

**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Thursday, November 10  
 Time: 7:00 PM  
 Place : Vickery Towers at Belmont & Greenville Avenue

Old fashioned Pot Luck supper & 2006 VPNA Board Elections. Join us for a festive evening!

We're kickin' off the holiday season with an old fashioned pot luck supper. A smorgasbord of an evening, we'll sample traditional favorites prepared and shared by members of VPNA, enjoy holiday cheer, elect the 2006 board and just get in the spirit of the season.

The November general meeting is the neighborhood association's annual meeting, where new officers are elected to serve on the next year's board.

As always, there are plenty of positions and committees open for volunteers. We welcome new faces and fresh ideas in the neighborhood association. The increase in attendance in recent meetings and events reflects the level of interest that residents have in Vickery Place. Perhaps we are seeing a new generation of pioneers!

2006 VPNA Slate of Officers:

- Eric LeBlanc - President
- Shelia Huffman - Vice President
- Bruce Thomas - Treasurer
- Lindsey Lecuyer - Secretary

At Large Members:

- Stephanie Davis
- Christine Haddock
- Jennifer Peters
- Kurt Schwarz
- Cynthia Wielgoez and Dean Elliott

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Committee Chairs (these are not voted on, but appointed by the board):

- The Newsletter, Website and Advertising Committee:  
 Newsletter Co Editors - Beth Bentley and Shelia Huffman;  
 Newsletter Distributor - Beth Timpson Clark
- The Beautification Committee: Yard of the Month - Kristin Rickards
- The Urban Design and Planning Committee - Conservation - Beth Bentley

**VICKERY PLACE DOGS KNOW HOW TO THROW A PARTY!**  
 (See story on page 2)



Photos by Don Gwynne

**Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado**

Don't Set Out Trash Before:  
 Thursday, November 10



Pick Up Week:  
 November 14-18

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## DOG SHOW & HOT DOG SUPPER RECAP



All sizes, all colors, all breeds showed up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vickery Place Dog Show and Hot Dog Supper.

In honor of St. Francis Day, Father Ken Leonczyk of St. Matthews Episcopal Cathedral celebrated the Blessing of the Animals with a traditional prayer service. Adults, children and elder residents of Vickery Towers gathered on the lawn with their pets while Father Leonczyk told us the story of St. Francis and the kinship that he experienced with the animals. Then all dogs lined up and passed Father Leonczyk for an individual blessing. It was a lovely shared time that represents how important our pets are to us and how they enrich our lives.

Dean Elliot kept the evening moving and announced raffle prizewinners as names were drawn.

Vickery Place Hot Dog Man, Eric LeBlanc, grilled hot dogs as folks gathered around the table of fixins' to create their "as you like it" hot dog. Sous chef was 2 year old Ethan LeBlanc.. Jeanine Baisch and Victoria Montenegro made those delicious S'Mores.

Thanks guys and gals for a job well done.



Naureen Merchant from the SPCA of Texas was on hand to answer questions about the work of this special organization.

Anna Brinker, owner, handler and breeder of champion Airedale Terriers and real estate agent, Ken Lampton of M Streets Dallas, judged the corny dog contest with

contestants winning a bone or a biscuit for being big, or little, or wearing a funny costume and other fun categories.

Several doggies and Yogis did some poses with Terry Gwynne as she taught some basic Yoga that can be shared with your dog.

Our thanks to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle: Canine Commissary for their generous gift certificate. (Canine Commissary recently relocated to Mockingbird and Abrams.) Dirty Dawgz on Mockingbird in the Albertson's Shopping Center for their generous gift certificate. La Mariposa on Henderson donated the Talevera ceramic dog. Candy Hearne donated pillows embroidered in the artist colony of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Board members Shelia Huffman donated a stuffed Border Collie made for Vickery Place at Build A Bear Workshop and Cynthia Wielgosz donated prizes for the dog show. From the sale of raffle tickets, a donation was made to the SPCA and Camp Wolfgang Rescue.

Thank you, Don Gwynne, Don Gwyne Photography

Arlington, Texas, for taking pictures at the event. A big thank you goes to Jake Rachel for helping set up and organize.

As always VPNA thanks Vickery Towers for providing us with a wonderful meeting facility and to all of the members of the board and the neighborhood association who make these events so much fun and this neighborhood so special!



**SEPTEMBER CRIME STATS:**

<u>CRIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
BURGLARY	09/01/05	54XX BELMONT
BURGLARY	09/05/05	54XX BONITA
BURGLARY	09/15/05	54XX BONITA
BURGLARY	09/27/05	25XX HENDERSON
BURGLARY	09/03/05	53XX MILLER
BURGLARY	09/01/05	54XX RICHMOND
THEFT	09/15/05	54XX BELMONT
THEFT	09/23/05	19XX HENDERSON
THEFT	09/30/05	19XX HENDERSON
THEFT	09/24/05	28XX HENDERSON
THEFT	09/24/05	28XX HENDERSON
THEFT	09/14/95	26XX MADERA
THEFT	09/28/05	54XX MILLER
THEFT	09/08/05	52XX RICHARD
THEFT	09/25/05	54XX RICHMOND
THEFT	09/15/05	51XX WILLIS
THEFT	09/16/05	51XX WILLIS
THEFT	09/16/05	51XX WILLIS
THEFT	09/23/05	51XX WILLIS
AUTO THEFT	09/17/05	20XX MADERA
AUTO THEFT	09/26/05	52XX MILLER
AUTO THEFT	09/14/05	54XX VICKERY
AUTO THEFT	09/28/05	51XX WILLIS
OTHERASLT	09/13/05	54XX WILLIS
VANDAL	09/03/05	51XX RICHARD
VANDAL	09/12/05	52XX WILLIS
TEL HARASS	09/28/05	54XX BELMONT
OTHER	09/11/05	24XX HENDERSON

**VICKERY PLACE CONSERVATION TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 15, 7 pm**  
**Vickery Towers**



Come learn more and be a part of the Vickery Place Conservation District process. This is the second in a series of eight town hall meetings conducted by the City of Dallas Planning Department. Through these meetings we, as a neighborhood, will develop our conservation ordinance, tailoring it to our needs. It can be as rigorous as specifying certain elements such as building materials, or it can simply define height and setbacks of new construction—WE DECIDE.

Below are some of the building standards that are commonly regulated through a Conservation District. The current standards per Dallas City Building Code are in *italics*:

Architectural Style – currently there is no standard. Craftsman (bungalow), Prairie Style, Tudor, Colonial

Revival, Spanish Eclectic and Minimal Traditional are predominant in Vickery Place.

Height of structure – *30 ft. max.* Measurement taken from the top of the grade to the mid-point of slope of roof (between the peak and the eave).

Front Setback - *25 ft. min.* Distance from the sidewalk (or easement) to the front of the structure (wall or column).

Side Setback – *5 ft. min.* Distance from the property line to the wall of the house (excludes fireplace or roof eave)

Garage location and size – currently there is no standard. Most common in Vickery Place are detached, in the rear of the property.

These building standards will be discussed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Meeting on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend this meeting to learn more about what is allowed under the current building code and standards you would like to see regulated. Together we can decide the look of future development in Vickery Place.

~ Vickery Place Conservation Committee, [info@vpna.org](mailto:info@vpna.org)

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## **STORK VISITS VICKERY PLACE**

Matt and Jennifer Bryarly, along with their English Bulldog, Shackelford, welcomed a new addition to their home. Henry Hugo was born on September 26, 2005. New baby Henry weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz and was 19 3/4" long.

Jennifer has served on the VPNA board of directors and was editor of the Vickery Place News for the past 4 years. Matt and Jennifer have been active participants in Vickery Place events such as NNO and the VP Dog Show. We hope to see them out and about the neighborhood again very soon. This time with baby Henry.

If you have a new addition to your family and would like an announcement in the Vickery Place News, email [info@vpna.org](mailto:info@vpna.org).



## **GOOD-BYE GOOD NEIGHBORS**

Vickery Place is saddened to lose great neighbors, but Sandi Schwedler, husband Michael and son Dietrich are looking forward to their new home. Residents of Vickery Place for over 14 years, Sandi has served on the VPNA board since 2004 and she is currently secretary. She has written the Yard of the Month, Gardening and other articles for the Vickery Place News for the past six years. Her husband, Michael, is manager of Lower Greenville's Granada Theater. Seventeen year old, Dietrich Werntz, has grown up in Vickery Place. You have seen him helping his mom and the rest of the board with

NNO and other Vickery Place events since he was a young boy. He is currently a high school senior at a charter school in Irving. The family has two pets, Milo the Lab, and their orange Tabby, Fanta. Urban pioneers, this family is not moving too far away. They have purchased a home in the Lochwood neighborhood east of the lake, so hopefully we will continue to see them around the community. Thanks, Sandi, for your longtime contributions to VPNA.

## **KATY TRAIL "BLUE BIKES" PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING RIDING!**

In August, the Friends of the Katy Trail began the "Blue Bikes" program. Thanks to a donation by the Dasani water company of 20 new Trek cruiser bicycles and storage lockers, these bikes are now available for public use on the trail! To use one of the beautiful new bikes, you must be a current member of the Friends of the Katy trail. Memberships start at just \$35. Membership contributions help pay for off-duty police patrols along the trail and are tax deductible. Members can receive a Blue Bikes swipe card by contacting the office at 214-303-1180 or by email at [office@katytraildallas.org](mailto:office@katytraildallas.org) and requesting the Blue Bikes use form. Simply swipe your card to remove bike from locker. When you've finished your ride, return the bike to the locker so that others may enjoy a Blue Bikes ride! For membership and other information about the Friends of the Katy Trail, please go to [www.katytraildallas.org](http://www.katytraildallas.org) or call 214-303-1180.

Safe riding tips while on the trail:

- Always wear a helmet. Dallas City Code requires that all riders of all ages wear helmets on bicycles or in carriers, trailers, sidecars, etc. Parents are legally responsible for ensuring that their children wear helmets!
- Announce yourself clearly when passing anyone – from walkers to skaters. "Passing on your left" is a clear and courteous way to communicate.
- Stay to the right and pass on the left. Ride in a straight line and don't make sudden, unpredictable moves.
- Ride at a speed you can control.
- Don't ride with headphones. You can't be completely aware of your surroundings and others can't communicate with you.
- Use hand and arm signals: point in the direction you're going for turns and put your hand down, facing backward, to indicate slowing and stopping. (The old left-hand only signals are not recommended, as most people don't know them.)
- When riding on roads, remember that Texas law considers your bicycle a vehicle.



### FALL HAS ARRIVED!

Even if the Texas weather lets you down, you can still tell it's fall when pumpkins, mums, haystacks and scarecrows start appearing on our porches..

Adorning our doorways, these whimsical and enchanting symbols add color and character as they welcome guests to our homes. They have all come to represent the Harvest, Halloween and Thanksgiving.



Pictured are some pumpkins patches seen driving through Vickery Place.



### PILGRIM PUMPKIN CAKE WITH PENUCHE CREAM

*In a busy fast food world we all need timesavers and this half-way home-made fall desert takes the cake.*

- 1 package Spice Cake Mix
- 1 can (1 lb).solid pack pumpkin
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9 x 13 oblong cake pan with non stick coating and lightly flour or use Bakers Joy\* type product. In a large mixing bowl combine all ingredients and beat 30 seconds on low and 4 minutes on medium, scraping bowl. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for 45 to 50 minutes.

While cake is baking, prepare Penuche Cream. Beat all ingredients until stiff. Serve cake warm with Penuche Cream.

- 1 cup cream for whipping
- ¼ cup brown sugar (packed)
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. rum extract

This is a versatile cake. I have added ½ cups nuts and /or raisins to batter. Cooled cake and frosted it with a basic cream cheese frosting. Either way it is easy and good. ~Shelia Huffman



## DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART COMES ALIVE AT NIGHT

LATE NIGHTS presented by Starbucks Coffee - 6:00 pm till midnight

For all you night owls, on the third Friday of each month the museum is open until midnight. Each 'Late Night' offers hundreds of experiences for visitors of all ages. Late Nights this fall celebrate the exhibition Dialogues: Duchamp, Cornell, Johns, Rauschenberg. Don't miss tours of the exhibition, films, avant-garde theater performances, guest speakers, Starbucks Coffee tastings, family activities, open mic, and more! General admission is \$10 or less, DMA members and children under 12 free. Parking is easy in the Museum's underground parking garage (\$5/day, free for members).

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE! Jazz in the Atrium - Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Free. Come early and enjoy dinner, cocktails, and live jazz in the Museum's Atrium Cafe. November 3 - Rick Rigsby & Friends; November 10 - Diana Dill Savage; November 17 - Rosana Eckert; (No Jazz in the Atrium November 24)

For more info call the DMA, 214-922-1200 or go online, [www.dm-art.org](http://www.dm-art.org).

## 'TIS THE SEASON...

November 17, 2005 – CANDLE LIGHT TOUR

Merchants along Henderson Avenue will host their annual Candle Light Tour Thursday evening with food, wine and seasonal cheer—good way to start your holiday shopping.

Nov. 18 thru Dec. 22, 2005 - THE NUTCRACKER

Acclaimed as one of the finest holiday productions in the metroplex with sold out performances every year, this nationally celebrated troupe creates an exquisite masterpiece in a unique version of the beloved classic. Dallas Children's Theater / Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman, Dallas, TX 75231. For more information call (214) 740-0051 or visit [www.dct.org](http://www.dct.org).

Nov. 25-27, 2005 - EBENEZER SCROOGE

For the 24th consecutive Holiday Season, the Pocket presents "Ebenezer Scrooge," a heart-warming Christmas musical tale of love and redemption. Pocket Sandwich Theatre, 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 119, Dallas. For more information call (214) 821-1860 or visit [www.pocketsandwich.com](http://www.pocketsandwich.com).

Dec. 1 thru 4 and 7 thru 11, 2005 - DALLAS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Holiday extravaganza and reinactment of the nativity at Prestonwood Baptist Church, 6801 West Park Blvd., Plano, Texas 75093, 972-820-5000. Performances will take place on Dec. 1-4 and 7-11. All evening performances begin at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday matinees being at 2:00 p.m. Tickets on sale now! Visit [www.prestonwood.org](http://www.prestonwood.org).

Dec 2 - Dec 18, 2005 – A LAURA INGALLS WILDER CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the holiday season with a true story from Laura Ingalls Wilder's childhood that was never included in her books. A Christmas story of enduring family love. Located on El Centro College campus at the northeast corner of Main & Market. 801 North Main, Dallas, TX 75202. For more information call (214) 740-0051 or visit [www.dct.org](http://www.dct.org).

Dec. 15-17, 2005 – A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Student performers from Contemporary Ballet of Dallas, Lakewood. Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts, Richardson, Texas. Tickets online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com), or 972.744.4650.



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