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CHALK DRAWING FESTIVAL

When: **Saturday March 13th All Day** (Rain date March 20th)

What: The Chalk Drawing Festival will be an all day event. Start drawing as early as you want and create all day. Draw on your sidewalk, your driveway, or both. If you are not feeling artistic, then stroll through the neighborhood and encourage those who are drawing/creating. We ask those participating to be finished by **4:00 p.m.** After 4:00 p.m., VCCA residents are encouraged to stroll the neighborhood and vote for the drawing that catches their eye. Text (713)-542-3582 the addresses of the art you like best—you can vote for more than one drawing! VCCA will post the results in the April newsletter.

MAKE VCCA BEAUTIFUL

Due to the inclement weather, it was necessary to cancel the Neighborhood Clean Up. VCCA plans to reschedule the event at a later date. There are many blocks in Vermont Commons that trash was picked up on the week leading up to the February event. Thanks to the residents who helped make VCCA beautiful.

WINTER STORM URI

Thank you to all VCCA residents how helped take care of each other during February's snow storm. VCCA residents helped each other turn off water mains when pipes burst, let neighbors come warm up by their fireplaces, brought water to those in need, and kept each other updated on the status of electricity and water. If you need assistance with damage caused by the storm, FEMA has announced federal aid for those impacted by the storm. Aid includes grants for temporary housing and home repairs as well as low-cost loans to cover uninsured losses. As tough as this event was it is always nice to see what a wonderful neighborhood we live in!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13th - All Day

- Chalk Drawing Festival
- ### March 17th - 2:00 p.m.
- Book Club

REMINDERS

- **Renew your VCCA membership** if you have not already. Visit <http://www.vccahouston.org> and click "Membership" to renew.
- **Join the Constable Patrol Program** to help increase law enforcement presence and shorten response time to non-emergencies. For more information email: info@vcpatrol.com.
- Download the Rollout! App to find your garbage, recycle, and heavy trash pick up days.

SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, editorials, or advertising requests to Jo Ann Mazoch at jmazoch@smu.edu. Submissions are due the 14th of the month.

BOOK CLUB

The VCCA Book Club meets every third Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on ZOOM. We read a variety of genres that often include a book we might not have read otherwise. This month we will discuss *The Museum of Whales You Will Never See*, by A. Kendra Green. We welcome new members! Please contact Natalie Browne if you have any questions or wish to receive the ZOOM link for the March meeting, nbrowne48@gmail.com. We hope to see you!

CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 8 patrollers that did a total of 202 hours of walking and driving in January. That works out to almost 7 hours of volunteer patrolling per day! Many thanks to our patrollers Bob Costantini, Jeanette and Tom Hix, Rob Fuller, Cathryn Gabor, Marilyn Fehrenkamp, and Andy Tallin who do this duty helping our community month after month. Stay safe everyone.

- David Hoyer, CP Coordinator.

VCCA OFFICERS 2020-21

Directors: Jeanette Hix (Lead Director), Stephanie Taylor, Nina Westerfeld, Janet Meyer, Lisa Meyer, Lillian Skogsberg, Ann Green Terrel

Treasurer: Chuck Randall

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Newsletter: Jo Ann Mazoch



LENDING LIBRARIES

The library at 2010 Driscoll (pictured above) has a great selection of books and provides doggie treats for your pup while you browse. There is also another lending library at 1949 Indiana (pictured below with VCCA resident and Jr. Miss Galaxy, Leilani Longoria, dropping off a book donation). Thanks for making books available for the neighborhood! To learn more about Lending Libraries or to create/register your own visit littlefreelibrary.org. Lending libraries are a great way to repurpose your old books and connect with your neighbors.

BLUE TILE PROJECT

The January newsletter featured an article about the historic blue tile street signs in our neighborhood - well now you can buy your own! The Blue Tile Project was started by a fan of these tiles as a way to find all the blue tiles in Houston. Visit www.bluetileproject.com to view a map of all the blue tile signs in Houston or even order a custom set of blue tiles for your own curb!



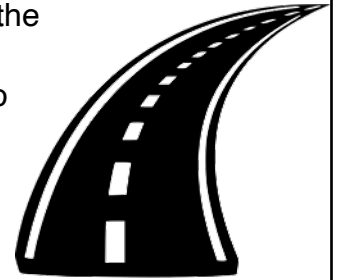
CITY OF HOUSTON PARKING REGULATIONS

Below are some parking regulations we all need to be aware of as we drive and park around our neighborhood streets. These regulations all carry a monetary fine but even more important is the safety factor that is addressed in each of these regulations.



- **APK-5 Parked on street more than 24 hours** - Parking in the same space on the public street is limited to 24 hours. The vehicle must move after 24 hours.
- **APK-11 Parked blocking private driveway** - A car parked curbside may not block any portion of a driveway.
- **APK-13 Blocking the sidewalk** - Sidewalks must remain clear for pedestrian safety. A car cannot block the public sidewalk while parked in a driveway.
- **APK-14 Parked within 20 feet of a crosswalk-intersection** - Parking too close to the corner blocks the view of pedestrians crossing the street or oncoming traffic.
- **APK-20 Parked more than 18" from right hand curb** - A legally parked car must park with the flow of traffic. The passenger wheels cannot be more than 18" from the curb.
- Lastly, for those who can – make a new resolution to declutter your garage to make room for the cars and help reduce the congestion of cars on our streets.

This information, and more, is found on the City of Houston website <http://www.houstontx.gov/parking/violationcodes.html>



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