



NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The VPNA annual meeting is held each November to elect the upcoming year's board of directors. Following tradition of past years, the November 8th gathering will also include a pot luck holiday feast and neighborhood artisan faire—giving everyone a jump start on the holiday season.

Order of business for the evening: the nominating committee will present a slate of candidates for the 2013 VPNA board of directors, four officers and a minimum of five/maximum of nine members at large. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. You must bring proof of residency in order to vote in the election. (Please show as you check in).

The Pot Luck dinner will be generously provided by the current VPNA board and committee members. If you have a special dish that you would like to share, please bring it. Beer, wine and beverages will also be available.

Participating artists to date include: origami ornaments made by Katherine & Isabel Adams; jewelry made out of kids' toys by Shaina Adelman; Mexican hand-embroidered pillows from Candy Hearne; beaded jewelry and found object art by Charlotte Lindsey; ornamental/holiday wreaths & silk floral arrangements by Lezlie Bridgewater; jewelry & accessories by Maria Gonzalez; CDs & band T-shirts by Salim Nourallah (Salim & the Travoltas played at our National Night Out block party last month—if you missed buying one of their CDs or new T-shirts, here is your 2nd chance!); and of course Vickery Place NA merchandise such as commemorative plaques, Centennial Home Tour candles & note cards, wine glasses, beer glasses & T-shirts...quite a selection to find that perfect gift! If you have an art or craft that you would like to sell, please email info@vpna.org.

Come join us in the festivities! In the spirit of giving, we encourage everyone to bring 2-3 non-perishable food items which will be donated to those less fortunate.

Bulky Trash
Week of the 2nd Monday
Don't Set Out Trash Before
Thursday, November 8th

Pick Up Week
November 12-16
Weekly Trash
& Recycling Pick-up
Every Monday






NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY

Vickery Place held its annual National Night Out Against Crime on October 2nd. The event was well-attended by neighbors who enjoyed food trucks, the music of Salim Nourallah and the Travoltas, our raffle and excellent beer donated by Lakewood Brewery. Special thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible!

FORMER BELMONT POST OFFICE PROPERTY REZONED TO RESIDENTIAL USE

On October 24th, Dallas City Council voted unanimously to rezone the former Belmont Post Office property near the corner of Greenville Avenue and Belmont Avenue. The new residential zoning was modeled after the high-quality, moderate-density townhouses that are just to the west of the property.

The Belmont Post Office was closed and the property put up for sale in June. Under the previous zoning, a late-night establishment could have been operated at the location, which would have been in stark contrast to the Post Office which closed at 5pm.

Since this property is surrounded on three sides by residential properties (the Vickery Towers retirement community across the street, high-quality town homes to the west, and single family homes behind the property), the residents of these areas were very concerned about the noise, congestion, and potential problems that a late night use could cause.

VPNA joined forces with these neighbors, four other adjacent neighborhood associations, Council Member Pauline Medrano, and City of Dallas staff to push for this zoning change.

The unanimous vote by Dallas City Council to rezone this property has proactively protected the residential integrity and property rights of these existing residents.



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20TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT WALK ON HENDERSON AVENUE

Take a stroll down candlelit Henderson Avenue on Wednesday, November 14, from 6-9pm to celebrate the start of the holiday season! Enjoy cocktails, light bites, fabulous merchandise and discounts! This year's walk includes 14 participants including: Gypsy Wagon, Milton Kent Antiques, Beaucoup, La Mariposa, ART is ART, Pandemonium, Emeralds to Coconuts, Glitz Salon, Sputnik Modern, Form, The Pearl Cup, Milk & Honey and We Are 1976.



PAPER FOR WATER

Since October of 2010 Katherine (age 4 at the time) and Ken Adams have been making origami Christmas ornaments out of 30 tiny sheets of



paper. Isabelle (age 8 at the time) and Deborah Adams joined in October of 2011. Their first ornament fundraiser was less than a year ago at the Starbucks on Mockingbird and Skillman. It was very well attended by the Vickery Place



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neighborhood. Ken Lampton helped publicize the event and Andy, the manager of Starbucks donated food. They sold out on their first day and raised almost a thousand dollars towards the cost of drilling a well in Ethiopia.

The girls decided to donate to water well building after they heard that in 3rd world countries, girls their age rarely get to go to school because they have to haul water all day. They also learned that a child dies every 15 seconds from a lack of clean water. They picked Living Water International as their fundraising partner as they have one of the best programs available for long term water well sustainability and community “buy-in.”

This initial success was so motivating to Katherine and Isabelle that they committed to raising \$9,200 for a deep fresh water well in Ethiopia, which they accomplished before the end of 2011.

Early in 2012 they were invited by the NYC Chapter of UNWomen to be the kick off speakers for their annual meeting in May. Before then they had several more fundraising events and raised \$5,000 for a well in India. By the time they traveled

to New York City in May they had raised almost enough for another water well in India. To date the girls have raised over \$23,000!!

The girls were nominated for the Presbyterian Communities & Services Foundation “Each Moment Matters” award by Isabelle’s first grade teacher, Mrs. Thornhill. The girls won this award and the director of the foundation was so impressed with the girls that she nominated them for the National Fundraising Professionals Youth in Philanthropy Award. The girls won this as the youngest and only unanimous decision ever. The girls have been on Channel 8’s Good Morning Texas and in the Dallas Morning News twice. Their ornaments are being sold at the Crow Collection of Asian Art and soon to be other locations.

The girls have committed to raising enough money by the end of 2012 to build 10 more wells. That is \$50,000 or 1,250 ornaments or 37,000 sheets of paper to fold. They will have a table at the Vickery Place Holiday gift market so please come support a great cause. If you would like to help please contact us at 214-887-8422. If you are on Facebook, please “like” our page www.facebook.com/paperforwater.

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VICKERY PLACE HALLOWEEN SCENES

These were some of the scenes taken in the neighborhood by Mark Reives. He started on his own Goodwin doorstep with the cutesy-kitchy setup albeith with a slightly scary smaller version of Big Tex.



Also on Goodwin an homage to Autumn and pumpkins at the home of the of the Woolbrinks.

Thanks to everyone who indulged in this creativity!

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At the Gream's home on Richard the skeletons are on parade along side various other ghoulies and ghosties.



At the Quadlings on Vickery the spider webs were out in full force along with a number of giant spiders adorning the porch.



At the Nourallahs things got really much scarier with a red eyed beast perhaps reminiscent of The Scream. All in all there were some lively, entertaining scenes around the neighborhood adding to the vitality and vibrancy that Vickery Place is noted for.

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NOVEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

Giampaolo Consigliere purchased his home at 5207 Richard Avenue in May of this year. What initially attracted Giampaolo to the circa 1930 home was the beautiful front and back yard.

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Gardens

The landscape design really stands out due to the fullness of the beds

and the huge mounding shrubs that frame the front walk. Purple fringe plant anchors the beds with it's aubergine leaves and pink frilly flowers.

The row of boxwoods below the fringe plants set off the color even more with the vibrant



green next to the dark purple. Impatiens and zinnias line the front of the beds with their white, red and pink blossoms that pop out between the hedges.

An impressive specimen of a Japanese cut-leaf maple droops over the right side of the walkway and catches the eye with its fallish rust red leaves.

Chartreuse nandina and wax leaf jasmine vines shelter the porch from too much sun and create privacy. Giampaolo admits that much of the yard was already done when he moved in but he hopes to continue to improve on the striking design while caring for the plantings that are already there.

Giampaolo will receive a \$50 gift card from North Haven Gardens so he can do just that.

~Anna Short
Beautification Committee Chair

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