



# Vermont Commons

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## NOVEMBER HAPPY HOUR & CONCERT

VCCA is again sponsoring an outdoor, socially-distanced concert by the Monarch Chamber Players on **November 1st**. They are an ensemble of top professional classical musicians and successfully presented a safe, live performance for the VCCA last May. Residents are asked to bring a chair. A drink coupon will be available for all residents attending as well as a free snack. **Happy hour** will start at **6:00 p.m.** at the parking lot of Dr. Harvey's office off of Fairview and the **concert** will begin at **7:00 p.m.**

## WELCOME NEW VCCA NEWSLETTER EDITOR

A big thanks to Tiffany Chung, a resident on Hazard, who has agreed to edit the VCCA newsletter. Jo Ann Mazoch, the previous newsletter editor, will help her during this transition period. Thanks, Jo Ann. Also a huge thanks to the Vermont Commons community who reached out and volunteered to be the new editor. Eight residents volunteered: Chris, Tamara, Beverly, Doug, Susan, Selvi, Cay and Tiffany – **YOU ARE ALL HEROS!!** It is a great neighborhood to live in, especially when so many people are willing to step up and help contribute to putting together the newsletter.



## VERMONT COMMONS DEED RESTRICTIONS

Andy Tallin is a long time volunteer heading up the Deed Restriction Committee. You may not even be aware that Vermont Commons has Deed Restrictions. A copy of the Deed Restrictions is on the VCCA web page at [vccahouston.org](http://vccahouston.org). There is also a map that shows which properties are deed restricted. It is important to monitor new construction and make sure that the contractors are adhering to the deed restrictions. Residents surely do not want a four story building to pop up in our neighborhood. If you would like to join Andy's team just email [hix@rmi.net](mailto:hix@rmi.net) and volunteer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1st - 6 p.m.**
  - Concert and Happy Hour
- November 3rd - 10 a.m.**
  - Monthly Coffee
- November 17th - 2 p.m.**
  - Book Club
- December 1st - 10 a.m.**
  - Monthly Coffee
- December 15th - 2 p.m.**
  - Book Club

## 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 Tiffany Chung at [tiffanychung@hotmail.com](mailto:tiffanychung@hotmail.com). Submissions are due the 14th of the month.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets every third Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The November date is the 17th. We will meet outdoors, in person; please contact Natalie Browne at [nbrowne48@gmail.com](mailto:nbrowne48@gmail.com) for location information. We will be making our book selections for 2022, so please bring two book choices. We will also discuss *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin. We welcome new members, so bring a cup of coffee and join us! Natalie can also answer any questions you may have at the above email address.

## CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 10 patrollers that did a total of 192 hours of driving and walking in our neighborhood in September. That's 6.4 hours per day of volunteering to keep us all safe in this time of increasing crime rates!

- 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

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

The upcoming December Newsletter will feature photos from the Trunk or Treat which was organized by the VCCA Mom's Group and sponsored by the VCCA. Keep an eye out for all the decorated trunks and your neighbors in costume!

The December Newsletter will also feature information about an upcoming holiday event. More details to come.

## NEW HOUSTON 311 PLATFORM

The City of Houston has launched a new 311 platform called CRIS (Customer Relations Information System) to make interaction for residents easier, quicker, and more convenient! There are three ways to use the new CRIS system to create a 311 report: (1) smart phone app (Apple and Google), (2) use the website, or (3) the 311 call center.

Download the new app by searching "Houston 311 Customer Portal" in your smartphone app store. The app and website now provide the same experience. A chat box will pop up, and you can use this chat box to either check on a case status, or report a new problem/case. When creating a new 311 report, after you have submitted all the information into the chat box, you will see a message that says "Your request is not complete. You must click the link below to provide required details." You **MUST** click on this link and then scroll down to "Complete Case entry" – otherwise, your 311 report will not be completed.

## Yard of the Month



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

If you were unable to attend National Night Out, you missed a great community gathering. Those in attendance included: a Houston Police Officer, about 20 Harris County Constables, including Alan Rosen, dogs, babies, tables full of delicious treats, an ice cream truck, a cocktail truck and about 80 residents all joined in on the fun. Thank you to Dr. Harvey for allowing VCCA to sponsor National Night Out in her parking lot. She is a newsletter advertiser and an a great advocate for our community. Stop by to tell her thank you! When Constable Rosen greeted all the residents, he made it clear that public gatherings of residents tell criminals that our neighborhood is proactive, and that residents are watching out for each other. Please continue that proactiveness by joining the Constable Patrol Program and checking on your neighbors.



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