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SIXTH ANNUAL WINE WALK

Our Wine Walk sold and benefitted from a break in the weather. We would like to thank all of our kind hosts and sponsors who all helped make the even happen.

RALPH MILLER CUSTOM HOMES

The ALCOVE

DOUBLE DOOR CUSTOM HOMES

Westrup CUSTOM HOMES

Double Door: Mike Wilderman, Ralph Miller: Ralph Miller, The Alcove: Jason Spenser and Westrup: Tim Clyde

HOT TIME, SUMMER IN THE CITY

Two topics are dominating area news of late—crime and loose dogs. For our June 15th meeting, we have invited a representative from both the Dallas Police Department and Dallas Animal Services.

As the weather heats up, so does crime. People are out and about walking to local restaurants/bars, windows are left unlocked, garage doors are left open, bikes & tools are out in plain sight—all targets for criminals. Officer Keith Allen will address the increase of police presence in our area, crime hot spots, and how to not be a victim of crime this summer.

While packs of dogs are not a problem in Vickery Place, there does seem to be a lot of stray, loose & lost animals in the neighborhood. DAS Supervisor Dayanara Castillo will talk about what the leash laws are, pet regulations per code, chipping your pet and ways to keep your pet safe this summer.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Do you know what the Dallas City Plan Commission does? As defined on their website, their function is as follows: "As established by the City Charter, the City Plan Commission (CPC) is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council regarding planning and zoning matters, and for administering Chapter 212 of the Texas Local Government Code regarding the

Next VPNA General Meeting
Wednesday, June 15th
Rooftop
HG Sply Co.
2008 Greenville Ave

Bulk Trash Pickup is the
Week of the 2nd Monday
Don't Set Out Trash Before:
Thursday, June 9th
Pick Up Week June 13th-17th
Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up
Every Monday

platting and recording of subdivisions and additions. It is through this planning for and regulation of land development that the City Plan Commission achieves its land use planning objectives."

But what does this really mean, and how does the CPC affect and shape things? Per the definition above, they are responsible for planning and zoning matters, and they also regulate land development and plan land use. Therefore, their actions and decisions are vitally important to Vickery Place since we live in an established and historic neighborhood that is surrounded on two of its four sides by commercial development. Being able to have a say in what types of businesses or residential buildings can be our neighbors is one of the key tools we have to make Vickery Place a desirable neighborhood where people want to live.

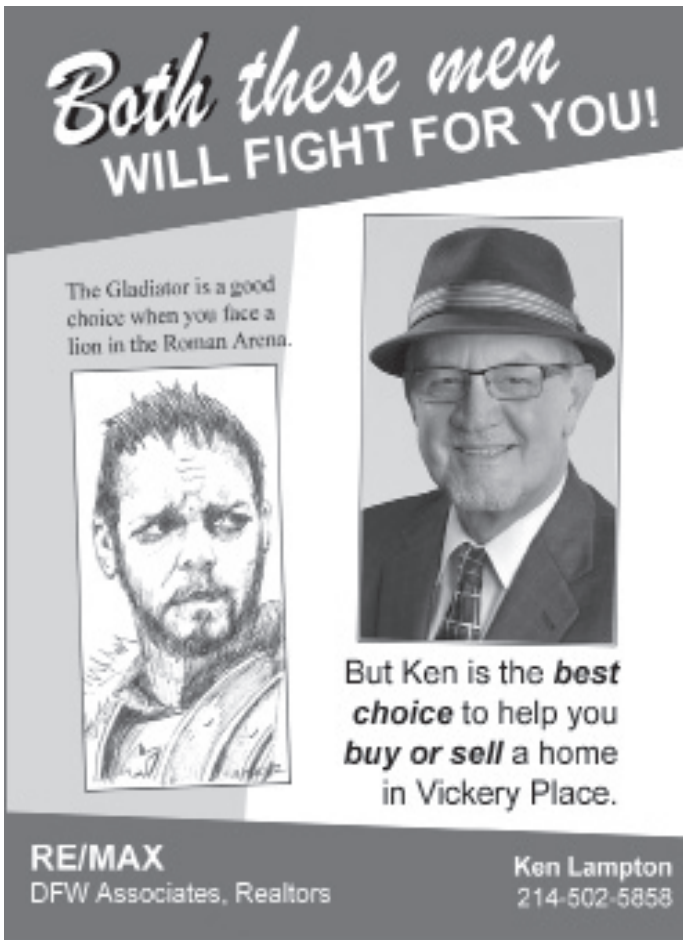
The CPC has 15 members. Fourteen of these members are appointed by City Council Members (one for each district) and the Mayor appoints one member who serves as the Chair. CPC hearings generally occur twice monthly, on the first and third Thursdays of the month starting at 1:30 pm. A calendar, as well as the agendas for each session, are available on the CPC webpage at: http://dallascityhall.com/departments/sustainabledevelopment/planning/Pages/CPC.aspx. Meeting agendas are generally published a couple of days before the meeting.

If you've never been to a CPC hearing, attending one is an educational experience and gives you insight into not only what kind of development and changes are going on in the city, but also how various CPC members vote regarding development (Pro-Business, Pro-Neighborhoods or somewhere in between). Sometimes people who run for city offices come up through the CPC so if you see how they vote on the CPC board you will get a clear knowledge of where their priorities lie, despite what they might say during a campaign for office. Finally, you can speak at these hearings, so if you have an opinion about a certain zoning change or property development initiative, your concerns can be heard and noted by CPC members. This allows you the opportunity to influence initiatives that directly affect the area where you live. Even if you don't have any concerns or wish to voice an opinion, simply watching a CPC hearing will give you valuable insight into how this part of your city government operates.

COMMUNITY

Community is defined as: "A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common, or a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals."

Up until a few years ago, I thought "community" was just a good coffee brand from Louisiana. Of all the places I've laid my head- apartments, condos, townhomes and houses for rent- they all felt the same. I'd wave to my neighbor, who very well could be a different person every six months, as I passed in and out of my temporary dwelling. I'd smile briefly as the ever-changing front



office folk showed the latest vacancy. All the while, living alone in my rented four walls.
How life can change so quickly? I got married and am expecting my first child. We currently live on Willis Ave and practically know all of our surrounding neighbors. I'm pretty sure my neighbor asked me for a cup a sugar not too long ago. I enjoy all of the simple things, stopping to talk to people I actually know and taking pride in my home's appearance. When the joggers and walkers wave to me as they fly by, it almost makes me want to work out. Which brings me to my point, community. We love this community wholeheartedly. Thank you Vickery Place for helping me define community. Although the coffee is really good, my community is even better.

Tim Clyde, Willis Ave

TWICE-WEEKLY WATERING SCHEDULE

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation sys¬tems is limited to no more than twice per week according to the MANDATORY schedule. No watering is allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays and from April 1-October 31, watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the allowed watering days. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering are allowed on any day and at any time.
Apartments, office building complexes or other property containing multiple addresses must be identified by the lowest address number.

City of Dallas Maximum Twice Per Week Watering Schedule	
Last Digit of Address	**Watering Days Allowed**
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sundays and Thursdays
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturdays and Wednesdays
No address number	Sundays and Thursdays

Q: Why is outdoor watering restricted?
A: The Water Conservation ordinance focuses on outdoor watering because it is considered a non-essential use and, on average, accounts for approximately 30% of our total annual water use.
Q: Can I use drip irrigation, a soaker hose or hand water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day?
A: Watering with these more efficient methods is not encouraged between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., but will be permitted.
Q: What about my vegetable garden?
A: Personal and community vegetable gardens are allowed to water any day with drip irrigation, soaker hoses or hand watering. Experts agree these are the best ways to water for healthy vegetable gardens.
Q: Can I keep my landscape alive if I can only water twice per week?
A: Horticultural experts agree that landscapes are healthiest with deep and infrequent watering. Even in the heat of summer, landscapes only need about one inch of water every 5 to 10 days to thrive. Watering your landscape often encourages shallow roots, which are more susceptible to damage from extreme heat, freezing temperatures, pests, diseases and future drought conditions. Native or adapted plants require even less water – in the right conditions some perennial flowers can go weeks without supplemental watering.
Keep in mind that signs of heat stress are similar to the signs of a plant needing more water. If a plant is drooping in the afternoon, check it the next morning. If it looks OK, the plant is reacting to the high air temperature. Also check the soil – the surface area may feel dry, but check a few inches below the surface. The soil below may still have plenty of water. This will prevent the accidental drowning of your landscape. Three to four inches of mulch can also make a big difference in shading the soil and reducing evaporation.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

A pergola, from the Latin "to come and go forward" is a fitting landmark for this month's winning yard at 5344 Richard. It also serves as an apt directive for its occupants. For that is what the house, the yard and the owners have done over the years. It is Vickery Place Neighborhood Association's Yard of the Month for June. The classic Craftsman has a yard befitting our conservation neighborhood. Thoughtful modifications and careful updates have helped it stay fresh for 2016.

Hillary DeParde and Richard Keil were married here under the back yard pergola on a warm January day in 2014 with their grown children, Edgar the dog and Sola the cat in attendance. Edgar and Sola are still in attendance. Growing up in Rochester, New York ,Hillary and Richard were friends who went separate ways. Hillary became a portrait photographer and Richard a journalist. They reunited when Hillary's sister saw Richard on TV.

Symmetrically divided by a red stone walkway, the front yard features red sage, lobelia, lantana, begonias,grasses and dusty miller. Current owners lament the clay soil of Texas and laud the previous owners for good planning. In the back, bamboo stretches along one side of the yard providing a natural wall of soundproofing and privacy while copious ground covers of wandering jew frame the rest. In winter, the landmark pergola cleverly becomes a greenhouse for more fragile plants like the beautiful hibiscus and bougainvillea.

Congratulations Hillary and Richard-yours is a lovely story just like your house. As with all Yard of the Month winners, North Haven Gardens is awarding a $50 gift certificate and standing by with plenty of outstanding soil additives to combat the Texas clay.

~The Beautification Committee - Debbie Simurda and Mary Kay Henley

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NORTH HAVEN Gardens

Tomato Tasting!

Bring in your prize fruit for a tomato taste-off Saturday, June 11

$100 NHG gift card to the best tasting tomato!

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