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October VCCA Monthly Meeting

The Monthly VCCA meeting will be held on **Monday, October 8th at 7:00 PM** at Café Ginger, located at 1952 West Gray Street in the shopping center near the intersection with Driscoll.

The speaker for the October meeting has not been confirmed at the time of the printing of the newsletter. An article about the speaker will be posted on the web page at vccahouston.org. Come meet your neighbors and share your ideas.



Newsletter Folding

The VCCA Newsletter folding volunteers turned out on August 27 to pitch in to make sure that the 1200 newsletters that we distribute each month were prepared in a timely manner. These volunteers help the VCCA keep our citizens informed about neighborhood happenings. Jeanette Hix hosted and delicious snacks and camaraderie were plentiful.



VCCA GARAGE SALE—November 8th

Spring cleaning in November? Yes. Here is a chance to clean out your garage, closets, and attic and give those unwanted items a new home. Who knows, you may make room in your garage for your vehicle. Let's get vehicles off the streets of Vermont Commons.

VCCA is sponsoring a garage sale. The event will take place on **Saturday, November 8th from 8 am until 2 pm**. The location will be in the parking lot of the commercial building at the southwest intersection of Brun and Haddon Streets.

VCCA residents can reserve a space for \$25. The space will allow participants to set up a table to display your long hidden treasures for sale. Those reserving the space will be responsible for removing all items at the end of the garage sale. The VCCA will also have a spot to sell any donated items and a drop off site will be available after November 1. If a child in the neighborhood would like to have a lemonade stand to sell refreshments, that would be great.

VCCA will advertise for the garage sale. If you are interested in reserving a place, email Jeanette Hix at hix@rmi.net. There are a limited number of places so reserve early. There will not be a rain date. Funds raised from the reservation fees will be used to support VCCA projects.



National Night Out

Thanks to the team of VCCA and Park Civic residents who planned National Night Out on October 7th. VCCA hopes everyone has or had, depending on when you receive this newsletter, a great time.

Carolynn Kelvin, Lillian Skogsberg, Linda Perez, B R Simon, Carole Dodson, Lis Harper, Jane Ingverson and Shirley Donahue planned and executed the event. Carolynn was the leader of the group.

VCCA Dues

Have you paid your VCCA dues?? The dues the residents of Vermont Commons pay help the VCCA print and mail the newsletter, organize National Night Out, host the December Holiday Party, run the Spring Clean up, celebrate the Spring Picnic, rent Cafe Ginger for the monthly meetings, pay for the VCCA web page, replace the VCCA sign toppers that keep disappearing and a multitude of other items needed to make VCCA be successful.

Loads of volunteer hours are spent each month. The dues you pay help Vermont Commons to continue to be a great place to live.

Native Plant Society of Texas- Houston Chapter

The October 16th meeting of the Native Plant Society begins at 7:00 pm, presentation at 7:30 pm at the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center in Memorial Park. The speaker will be Randy Johnson on the topic of "Plant Propagation"

For more information visit:

www.npsot.org/houston. The Native Plant Society of Texas and its Houston Chapter are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. Please Join Us!



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Additional Volunteers Needed.....

Citizen Patrol Update

Elizabeth and Mike McKenzie, Coordinators

Despite the hot and humid weather in August, the volunteers for the Citizens Patrol reported 186 walking hours and 56 driving hours. Thanks to all!

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Citizen Patrol – Elizabeth McKenzie

In the September VCCA newsletter, the coordinators for Citizens Patrol Elizabeth and Mike McKenzie were not listed among the rest of the chairs.

They do a fabulous job and we apologize for the mistake. It is her responsibility to be the liaison between the residents of VCCA and Park Civic with the Houston Police Department.

If you have trained for Citizen Patrol, be sure and reply to her emails requesting a report of the hours you have participated.



September VCCA Meeting

Officer Wayne Pate made a surprise visit to the September VCCA meeting. The residents of Vermont Commons appreciate that he is always available to help. Thanks for coming Officer Pate.

Come for Java

Craving some java and good conversation? Then come meet your neighbors at the monthly **Morning Coffee!** The hostess for this month will be Elizabeth McKenzie on **Tuesday, October 14th at 10:00 am at 2224 Brun Street.**



Sign up to host a monthly neighborhood coffee by emailing Carolynnk@sbcglobal.net Tuesdays or Wednesdays available, morning or afternoon. Look forward to hearing from you.

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Recycling in the VCCA

Our green curbside recyclables containers have become a permanent fixture every other week on trash day. Did you also know that yard trimmings collection service is offered to all citizens who receive the automated garbage collection service? Just follow these simple steps:

- ◆ Place yard waste in city-approved compostable bags. Look for the City Approved logo on boxes of Compostable bags. They can likely be purchased at places like HEB, Randall's, and Kroger's.
- ◆ Small branches, weeds, grass clippings*, and leaves should be placed in compostable bags.
- ◆ The compostable bags should be placed at the curb 3 feet away from the automated containers.
- ◆ The compostable bags should not be placed in the automated containers.
- ◆ The bags should weigh less than 50 pounds.
- ◆ Small branches may be put in bundles as long as each bundle is less than 4 feet in length, 18 inches in diameter, and weighing less than 50 pounds.
- ◆ Yard trimmings mixed with paper, plastic or any other type of waste will not be collected.



Did you know that grass clippings can also be left on your lawn to return valuable nutrients to your soil. Composting yard trimmings is also an option.

By taking the time to bag up your yard waste, you are reducing the approximately 30% of the total residential waste stream in Houston. Thank you for being part of this great community we call home. For more information, please go to: <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/>

Montrose Halloween Pup Crawl

Benefiting the Friends of Cherryhurst Park

Saturday, October 25, 2014
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Cherryhurst Park
 in the center of Montrose at 1700 Missouri

Group Costume Entry Fee
 \$15 includes one Raffle Ticket

Individual Entry Fee
 \$5 per dog or child contestant includes one Raffle Ticket

Fee entitles each person + dog:
 March in the Pup Crawl · Enter the costume contest · Purchase Raffle Tickets

Costume judging will begin at 4:30 pm

- Open to the community.
- Register at the event at the corner of Cherryhurst and Windsor.
- Prizes will be given for best costumes for dogs, children, and adults.
- Purchase raffle tickets for prizes donated by Montrose businesses.
- Dogs and children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Dogs must be on leashes.

Proceeds will benefit Friends of Cherryhurst programs for children and adults and help with the preservation of the oak trees lining the park.

Rain Date: Sunday, October 26, 2014

For more information on becoming a sponsor, please contact
june.spencer08@gmail.com or crensink.art@att.net

Friends of Cherryhurst Park is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Visit us on Facebook at Friends of Cherryhurst Park | <https://twitter.com/cherryhurstpark>

Bayou City Art Festival Downtown 2014

300 Artists, 19 Disciplines, 16 Non-Profits, Music, Food, Beverages, Creative Zones – and Downtown Houston! Bayou City Art Festival – Downtown is presented each fall by Art Colony Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to producing high quality art festivals and events. Hundreds of artists are joined by music, food and fun. Over the past 43 years, the festivals have raised over \$35 million benefitting arts education for children, adults, local arts and community service organizations and Houston parks throughout Greater Houston. The Festivals are funded in part by grants from the City of Houston and through Houston Arts Alliance. Saturday October 11, 10am - 9:30pm and Sunday October 12, 10am - 6pm

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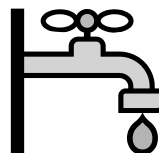
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