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## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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### VCCA Monthly Happy Hour

VCCA monthly happy hours are the 2nd Monday, September through June, at Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 2015 W Gray St, Suite J, (right behind La Madeleine, east along Peden Street). **There is no happy hour gathering in October.** Join us for National Night Out on October 3rd.



## Join the VCCA

VCCA Membership is open to all residents (owners and renters) in the area for just \$40 per year. You can join by mailing a check for your dues to VCCA, PO Box 130891, Houston, TX 77210. Or you can join online and use PayPal.

Pay online at [vccahouston.org](http://vccahouston.org)

### VCCA - National Night Out — October 3rd at 6 pm

**Date:** Tuesday October 3rd, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Parking lot of Dr. Rebecca Harvey's Dentist Office @ 2025 Fairview

Bring Food to share. Wine. Other drinks. A chair if you need one.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**What is National Night Out?** It is a fun way to get community members and law enforcement agencies to get to know each other even better! By building relationships, National Night Out also helps to:

- Heighten prevention awareness for crime and drug prevention.
- Generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs.
- Strengthen our neighborhood and police community partnership.
- Send a message to criminals that our neighborhood is engaged in fight to deter crime where we live.



We welcome all VCCA members to join us to celebrate our community and find out what's going on in the neighborhood so you can take a bite out of crime.

Bring your partner, spouse, kids, and well-behaved dogs.

**Join us !**

### VCCA COFFEE

The VCCA has changed the format for the monthly COFFEE gatherings. We will no longer meet in the homes of VCCA/ Park Civic residents. Friends and neighbors will now gather at La Madeleine French Bakery and Café at 2047 West Gray, Suite A. The VCCA Coffee will always be on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00am. Hope to see everyone there on October 4th. Come and join the fun.



## Blue and White Tile Committee



Have you ever noticed the blue and white mosaic tiles on the curbs in our neighborhood indicating street names? These markers were placed on our curbs as early as the 1920s up to the 1950s as a way for a citizens to orient themselves during a less fast-paced era. As a young city at that time, these blue tile street signs were the original street markers of the first paved streets of Houston. The growing popularity of the automobile brought an end to this naming practice. Drivers were going faster and found that street signs on poles were easier to read as they cruised by.

Although Houston has grown to be the fourth largest city in the United States with rapid population growth and abundant new construction, many of the blue tile street signs have miraculously survived. Many of these beautiful pieces of artwork and craftsmanship are still found in Houston's older neighborhoods, but they are slowly disappearing due to deteriorating curbs, vehicle damage, new curbing, and new construction.

Are you interested in protecting the Blue and White street name tiles that are on the curbs in VCCA? A committee is forming to watch that contractors working in the area do not destroy them. Contact Jeanette Hix at [hix@rmi.net](mailto:hix@rmi.net) to join the group.

One group called the Blue Tile Project has a website and app where you can check out their efforts at documenting and preserving the stylish markers: <http://www.bluetileproject.com/>

### VCCA OFFICERS 2017-2018

#### Directors (replacing 1 President)

- Lillian Skogsberg
- Janet Meyer
- Nina Westerfeld
- Ann Terrel Green
- BR Simon
- Jeanette Hix

**Treasurer:** Chuck Randal

#### Vice President - Deed Restrictions:

Andy Tallin

**Newsletter:** Michael Forlenza

### Recycling in Houston

The City of Houston has suspended curbside recycling for an undetermined period due to Hurricane Harvey cleanup. Recyclables can be taken to City of Houston recycling centers. The Westpark Consumer Recycling Center at 5900 Westpark, has extended the operating hours due to the suspension of curbside recycling. Expanded Hours: Monday to Sunday 8am to 5pm. Check the website for more information:

[www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/)



NEIGHBORHOOD  
Depository and Recycling Centers



### VCCA Treasurer's Report - September 2017

Beginning Balance (A)		\$ 6,719.73
<b>Income</b>		
Advertising	\$500.00	
Total Revenue (B)	\$500.00	
	<b>Sub Total A + B</b>	<b>\$ 7,219.73</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Office Supplies (envelopes for annual mailing)	\$101.19	
Postage - annual permit	\$225.00	
August meeting	\$132.58	
Other	\$0.00	
Sub Total (C)	\$458.77	\$ 458.77
<b>Balance = A+B-C</b>		<b>\$ 6,760.96</b>
Pending Payments (Sept Newsletter)	-\$566.00	
Checks deposited	\$0.00	
<b>Net Funds Available</b>		<b>\$6,194.96</b>

### Our Neighborhood's Constable Patrol

Join and become a resident who wants to contribute to the protection of our neighborhood. Check the web page for how to join and other pertinent information

WEB Page: VC Security Foundation  
[www.vcpatrol.com](http://www.vcpatrol.com)

To reach the constable dial: 713 755 7628

If you are a member, these are some of the services that are available to you: vacation watch, crime alert, security inspection, and Precinct 1 newsletter.





## VCCA — First Happy Hour at Fuzzy's Taco



Thirty five VCCA residents came together at

Fuzzy's for a fabulous Happy Hour in September. The full bar and ability to order food and return to the fun kept everyone full of smiles as they greeted old friends and met new friends. The space is big



and there are lots of tables to hop from one to the other as you greet all.

The next Happy Hour will be in November. Mark your calendar so you can be a part of the VCCA action.

## Boundaries of the VCCA



## Got News?

We welcome your news, photos, and editorials, but reserve the right to edit for clarity, style, and length.

Send questions and contributions to [vcca.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:vcca.newsletter@gmail.com). Submissions are due the 15th of the month preceding the newsletter. *Michael Forlenza Editor*

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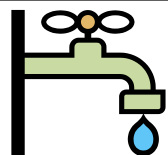
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