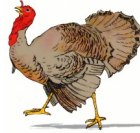


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VCCA Meeting November 9th

The Monthly
VCCA meeting
will be on **Mon-**

day, November 9th at 7:00 PM at
Café Ginger, located at 1952 West
Gray Street in the shopping center
near the intersection with Driscoll.

There will be a short business
meeting followed by a social
time. Come, buy a glass of wine and
meet and greet new and old
neighbors. There might be a surprise
or



Cafe Ginger

VCCA residents turned out for the candi-
date's forum that was conducted as part of the
VCCA monthly meeting on October 12, 2015 at
Café Ginger. Five candidates for Houston of-
fice presented their views on a range of topics including the city
budget, the potential for city employee pension fund crisis, the mu-
nicipal revenue cap, infrastructure maintenance and improvement,
and public safety. VCCA residents had the opportunity to ask ques-
tions of the candidates when time permitted. The candidates who
participated in the forum were:

Amanda Edwards – Ms. Edwards is a candidate for city council at
large position 4. www.edwardsforhouston.com

The City of Houston mayoral candidates who spoke were:

Ben Hall – attorney, former Houston City Attorney, owner of KCOH
radio, and candidate for Mayor in 2013
www.benhallforhouston.com

Stephen Costello – Houston City Council member, civil engineer,
and co-founder of local engineering firm
<http://costelloformayor.com>

Sylvester Turner – State Representative and candidate for Mayor
in 1991 and 2003 www.sylvesterturner.com

Chris Bell – former U.S. Representative, former Houston City
Councilmember, candidate for Mayor in 2001, and nominee
for Governor of Texas in 2006 <https://bellformayor.com>

The VCCA candidate forum was an excellent opportunity to hear
the candidates in a small format gathering. Many thanks to VCCA
president Jeannette Hix for her efforts in organizing this informative
and lively event.

**Stay informed and be sure to vote on
November 3rd. Early voting has already started.**

Candidates Forum

Coffee Break

Take a coffee break with friends and neighbors.

When: Wednesday, November 17th,
11 am

Where: 2224 Brun at the home of
our hosts Michael and Elizabeth
McKenzie.

The VCCA monthly coffee welcomes
residents from Vermont Commons
and Park Civic.

Come meet your
neighbors, and we
guarantee you'll
make new friends.



*The VCCA
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May Meeting Sponsor: Pam Lee

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**October Yard
of the Month
- 2304 Brun**

Citizen Patrol Update

Elizabeth and Mike McKenzie, Coordinators

The volunteer members of the Citizen Patrol listed below drove 65 hours and walk 273 hours though our neighborhood in September. Thank you for looking out for our neighbors. Keep up the good work Citizen Patrol!

James Austin	Rob Fuller	Karen Kane	Brenda Rojas
Barry Brandt	Cathryn Gabor	Elizabeth	Andy Tallin
Bob Costantini	Jeanette Hix	McKenzie	Stephanie Taylor
Shirley Donohue	Paula Holton	Michael McKenzie	
Marilyn Fehrenkamp	David Hoyer	Curtis Mooney	
	Helen Mann	Maria Rodriguez	

If you would like to become a volunteer for the Citizen's Patrol to help keep our neighborhood safe, please contact Elizabeth McKenzie at emckenzie045@gmail.com for more information.

Water Meter Covers

During the rains in May, many of the water meter covers in our neighborhood floated away in the high water. The uncovered opening can present a hazard to pedestrians and pets passing by the area. Please call 311 to have the covers replaced before a resident inadvertently steps into a meter box potentially resulting in an injury.

Volunteers Needed

The VCCA is looking for volunteers to help with:

- Coffee Chair- co-ordinate monthly Coffees
- Host a coffee
- Assist with Holiday Party
- Coordinate Citizens Patrol



Wonderful street art on Fairview

Veteran's Day

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



VCCA Dues: If you have not taken the opportunity to pay your dues, please consider paying them today. You can pay by check or on the VCCA web page through Paypal. Thanks for your interest in the neighborhood.

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Speakers for the Meetings

VCCA needs volunteers to assist with creating a speaker list for the monthly VCCA meetings. If you have contacts or ideas for speakers let us know.

Contact:
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National Night Out— October 6th



Close to 100 residents came to enjoy a beautiful evening and meet and greet new and old neighbors. The National Night Out event was attended by loads of children, many dogs, a politician, and officer Wayne Pate. A great team organized the



event: Carole Dodson, Jeanette Hix, Lis Harper, Jane Ingversen, Marilyn Fahrenkamp and Andy Tallin. Many thanks to Doctor Rebecca Harvey for so generously allowing VCCA to use her parking lot.



Resident for 38 Years – Jean Ross

VCCA neighbor Jean Ross, pictured here, has been a resident of Vermont Commons since 1977. Her home on Driscoll was built in 1927 by a local real-estate man, Robert Settles, and he and his family lived in the home until Jean purchased it. Jean moved here from South Carolina and she chose this neighborhood because of its diversity and the ability to walk to so many shops and businesses. You may have seen her walking her dog Jackie Chan on her daily strolls. Jackie is 15 and their walks



are much shorter these days.

The garage apartment behind her house has been occupied by many people involved in the arts and Rice University professors and students.



Her home is decorated with numerous antiques she inherited from her family. Some of the furniture was purchased in late 1800s by family members. She retired as a Houston Independent School District teacher and enjoys her home, grandchildren, church, friends, and traveling.

Photos with Santa

Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 3:00-5:00pm at Jim and Sheila's Bench, 1605 Woodhead Street. Hosted by Sheila & Jim Armsworth and Cindy Quach & Christoph Eicken. Neighbors - bring your family and friends for complimentary holiday photos with (or without) Santa. You will get your photos in plenty of time to order your Christmas cards. We welcome pet photos too! Rain date is Sunday, November 8, 2015, from 3:00-5:00pm.



PHOTOS W/SANTA

Nov. 7th*, 3:00- 5:00 PM
at Sheila & Jim's Bench
1605 Woodhead

Complimentary for Park Civic & Vermont Commons Neighbors

RSVP Appreciated:
santa@cqrealty.com

Sat.
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Pets Welcomed

*Rain Date: Nov. 8th.

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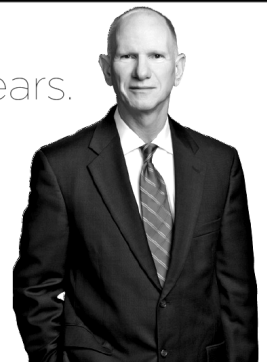
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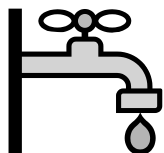
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