

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 12
 Time: 7:00 PM
 Place : Vickery Towers at Belmont & Greenville Avenue

The January meeting will focus on crime in our community and within Vickery Place. Our ICP (Interactive Community Police) officer will be on hand to discuss crime related issues and to answer your questions.

We will also address VPNA objectives for 2006 and form committees to carry out the goals for the coming year.

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2006 GENERAL MEETING DATES

VPNA General Meetings are always on the 2nd Thursday of the month, with the exception of August when we have our National Night Out celebration in lieu of a meeting, which is celebrated nationally on the 1st Tuesday in August. No General Meeting in December.

- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August 1 (NNO)
- September 14
- October 12
- November 9



RESOLVE TO GET INVOLVED

Let one of your New Year's resolutions be to 'get involved in the neighborhood'. This could include attending the monthly meetings, delivering the newsletter, reporting neighborhood events or activities to the newsletter editors, or joining a committee. There are all sorts of ways to be active in the neighborhood association. We need your support and in return you will make new friendships and make a difference in your commu-

nity. We are all limited on time and we do not always recognize our talents, but if we pool our efforts and work together, we can accomplish great things.

Start off by attending the January 12th General Meeting. Several issues affecting our neighborhood will be discussed at this meeting. Cars speeding through the neighborhood have resulted in several accidents, property theft has escalated to dognapping and recent changes in the alarm response system have caused concern. We will also discuss the possibility of a private police patrol for VP. Be on hand to discuss these issues with ICP officers and each other. This will also be the right time to set some goals for the upcoming year.

**January 12
 Crime, Traffic &
 2006 Goals**

**February 9
 Fifties Birthday
 Celebration**

Bulky Trash/Basura Abultado
 Don't Set Out Trash Before:
 Thursday, January 5



Pick Up Week:
 January 9 - 13



VP resident and former VPNA President, Leslie Farrell, and nephew True, Sept. 2005

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

Christmas Eve marked the one year anniversary since Leslie Farrell's diagnosis with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL). What a difference a year makes!

Last January, Leslie started off with almost 90% of her bone marrow packed with leukemic cells; and if that wasn't enough, Leslie's disease carries with it what is known as the "Philadelphia Chromosome" which makes her disease more aggressive, harder to get into remission, and more prone to relapse. So from January through July, Leslie, with her ever-present partner and caregiver Angi by her side, schlepped back and forth to Parkland Hospital and made it through six long months of chemotherapy. At the end of that road, they were grateful and relieved to find that the cancer cells were all but gone from Leslie's bone marrow, and the pesky Philadelphia Chromosome was greatly diminished. Guardedly optimistic, they were ready to enjoy this new remission and get back to "normal". Leslie and

Angi's "new normal", as they called it, included some travel over the summer and the much-anticipated September arrival of their new nephew, True.

But, as they say (whoever 'they' is), all good things must end – and in late September Leslie and Angi learned that the Philadelphia chromosome was once again rearing its ugly head. So off they went to the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, where they began preparing for Leslie's cord blood transplant. A cord blood transplant involves transplanting cells from the blood of a new baby's umbilical cord and is used in cases like Leslie's where no suitable bone marrow donor could be found. The benefit of cord blood is that the cells are "naïve" - young and full of potential with less likelihood for causing severe graft-versus-host disease. The downside of a cord blood transplant is that it takes additional time for the cells to take hold. So for an extended period of time, a patient's body is without any defense against infections.

Be that as it may, holding fast to faith in a greater power and trust in the medical experts at MD Anderson, Leslie received her cord blood transplant on October 28, 2005. Talk about the first day of the rest of your life – WOW!! The good news from Leslie's last bone marrow biopsy is that those little cord blood cells have taken a strong hold in her body, and she was released from the hospital on December 7th. She and Angi make daily trips back to the clinic from their apartment in Houston to receive blood products, medication, and to keep an eye out for any infections or complications, as Leslie's new immune system is still developing.

I've had the opportunity to visit Leslie and Angi several times while in Houston for business. They make quite a team, and Leslie's continuing progress and health is a testament to just that. On December 14th, I went out to dinner with them – Leslie's first "public" appearance since leaving the hospital – and she was loving every minute of it – looking and feeling remarkably well.

So this year, on Christmas Day, they celebrated – what a difference a year makes, indeed.

Leslie and Angi will remain in Houston through early February, at least. And I know they LOVE to hear from everyone – so any time you can, drop them a card or send them an e-mail. You can keep up with Leslie and Angi's progress, complete with pictures and blood cell counts, at www.midwayhills.org/corner/corner.htm.

~ Jeanine Baisch, VP friend & neighbor

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GOOD-BYE



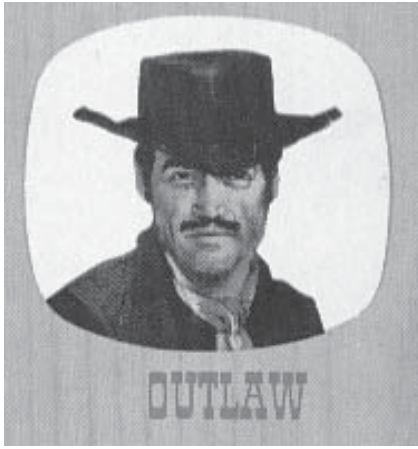
GOOD NEIGHBORS

VICKERY PLACE BIDS FAREWELL TO LOWER GREENVILLE LANDMARK

The shopping strip located between Vickery and Llano on Greenville Avenue has been part of the local color of this area since the 1920's. Built in 1927, this style of architecture typical of the Art Deco era has contributed to the charm and atmosphere of Lower Greenville.

For over 75 years businesses such as Greenville Belvick Shoe Repair, Greenville Delmar Pharmacy, Greenland Hills Cleaners, Empress Market, and Service Paint Company have occupied the building and loyally served our community. More recently, John's Cafe, Cox's Locks and Avant have been steadfast retail providers for our neighborhood. John's began serving burgers and breakfast specials in 1972 and gained a crowd of faithful followers, Cox's Locks opened doors and copied keys since 1989 and the trendy boutique, Avant, has kept everyone in style for nearly thirty years.

Regretfully, we must say good-bye to both the architecturally significant building and the longtime businesses. Rumor has it that the space will be demolished and replaced by a new structure. John's Cafe is moving to 10970 Plano Road, Cox's will reopen their business at a new but yet undetermined location (214-827-lock) and Avant is closing for good.



WANTED:

HISTORY CONFERENCE PATRONS for the 7TH ANNUAL LEGACIES DALLAS HISTORY CONFERENCE 'LAW & DISORDER'

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006

8:15 a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Jack Evans Police Headquarters,
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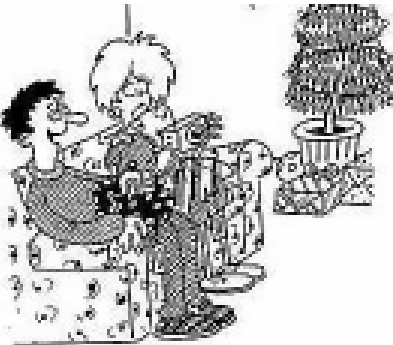
* Harlots, Hopheads and Policy Men: Combating Vice in Dallas, 1874-1960 -
John Slate

* Reichenstein and Manley: A Fatal Stabbing During President Taft's Visit to

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- * The Trial of Toy Woolley: A Depression Drama of Love, Money & Murder – Evelyn Montgomery
- * Bonnie Parker and Blanche Barrow: Two Woman on the Run with the Barrow Gang – John Neal Phillips
- * Harvey Bailey's 1933 Escape from the Dallas County Criminal Courts Building – T. Lindsey Baker
- * Police Chief Jesse Curry: A Kennedy Assassination Victim – Gary Mack
- * The Dallas Police vs. the World Press: November 1963 – Stephen Fagin

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"Well, how do you like your new digital camera I bought you for myself?"

Did you get a new digital camera for Christmas? Learn to use it with professional photographer and Vickery Place resident Les Wollam. Les teaches two 5 week courses – Introduction to Photoshop and Digital Photography - at El Centro College in downtown Dallas. Each course is 5 weeks long (3 hours each class on Thursday eve, 6 to 9pm) and costs \$35. Next class starts in January. Please email Les at les@leswollamphoto.com for more info.

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DOG ALERT!

On November 11th, between 11:30am and 12 noon, two dogs were taken from their backyard in the 5400 block of Vickery, while the owners were at home. Upon discovering the dogs were gone, the owners immediately posted flyers throughout the area and checked the shelter daily.

Fortunately, this story had a happy ending. Three weeks to the day, 'Nate Dogg' and 'Scruffy' were found 11 miles away and as a result of the flyers, were reunited with their owners. The owners were thrilled to get their dogs back but are now cautious about leaving the dogs unattended in their fenced backyard. The search for their dogs led them to accounts of other recent episodes of dognapping in the area. Keep an eye on your dog as well as your neighbors'.

American Power Yoga



"It's a revolution!" says Kurt Johnsen, the founder of American Power Yoga. "I believe that many of the yoga practices out there have lost their way. They focus solely on the physical, often forgetting that yoga is a mental practice. Yoga is not about what the pose is called or what it looks like; it is the state of mind you are in. It is about learning to accept the challenges of life, even embrace them." Kurt acknowledges that many times in life we can't do it all and recognizes that that's OK. Modifications are offered in every single class, making the system completely accessible to everyone. His studio has taught several thousand people in Dallas over the last three years. It looks like the revolution has begun. Make Power Yoga one of your New Year's Resolutions and take advantage of the post holiday special..

VPNA BOARD MEMBER CONQUERS THE ROCK

Congratulations to VPNA Board Member Lindsey LeCuyer who finished the White Rock Marathon on December 11! Husband Andy ran with Lindsey the final 6 miles of the 26.2 mile course, urging her to the finish as Lindsey fought through brutal knee pain in the final leg of the race. Lindsey crossed the finish line in a very respectable 4 hours, 12 minutes, and 49 seconds.

This was Lindsey's first marathon, but probably not her last. "It hurt," Lindsey commented, "but I'm glad I did it. To be honest, my first thought was 'Wow, I finished a marathon - I don't think I need to do that again!' But now, I think I'll train for another one. "



Scott and Jennifer Peters lost their beloved dog, Shiloh, last month. Shiloh was adopted from the Great Dane Rescue as a family companion and friend to the Scott's beagle, Sherlock.

"Shiloh was 110 pounds of love. Because of her size she quickly invaded every aspect of our lives," said Jennifer. "She shared our home and king size bed taking up a large part of both. She loved being at my side." Shiloh is missed.

SHILOH
June 5, 2004 - December 4, 2005

Shiloh was struck by a car. Traffic & speeding will be a focus of the January meeting.



RECYCLING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Get a new computer for Christmas or perhaps a new cell phone? Don't know what to do with your old one? Why not recycle it?

The Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center (HC3) is now accepting personal computers and cellular phones from City of Dallas residents (please bring your driver's license and a utility bill for proof of Dallas residency—otherwise it is a \$95 fee).

The Home Chemical Collection Center is open Tuesday - Thursday weekly and two Saturdays a month. Regular Hours of Operation:

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Second Saturday of each month: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fourth Saturday of each month: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Acceptable Items:

Personal computers & laptops

Monitors

Printers

Drives

Circuit boards

Cables and wiring

Battery backup systems

Cellular phones with batteries

The Center will also accept cooking oil, up to 5 gal (from those delicious deep fried turkeys), paint products, and pest control products.

Prohibited Items:

Scanners

Dumb terminals

Fax machines

Analog phones

Televisions

any other electronics or appliances

The Collection Center is located at 11234 Plano Road, 1 mile north of LBJ between Miller Road and Forest Lane. For a complete list of acceptable products or questions about this service, call (214) 553-1765.



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