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December VCCA Holiday Party

There will be no VCCA Happy Hour/Meeting in December. Instead, we will celebrate the season with our annual Holiday Party.

VCCA Holiday Party

December 4th at 6:30 PM

Date: Monday, December 4th, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm, until 10 pm

Location: Churrascos in the Randall's shopping center (2055 Westheimer).

Churrascos

Put on your holiday cheer!! Vermont Commons Civic Association is once again hosting a Holiday Party.

The merrymakers will gather for some festive holiday fun and sociability at Churrasco's restaurant in the Randall's shopping center (2055 Westheimer). Plenty of parking is available. The activities begin at **6:30 pm, Monday, December 4th**. To offset the cost of the party, attendees are asked to donate \$10.00 at the door.

Both hot and cold appetizers will be served. Party-goers will be responsible for their own drinks (cash bar). Come and join in the fete, share your plans for the new year, and meet your friends and neighbors. Check the VCCA website for additional details.

Pro-tip: You can pay your VCCA annual dues at the party !

Darling don't you think this is the BEST VCCA Holiday Party ever?

These bubbles tickle my nose.

I'll take that as a yes.



VCCA Christmas Lights and Decoration Contest

Decorate your yard and house for the holiday season. Volunteers will walk the neighborhood to view the wonderful displays and vote on the best in several categories: townhouse, cottage, and single family home. There will be other categories too. The selection will take place after December 20th. The voting will be too late for the winners to be listed in the January newsletter so look on the web page (vccahouston.org) to see who has been selected.





November VCCA Happy Hour

Nearly 100 interested residents turned out for the November Happy Hour at Fuzzy's Taco to meet neighbors and to listen to a presentation by John Anderson



Regional Director of Weingarten Realty about the planned 300-unit apartment high rise called The Driscoll on West Gray. The project involves the demolition of part of the River Oaks Shopping Center.



Have you paid your VCCA dues?

These events could not happen without resident financial support.

- National Night Out in October
- Speaker in November!
- Holiday Party in December!
- Sign to honor best yard of the month!
- Newsletter!
- Graffiti removal!
- Information signs to alert residents of what's happening in the neighborhood!
- Volunteers monitoring and enforcing Deed Restrictions!
- Monitoring and sponsoring nextdoor!
- VCCA web page!

All of the above activities are paid for with the dues. If you have not paid, please consider joining VCCA.

VCCA COFFEE

Monthly VCCA/Park Civic COFFEE at La Madeleine French Bakery and Café at 2047 West Gray, on December 6th (the first Wednesday each month) at 10:00am.

VCCA OFFICERS 2017-2018

Directors (replacing 1 President)

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

Treasurer: Chuck Randall

Vice President - Deed Restrictions: Andy Tallin

Newsletter: Michael F. Forlenza

Mark Your Calendars - January 8th - VCCA Happy Hour

Speaker: Representative from the City of Houston - Public Works & Engineering

There are two upcoming infrastructure projects (drainage) that will affect Vermont Commons. If you want your questions answered, plan to attend the VCCA January meeting. Questions such as:

- What is the actual scope of work?
- What is the timeline for construction (Calendar year, not Fiscal year)?
- Will I be able to get in/out of driveways throughout construction?
- What is the plan for the existing bike lane on Fairview?
- Will the projects lower the elevation of Fairview?
- Will the projects add curbs along Fairview?
- Whom should members of the community contact if we have questions during the construction process?
- Will the projects replace open culverts along Fairview with underground storm sewers
- Will the construction increase the rate of water removal along Brun, thus reducing the incidence and severity of street flooding?

Constable Patrol

The VC Security Foundation funds the Constable Patrol in Vermont Commons, Park Civic, and Lewisdale. This is the area bounded by Peden on the North, Westheimer on the South, Shepherd on the West and Dunlavy on the East. We contract with Harris County Constable Precinct 1 to provide patrol services, home security alarm response, vacation watch and more to our members in this area. We are approaching our third year of operation. This year we have been able to increase our service to two full time deputies patrolling just this area. Our daytime deputy is Ray Garivey and our nighttime deputy is Felicia Webb. We encourage you to stop and introduce yourself to them whenever you see them.

The response to the service has been really encouraging in the past two years, and we've seen a noted decrease in nuisance problems like package theft and speeding. If you are a member and have taken advantage of the services the Constable Patrol offers, I know it's given you an added sense of security when you are away from home or just walking the neighborhood. For those of you who are new to neighborhood or have not joined yet, please visit our website at www.vcpatrol.com to view the benefits. We hope you choose to join our special group of residents who are civic and security minded and support this program. - Carolyn Kevlin



VCCA Everyday Heroes



David Hoyer

David always picks up trash on the streets as he walks in the neighborhood. Way to go David.

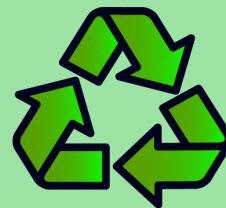


Richard Ryu and Thomas Robinson

Richard and Thomas live near Raising Cane's on Westheimer. The delivery trucks for Raising Cane's arrived as early as 5:00 am and the noise disturbed the neighborhood. They have worked with Raising Cane's and the deliveries have definitely been improving. Thanks for working to improve our neighborhood.

Curbside Recycling — What You Need To Know

1. **No Hurricane Harvey Debris** should be in the recycling cart. While we recognize that many customers used their carts to haul demolition material to the curb immediately after Harvey, material of that type is not recyclable and is considered trash.
2. Recycling should be loose and not bagged in the cart. Loose material speeds the processing line and ensures that contamination is kept at a minimum.
3. Glass is not accepted at this time and should be taken to a convenient drop-off site.
4. Junk Waste and Yard Waste services remain suspended until further notice. Those crews continue to work on Hurricane Harvey debris removal.
5. All city drop-off locations continue to work on a 7 day schedule until further notice. These sites include the Neighborhood Depositories, Westpark Recycling Center and the Environmental Service Center. Remember to check with 3-1-1 or the department's webpage for operating hours.
6. The Recycling Collection Schedule is found here: http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/Recycle_Cal.pdf
7. All Solid Waste Services Collection Day Information can be found at the following link: http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html



VCCA Citizens Patrol

Citizen Patrol did 191 hours of walking and driving patrol in November, or an average of over 6 volunteer hours per day! Top patrollers were Bob Costantini with 86 hours, Rob Fuller with 22 hours and Tom Hix with 19 hours. I want to thank all patrollers for your efforts to keep our neighborhood safe. - David Hoyer

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. Submissions are due the 15th of the month preceding the newsletter.

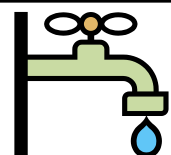
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