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NEW SIGN TOPPERS GOING UP!

We began installing the new Vickery Place sign toppers this month! However, to date, we have only raised funds to install the first 22 of 85 total sign toppers, which will eventually span the entire neighborhood. VPNA fronted the majority of the fabrication expense. This leaves the organization with very little available funds for other projects. Any donations you could make to help to reimburse VPNA for this large cash outlay would be appreciated.

VPNA General Meeting

The next VPNA General will be in July. The Wine Walk is serving in lieu of the June meeting.

We are still offering the chance for Vickery Place neighbors to 'sponsor a corner'. If you are interested in sponsoring a corner, or YOUR corner, please again consider contributing to the fund for the sign toppers. Donations of \$120 or more may be made through the donation button on the Sign Topper page of our website (www.vickeryplace.org).

Additionally, if you contribute \$240 or more, you have the option to receive your own sign topper for personal display. You may opt not to receive the topper, but the option is available to you.

Truly, we need your donations to make this and other VPNA projects a reality. Many of you have stepped up to help, but we are woefully short of our fundraising goal. Please donate to this effort. It's an important project that is the culmination of an enormous amount of time and energy on the part of many caring Vickery Place neighbors. And remember also that **every dollar of every donation you make to the Vickery Place Neighborhood Association is tax deductible** under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We will gladly send you a tax receipt for your records.

Bulky Trash

Week of the 2nd Monday
Don't Set Out Trash Before

Thursday, June 6th

Pick Up Week

June 10th to 14th

Weekly Trash

Recycling

Pick-up

Every Monday



By Will Short



MAY 9th GENERAL MEETING RECAP - BEAUTIFUL TREES!

Tree care expert Steve Houser gave a very informative presentation at the May 9th general meeting. He pointed out the many benefits of trees—air around trees is cooler, they provide shade to your home, thus using less energy, keep top soil from washing away, and the aesthetics of having canopy lined streets. He also addressed some major causes of stress to our trees and plant life, such as heat and drought, along with proper care and maintenance tips so they will remain healthy even under less favorable conditions. Steve gave a few pointers:

- Only water once a week (even in the summer heat)—wait for your lawn/plants to dry out, then water thoroughly, about 1 inch all around. This will cause the roots to grow deeper, in search of water.
- As your landscape matures, you may need to reconfigure it—i.e. that 8 ft. tree you planted 10 years ago, now shades a large portion of your yard, so you will need to plant shade-loving flowers, plants or lawn.
- When replacing trees/plants in your yard,

plant ones that are heat and drought tolerant—this will be the way of the future as water restrictions will not be easing up anytime soon.

We want to thank Steve for coming all the way



from Wylie to present to Vickery Place neighbors, as well as a big thank you to Raising Cane's on Greenville Avenue for their generous donation of delicious chicken tenders, and to Vickery Towers for hosting our monthly meeting.

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FATAL DISTRACTION

Summer is here and that means sweltering temperatures in Texas. We hear all too often where someone has died from being left in a parked car. Children, the elderly and pets rely on parents, caregivers and owners to watch out for them. Do not leave a helpless person or pet in a parked car in the summer heat, EVER. When the temperature outside is 86 degrees, the temperature inside a car can quickly reach 135 or even 150 degrees! Research indicates that leaving the windows open a crack does little to reduce this oven effect. A parked car in our summer heat is deadly. Below are some precautions that you might take:

Place your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat next to your child so that you will have to check the back seat when you leave the vehicle.

As tempting as it is to take your pet along when you run errands, during the summer months leave him at home or make sure that your destination is Fido Friendly.

Keep your car locked when parked on a residential street or in your drive-way to prevent a curious small child from opening the door, climbing inside and becoming trapped.

Lives are busy and stressful, lifestyles hectic—we often become distracted. Please take these reminders to heart and pass them on to others. If you see a child or the elderly left in a parked car, call 911 immediately. If you see an animal in a parked car in the heat, notify the store manager to make an announcement for the owner to return to the car, call 911 or the fire department.



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YARD OF THE MONTH

The first thing one sees when coming upon June's yard of the month at 5407 Richard is the arbor that welcomes. Closer examination reveals that this is not a run of the mill garden arbor but a sturdy lifetime steel, acid treated for the perfect finish. The original arbor wasted away as wood does and the homeowners, Luke and Jen, replaced it with very durable metal. It provides the entrance to this drought tolerant yard with buffalo grass, blooming cacti, lion's ear, Jerusalem sage and desert willow. The Rice's bought the house five years ago from other Vickery Place residents, the Greams, and inherited many of the plants that thrive today.

NORTH HAVEN
Gardens



The front yard tree swing is a favorite of Ozette who is five and Magali who is one. Macchia, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel lives there too. Jen is from Pennsylvania and Luke from New Jersey. The two biochemists met in graduate school in Connecticut and now work at Southwestern Medical school. Luke sometimes takes some of his graduate students, armed with microscopes, to the kindergarten at Robert E. Lee for a hands on presentation. Next year Ozette will attend school there.

North Haven Gardens has donated a \$50 gift certificate for the VPNA Yard of the Month.

~by Yard of the Month committee: Debbie Simurda & Mary Kay Henley

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