Facebook or the digital newsletter
for the Zoom info and link

TIETZE SHRED 2021

'Friends Of Tietze Park' will hold their annual document shredding event on Saturday March 27, from 9am-1pm, in the Skillman Church of Christ Parking lot (3014 Skillman Street).

Here is how it will work:

- Pull your car into the line headed for the shredding truck.
 - Pop the trunk or unlock doors to your bags/boxes marked SHRED – stay in your car! Volunteers will take your bags/boxes from your car to the truck
 - Pay the roving volunteer cashier in cash or check payable to "FOTP".
- Cost: \$8.00 for up to 1 standard banker's box/bag (approx. 30 lbs.) \$5.00 per additional banker's box/bag - Seniors (65 or older): \$5.00 each box/bag
- YES: floppy discs and reports with plastic spines. NO: Metal binder clips or tapes.

Volunteers will be wearing masks and trust you'll do the same.



ENGRAVE YOUR NAME ON THE WALK OF FAME AT TIETZE PARK!

Starting at just \$65 you can make your mark at beautiful Tietze Park! Not only do brick sales help to support the park and pay for new features and amenities, buying a brick is a wonderful way to show how much you love your park! The new engraved brick campaign started February 2nd-closing date for orders for this round is March 31, 2021. Forms (pdf) are on the website for both

regular and Veterans engraved bricks: <http://www.tietzepark.org/engraved-bricks.html>



GENEVA HEIGHTS PEACE PANTRY

The Geneva Heights Peace Pantry currently sends home food bags for 30+ families in our community. With the pandemic still in full swing, and the most recent freeze, families are struggling. The pantry can always use more food supplies. Below is the link to their Amazon wish list if you'd like to help stock the pantry.

Thank you. Thank you! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O306NPHU72PP?ref_=wl_share



FEBRUARY 2021 YARD OF THE MONTH

5434 Vickery Blvd.

When Wes and Laura moved to Dallas, they wanted a beautiful, single-family home in a great neighborhood. That is exactly what they found when they bought their newly-built 5434 Vickery Blvd in Vickery Place in 2017.

Having lived in a number of great cities, Wes and Laura appreciate landscapes filled with plants local to the climate and soils. So, after the unfortunate demise of an old tree around which the house had originally been built, the couple redesigned a drought-tolerant, Texas heat-loving front scape full of yuccas, agaves, sago palms and a beautiful Bearded Yucca in an elegant bed of crushed granite. As a matter of fact, several of the smaller agaves growing now were "pups" propagated from their original parent plants.

Beautiful design stretches into their backyard as well. One of many custom elements is a beautiful succulent wall Wes built to screen their pool equipment. (See photo.) It's a smart design doing its job with elevated style. The nature-loving family hung hummingbird houses in magnolia trees along their fence line to encourage birds to visit and maybe stay a while.

We admire the results of Wes and Laura's work and the dramatic beauty and smart design it adds

to our great neighborhood.

Their eco-friendly, self-sustaining design is another reason why 5434 Vickery Blvd. is our smart and beautiful Yard Of The Month for February. Congratulations to our Vickery Place neighbors!

Landscaping Tips:

We learned a number of great tips from Wes and Laura, including:

- Use a leaf blower to quickly clean out large succulent beds to save your hands from prickly needles.
- Some plants propagate “pups” when healthy and happy in their environment. When planting a new pup, try to do so in similar growing conditions (sun, water, bedding, etc) as the parent plant.
- Japanese maple are beautiful additions to a landscape so take time to find a variety that fits your specific space. Wes and Laura selected a Bloodgood Maple to bring long-lasting color to a small side bed.

We’d like to express our continued appreciation to North Haven Gardens for their support of our Yard of the Month program.

Our winners receive a \$50 NHG gift card to contin-

ue their gardening pursuits! #northhavengardens #wewillbloomagain



COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PARKS & TRAILS

- ▶ DO NOT use parks and trails if you are sick
- ▶ Follow CDC’s guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting



Learn the facts at: dallascityhall.com/covid19

MARCH 2021 YARD OF THE MONTH

5307 Belmont is a beautifully-designed modern home with a stunning xeriscape in the front and a tropical retreat in the back. When Eira and David moved back to Dallas, they designed their home and landscaping in a way that surrounds them with smart, serene, environmentally-friendly plants and trees they could maintain themselves and enjoy all year long.

Not only is the yard beautiful in the hot Texas weather but it survived the freeze, ice, and snow we all experienced mid-February 2021 like a champ! By double-wrapping the agaves and thoroughly covering the potted plants, Eira and David successfully protected most of their hard work from succumbing to sustained record-setting single-digit temps.

In the front yard they planted: Whale's Tongue agave, Chaste trees (Vitex), Desert Willow trees, Red Yuccas, Color guard yucca with a variegated opal century plant, Sunshine ligustrum, Mexican feathergrass

In the front planters are:, Horsetail reeds, Agave Havardiana

In the back around their salt-water pool and pergola-covered deck are: Cross vine, Sorrel, Rosemary, and other edible annuals, Tree-pruned holly, Bamboo, Eagleston Hollies, Crimson Queen Laceleaf Japanese maple

Yard Tip(s): Our Belmont neighbors shared many excellent tips for success in growing cactus and other weather-tolerant plants, including 1) prepare your beds with appropriate irrigation and drainage, 2) invest in good tarps and coverings to properly protect plants through hard freezes, 3) consult



your local experts (their go-to is North Haven Gardens!) and 4) use the right tools. Eira uses a Hori Hori knife to not only prune her plants, but also dig easily into the Texas soil around their house. A gift from her father, Eira says her Hori Hori knife makes pruning and planting much easier.

Congratulations to Eira and David on winning Yard of the Month for March and many thanks to North Haven Gardens for their sponsorship. Eira and David will receive a \$50 gift certificate from North Haven Gardens to continue their landscaping success!

Check out the new VICKERYPLACE.COM where you can buy T-Shirts (\$20) and Plaques (\$130 - includes mounting kit) or to donate to the Neighborhood Association!

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