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December VCCA Holiday Party

*There will be
no VCCA
Meeting in*

December. Instead, we will celebrate the season with our annual Holiday Party.

VCCA

Cheers Old Man

Holiday Party

Put on your holiday cheer!! Vermont Commons Civic Association is once again hosting a Holiday Party. The Holiday Party is for dues paying Vermont Commons Civic Association members.



Cheers to you too, Old Man. These VCCA Holidays are the BEST!!

You can pay your VCCA dues at the door. The event will take place at Churrascos in the Randall's shopping center (2055 Westheimer). The fun begins at **6:00 p. m to 10 p.m., Monday, December 14th**. To offset the cost of the party, all who attend are asked to donate \$10.00 at the door. Light appetizers, hot and cold, will be served. Each attendee will be responsible for their own drinks (cash bar). Come and join in the fun, share some cheer, and meet your neighbors.

Churrascos

Please act now and help us bring a Constable Patrol to Vermont Commons!

We've made terrific progress in the past couple of months, and we're finding many VC residents are excited about having the Constable Patrol in our neighborhood! You will find an insert included with this month's VCCA newsletter that describes the highlights, benefits and costs of the program, along with our website and information on how to subscribe, (subscription info is also provided below). Our Yard Signs are currently being fabricated and will be delivered to Subscribers in the next few weeks.

Many of you have probably seen the Constable Patrol signs posted on San Felipe and Kirby, around the neighborhood near River Oaks Elementary, notifying the Bad Guys the area is patrolled by the Harris County Constable Precinct 1 Patrol. *Ladies and Gents, please help us get these patrol signs posted around Vermont Commons and make the Constable Patrol a reality in our neighborhood!*



Thank you for your contributions and your support! - *FROM THE VC SECURITY FOUNDATION*

HOW TO JOIN

- Online payments may be made by credit card or PayPal at <http://www.vcpatrol.com/membership-dues>.
- To pay by check, make your check payable to "VC Security Foundation" and send to: Carolynn Kelvin, 2120 McDuffie Street, Houston, TX 77019. (Please include your contact information so we can deliver your yard sign!).
- Sponsor - \$500 Subscriber: - \$395 (Please support this initiative by signing up as a **Sponsor!**).

*The VCCA
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December Newsletter Sponsor: Margaret Lam



VCCA Pride. Several months ago, a vehicle ran into the Citizen Patrol sign on Driscoll. The vehicle had to have sustained quite a bit of damage as the pole was set in cement and was bent in several places. The sign was not damaged, but the pipe supporting it was destroyed. It took six weeks to receive the replacement parts. Tom Hix and Andy Tallin (pictured) reset the pole and attached the sign. A big thanks to the two of them for giving up their Sunday morning.

VCCA Web Page

Check out the Vermont Commons Civic Association web page (vccahouston.org) for updates. The web crew is adding tested recipes for all to enjoy. If you have a recipe that you would like to share, send it to Carol Bjornstad (carol.bjornstad@me.com)

Citizen Patrol Update

Elizabeth and Mike McKenzie, Coordinators

The volunteer members of the Citizen Patrol listed below drove 67 hours and walked 310 hours through our neighborhood in October. Thank you for looking out for our neighbors. Keep up the good work Citizen Patrol!

James Austin	Rob Fuller	Elizabeth McKenzie	Brenda Rojas
Barry Brandt	Cathryn Gabor	Michael McKenzie	BR Simon
Bob Costantini	Jeanette Hix	Michael McKenzie	Jim Skogsberg
Cindy Brown	David Hoyer	Curtis Mooney	Lillian Skogsberg
Shirley Donohue	Helen Mann		Andy Tallin

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.

Recycling Etiquette

Please only use your green recycle cans for recycling. Read on the top of your green can to see what can be recycled. The brown can is for garbage. **When you put garbage of any kind into the green recycle can, it contaminates the recycling and the City of Houston does not receive as many dollars from the vendor. The purpose of recycling is defeated if it is not done properly.**



For more Curbside Recycling FAQs check out the City of Houston website at: <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/curbside-recycling-faqs>.

Coffee Break

Take a coffee break with friends and neighbors.

When: Wednesday, December 9th, 10 am
Where: 2213 Brun at the home of our hosts Jeanette and Tom Hix.

The VCCA monthly coffee welcomes residents from Vermont Commons and Park Civic. Come meet your neighbors, and we guarantee you'll make new friends.



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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.



VCCA December Yard of the Month is 2201 McDuffie



Construction on South Shepherd Drive

Construction continues on the South Shepherd Drive project. A large concrete pour was completed at the intersection of S. Shepherd and Vermont Street on November 14, 2015. Here workers install the forms and re-bar for the concrete installation

How Houston Streets Got Their Names: Dunlavy

Houston is a large city with many streets,

roads, avenues, boulevards, parkways, and lanes. Since Houston did not adopt a numbering system for its street names, many unique and unusual names have been employed that reflect local history or historical figures.

Dunlavy Street, in the Montrose and West University area, runs north-south from Allen Parkway to Bissonnet Street. The street is named for Herbert Dillard Dunlavy. Mr. Dunlavy, born in 1898 in Richmond, Texas, was a United States Marine in the 96th Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2nd Division American Expeditionary Forces during World War I. He was killed in action in France.



Private Dunlavy was not only the first Houstonian casualty of that war, but he was also a hero. He single-handedly captured the crew of a German machine gun nest on the 6th of June in 1918. For this action he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Unfortunately, the next day, Private Dunlavy was resting in a trench and he was killed by the force of an artillery shell that exploded nearby. Here is the citation from the 96th Company at Bouresches

(Leatherneck magazine article: June 2008) [www.mca-marines.org/leatherneck/jun08_bouresches.asp]:

Capt Duncan's 96th Company led the way with future Corps Commandant Lt. Clifton Cates. Cates and his men fought house to house. Three to four hundred Germans held the town, Col Albertus W. Catlin wrote proudly. "The place bristled with machine guns. There were guns at the street corners, behind barricades and even on the rooftops, but the Marines kept on. They attacked with rifle, bayonet, and grenade.

*They were outnumbered when they started, and one by one they were put out of the fighting. But they kept going, taking gun after gun, until the Germans, for all their numbers and advantage of position, began to fall back." Cates' orderly, **Private Herbert D. Dunlavy**, single-handedly captured a German machine gun and forced the surviving gunner to carry it back to friendly lines. "It was a beautiful fight," Cates wrote in a letter home. "They ran like rabbits; dropping their equipment as they ran. We only took one prisoner and one machine gun, but lots of ammunition."*

In 1921, Pvt. Dunlavy was honored by his church, Christ Church Cathedral, along with five other church-member servicemen who lost their lives in the conflict. There is a special war memorial for them at the church. So, whether you pronounce the street "Dun-lay-vy" or "Dun-lav-vy," next time you travel that thoroughfare think about that young Marine serving his country overseas.



Adapted by Michael F. Forlenza from a transcript of the Heritage Society's Hill/Finger Lecture Series: *Historic Houston Streets: The Stories Behind the Names* by Marks Hinton, July 2007.



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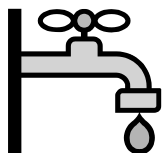
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