



Vermont Commons

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IT IS TIME TO PAY VCCA DUES

Vermont Commons Civic Association recognizes that in the past year, there were not as many activities because of COVID, but there were several programs presented that we hope you enjoyed such as the Monarch Chamber Choir and the National Night Out Parade. Additionally, like any organization, there are always many expenses each month.

The VCCA offers great benefits and many opportunities for you to get involved in your neighborhood for only \$40 annually! Here's why you should join or renew today:

- **Meet & Mingle:** Social Activities abound year-round, from monthly coffees, happy hours, National Night Out, a Holiday Party, Spring Picnic and many more!
- **Stay in The Know:** Monthly newsletters deliver the latest news and happenings in the neighborhood, right to your mailbox! Nextdoor.com provides recommendations, advice, and breaking news. Access more resources on VCCAHouston.org.
- **Get Educated:** Guest speakers focus on wide-ranging topics, from history to the arts to local government issues.
- **Keep Safe:** We organize and support the Citizen's Patrol, the VCAA Constable Patrol and host regular visits from the Houston Police Department. VCCA also has a Graffiti Removal team – join us!
- **VCCA Hearts Animals:** The Trap/Neuter/Release program protects and assists homeless cats in Vermont Commons. Posts on Nextdoor.com help residents find lost pets and facilitate pet adoptions.
- **Yard of the Month:** Our monthly award acknowledges and encourages neighborhood beautification!
- **Liaison:** VCCA works with city officials and other organizations to address our neighborhood concerns and learn more about services available to our community.
- **Deed Restrictions:** VCCA deed restrictions preserve the special character of Vermont Commons. We also monitor builders' compliance.

Support these great programs and meet your neighbors! It's easy to renew or join: click on the PayPal button at www.vccahouston.org, or put your check in the mail to: P. O. Box 130891, Houston, TX 77219.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 1st - 10 a.m.**
 - Monthly Coffee
- September 15th - 2 p.m.**
 - Book Club
- October 6th - 10 a.m.**
 - Monthly Coffee
- October 5th - 6 p.m.**
 - National Night Out and Happy Hour
- October 20th - 2 p.m.**
 - Book Club
- October 28th - 5:30 p.m.**
 - Trunk or Treat

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 *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. 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 June meeting. We hope to see you there!

CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 9 patrollers that did 172 hours of driving and walking in the July summer heat. Thanks to all, especially Bob Costantini and Lillian and Jim Skogsberg, for their exemplary volunteerism!

- David Hoyer, CP Coordinator.



We love seeing little libraries in the neighborhood. Stop by 2012 Hazard for a book. Thanks, Hardy Pollard

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

VCCA NEWSLETTER NEEDS AN EDITOR

VCCA is sorry to announce that our very talented newsletter editor, Jo Ann Mazoch will no longer be available to edit the newsletter. Jo Ann had to move out of the neighborhood due to the fire that occurred on Huldy St. in early July. Jo Ann will be missed and we wish her happiness in her new home. Hopefully, a resident will step up as Jo Ann did, and become the editor. The newsletter is published 10 times a year. Most of the information in the newsletter is submitted by the Lead Director and Committee Chairs. Jo Ann will assist the new newsletter editor on how to put the articles together. On average the position requires about 6 hours of volunteer time per month. Please contact Jeanette Hix (hix@rmi.net or 713-521-3337) if this is a volunteer job you would like to pursue.

HAPPY HOUR/NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

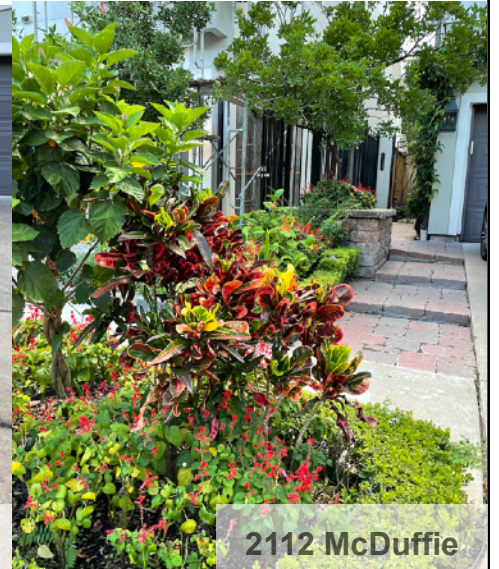
VCCA will start the fall activities with a combination of a **Welcome Back Happy Hour** and **National Night Out** on Tuesday **October 5th**. The combined events will take place at Dr. Harvey's Parking lot on Fairview starting at 6:00 p.m and last until the mosquitos send you home. Packaged snacks, an ice cream truck, and a drink truck will be available. Free ice cream for all and a coupon for one drink for adults will be available. Representatives from Houston Police Department and the Constables Office will also be available to talk to residents. This year, we ask residents to not bring food to share, but instead enjoy snacks mentioned above that are provided by VCCA. What is National Night Out? It is a fun way to strengthen relationships between community members and law enforcement agencies, resulting in:

- heightened awareness for crime and drug prevention;
- increased support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; and
- sending a message that we are actively engaged deterring and fighting crime.

Yards of the Month



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VCCA UPDATES

Vermont Commons Montrose Moms

Save the date! The VCCA Moms Group is planning a **Halloween Trunk or Treat** on Thursday, October 28th 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the parking lot on Brun and Haddon. This event will be geared towards VCCA neighborhood children. All ages and pets are invited to join in costume! More details to come in the October newsletter. If you would like to join the VCCA Moms group for updates on this event and future happenings, you can find them on Facebook by searching for the group called, **Vermont Commons Montrose Moms**. For further questions on the group or events, please email Isabel Bacarella at isabelzuclich@gmail.com.

Our Streets Are Being Repaired!

VCCA, headed by resident Jim Simons and his Street, Sidewalk, and Curb Committee, has successfully convinced Councilor Kamen's Office and Houston Public Works to mill and top the streets of Vermont Commons and Park Civic. The process began in October of last year with a drive through the neighborhood with a representative of Councilor Kamen's office to acquaint her with the deplorable condition of the streets in our neighborhood. After many phone calls, emails, texts, conference calls and in person meetings, VCCA was informed in June that VCCA would be part of the Mayors Rebuild Initiative. Many of the streets have already been milled and topped by the time you receive this. VCCA is very appreciative to Councilor Kamen's Office and Houston Public Works for making this happen. If you have any questions or concerns about the project please reach out to HPWDISPACHTDO@houstontx.gov.



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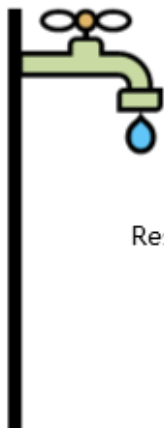
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