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June VCCA Monthly Meeting

The Monthly VCCA meeting will be on **Monday**, **June 13th at 7:00 PM** at Café Ginger, located at 1952 West Gray Street in the shopping center near the intersection with Driscoll.



Note from Jeanette

I have been president of the VCCA for the last seven years. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this position, but it is time to move on. The association has grown in membership, volunteers, and activities. Without all the dedicated volunteers. this would not have happened. I wish there was enough space in the newsletter to list all of you. From the bottom of my heart, I thank everyone for all of your help and for the numerous friendships that I have made during my tenure.

er, but time will be dedicated to meet the new officers and let them know what you would like to see happen in Vermont Commons in the coming year. The officers dedicate many hours of their time and it would be great if you could come to express your thanks and share your ideas. It is through the VCCA that many good things happen in your neighborhood. Come to the meeting to meet your neighbors, share your ideas, and show your appreciation.

June VCCA Meeting

Officers will be elected at the June meeting. There will not be a speak-

VCCA Officers 2016-2017

These volunteers have stepped up to serve our community as officers of VCCA next year.

President: Lis Harper

President Emerita: Jeanette Hix VP Deed Restrictions: Andy Tallin Secretary: Lillian Skogsberg Treasurer: Chuck Randall Newsletter: Michael Forlenza

Is this the year that <u>you</u> step up to help our your community ?

Houston 3-1-1

Many of us use the city of Houston 3-1-1 service request phone number for a variety of issues that may concern our neighborhood. Whether about a missed garbage pick up or reporting a leak from a fire hydrant, calling 3-1-1 may be able to help get us assistance or get our questions answered. Here are a just a few issues that someone might want to call 3-1-1* about:

- Report low water pressure or a line out of water.
- Report a leaking fire hydrant, a street light that is out, or a pothole, or a malfunctioning traffic light.
- Report missed garbage or recycling

the VCCA. VCCA Membership is open to all residents (owners and renters) in the area for just \$30 per year. • Request dates for next garbage, recycling, and yard waste pickup.

Report a meter leak.

pickup.

- Report a nuisance on a property.
- Report a dog running loose.
- Report graffiti (note address or intersection).
- Request dead animal collection.
- Report repairs needed to be done in a city park or other facilities.

To check out a complete directory of services, please go to the website at www.houston311.org.

Monthly Meetings

VCCA Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month (September through June) at 7:00 p.m.



VCCA Monthly Coffee

The monthly coffees this year have been exceptionally well attended. Our gracious hostesses have been Kit Muir in January, Jan Johnson in February, Patricia Dajani in March, Vivian Wang in April and Carolynn Kevlin in May. Everyone has had a chance to meet

friends and make new ones. We've also had several people attend their first coffee, and that's been a really rewarding aspect of the coffees. We were fortunate to have the day supervisor, Sergeant Dale Hubert, and one of our regular patrol deputies, Toni Mascoine, attend the May coffee. They answered a number of questions about the Constable Patrol program and provided some really good tips for all residents regarding protecting your property and avoiding unsavory characters.

We will suspend the monthly coffees during the months of June, July, and August. So many of our residents seek cooler climes during these months, it's really hard to plan the coffees. I wish you a pleas-

$m \gamma$ itizen Patrol Update

David Hoyer, Coordinator We had 16 Citizen Patrollers who did a total of 241 walking hours and 51 driving hours in April. The top patroller was Bob Costantini with an outstanding 51 hours total. Second was Marilyn Grant with 29 hours and third were James Austin and Rob Fuller tied with 25 hours. Also contributing were: BR Simon, Cathryn Gabor, Rob Fuller, Barry Brandt, Brenda Rojas, Jeanette Hix, Kristina Ireland, Tom Hix, Andy Tallin, Jim Skogsberg, Lillian Skogsberg, Elizabeth McKenzie, and myself.

Thank you to all !

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If you would like to host a coffee next fall, please give me a shout via email:

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VCCA Treasurer's Report 4/11/16 thru 5/9/16 Beginning Balance 4/11/16 \$2,881.86 Expenses Picnic Expenses Picnic Expenses \$162.59

Ending Balance 5/9/16 (& 38.54 in PayPal)		\$2,353.27
-	\$400.00	\$400.00
Picnic Income (Park Civic)	\$100.00	
Advertising Fees	\$300.00	
Income		
-	\$928.59	-\$928.59
Committee Mtg Exp (May)	\$200.00	
Newsletter Reimb - May	\$566.00	
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