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November VCCA Monthly Meeting

The VCCA Monthly meeting will be **Monday, November 10th at 7:00 PM** at Café Ginger, located at 1952 West Gray Street in the shopping center near the intersection with Driscoll.

Have you had to deal with unwanted wildlife on or around your property? Squirrels, opossums, and raccoons are common in the VCCA area which can result in household issues. The November 10th speaker, Bonnie Bradshaw of 911 Wildlife, will discuss simple, effective ways to solve urban wildlife problems without ever setting a trap. **911 Wildlife** is a service that uses a different approach to wildlife and animal removal. No traps or



Cafe Ginger

chemicals of any kind are used. Specially designed one-way doors are installed to prevent animals from being trapped inside attics and chimneys or under foundations. Educational information on preventing wildlife problems is provided to every customer.

911 Wildlife exclusively uses techniques endorsed by the Humane Society of the United States, Houston SPCA, Bat Conservation International, and the Wildlife Center of Texas. These techniques have been used successfully for more than 25 years. Come to the meeting to hear more.



VCCA GARAGE SALE—November 8th

Come see what is happening at the first annual VCCA Garage Sale. The event will take place on **Saturday, November 8th from 8 am until 2 pm** in the parking lot of the commercial building at the southwest corner 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. 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.



Election Day is November 4th
Be sure to bring your picture ID.

Please note that VCCA will not be hosting a booth for the garage sale. No items will be collected from residents of Vermont Commons to sell.

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November Meeting Sponsors: Dianne and Lynn Dundee

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National Night Out

Many residents from Vermont Commons and Park Civic gathered for the National Night Out on October 7th to meet new neighbors and greet old friends and neighbors. Officer Wayne Pate was there to greet the attendees and answer questions. Dr. Rebecca Harvey, whose parking lot was used for the event, greeted everyone with a fabulous sign (see below). The parking lot was decorated with



pumpkins, flowers, umbrellas and lots of orange

color. Thanks to Carolyn Kevlin who headed up the committee and the committee members: Linda Perez, B R Simon, Lillian

Skogsberg, Carole Dodson, Lis Harper, Jane Ingversen, and Shirley Donohue. Thanks. What a great job!!



Citizen Patrol Update

Elizabeth and Mike McKenzie, Coordinators

The members of Citizen Patrol listed below drove 47 hours and walked 257 hours through our neighborhood in September. Thank you for looking out for your neighbors. Keep up the good work Citizen Patrol!

Barry Brandt
Andriana Breidenstein
Adrienne Bukstein
Debbie Cody
Bob Constantini
Shirley Donohue
Rob Fuller
Cathryn Fuller
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Paula Holton
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Did you forget to pay your dues? An envelope was provided in the October newsletter for your convenience. Please consider paying.

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Additional Volunteers Needed.....

Come for Java



Craving some java and good conversation? Then come meet your neighbors at the monthly **Morning Coffee!** The November coffee will be Wednesday, November 12, 10:30 am. Vickie Burke and her sister-in-law, Susie Samuels, will host in Vickie's home, 2022 Hazard.

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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November Yard of the Month

2022 and 2020 Driscoll

Guy Butler, 2022, and neighbor Paul Laman, 2020, share a common front yard. Paul gives Guy the credit for maintaining the yard. They are repeat YOM winners from a few years ago. Both are longtime residents of Vermont Commons. Paul has lived here since 1995 and has witnessed firsthand the many changes within the neighborhood.

VCCA Volunteer News

Thanks to Sharon McKenzie for volunteering to head up the Block Captain Committee. A long time Houston resident, but new to our neighborhood, she has volunteered in several areas in Vermont Commons. A big thanks goes out to her.

Veteran's Day

is November 11th.
Be sure to fly your
flag.



VCCA Holiday Party

Put on your holiday cheer!! Vermont Commons Civic Association is once again hosting a Holiday Party. Residents from Vermont Commons and Park Civic are welcome to attend. The event will take place at Churrascos in the Randall's shopping center (2055 Westheimer). The fun begins at **7:00 P. M., Monday, December 8th**. To offset the cost of the party, all who attend are asked to donate \$10.00 at the door. Appetizers will be served. Each attendee will be responsible for their own drinks. Come and join in the fun and meet your neighbors.

Buffalo Bayou Partnership Events

The Buffalo Bayou Partnership is a non-profit organization that oversees Buffalo Bayou improvements. The Partnership coordinates the integration of major amenities into the Bayou greenbelt and seeks ways to increase community involvement through pedestrian, boating and biking amenities, permanent and temporary art installations, and other natural and built attractions.

Waugh Drive Bat Colony Pontoon Boat Tours (2nd / 4th Friday of the month). Visit Houston's newly discovered Mexican Free-tailed Bat Colony! Guests on these boat tours will enjoy an amazing view of the bats' dusk emergence from the bridge. Over 250,000 bats call Waugh Bridge home. Guests will spend the evening viewing and learning more about these magnificent flying mammals that share the city with us.

Second Saturday Buffalo Bayou Boat Rides

These 30-minute bayou cruises are a great way to spend the afternoon with your family. Escape from the city and enjoy the cool breeze as you glide along the bayou's waters. Look for graceful herons, jumping fish, and even the occasional alligator sunning on the bayou's banks. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted, including twilight tours, on www.buffalobayou.org website

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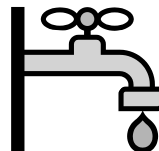
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