



Vickery Place Neighborhood NEWS

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MAY MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 8th

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Vickery Towers,
at Belmont & Greenville

"THE ENGLISH GARDENER"
Have you seen the beautiful landscaping at the corner of Bonita and Henderson? It is the work of Patrick Butterworth, 'The English Gardener'.

Mr. Butterworth will be the featured speaker at the VPNA May general meeting. He will talk about *Gardening in Dallas With a British Accent*, and show slides of some of his favorite gardens.

He specializes in creating gardens for what he calls "real people", gardens that reflect the character and lifestyle of the owners. He has worked with architects and restoration specialists in creating a number of gardens for notable homes in East Dallas.

Mr. Butterworth will answer your gardening questions, after which we will have a drawing for a door prize and take some time for refreshments.

Please join us!

Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado

Don't Set Out Trash Before:
Thursday, May 8th

Pick Up Week:
May 12th - 16th



HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Installing Outdoor Lighting

~ Jennifer Bryarly

A simple and inexpensive home improvement project is installing outdoor lighting.

This is a project that can be done for as little as \$100 and can be completed in just one weekend. Landscape lighting offers many aesthetic benefits and also provides increased home security.

Visit your favorite home improvement store and you will find many landscape lighting kits – some for around \$100. These kits typically include 6 lights connected with electrical wire that can be plugged right into your outdoor outlet.

According to the Dallas Police Department, good exterior lighting is important. It is even more important when areas of the yard are obscured by shrubbery. Most landscape lighting kits include a timer or photoelectric cell that will automatically turn on the lights at dusk. (*"Outdoor Lighting" continues on page 6.*)



CRIME STATS

Burglary	03/01/03	52XX Willis
Burglary	03/12/03	54XX Willis
Burglary	03/23/03	51XX Willis
Theft	03/23/03	53XX Miller
Theft	03/13/03	51XX Richard
Theft	03/13/03	51XX Richard
Theft	03/23/03	52XX Vickery
Theft	03/21/03	51XX Willis
Auto Theft	03/15/03	51XX Willis
Vandal	03/27/03	52XX Miller
Vandal	03/02/03	52XX Willis
Theft	03/13/03	55XX Willis
Vandal	03/17/03	55XX Belmont

Vickery Place functions throughout the year.

Sports arenas and tax abatement, preservation of the historic Mercantile building and a rail station at Knox Henderson were also topics brought up from the floor.

Our thanks to all of the candidates for giving Vickery Place the opportunity to ask questions and voice opinions. Thanks to Bruce Thomas for providing hot hors d' oeuvres, cookies and cream puffs for snacking and to Vickery Towers for the use of their facility. Once again, great meeting—great neighborhood!

APRIL MEETING SUMMARY

~ *Shelia Huffman*

Over 50 people turn out for Candidates' Forum.

Vickey Place residents had the opportunity to meet the city council candidates first hand and hear their views at the April 10 meeting of the Vickery Place Neighborhood Association.

Bill Dickersen, John Loza, David Morris, and Billy MacLeod from District 2 and Paul Woodfield and Velletta Lill from District 14 began the interesting and informative program by telling the audience a little about themselves and their interests for the city of Dallas.

Bill Dickersen is a 21 year resident of Dallas, business owner and antique dealer. Bill says addressing the issue of crime is one of his priorities for Dallas citizens. Paul Woodfield, a licensed Flight Dispatcher, recently returned to Dallas and lives in Gaston Coronado. Paul agrees that crime control is a primacy for the city. Attorney John Loza is a 17 year resident of Dallas, veteran to the council and lists housing, public safety and supporting police officers and fire fighters among his interests for

Dallas. David Morris is a 4-year resident of Dallas and a licensed Social Worker. David says that if he is elected to the council that he will listen to the needs of the people. Velletta Lill is a 16 year resident of Dallas and says that she started out as President of her neighborhood association in Hollywood Santa Monica and moved neighborhood activism to city hall. Velletta is an advocate of quality of life and neighborhoods. Billy MacLeod, ESPN radio, says that he is simply an average citizen and that he cares about Dallas and the people who reside here.

President, Morris Smart, presided over a question and answer forum giving each panel member the opportunity to address such issues as returning phone calls, the need for more policemen, mismanagement of city employees and the Bond Package.

Burton Brillhart asked for a commitment from each candidate to attend



From Left to Right: Velletta Lill, Billy MacLeod, David Morris, Bill Dickerson, Paul Woodfield, John Loza



President Morris Smart leads question and answer forum

STREETSCAPE:

Henderson Apartment Developers Working to Resolve Traffic Issues

~ Morris Smart

Phoenix Property Company, developer of the Eastbridge Apartments on Homer at Richard and Willis, has broken ground on its latest project, the Easton Apartments. Located on the southeast corner of Henderson and Manett, the project will include 160 apartments and a four story parking garage. The first units will be available for leasing in December, with final completion in April of 2004. The project represents the easternmost edge of the march of redevelopment down the Henderson corridor. It may well be the first of many new apartment projects in a large area of existing multifamily zoning that lies south of Henderson and east of Cochran Heights.

The development is located across Manett St. from Bonham Elementary School. Phoenix has recognized that the planned entrance to the residents' parking garage, located on Manett approximately three hundred feet south of Henderson, could create a traffic logjam at the peak hours. Manett is currently a one-way street during the hours when school children are arriving and leaving. With parents' cars parked along both sides of Manett, there is only enough space for traffic to flow in one direction. Phoenix has proposed to create parallel parking spaces on the east side of Manett that are recessed into the curb line, similar to the parking on Willis at Eastbridge. This would allow enough space for two way traffic on Manett. Phoenix will create a sidewalk easement on the apartment property in order to create enough space for the added parking.



Artist's rendering of the Easton apartments, Henderson at Manett

The developer has worked closely with the school on the traffic issue. Additionally, excavation for utility work in Manett Street is scheduled for the summer months to avoid conflict with the school's access. Extra space will be allotted to sidewalks near the corner to accommodate crowds of children walking to and from school.

The landscape plan for the project includes large trees along Henderson and Manett, as well as sections of decorative sidewalks. The landscape architect, who, interestingly, attended Bonham as a child, will use a design similar to the Eastbridge project.

Continued redevelopment along the Henderson corridor brings the advantage of improved property values and a higher quality built environment in the southern section of VP. However, more traffic and congestion are added to an already overburdened avenue. Hopefully, developers will continue to plan wisely in order to minimize local impacts on schools, streets and neighborhoods.

Pork Chops with Blue Cheese Gravy

A perfect treat for Mothers Day

~ Amy Brillhart

Prep Time: 5 Minutes
Cook Time: 30 Minutes
Ready In: 35 Minutes
Makes: 4 pork chops

Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter
4 thick cut pork chops
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, or to taste
1 cup whipping cream
2 ounces blue cheese, crumbled

Directions

1. Melt butter in a large skillet, over medium heat. Season the pork chops with black pepper and garlic powder. Fry the chops in butter until no longer pink and the juices run clear, about 20 to 25 minutes. Turn occasionally to brown evenly.

2. Remove chops to a plate and keep warm. Stir the whipping cream into the skillet, loosening any bits of meat stuck to the bottom. Stir in blue cheese. Cook, stirring constantly until sauce thickens, about 5 minutes. Pour sauce over warm pork chops.

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DISCOVER – FREE CONCERTS!

~ Cathy Clendening

“Jazz Under the Stars”

Thursday nights at Dallas Museum of Art, grab a picnic and come on downtown to enjoy the evening “sky” scape of downtown Dallas at night.

The first concert is Thursday, May 15th and music begins at 8 p.m. For information, call Dallas Museum of Art at 214-922-1200.

"The Connemara Meadow"

This nature conservancy is just up the road off 75 and open from dawn until dusk. Bring your pets, kites, kids, bubbleguns and picnic and enjoy this season of concerts.

May 11 - Mothers Day Concert, 1 p.m. Texas Saxophone Quartet

May 26- Memorial Day Concert, 1:30 p.m. Rafe Aalderink

June 15 - Father’s Day Concert, 1:30 p.m. Centennial Brass Quintet

It’s fun to run in the meadow! For more information call 214-351-0990.




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OUTDOOR LIGHTING (continued from page 1)

There are some kits that can be installed with just four steps:

- 1) Assemble lights
- 2) Place lights around house
- 3) Bury electrical line
- 4) Plug in and set timer

Some kits may be a little more complex, so always read the directions.

If you choose to use a motion detector light unit, make sure it is mounted so that an animal walking across your yard will not activate it.

Exterior lighting should be used on a regular basis. Turning on a porch light only when you leave announces your absence to criminals.

Other Home Security Tips:

Lock up

Reliable dead-bolt door locks and sturdy window latches help prevent break-ins.

Trim the hedges

Tall hedges provide hiding places for would-be burglars. Keep yours trimmed so that they're no higher than your windowsills.

Install peepholes

Peepholes with magnifying lenses let you see who's at your door - without opening it.

No notes

Never leave notes on your door, even when you're at home.

Make your mark

Permanently mark your valuables to make it easier for the police to return them to you if they are stolen. Social Security numbers and driver's license numbers with a state abbreviation work best. Keep a record of marked objects.

Make noise

Tune the stereo or TV to your favorite station when you leave the house. To a burglar it means that someone's home.

Don't provide access

Close and lock garage doors to protect valuables stored there and to prevent access to your house.

Park in the driveway

Park an additional car in your driveway or ask a neighbor to park there. It gives the appearance that someone's always home and prevents burglars from backing a van into the drive for easy loading.

Be careful with spare keys

If you leave a spare key outside, be creative. Burglars routinely check under flowerpots and welcome mats and on window ledges.

Have your home watched while you're away

Ask a neighbor to collect newspapers and mail when you're away. If you'll be gone for an extended period, hire someone to take care of your lawn or even to housesit. Most important, make sure your neighbors know when you will leave and when you will return.

Get involved

VPNA has a Crime Watch Committee that currently needs volunteers. This would be a great way to get to know your neighbors. Join us at our monthly meetings to find out more.

*Tips from The Dallas Police Dept. & Brinks Home Security
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WHO'S REALLY BEHIND THE JOY CHRISTIE MASK?

Joy Christie, owner of Joy Christie's Gallery Inc., invites you to visit her gallery and check out the collectible African Art, contemporary paintings and jewelry. Joy has sold African art for 31 years, 14 years on Knox and Henderson streets. As a "long-timer" in the neighborhood, she has seen many changes in both the neighborhood and the popularity of tribal art in American life. Joy is a native Dallasite.

*Christie's Gallery
2811 N. Henderson
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Bonham Elementary

May/Mayo

- 5 Avance Program/Programa de Avance 8 a.m.
- 5-9 Teach Appreciation Week/Semana de
Apreciacion del Maestro
- 6 Nutrition Class for Parents/ Clase de Nutricion
para Padres 10 a.m.
- 7 Nurse's Day/Dia de los Enfermeras
- 9 School Carnival/Carnaval de la Escuela 3 p.m.
- 12 Avance Program/Programa de Avance 8 a.m.
- 13 Nutrition Class for Parents/ Clase de Nutricion
para Padres 10 a.m.
- 13 Boy Scouts Meeting/Junta de los Boy Scouts
3:45 p.m.
- 15 PTA Meeting/Junta de PTA 6 p.m.
- 23 Partner/Volunteer Appreciation Brunch/
Desayuno de Apreciacion para Voluntarios y
Companeros 9 a.m.
- 26 Memorial Day – No School/Dia de los Caidos –
No Hay Clases
- 27 Nutrition Class for Parents/ Clase de Nutricion
para Padres 10 a.m.
- 27 Boy Scouts Meeting/Junta de los Boy Scouts
3:45 p.m.
- 30 School Field Day – Sports/Dia de Competencias
de deporte 8:30 a.m.

BALLET FOLKLORICO CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

The Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico will present their Cinco De Mayo dance celebration *Caribbean Freedom* at the beautiful **Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St. at 7:00 PM on May 13th**. Bilingual commentary accompanies the performance. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children. Don't miss this opportunity to be dazzled by the professional troupe! Call 214-828-0181 for more information.



Photo by Lee Williams

MAY YARD OF THE MONTH

May's YOM came to us as a recommendation in the VPNA mailbox. The writer asked me to look at the yard at 5526 Bonita, home of Carrie Atkinson. The writer goes on to say..."she has so much variety in such a small area and she causes passers-by to stop and talk to her about her simple front yard..."

Carrie Atkinson bought her 1926 Arts and Crafts home 5 years ago and has made both the front and backyards incredibly beautiful.



5526 Bonita

Two long beds run parallel to the walk from the sidewalk to the front porch. The beds contain an incredible assortment of perennials and a few annuals. The mixture includes antique roses, richly scented santolina, various sedums, dianthus of several different colors, large rosemary "shrubs" and a magnificent specimen of Spanish lavender in full bloom. The bed next to the porch contains lamb's ears and hardy fern for a lush tropical feel. Stop by and meet Carrie and leave with a new favorite plant in mind for your garden.

Plant: Lawn plugs, sod, seed, or sprigs. Tropicals, like bougainvillea and hibiscus abound in your local nursery..along with every annual and perennial you can image. They, along with gladiola and caladium bulbs, can all be planted this month.

Fertilize: Don't forget to fertilize your potted plants every couple of weeks.

Prune: Climbing roses after they bloom. Pinch away the growing tips of your mums if you want them to bloom well this fall.

Water: Let's all say it together "Water deeply and infrequently". This encourages a deeper root system in your lawn and garden.

Pests: Don't immediately grab the pesticide if you see some aphids on your roses or a caterpillar on a plant. Share your garden with those creatures and learn from them. That caterpillar will one day be the butterfly that brings a smile to your face..and the aphids will be a lady bug's dinner!

Feed and water the birds, especially as the temps rise!

Please always feel free to email me with questions, comments on topics you'd like more information on, or to nominate someone in the neighborhood for Yard of the Month. I'd love to hear from you! sandimholmes@yahoo.com

Happy Gardening,
Sandi



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