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Jo Ann Mazoch, Editor

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARADE

FREE ICE CREAM!

SIGN CONTEST!

COCKTAIL TRUCK!

OCTOBER 6TH AT 6:15 PM

There will not be a traditional VCCA National Night Out due to COVID-19, but...there will be a parade through the neighborhood! This will include the Harris County Constables, the Houston Police Department, and cars decorated and driven by VCCA Officers—followed by an ice cream truck, and a cocktail truck!

The parade will leave Fairview at 6:15 pm and proceed according to the route listed below. Use the route to determine the approximate time the parade will be on your street. You will also be able to tell by the flashing lights from the Constables and Houston Police cars, and maybe an occasional siren.

Residents are asked to make posters for a sign contest, the details of which can be found on page 2. If you do not want to make a sign, just wave and clap. We look forward to seeing all of you in front of your homes. Be sure to enjoy a cocktail and/or ice-cream while having a (safe and social-distanced) great time!

COCKTAIL TRUCK INFORMATION

Those over 21 will be able to grab a cocktail from Bovine and Barley. While they will drive down each street and stop for orders, they also request that pre-orders be texted to 713-204-6921.

Pre-ordering is the best way to insure they will stop at your house! Pre-orders will be given a pick-up time window. Please only show up during your given time frame. Include your name, address, and order in the text message. Please specify single or double or type of beer (Dos XX or Modelo) when ordering.

NOTE: All orders must include food per TABC. However, the truck offers affordable food options: Chips \$1 or Chips & salsa \$6.



More information regarding menu items (including non-alcoholic options) and pricing can be found at <https://bovineandbarley.com/frozen-cocktails/>.

PARADE ROUTE

- Beginning at Fairview and Huldy, turn right on Huldy
- Take Huldy to Haddon and turn right.
- Take Haddon to McDuffie and turn left, then right on Peden.
- Take Peden to Driscoll and turn right.
- Take Driscoll to Westheimer and turn right.
- Take Westheimer to Brun and turn right.
- Take Brun to Haddon and turn right.
- Take Haddon to McDuffie and turn left.
- Take McDuffie to Peden and turn right.
- Take Peden to Hazard and turn right.
- Take Hazard to Westheimer and turn right.
- Take Westheimer to McDuffie and turn right.
- Take McDuffie to Peden and turn right.
- Take Peden to Driscoll and turn right.
- Take Driscoll to Vermont and turn right.
- Take Vermont to Huldy and turn left.
- Take Huldy to Welch and turn left.
- Take Welch to Driscoll and turn right.
- Take Driscoll to Indiana and turn right.
- Take Indiana to Huldy and turn left.
- Take Huldy to Fairview, back to where we began!

NNO - SIGN CONTEST!

Make a sign supporting our neighborhood commitment to National Night Out and our relationship between law enforcement.

- Make a sign promoting safety in our neighborhood
- Place your sign in your front yard by **4:00 pm on October 6th** for judging.
- The winning sign will be published in the November VCCA newsletter!

Reminder To Pay Dues!

Thanks to the residents of Vermont Commons who have taken the time to pay dues to help VCCA to continue to meet the needs of the community! Just in October, VCCA will sponsor a National Night Out parade, a Zoom call with Counselor Abbie Kamin, and this newsletter—all requiring funds. There are many items that need to be paid during the year: items for graffiti removal, Zoom fees, bank fees, state fees, post office fees, web fees and many more. VCCA dues are just \$40 for the entire year of activities. Dues can be paid via PayPal on the VCCA website or by check, mailed to VCCA P.O. Box 130891 Houston, TX 77219. Thank you!

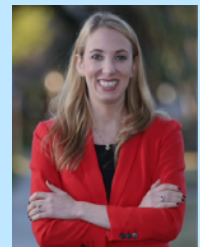
What Is National Night Out?

National Night Out is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information, please visit their website at <https://natw.org/>



Zoom Meeting With District C Council Person Abbie Kamin

Monday, October 12 at 7:00 pm—Abbie Kamin, City of Houston Counselor for our area, will be speaking through Zoom to all interested VCCA residents. VCCA Director, Ann Green Terrel, will moderate the meeting. Contact Ann at vccahoustontx@gmail.com to receive instructions for joining the Zoom call. After a 15 minute presentation, there will be time for questions. You will be able to submit your questions through Zoom's chat function (if you are new to Zoom take the time to familiarize yourself with the function before the meeting). VCCA Director Nina Westerfeld will be organizing the questions to submit to Counselor Kamin at the end of her presentation. If you would like to submit questions but will not be able to attend the meeting, submit the questions to hix@rmi.net by **October 10th**. Connect to Zoom at 6:45 pm, so you will be ready to listen at 7:00 pm. Residents will not be on the screen nor will they be heard — so there is no need to get all dressed up! If you are unable to join on Monday night, the presentation will be posted on the VCCA web page.



Volunteers Needed!

DEED RESTRICTION COMMITTEE

Volunteers are needed to canvass the neighborhood and check on properties that have been recently sold or where construction has just started. Making sure that the deed restrictions are followed is very important to the neighborhood. The information will be sent to the Chairman of the Deed Restriction Committee for further evaluation. If you would like to volunteer, please contact hix@rmi.net

BLOCK CAPTAINS

VCCA uses many ways to communicate with residents: newsletter, web page, Nextdoor and Block Captains. There are many blocks in VCCA that do not have a representative (Block Captain) who sends information from VCCA to residents. If you do not hear from someone on your block, it is more than likely that your block does not have a representative. If you would like to volunteer, please contact hix@rmi.net



CITIZENS PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 11 patrollers that did a total of 264 hours of driving and walking in the heat of August. On average that was about 9 hours of volunteer patrolling of our neighborhood per day! Well done team and thank you for helping to keep us all safe! — David Hoyer, CP Coordinator

If you would like to learn more about Citizen Patrol, or to become a volunteer, contact David Hoyer at davidhoyer@sbcglobal.net.

Please consider joining the Constable Patrol Program. With a lack of paying members in the past 6 months, the amount of time the Harris County Constables spend in in our community has been reduced. Your help is needed to help keep our community a safe place to live! You can find out all about the program at vccahouston.org.

A big shout out to those that support the program, you are appreciated!

VCCA Events

- October 6 — National Night Out
- October 12 — Zoom Meeting with Council Person Abbie Kamin
- October 21 — Book Club

VCCA Officers 2020-2021

Directors: Jeanette Hix (Lead Director), Stephanie Taylor, Nina Westerfeld, Janet Meyer, Lisa Meyer, Lillian Skogsberg, Ann Green Terrel
Treasurer: **Chuck Randall**
VP Deed Restrictions: Andy Tallin
Newsletter: Jo Ann Mazoch

Missed Volunteer — VCCA neglected to mention Katherine Gabor as a volunteer for the community. VCCA apologizes. There is now a sign in front of her house. Thanks Katherine! If you were not mentioned or have not received a “A Volunteer Lives Here” sign in front of your house, please contact hix@rmi.net



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VCCA Book Club

The VCCA Book Club meets virtually every 3rd Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Join us on **October 21st** for a lively discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens. For more information and to make sure we have your email to send you the Zoom link for the October meeting, please reach out to Natalie Browne at nbrowne48@gmail.com



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