



# Vermont Commons

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Monarch Chamber Players Return

VCCA is once again sponsoring the Monarch Chamber Players at a performance on **Sunday, March 27 at 7:00 pm**. Their first performance in June 2021 was accompanied by many singing birds in the trees surrounding the parking lot. The second performance in December was a beautiful evening of many stars sparkling in the sky. Cannot wait to see what this performance brings! The group is a quintet of top professional classical musicians. Many have played for professional symphony orchestras across the country. The presentation will take place at **Dr. Harvey's Dental Office parking lot on Fairview between Huld and Brun**. Thank you Dr. Rebecca Harvey for always supporting VCCA. Bring your drink of choice and a chair and enjoy an evening of classical music.

## Happy Hour

The VCCA Happy Hour will continue the **second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm**. Join friends and neighbors, old and new, at the bar area of **Churrasco's**, 2055 Westheimer. There will not be a speaker in March.

## Old and New Newsletter Editors

Many thanks to Tiffany Chung for editing the VCCA Newsletter since last fall. Her job has recently expanded and she will no longer be able to continue her volunteer job. She did an awesome job of editing and bringing VCCA news to the all the neighbors. Welcome Beverly McPhail and Susan Russell who happily have agreed to co-edit the newsletter. Welcome to the team! Watch for more information about the duo in the next newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

**Chalk Drawing Festival: April 9th. Rain date April 16th.** An all-day event for the young and old. Use all the colors of the rainbow to create drawings on your side walk and/or driveway. VCCA encourages residents to stroll through the neighborhood to enjoy the art. Volunteers will be walking the neighborhood to take pictures of the drawings to put in the newsletter.

**Picnic:** The May picnic date has not been decided. Stay tuned

**Pet Blessing:** The May date has not been decided. Stay tuned.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 2 - 10am**

Monthly Coffee

**March 14 - 6:30 p.m.**

Happy Hour

**March 16th - 2 p.m.**

Book Club

**March 27 - 7 p.m.**

Monarch Chamber Players

**April 9 - All Day**

Chalk Drawing Festival  
(Rain Date April 16)

## REMINDERS

**Renew your VCCA**

**membership** if you have not already. Visit <http://www.vccahouston.org> and click "Membership" to renew or mail your check in the previously provided VCCA address

## SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, editorials, or advertising requests to Beverly McPhail at [bevmcphail@icloud.com](mailto:bevmcphail@icloud.com). Submissions are due by the 14th of the month preceding the newsletter.

## BOOK CLUB

The VCCA Book Club meets every third Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. We read a variety of genres. This month we will discuss *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle. We welcome new members! Please contact Natalie Browne at [nbrowne48@gmail.com](mailto:nbrowne48@gmail.com) if you have any questions or wish to join us at our March 16 meeting.

## CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 14 patrollers that did a total of 267 hours of driving and walking in our neighborhood in January. That is almost 9 hours per day of volunteering to keep our neighborhood safe

David Hoyer, CP Coordinator.

## MONTHLY COFFEE

The monthly **COFFEE** meets at Empire Cafe on Westheimer at Elmen on the first Wednesday of the month at **10:00 am** on the patio. Attend to enjoy conversation, laughter and camaraderie.

## VCCA OFFICERS 2021-22

**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

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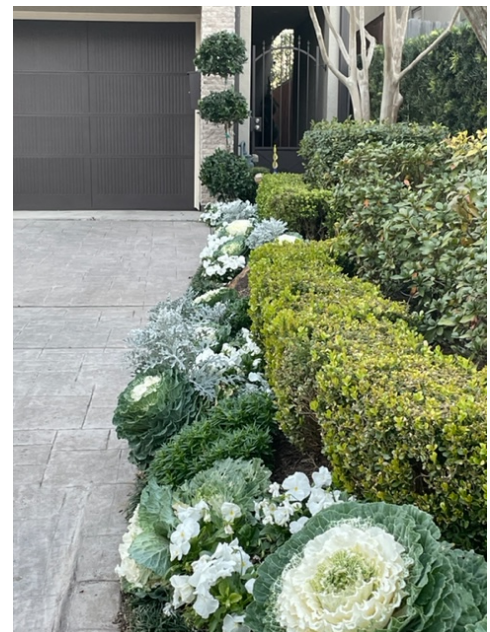
## All In the VCCA Family

Our parents group, *All in the VCCA Family*, has kicked off the year with officer elections. We now have two new officers that joined the team, Christine Beamish as Social Chair and Stephanie Paegel Willis as the Trunk or Treat event Lead. A special thank you to them for stepping up and volunteering for these positions. We look forward to adding new activities to our calendar with our VCCA families. In February, the group met at West Gray Park for some playtime for the kids and great conversations for the adults (see picture). We will be planning more meet-ups geared toward children and caregivers of children throughout the year. We would love for more families to get involved and attend our events. For more information, search for the Facebook group "All in the VCCA Family" or email [allinthevccafamily@gmail.com](mailto:allinthevccafamily@gmail.com).



## Yard of the Month

Lovely textures and layers in an array of shades of green!



2220 Brun

## Meet Your Neighbor

Frank Price moved to Brun Street in 1968. He continues to live in the cottage that was built in 1938 with his dog Charlie. Frank and Charlie spend many hours on their front porch swing greeting neighbors and their dogs. When he first moved to his house on Brun, the neighborhood was quite different as there were not any town homes - just cottages. Almost all the houses had front porches and the neighbors spent many hours visiting with each other. The camaraderie still exists today, but not at the level it was in the sixties and seventies. His neighbors in the early years of his ownership seemed to have a lot more leisure time and did not appear to be as rushed as his neighbors are today. Life just moves faster these days. Frank was born not far from his current residence (Main and Alabama), but he and his parents purchased ten acres north of Houston near the Klein area when he was a toddler to start a vegetable and chicken farm.



Frankie and Charlie

At times there were as many as a 1,000 chickens. They grew vegetables to sell, and also sold eggs. They worked the farm with a pair of mules and a plow. Recognizing that farming was not in his blood, after graduating from high school, he moved to East Texas to attend East Texas Baptist College to study education. His education continued at University of Arkansas and the University of Massachusetts. He returned to Houston after graduating and taught school with HISD. He then moved on to the sales and management of recreation vehicles and automobiles. He continues with the sales of automobiles. Stop and chat with Frank as he has many interesting stories to share.



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