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## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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### September VCCA Happy Hour

VCCA monthly gatherings,  
September through June.  
September happy hour at  
Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 2015 W  
Gray St, Suite J, (right behind  
La Madeleine, east along  
Peden Street). We gather in  
a room toward the back. We  
hope you will join us and en-  
joy a cold beverage or some  
nibbles. See you at Fuzzy's  
on Monday, September 11,  
2017 at 6:30 PM.



## Join the VCCA

VCCA Membership is  
open to all residents  
(owners and renters) in  
the area for just \$40 per  
year. Refer to the flyer  
insert for what VCCA  
does for our community.  
Use the envelope to pay  
your dues or check the  
web page and pay with  
PayPal

*Pay online at [vcca-  
houston.org](http://vcca-houston.org)*

### VCCA - New Beginnings. A Different Concept.

No More Meetings!

New format! Happy Hour

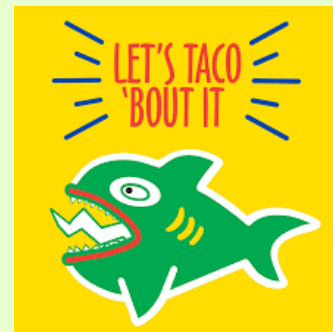
New place! Fuzzy's Taco Shop

Same Day! 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month

New time! 6:30 pm

Occasional Speaker during Happy Hour

Happy Hour at Fuzzy's will be an opportunity to  
greet old neighbors and meet new ones.



### VCCA OFFICERS 2017-2018

**Directors (replacing 1 President)**

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

**Treasurer:** Chuck Randall

**Vice president- Deed Restrictions:** Andy Tallin

**Newsletter:** Michael Forlenza

### New VCCA Happy Hour Schedule for 2017

Mark your calendars !

- ◇ September 11th – Happy Hour
- ◇ October 3rd - National Night out- No Happy Hour
- ◇ November 13th – Happy Hour with speaker
- ◇ December (TBD) - Holiday Party- No Happy Hour

### VCCA COFFEE- NEW CONCEPT



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 10:00 am. Hope to see everyone there on September 6th.





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



What is National Night Out? National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. By building relationships, National Night Out also helps to:

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



We welcome all VCCA and Park Civic neighbors 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.

**Date:** Tuesday October 3rd, 2017 **Time:** 6:00 PM

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

### Little Free Libraries in the VCCA



Our neighborhood has not one but two Little Free Libraries. One is found on the southeast side at Indiana and Morse, 1949 Indiana. The second is located at Haddon and McDuffie, 1614-2 McDuffie. The libraries are small boxes where you are welcome to take a book, leave a book you no longer

want, or both! There are usually children's books and adult books - some fiction, some non-fiction. It is a perfect stop on a dog walk, or a people walk! The "Little Free Library" movement came to the United States in 2009 and now boasts more than 30,000 book exchanges worldwide. You can learn more about little free libraries at <https://littlefreelibrary.org>.



### 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 Treasurer's Report - August 2017

Beginning Balance (A)		\$ 6,719.98
<b>Income</b>		
Advertising	\$0.00	
Total Revenue (B)	\$0.00	
	<b>Sub Total A + B</b>	<b>\$ 6,719.98</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	\$0.00	
Other	\$0.00	
Sub Total (C)	\$0.00	\$ -
<b>Balance = A+B-C</b>		<b>\$ 6,719.98</b>
Pending Payments (Postage)	-\$225.00	
Checks deposited	\$400.00	
<b>Net Funds Available</b>		<b>\$ 6,894.98</b>



## Green Tip:

Instead of putting your leaves, branches, and weeds into plastic bags only to be picked up by trash collectors, consider turning this lawn "waste" into nutrient-rich soil ready for your spring garden! Collecting compost is quite

**Compost As Much As Possible** easy and can save money on soil and fertilizer

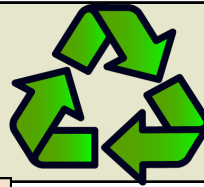
when it comes time to start your garden after the cold season.

Almost everything in your yard is compostable (grass and plant clippings, leaves, dead or brown weeds), except for weeds that have seeds or pernicious weeds (e.g., ivy) that can withstand composting. Mix in some of your kitchen waste as well – fruit and vegetable peels, teabags, and coffee grinds – to increase your yield. Check out <http://www.earthshare.org/> for more tips.



### September VCCA Yard of the Month

John and Anna Doody are the proud home owners at 2116 Brun. The long-time residents have created a beautiful architectural design for their huge front yard.



## Boundaries of the VCCA



## Great Guide for Recycling in Houston

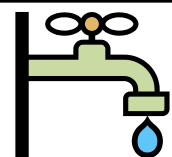
Be sure and take the quiz to see how knowledgeable you are.

Styrofoam — Recyclable? Yes or No ?

<https://www.recyclebycity.com/houston/guide>

### 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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