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VCCA HAPPENINGS - There are so many exciting things happening within our neighborhood over the next couple of months. Keep reading below to find out ways you can get involved in our community and safely connect with your neighbors!

BLESS OUR PETS

Our furry and feathered roommates are our best friends, and especially so this past year! Gussy them up (costumes encouraged) and trot them to the corner of **Brun and Haddon** for a costume contest and blessing. Our neighborhood pet-lover and newly anointed pastor, Cay Dickson, will bestow a blessing as you and your pets parade through the parking lot. Win a gift certificate for best costume, or a trophy for best behaved pet! The event will take place on **Sunday, April 11th at 4:00 p.m.** All types of pets welcome.

APRIL FOOD DRIVE

Jr. Miss Galaxy 2020/2021, Leilani Renee Wyrobek has organized a food drive for non perishables! Leilani will drop off a flyer on your garage door, gate, or mailbox on April 7th with information about the food drive. Leave your donation outside your door, gate, or garage in an HEB/Walmart bag on the morning of **April 13th by noon**. She and her family will start picking up the donations by 1 p.m. The can goods will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House and the Veteran's Fisher House by the Medical Center. Please join Leilani in an easy and safe way to benefit our community!

MONARCH CHAMBER PLAYERS CONCERT

VCCA is sponsoring an outdoor, socially-distanced concert by the Monarch Chamber Players. They are a new ensemble of top professional classical musicians and have successfully presented more than 50 safe, live performances since the group formed in October 2020. The concerts will take place on **May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** in the parking lot at **Haddon and Brun**. Residents are asked to bring a chair and a snack or wine, if desired.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7th - 10 a.m.**
 - Monthly Coffee
- April 11th - 4 p.m.**
 - Bless Our Pets
- April 13th - 12 p.m.**
 - Food drive
- April 21th - 2 p.m.**
 - Book Club
- May 2nd - 6 p.m.**
 - Monarch Concert

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 Silent Patient*, by Alex Michaelides. We welcome new members! Please contact Natalie Browne if you have any questions or wish to receive the Zoom link for the April meeting, nbrowne48@gmail.com. We hope to see you!

CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 10 patrollers that did a total of 201 hours of walking and driving in February. Once again we averaged 7 hours per day of volunteering! Thanks to all, especially Bob Costantini who did almost half of our patrolling.

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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COFFEE

VCCA is officially restarting the monthly coffee at La Madeleine on the first Wednesday of the month. Start time: **10:00 a.m.** A VCCA coordinator will organize the coffee in the outdoor sitting area for the month of April. If you feel comfortable participating then we hope to see you for a warm cup of coffee on **April 7th**.



VCCA MOMS GROUP

The VCCA now has a Moms Group! They will be planning events and building resources geared for families with children ranging from infants to young teens in the neighborhood. To join the moms group you just need to find it on Facebook. Please search for the Facebook group named, **Vermont Commons Montrose Moms**, to request to be added. Events are temporarily virtual, so stay tuned for upcoming wine social events on Zoom. The group also has a start on some fun Halloween plans for the neighborhood!

NEW VCCA COMMITTEE

Vermont Commons resident, Jim Simons, recognized a need for street, sidewalk, and curb repair in the neighborhood and will head up a committee to work with the City of Houston in hopes of getting this much needed work accomplished. He is in need of several residents to assist him on this committee. He can be reached at jim.simons1@gmail.com or 713-206-4602. One person can accomplish a lot, but many people even more! Your ideas and time will be appreciated by Jim and those who live in Vermont Commons.

Note - if you see a need or have an interest in starting a committee/group in our neighborhood, reach out to Jeanette Hix at hix@rmi.net. Both the Moms Group and the new Repair Committee were created by residents who wanted to connect and make a difference in our neighborhood. We love seeing the involvement!

Yard of the Month



2213 Brun

CHALK DRAWING FESTIVAL

The Chalk Drawing Festival was a great success. There were lots of participants and a few voters. Not one participant was a winner because no one received more than one vote. Therefore, VCCA declares all a winner! These are the addresses of the participants who received a vote: 2010 Driscoll, 1809 Driscoll, 1717 Driscoll, 2021 Welch, 1802 McDuffie, 2021 Haddon, 1510 Hazard, and 1825 Huldy. Below are just a few of the amazing chalk drawings seen around the neighborhood. The newsletter is of course printed in black and white, but the online version is in color and can be found at vccahouston.org. Check online to see the colorful and creative ways Vermont Commons residents decorated our community.



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