

JULY MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 10th

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Vickery Towers at Belmont & Greenville

Nasher Sculpture Center

In the fall, Dallas will see the unveiling of the new Nasher Sculpture Center in the downtown Arts District. Dallas developer Raymond Nasher is building a wonderful garden to showcase his world renowned collection of twentieth century sculpture.

At our July meeting, Nasher Assistant Curator Jed Morse will show slides of the Center and the collection, and discuss the design of the new facility. The Nasher will be the finest visual arts venue in the City. Don't miss this opportunity for a sneak preview.

Additionally, our Interactive Community Police officers will be on hand to discuss neighborhood safety. Various VPNA committee reports will be offered.

Please join us!

Vickery Place Frequently Asked Questions

Whether you are a veteran to Vickery Place or have just moved in, here are some frequently asked questions and answers to help you out.

FAQs

➤ **How can I get road humps installed on my street?**

○ The City of Dallas has a well defined process for the installation of speed bumps, or road humps on residential streets. The cost must be paid by the residents of the block, and must be supported by two thirds of the households in a petition process. Upon receipt of the petitions, the City will survey the block with traffic counters and speed measuring equipment. If the average speeds exceed certain levels, the City will share in the cost of the installation.

○ To start this process you can either call 311 or fill out the online form at <http://311.dallascityhall.com/index.html> Be sure to choose the Service Request Entry - Traffic - General Request - PWT

➤ **Who is responsible for fixing the sidewalk in front of my house?**

The homeowner is responsible for maintaining the condition of the sidewalk in front of their house. Under rare circumstances the City will share the cost of repairing the sidewalk. However this shared cost may be more expensive than hiring an independent contractor yourself.

➤ **Who is responsible for maintaining the alley behind my house?**

○ The homeowner is responsible for maintaining the alley directly behind their house and making sure it is free of litter and debris.

➤ **How can I get the alley behind my house paved?**

The City of Dallas requires that home owners share the costs of improving an unpaved alley. A petition has to be signed by 2/3rds of the residents whose houses share the alley. To start this process you can either call 311 or fill out the online form at <http://311.dallascityhall.com/index.html>. Be sure to choose the Service Request Entry - Paving - Unimproved (New Alley) - PWT.

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Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado

Don't Set Out Trash Before:

Thursday, July 10th

Pick Up Week:

July 14th - 18th



CRIME STATS

No crime stats this month. The July stats will be included in next month's newsletter.

JUNE SOCIAL A GRAPE SUCCESS!

~ Leslie Farrell

As planned by our VPNA President, Knox Street merchant **Best Cellars** opened their doors the evening of June 12 to accommodate and welcome their Vickery Place neighbors in a casually elegant and hospitable fashion.



As has been VPNA President Morris Smart's style and motto of leadership, VPNA has been able to conduct a variety of business meetings and social meetings throughout the year, creating a sense of balance in our association as we strive to do the same in our individual lives. The June meeting was all about chatting with other Vickery Place neighbors over a delectable red or white or water beverage with a snack courtesy of VP restaurant neighbor, **Cuba Libre**.

Best Cellars hosts, Kristin Lambeth and Jason Welch, offered very ample samples to VP residents, selecting from their wide selection of red labels such as: New Zealand's Zenith Pinot Noir, Chateau Roquefort's Bordeaux, Lodi California's Campus Oaks Old Vineyard Zinfandel, an Alta Vista Malbec from Argentina, and a Chateau de Premeaux Bourgogne Pinot Noir. For those with interests in the white variety, one could try a

Santa Barbara Winery Chardonnay and, from Lebanese winemaker, Chateau Ksara's Blanc de Blancs. Every year was for that evening 'a very good year'.

Cuba Libre's delicious fare included coconut-encrusted chicken tenders, cevicat martini, chorizo queso, signature black-bean dip, and their sample sandwiches: pressed medio noche & pollo noche.

From this writer's vantage point, conversation included pursuit of a better life for one, to mutual crime watch successes with another two neighbors meeting each other for the first time. Other chat included anticipating a 'new addition' either to the house or in the family or personal sport goals or discovering that 'he knows she who knows he who knows your neighbor's brother'....or, something 'its-a-small-world' like that...

Basically, these social meetings promote a moment to relax after work before readying for a new day, discovering the mutual recreational interests amongst us all living here in Vickery Place, and setting the foundation for building coalition amongst friends. By 'meetings' end, no strangers departed and thanks was offered to our gracious hosts.



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WHEN IS BULKY TRASH PICKUP? JUST WATCH FOR A SIGN!

At my house, the only question asked more frequently than “What’s for dinner?” is “When is bulky trash pick up?” “Is it the second week? The second Monday? Do we put the trash out this week or next week? It’s in the newsletter — where did you put the newsletter? No, this is last month’s newsletter.” Sound familiar?



Enter Vickery Place to the rescue! At the suggestion of VPNA president Morris Smart, the Vickery Place board has printed several signs to help everyone keep track of the proper time for placing bulky trash on the parkway. The purple and white signs read, “BULKY TRASH PICK UP WEEK,” and will be displayed in strategic locations in and around Vickery Place and will go up each month on the Thursday prior to pick up, letting all know that it is time to put out bulky trash.

Initially, VPNA purchased 10 bulky trash signs for the neighborhood, and several board members also purchased an individual sign for their own yards. Should enough residents desire a sign of their own, the board will have more signs printed. Many thanks to board member Leslie Farrell for shepherding this project to fruition.

VPNA’s sign program will coincide with a new citywide “get tough” policy for bulky trash violators. In an effort to crack down on individuals who put bulky trash on the curb “out of schedule,” the City will begin July 1 issuing violators immediate citations that could result in fines of \$175. After many years of ineffective enforcement, the City of Dallas has determined that its present policy of issuing preliminary warnings to violators does not work. (Duh!!). As stated by Code Compliance Director Kathleen Davis, “By the time the violator retrieved the certified mail [warning] from the post office, which could be as long as 10 days to two weeks after it was mailed, the violator was now in compliance yet the bulk trash had scarred the neighborhood for almost a month.”

For the record, **bulky trash is collected during the week of the second Monday each month.** In our neighborhood, invariably collection occurs on Thursday. The City’s bulky trash policy is reprinted below:

Residents have a four-day window of time each month to put out bulk trash. Residents should put out bulk trash no earlier than 7 a.m. the Thursday before pickup week and no later than 7 a.m. the Monday of pickup week. Bulk trash service is provided every month and some of the items accepted include large tree limbs, shrubbery, furniture, appliances, mattresses, box springs, and leaves in 50-gallon or smaller sized bags. (The City does not collect bagged grass clippings as part of this service.) New construction or remodeling materials such as lumber, sheetrock or roofing waste can be hauled either to one of the City’s transfer stations or the McCommas Bluff Landfill, 5100 Youngblood Road. In addition, a “Cost Plus” service is available to retrieve these items as well as bulk trash that can’t wait until the resident’s assigned collection week. Estimates and additional information are available by calling 3-1-1. Bricks, concrete, rocks and dirt are not collected by either bulk trash or Cost Plus services but can be disposed of at the McCommas Bluff Landfill. Call 3-1-1 for more information.

DISCOVER VICKERY PLACE, DISCOVER DALLAS!

Did you know there is a home in Vickery Place designed by well-known architect Clyde Hutsell? Where in Vickery Place did the founder of Blue Cross Blue Shield once reside? Which house on Miller Ave. still has the brass ring on the parkway to tie up your horse? Learn the answers and so much more—now is your chance to discover Vickery Place and Discover Dallas!

No previous experience necessary—just eyes, ears, feet and a heart to contribute to a legacy for Dallas.

Contact Beth Bentley at 214.821.0831 or at info@vpna.org for more details.

Discover Dallas Training/Orientation

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD, 6-8PM

**PRESERVATION DALLAS
2922 SWISS AVENUE
WILSON CARRIAGE HOUSE
(LOCATED BEHIND PRESERVATION
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In-depth review of the image-based survey form via PowerPoint presentation by Katherine Dyll, details on how to survey, a glossary of architectural terms & a guide to architectural styles, PLUS the chance to meet other volunteers from neighborhoods just like yours.

A DANDY JULY TREAT -

And a great recipe for children

What you will need:

1/4 cup salted peanuts	teaspoon
4 large bananas	cutting board
4 1/2oz frozen whipped topping (thawed)	cutting knife
12 maraschino cherries	scissors
	large bowl

What you will do:

1. Help child chop up the peanuts
2. Wash bananas and slit each one length-wise. Cut to 1" on each end.
3. With your scissors, cut away 1/2" of the peel along each side of the slits.
4. Empty the whipped topping into the bowl.
5. With your tablespoon, carefully scoop out the fruit from each banana.
6. Gently mix the banana pieces into the whipped topping.
7. Fill each banana peel with an equal amount of the mixture. Sprinkle chopped nuts on top.
8. After topping each with 3 cherries in a row, decorate them with toothpick flags of your own design.

Love, Candy Hearne

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Take a cappuccino pie home or maybe some sumoni ice cream. Check out the Italian wines and the bargain table. You'll find spaghetti sauce from Sicily (delicious but not expensive), all different kinds of olive oil, pasta and scrumptious Italian cookies.

Jimmy's is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. It's located at the corner of Bryan & Fitzugh: 4901 Bryan, 214-823-6180. Bon Voyage!



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- **If my street requires weekend parking permits, who do I contact to get them?**
 - You can call the City of Dallas Parking Management at (214) 670-4120 or you can download and fill out the form at <http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/pdf/VehicleHangtagApplication.pdf>
- **How can I get part of my block designated as NO PARKING?**
 - By City of Dallas ordinance, “No Parking” signs are handled on a petition basis. In a residential area, the citizen must have a petition signed by 80% of affected citizens in the same block, on the same side of the street, with 51% being in favor of the change. There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee and a fee of \$25 per sign installed/removed. This petition can be found online at http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/parking_petitions.html For further information, call Transportation Engineering at (214) 670-3260.
- **Who can I contact regarding frequent traffic violations on my street? Ex. A stop sign that is ignored by almost everyone.**
 - You can contact our dedicated Interactive Community Police officers at 214-670-4420.
- **Who can I contact regarding suspicious activities?**
 - Always call 911 if something seems suspicious around our neighborhood. Having a patrol car drive by might just prevent a crime. Additionally, you can contact our dedicated ICP officers at 214-670-4420 to alert them of suspected regular illegal activities being conducted out of a particular residence.
- **Who can I contact regarding Dallas City code violations? Ex. Bulky trash out at an improper time, cars in the yard, too many garage sales, junk cars, etc...**
 - You can either call 311 or fill out the online form at <http://311.dallascityhall.com/index.html>
- **Who are our Local Political Representatives?**

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ City Council Representative – District:14 (Precincts 1223 & 1229) Veletta Forsythe Lill Dallas City Hall 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5FS Dallas, TX 75201-6390 (214) 670-5415 (214) 670-1847 fax	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ City Council Representative – District:2 (Precinct 1221) John Loza, Mayor Pro Tem Dallas City Hall 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5EN Dallas, TX 75201-6390 (214) 670-4048 (214) 670-1816 fax
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- **What are our polling locations?**
 - Voting Precincts: 1221, 1223, & 1229
 - Precincts 1221 & 1223: Vote at Vickery Towers
 - Precinct 1229 (North Side of Goodwin only) – Vote at Ridgecrest Baptist Church
 - To confirm your voter registration and precinct number, check:
 - <http://www.dalcoelections.org/voters.asp>
- **What is the contact information for Vickery Place Neighborhood Association?**

Vickery Place Neighborhood Association, <http://www.vpna.org>
PO BOX 720192
Dallas, Texas 75372
Voicemail: **214.967.5134**



STREETSCAPE - URBAN FOSSILS

~ Morris Smart

The first streets and houses were built in Vickery Place over ninety years ago. Much of the original construction still exists. While strolling the sidewalks of VP, a careful observer can discover imprints of long gone construction companies in the concrete under his feet.

The sidewalks of VP are often found to be in bad repair. Many have been displaced by tectonic forces of expanding soils and spreading tree roots. In the early days of concrete flatwork, the use reinforcement rods were not standard procedure. Consequently, many of the old sidewalks of VP are being replaced. Before they are all gone, however, take time to find the imprint stamps of the construction companies that installed them. Some are as early as the Crowley Bros. stamp on Vickery that is dated 1922.

When you find one of these imprints under your feet, take a minute to consider the construction crews whose hard work still serves us.



Crowley 1922



Walter Day Co. 1960



Geo. Klein Co.



E. Ray Freeman 1956



Trinity Engineering

Mark Your Calendars National Night Out August 5th

NNO CRIMEWATCH BLOCKPARTY IN AUGUST!!

Again this year, VPNA will host the eagerly awaited **National Night Out Against Crime Blockparty**. The date is Tuesday, August 5th. On the first Tuesday in August, neighborhood crimewatch groups all over the nation sponsor block parties to help everyone get to know their neighbors. In VP, the traditional party has grown into an evening of great fun, with food, drink and entertainment.

Again this year, the street train will transport kids around the block, while others bounce around in the Moon Bounce. Mariachis will open the evening, and a rock and roll band will complete the show. The event is free of charge, and open to all residents of the area. If you live in VP, you're invited! Food and drinks are available for a small charge. Great prizes donated by area businesses will be raffled. It's fun for the whole family, so don't miss it! **Volunteers are Needed!** We need help with things like setting up, making popcorn, selling drinks, organizing the raffle, and post-event clean up. If you can pitch in for an hour or so, please let us know! Contact us via Email at info@vpna.org or voice mail at 214-967-5134.



JULY YARD OF THE MONTH

July's YOM goes to 5410 Vickery, home of Chris Eckhardt and Ellen Dennehy. They've lived in their 1920's home for 5 ½ years now and came to us from North Carolina.

Ellen emailed me and told me how hard her husband had been working on the 2 beds in front of their house. She even emailed me several beautiful photos to back up her boasts. Since I had already picked the YOM for June, I told her I'd look at it for July..and she wasn't kidding. Chris has filled the beds with an incredible variety of spring and summer blooming plants. The followings plants are in full bloom now, late June at almost 100 degrees outside (take note!); Russian sage, rudbeckia, coral bells, purple cone flowers, heliopsis and white giant garden phlox.

Phew! What a list, and you all thought you couldn't have a colorful blooming garden in the heat of the summer! Check out local garden centers that carry adapted and native Texas plants. You'll be pleasantly surprised that it doesn't have to look like a cactus to be heat tolerant.

Mosquito Reminder: Empty standing water. Use organic methods to fight adult mosquitoes such as garlic pepper tea or a citronella-based spray like Skeeter-D'Feeter. Go to the Dallas City Hall Website for more information, or www.dirtdoctor.com

Water Restriction Reminder: June 1 – Sept. 30 watering is prohibited between 10a-6p unless it is with a hand-held hose or soaker hose. Try not to water driveways, sidewalk or streets. Fines can range from \$250. - \$2,000. Report incidents to 214 670-3155.

Plant: warm-season vegetables for the fall garden, all container-grown nursery stock and warm-season lawn grasses.

Fertilize: If you do so in June, fertilize all planting areas and lawn with an organic fertilizer.

Prune: Dead or damaged limbs. Remove spent flowers from roses and other perennials to encourage more blooms.

Water: DEEPLY and INFREQUENTLY. Did you know that most plants planted in the ground do not need to be watered every day or every other day? Over water can kill too! Potted plants, however, do dry out very quickly.

With the heat, don't forget to leave water out for your pets, or better yet bring them inside in the hottest part of the day. They can suffer heat stroke like you or I.

Email me with suggestions or if you want to nominate your yard or that of a neighbor.

Happy Gardening,

Sandi
sandimholmes@yahoo.com



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