



Vermont Commons

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VCCA SUMMER BREAK

VCCA will **discontinue** most activities, including the newsletter for the months of July and August. However, the VCCA sponsored coffee will continue throughout the summer. Mark your calendar for the **second Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m.** Hope to see you at La Madeleine! VCCA will begin the season with a Happy Hour on the patio of Churrasco's on **Monday, September 6th at 6 p.m.** Round out your Labor Day by joining your neighbors to toast the new season. Lots of fun activities are being planned for the fall and winter. Watch for the September newsletter with all the information.

MEETING WITH STATE REP. ANN JOHNSON

Please join Rep. Ann Johnson's office on **June 5th between 1-3 p.m.** for a Legislative Update at our new District Office at 5601 W Loop S, Suite C218, Houston, TX 77081. She looks forward to seeing you and catching up after an eventful Legislative Session.

MONARCH CHAMBER PLAYERS

What a fabulous presentation!! It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and as the group played, the birds joined in with their own music. The Monarch Chamber Players is a quintet of musicians who were playing for professional symphony orchestras across the country when the pandemic shut down all the venues. The five of them joined together from different states to form this chamber group. If you missed the performance, VCCA is contemplating bringing them back in the fall. As the pictures show, close to 50 residents of all ages enjoyed the professional presentation. Thanks to Brun resident Kay Johnson for allowing the players to use the electricity from her house — she also had a perfect balcony to listen to the music.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5th - 1 p.m.

- State Rep. meeting

June 8th - 10 a.m.

- Monthly Coffee

June 16th - 2 p.m.

- Bookclub

June 23rd - 6 p.m.

- Young Adult Gathering

June 25th - 11:30 a.m.

- Mom's Club Meeting

July 14th - 10 a.m.

- Monthly Coffee

July 21st - 2 p.m.

- Bookclub

July 21st - 6 p.m.

- Young Adult Gathering

August 11th - 10 a.m.

- Monthly Coffee

August 18th - 2 p.m.

- Bookclub

September 6th - 6 p.m.

- Happy Hour

REMINDERS

- **Renew your VCCA membership** if you have not already. Visit <http://www.vccahouston.org> and click "Membership" to renew.

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 Midnight Library*, by Matt Haig. We welcome new members! Please contact Natalie Browne at nbrowne48@gmail.com, if you have any questions or wish to receive the Zoom link for the April meeting. We hope to see you there!

CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 9 patrollers that did a total of 188 hours of volunteer driving and walking in April. Many thanks to all, especially Bob Costantini, Lillian & Jim Skogsberg, and Cathryn Gabor who each did more than 20 hours!

- 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

VP Deed Restrictions: Andy Tallin

Newsletter: Jo Ann Mazoch

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The various orange markings on streets all over the neighborhood are for preparation for the water line replacement. The City of Houston is marking all the utilities.

GIFT CARD SCAM

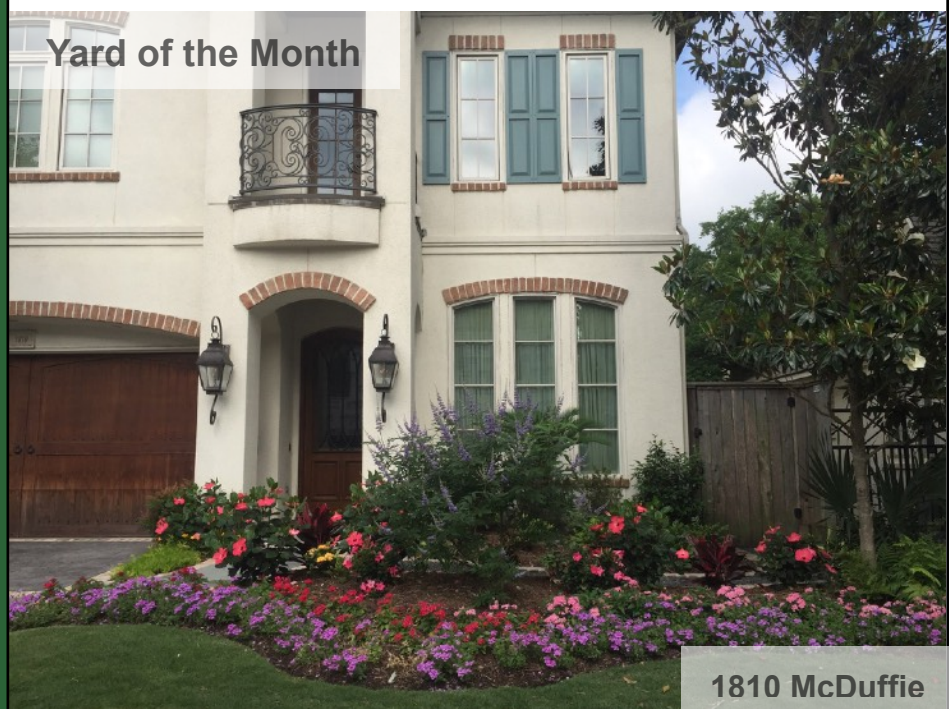
It has come to our attention that someone contacted several residents asking them to purchase gift cards for a charity on behalf of the VCCA. This is a commonly used scam tactic. Please know that the VCCA would never tell our residents to do this. If you receive an email requesting you to purchase gift cards for the VCCA, another organization, or even someone from your job - use extreme caution. If you believe the request to be legitimate, it is best to call the person making the request to be sure!

ABANDONED CARS

If a car has been parked on your street and not moved for more than a week, call the Constable or HPD. They will put a tag on the car and then check back in a few days. If it has not moved, they will have it towed.

District C Updates

West Gray Multiservice Center will reopen on **June 14th!** Our Representative, Abbie Kamin, heard from so many people across the city who miss the services, staff, and programming at West Gray, and is happy to announce its reopening date. Houston Public Libraries will also be reopening on **June 1st.** COVID health and safety protocols will be in place for all City of Houston facilities.



VCCA COMMITTEES

YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS FOR 30-40 YEAR OLDS: NEW VCCA COMMITTEE

Vermont Commons resident Laura Bazbaz recognized a need and is organizing a meet and greet for 30 and 40 year olds. (Age cheating is allowed.) Grab a snack, a drink, and a chair and meet in front of her house at 2412 Brun on **June 23rd from 6-7:30 p.m.** She is hoping to have this event on a monthly basis. The next one will be **July 21st.** If you have any questions call Laura at (832)-795-1093.

VCCA MOMS GROUP

The Vermont Commons Moms Group is meeting at Vibrant (1931 Fairview St.) on **Friday, June 25th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** for an outdoor lunch date. Please stop by anytime within that period just to say hello or stay and order some food or delicious beverages! We welcome new group members to join in (kids are also welcome). For more information on the event, please join the Facebook group, Vermont Commons Montrose Moms, and/or email Isabel Bacarella at isabelzuclich@gmail.com. Our Facebook group has now reached 27 members and we look forward to it continuing to grow and meet for future events.

VCCA OFFICERS

All VCCA Officers have agreed to serve another year. We look forward to finding fun ways to better our community and engage our neighbors over the coming year.



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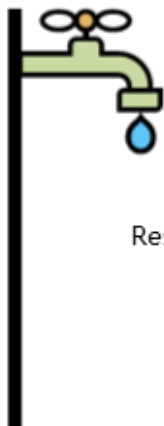
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