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Jo Ann Mazoch, Editor

National Night Out Parade

The VCCA hopes you were one of the many residents who greeted the National Night Out parade. It was an exciting evening for those driving in the parade, and appeared to be just as exciting for those along the parade route. Three HPD Officers and three Constable Patrol Officers created a great escort through our streets to honor National Night Out and add to the sense of safety in our community. There were over 100 ice cream cones given out to those who lined the parade route and 45 drinks were ordered from the cocktail truck. A great time was had by all!

Sign Contest Winner!



Updates on the Fairview Project

Houston Public Works believes it will be more beneficial to have the next public engagement meeting prior to construction on the Fairview Project once the contractor and the construction manager are on board. The design has been decided, so there will not be any changes. However, the Public Works and contractor teams will be better equipped to answer specific questions related to the impact of construction. Additionally, the project has been further delayed and construction is now anticipated to start no earlier than August/September of 2021. Public Works thinks it will be early to late spring before there will be a public meeting regarding the project.



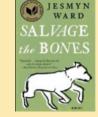
Meeting With Council Member Abbie Kamin



If you missed the zoom meeting featuring the recently elected Houston City Council Member for the geographic area of Vermont Commons, Abbie Kamen, you can view it on the VCCA web page: vccahouston.org. The presentation was very informative and appreciated. Many areas of interest were discussed, not only for the greater Houston area, but also specific topics about the Vermont Commons area.

VCCA Book Club

The VCCA Book Club meets virtually every third Wednesday of the month, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Our book choices vary among the genres and provide opportunities for us to read books that we might not choose on our own. Join us on



November 18 for a lively discussion of Salvage the Bones, by Jesmyn Ward. For more information, please reach out to Natalie Browne at nbrowne48@gmail.com.

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Buffalo Bayou Park Series

Buffalo Bayou Park is a wonderful outdoor resource for walking and biking trails near our neighborhood. Have you ever wanted to know more about the park? Visit www.buffalobayou.org or stay tuned for future newsletters in which we will offer more information about the history and features of the park.

Waugh Bridge Bat Colony

Every evening at sunset, more than 200,000 Mexican free-tailed bats emerge from crevices found in the Waugh Drive Bridge. A large portion of the bat colony remains through the winter months, providing viewing opportunities on warm nights. Stop by and witness this amazing sight, and learn more about the bats through the signage found at the viewing platform. Bring your kids or a date to enjoy this unique activity!

VCCA Announcements

There are no plans to have a Zoom or in person meeting for the month of November. Hopefully, VCCA will be able to meet in person some time in 2021.



CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 11 patrollers that did a total of 247 hours of walking and driving in September. That was over 8 volunteer hours per day! Special thanks to Bob Costantini, Sankar Muhuri, Satavisa Sarkar, Jeanette Hix, and Rob Fuller who each did over 20 hours of patrolling.

- David Hoyer, CP Coordinator

CONSTABLE PATROL

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 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. Thanks to the residents of Vermont Commons who have taken the time to join Constable Patrol and help VCCA to continue to be a safe place to live!

PLEASE PAY YOUR VCCA DUES

Please pay your VCCA dues. In order to sponsor events like the National Night Out Parade and Council Member Kamin's Zoom meeting, VCCA needs more residents to join. Go to the membership tab on vccahouston.org to find out how to pay. To those who have already responded, VCCA and the community thank you!



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