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VPNA 2014 GENERAL MEETING DATES

Regularly scheduled VPNA Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month.

Meeting time is 7pm. The location is announced in the monthly newsletter. Get to know your neighbors and contribute to better living in Vickery Place!

January 9, 2014
February 13, 2014
March 13, 2014
April 10, 2014
May 8, 2014
June 12, 2014
July 10, 2014
August 14, 2014
September 11, 2014
October tbd, 2014
(National Night Out)
November 13, 2014
No meeting in December

VPNA ANNUAL MEETING

VPNA Meeting

- * Thursday, January 9th
- * At the Londoner (2nd floor)

Over the last year I've noticed a lot of new houses and new faces. So, it seems the perfect time to make new friends and greet old ones here in our Vickery Place community. As we start off the new year you are invited to the Londoner on January 9th, to share food and drinks in the company of your neighbors. (Bar tab is dutch treat. Snacks will be provided by VPNA.)

Please bring your ideas (and an open mind to others) as we help decided the goals for VPNA 2014. In short, help us help you make Vickery Place an even better place to live.
-Allan Cano, VPNA Secretary



MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

Why are we here? Not in the grand question sense. I'm talking about here, in this neighborhood, this community, as an association. I started this new year as President of Vickery Place wondering, what is our purpose as a Neighborhood Association?

The first answer was to look to our mission as stated in our bylaws:

Next VPNA General Meeting

The next VPNA General meeting will be at 7 pm, January 9, on the second floor of The Londoner - 2817 Greenville Ave
All welcome.

Bulk Trash

Week of the 2nd Monday

Don't Set Out Trash Before: Thursday, January 9th

Pick Up Week

January 13th to 17th

Weekly Trash & Recycling

Pick-up

Every Monday



The purpose and mission of the Association shall be:

a. To preserve and enhance the architectural, historic, and cultural heritage of the Vickery Place Neighborhood through direct action and public education.

b. To support the neighborhood with assistance, grants, and training.

c. To promote communication and cooperation within the Vickery Place Neighborhood and with other neighborhoods, and with other non-profit organizations to unify neighborhoods and increase their effectiveness in addressing local issues concerning the Vickery Place Neighborhood.

d. To reduce crime by combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency within the Vickery Place Neighborhood.

Within that larger mission, what should be the strategic focus of the Association this year? A couple of things in particular have been on my mind: building community and neighborhood safety. To me, these go hand-in-hand. When neighbors know each other, they are more likely to watch out for each other, which, in turn, leads to a safer neighborhood with less crime. This idea

firmly supports the fourth point in our mission.

One of the ways neighbors get out to know one another is on the sidewalks, walking dogs, morning or evening exercise, babies in strollers and families together. However, Vickery Place was platted in 1911. In many places our sidewalks show the signs of a 100-year-old infrastructure making it difficult, if not impossible to use them. Surrounding neighborhoods have undertaken a project to observe, photograph and document the state of their sidewalks with a view towards partnering with the City of Dallas for improvements. I'd like to see Vickery Place start to undertake a similar project this year.

If you are interested supporting this project and taking part by documenting the sidewalks of a block or two of our neighborhood, please email me directly at selena@vickeryplace.com.

I'm also interested in hearing your ideas on how we can build community, reduce crime, support the neighborhood and promote communication and cooperation this year.

I wish you all the best in 2014!
-Selena Urquhart



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WINTER GARDEN CHORES

- Drain garden hoses, wind them and place them in storage. Water left in the hose can freeze and cause it to split.
- Take inventory of your gardening tools. Are they rusted or dull? Take the rust off with steel wool, and then oil them. The oil will help prevent further rust.
- Remove potting soil from unused clay pots, wash them out and store them in the garage, shed or back porch. Some terra-cotta pots can crack in the freezing temps.
- Think about planting a new flower bed or herb garden. Herb gardens love sunny locations and many herbs are perennials, so you won't have to replant them each year. Herb gardens can be anything from a raised bed to a collection of pots. Plant rosemary, thyme, basil, cilantro, dill or anything you love to cook with.
- If you are going to start a new garden, in the ground, you can start turning the soil now so it'll be ready for planting in the spring. Be sure and add at least three inches of organic compost. Organic matter help break up the clay soil we have in our area and it adds nutrients to the soil.
- Winter time is also a great time to plant, or transplant, trees and shrubs. Many nurseries have trees on sale now, so check the papers and get a great deal on a tree that'll last for many years to come.
- Do you have a dark shady spot where nothing will grow? How about a place on the west side of your house that gets baked by the sun? Now is the time to do a little research to find out the best type of plant that is perfect for that troublesome spot in your yard.
- Winter is also the perfect time to judiciously prune trees, shrubs and rose bushes.

-This article originally appeared in the newsletter in January 2004 and was written by then-board-member Sandi Holmes-Schwedler.



BULK TRASH DO'S & DON'TS

Reproduced from the City of Dallas website regarding Brush and Bulk Collection.

Once-a-month collection from the front curb includes: large limbs, shrubbery, bagged leaves (in sealed bags with a maximum 50 gallon capacity), furniture, appliances, mattresses, box springs.

Place your items out on the front curb for collection no earlier than 7:00a.m. on the Thursday preceding your collection week. (See table)

Items not eligible for monthly Brush & Bulk Trash pick up include: bagged grass clippings, new construction materials, remodeling materials, such as lumber or roofing materials

Call Sanitation Customer Service at (214) 670-8613 to get a free estimate on our Cost Plus service to pick up construction or remodeling materials.

Items not eligible for any city pick up include: bricks, concrete, rocks, dirt.

VICKERY PLACE BULKY TRASH PICKUP 2014

Don't Set Out Trash Before:	Pick Up Week:
Thurs Feb 6th	February 10th - 14th
Thurs Mar 6th	March 10th - 14th
Thurs Apr 10th	April 14th - 18th
Thurs May 8th	May 12th - 16th
Thurs June 5th	June 9th - 13th
Thurs July 10th	July 14th - 18th
Thurs Aug 7	August 11th - 15th
Thurs Sep 4th	September 8th - 12th
Thurs Oct 9th	October 13th - 17th
Thurs Nov 6th	November 10th - 14th
Thurs Dec 4th	December 8th - 12th



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YARD OF THE MONTH

January's Yard of the Month has too many winners to list. The prize goes to the many who scurried out under winter's bitter sky to cover plants, bring in fragile perennials; all the while hoping the frost cloth is heavy enough and the faucet covers protect. Cheers to all.

With winter come some gardening opportunities, along with the challenges. After the first freeze is an ideal time to cut perennials, like lantana, back and apply a good two inches of mulch. Mulch protects the delicate roots through the next cold blast. Keep your plants watered. Thorough watering can raise the temperature a degree or two, sometimes just enough to save it. It is the best time to prune mature trees up until Valentine's Day. Pruning wounds have time to harden and timing is everything in protecting from oak wilt and other diseases.

With a nod to the spring, start tomato seeds now. Consider planting potatoes along with asparagus, horseradish, rhubarb and onion sets.

Take your live Christmas tree to your nearest Home Depot for recycling from December 26 to January 7 and they will convert it to mulch. City of Dallas has drop off stations too. They will give out free mulch while it lasts.

- Flag Pole Hill-8100 Down Circle
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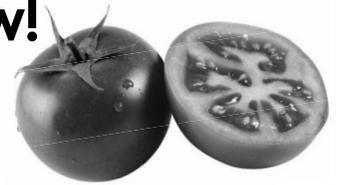
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NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Start Seeds Now!

January is the time to start vegetable seeds, like tomatoes!



Scan for more events

We have all the accessories you need to ensure a bountiful, home-grown crop this spring harvest.

Sat, Jan 11 POP UP Demo: **Success With Seeds!** 11-11:30am
 Sat, Jan 25 Gardening 102: **Introduction to Home Veggie Gardening**
 9-11:30am Registration required. Details online!

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Each month we acknowledge and celebrate one Yard of the Month. This month we congratulate all the gardeners in Vickery Place Neighborhood who work so hard even in adverse conditions to keep our community the gem that it is.

Thank you North Haven Gardens for contributing each month a \$50 gift card to our winners. For January we will award the card by drawing at the January General meeting.

-Beautification Committee: Mary Kay Henley & Debbie Simurda

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