

March Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 11th
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: 5401 Miller -
Todd McCavit's garage

Come help us assemble
No-Parking signs for the
St. Patrick's Day celebration.

CALL FOR LEPRECHAUN NO-PARKING-SIGN-ASSEMBLERS

~ Leslie Farrell

Vickery Place needs your help assembling no-parking signs for the annual St Pat's party held on Greenville Ave by local merchants.

As you probably realize, the party has become a huge success and draws attendees from everywhere. (See page 3 and 4 for party details.)

Thanks to city traffic planning and other leaders amongst us in past and current years, the bottleneck created by parked cars is reduced and managed by making Vickery Place roadways one-



side-only parking. Signs must be assembled, then placed at designated curbs the night before the event and then retrieved the morning after the event.

The regularly scheduled General Meeting of VPNA for **March 11** will be held as a sign-assembly party at a boardmember's garage. Please join us for a task made easy with refreshments, pizza and general socializing.

Our sign-assembly location has been revised slightly since last the newsletter and is now at the **McCavit home, 5401 Miller, situated at the corner of Miller and Glencoe, 6pm.**

Bring a hammer if you have one, and an easy disposition. Last year's assembly party was fun and this one is expected to be as well!



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Don't Set Out Trash Before:
Thursday, March 4th

Pick Up Week:
March 8th - 12th



CRIME STATS

CRIME	DATE	ADDRESS
Burglary	1/21/04	51XX Goodwin
Burglary	1/11/04	54XX Goodwin
Burglary	1/02/04	50XX Vickery
Burglary	1/10/04	50XX Vickery
Theft	1/09/04	51XX Goodwin
Vandal	1/23/04	53XX Goodwin
Assault	1/31/04	56XX Vickery
Vandal	1/13/04	55XX Goodwin
Vandal	1/23/04	55XX Vickery
Vandal	1/31/04	56XX Vickery
Vandal	1/31/04	56XX Vickery



FEB GENERAL MEETING B-I-N-G-O WAS F-U-N

Vickery Towers residents and Vickery Place residents enjoyed a nice evening of bingo and prizes at the last VPNA General Meeting.

VPNA has wanted to demonstrate an appreciation to our neighbors at Vickery Towers who have supported the neighborhood with meeting space, refreshments and other gifts throughout the years. The February General Meeting was developed to be a social event of bingo and conversation. Our dedicated police officers, Johnson and Hunt, visited with quick updates on crime solutions in the area.

Donated prizes were awarded to game winners. Premiere Video donated two-for-one coupons, Avocado Tree donated personal specialty items and La Mariposa donated wall-hangings and a soft case. Other donated items included gift cards to Blockbuster, Radio Shack, Kroger, JoAnn Fabrics, Boston Market; a supply of postage stamps; fun stuff from Restoration Hardware, including a magnetic dart board; Whole Foods truffles and silver pendant from Premier Jewelry. Cake was donated by neighbor Niki Pacheco with cookies by Anton and Rollin Skowronski.

Special thanks to our merchant neighbors - **Premiere Video, Avocado Tree and La Mariposa. Be sure to drop in to Premiere Video at 5400 Mockingbird Ln and Macmillan, Avocado Tree at the corner of Henderson and Miller, and to La Mariposa at 2813 N Henderson.** Also, constant thanks to supportive bingo boardmembers and spouses, Todd McCavit, Jennifer Bryarly, Eric LeBlanc, Angi Brown, Anton Skowronski, Sandi Schwedler and Leslie Farrell. Lastly, but not leastly, continued thanks to Vickery Towers!



IRISH SODA BREAD

~ *Recipe courtesy of Jill Novatt*

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
2 tablespoons cold vegetable shortening
1 egg, beaten
1 cup buttermilk

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt and mix well. Cut the butter and shortening into small pieces and add to the flour mixture. Using your fingers, work the cold butter and shortening into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse crumbs. Add the egg and the buttermilk and mix into the flour mixture until it is incorporated. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead gently until the dough forms a smooth ball. Place loaf on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Place the loaf in the oven and bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until golden brown. Yields 1 loaf.

ANGI'S VERSION OF KALE SOUP

~ *Angi Brown, inspired by our trip to Cape Cod in 2002*

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound linguica (sliced roughly one half inch without skin)[linguica, which is a Portuguese spiced-version of lamb sausage, has proved difficult to find in the near Vickery Place area; we found it once long ago at Central Market and they may prepare it upon request; try your best to find it, but, in lieu of linguica, try chorizo!]
- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 large potatoes peeled (Idaho used) & cubed
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic (generous)
- quarter cup fresh minced parsley
- 2 14.5 oz cans tomatoes (whole & stewed, whatever was in cupboard)
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 8 cups of chicken broth
- 4 cups curly kale, stems trimmed & then torn in pieces
- 1 or 2 cans kidney beans, 15 or 16 oz can
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- quarter teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 tablespoon hot pepper sauce (tabasco...or Bayou Blast [per Emeril])
- 5 turns ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup minced fresh mint

1. Heat oil in a large pot over heat (6 qt pot or larger).
 2. Add linguica and onion.
 3. Cook, stirring until onions begin to soften.
 4. Add potatoes, parsley, and garlic.
 5. Cook, stirring, 2 minutes.
 6. Add tomatoes, red wine, chicken broth, kale, and kidney beans.
 7. Heat to a boil.
 8. Add bay leaves, thyme, crushed red pepper, pepper sauce, black pepper, and salt, to taste.
 9. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, until potatoes are tender.
 10. Add more broth if necessary.
 11. Ladle into large bowls.
 12. Top with mint.
 13. Let stand a minute or two before serving.
- Pop a cork of a nice red wine from Portugal or Spain, presuming you drank what you'd opened earlier!



Greenville Ave. St. Patrick's Celebration 2004

STREETS CLOSE:

10a.m.-6p.m.

EVENT TIME: 10a.m.-6p.m.

WHERE: Between Vanderbilt & Vickery on Greenville Ave.

WHEN: Saturday, March 13th

RESIDENT-ONLY PARKING:

See map on right side.

EVENT SITE SIGNAGE

NO COOLERS OR CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED IN OR OUT OF THE EVENT AREA.



2003 St. Patrick's Celebration, Greenville Avenue

EVENT SITE ENTRANCE & EXIT

Security provided by D & L Security and D.P.D.

EVENT SITE & PERIMETER

Security provided by D.P.D.

BUSINESSES ON EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Stans, The Dubliner, Terrilli's, Blue Goose, Hurricane Grill, The Grape, Greenville Bar & Grill, Mick's, and The Pony Keg

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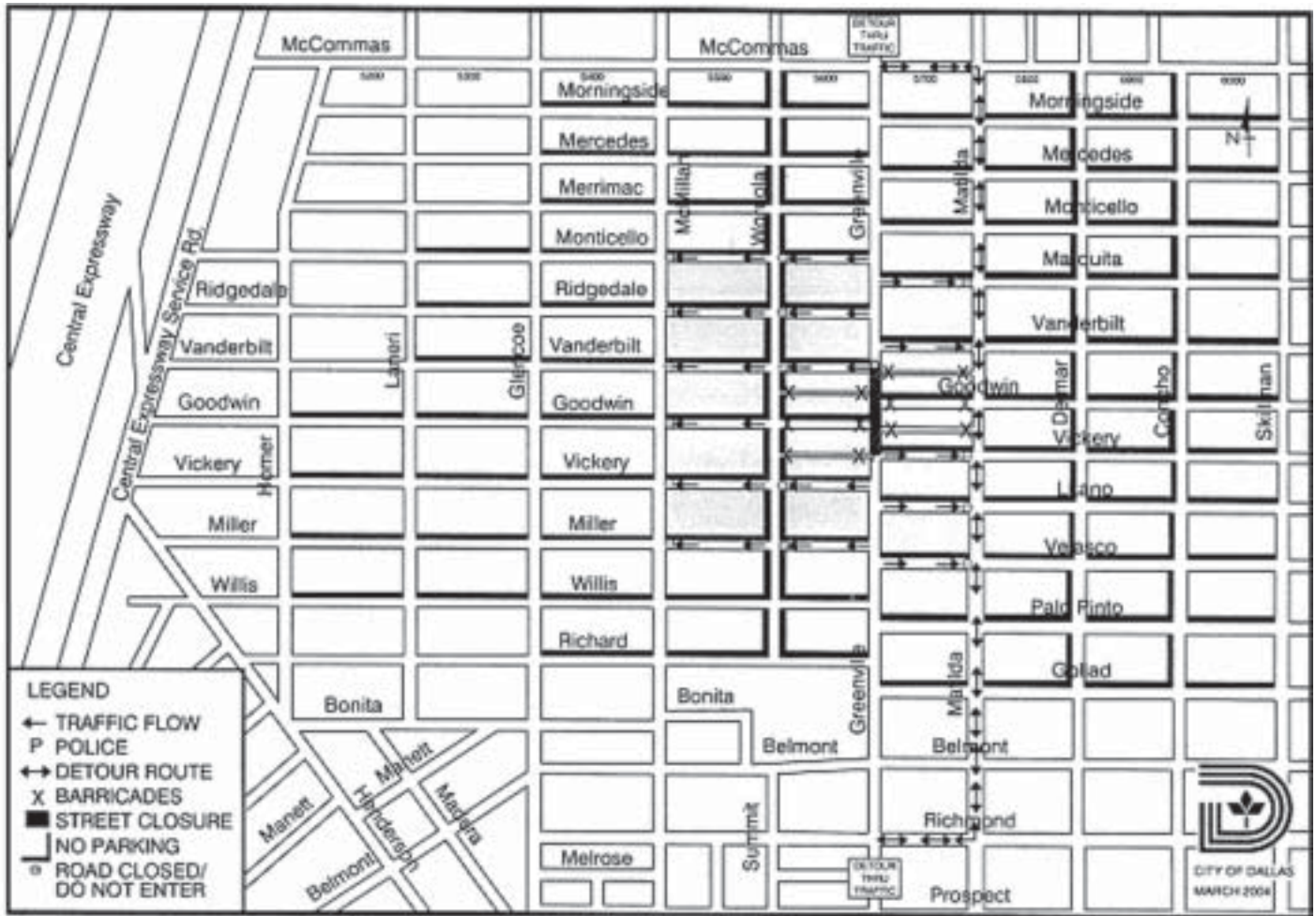
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2004 St. Patrick's Celebration Traffic Plan Map



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COOK IT UP!

~ Sandi Holmes

VPNA Residents, mark your calendars! **April 14th, 2004** will be a social event for the April Vickery Place Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting. We also had to change the date to accommodate the schedule of our host.

April's meeting will be held at **Sur La Table** (French for "on the table") **4527 Travis**, near the corner of Travis and Knox.

If you don't know, Sur La Table is an upscale culinary store that is truly a cook's paradise. It's full of the best cookware and knives, as well as an incredible selection of cookbooks and the most fabulous kitchen gadgets.

More will be written in the April newsletter, but please join us for a cooking demo and a lovely place to socialize with your neighbors. You even get a 10% off coupon to top it off!



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LET IT SNOW

~ Sandi Holmes

What a lovely, and unusual Valentines Day we had this year. If you don't recall, a blanket of snow, the most in the area since 1985, breezed in during the early morning of February 14th dropping 3 to 6 inches on the Metroplex. It was wonderful to walk around the neighborhood early that morning, which fortunately was a Saturday, and to see all the kids (big and small) making snowmen, women and even peace signs.

For those wondering, here are some Dallas snow facts courtesy of the Dallas Morning News:

- 1) The heaviest snowfall in a 24 hour period was 12.1" on Jan 15-16 1964.
- 2) The snowiest month ever was February 1978 with 13.5"
- 3) Previous snowiest Valentines Day was in 1951 with 3"
- 4) Average annual snowfall for the D-FW area is 2.5"
- 5) The snowiest month in North Texas is February with an average of 1.2".

We were lucky that it didn't stay too long and cause too many problems but it was great fun to play in. Here are some photos from the neighborhood.



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