

Vermont Commons

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National Night Out

Join us on **Tuesday, October 4** for a 6:30pm start to celebrate **National Night Out**, at the parking lot of Dr. Rebecca Harvey's Dental Office at 2025 Fairview. There will be a **free ice cream truck** and **one free drink** from the beverage truck (adult and other beverages)!

VCCA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Without the help of Vermont Commons residents, VCCA would not be able to provide the numerous activities we do for the neighborhood. Here is the list of the many residents who give their time; many of them volunteer in several areas. Give these neighbors a big thanks the next time you see them. They make our neighborhood a fun and safe place to live.

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Jim Simons
Sara Strom
Andy Tallin
Stephanie Taylor
Kathleen Terracina
Nina Westerfeld
Stephanie Willis

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4 - National Night Out, 6:30pm

October 5 - 10am, Wed., Monthly Coffee Klatch at Empire Cafe

October 19 - 2 - 3:30pm Wednesday, Book Club

October 30 - Trunk-or-Treat, 5-6 pm, Eugene's

November 14 - Happy

Hour

(No Happy Hour in October; meet us instead for National Night Out on Oct. 4)

REMINDERS

Renew your VCCA membership!

Dues are only \$40 for a full year of events and services. Visit our website at vccahouston.org to learn how to pay with Zelle.

SUBMISSIONS

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



To read the newsletter in color, go to vccahouston.org

BOOK CLUB

The VCCA Book Club meets every third Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.. We read a variety of genres that includes books we might not have read otherwise. This month we will discuss Plainsong by Kent Haruf. We welcome new members! Please contact Natalie Browne at nbrowne48@gmail.com if you have any questions or wish to join us at our October 19th meeting.

CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 17 volunteer patrollers that did a total of 359 hours walking and driving in August. That is an average of 12 hours per day of volunteering to keep us all safe; an all-time record! Thanks to all of our dedicated patrollers, especially iron man Bob Costantini, Lillian and Jim Skogsberg, and Elizabeth Stein, who between them did about half the hours. David Hoyer, CP Coordinator

MONTHLY COFFEE

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

VCCA OFFICERS 2022-23

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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Newsletter: Beverly McPhail



Parking Manners Matter!

A few reminders about parking your vehicle near street corners:

- 1. Make sure your car isn't blocking the view of cars trying to cross an intersection.
- 2. Trim your shrubs and trees so they don't obstruct the view of stop signs or oncoming traffic.
- 3. Remember not to park within 20 feet of a stop sign. Drivers' view of the stop signs can be obstructed and sometimes they miss stopping.

Exciting Restaurant News!

One of the benefits of living in Vermont Commons is the ability to walk to fine dining restaurants. Watch for three new restaurants opening this fall in the River Oaks Shopping Center: Hudson House, Cocody Bar & Restaurant, and Zanti Cucina Italiana. According to their Instagram, Vibrant on Fairview is also due to re-open soon. Sadly, we will say good-bye to our beloved La Griglia, which is closing December 2023 due to losing their lease. A long good-bye.

Thanks, Susan!

Susan Frost Russell has resigned her position as newsletter co-editor. Her life is full with a new baby and toddler. We send her and her family best wishes and thank her for her help with the newsletter!





2317 McDuffie

Great shades of green, on the front door, the shrubs in the yard and on the stairs!

Annual Trunk-or-Treat!

Boo! A Spooky Good Time

Our annual **Trunk-or-Treat** will be held on Sunday, October 30th from 5-6pm at Eugene's (1985 Welch St.). All are welcome! Children, parents, neighbors, grandchildren, and pets are invited to join in costume. We are in need of 15 volunteers to host a trunk (decorate your trunk and bring treats to pass out). If interested, please visit our <u>Sign Up Genius</u> (on digital newsletter) or email <u>allinthevccafamily@gmail.com</u> for the sign-up link. If you would like to join *All in the VCCA Family* group for updates on this event and future happenings, join the Facebook group: All in the VCCA Family.

Happy and Safe Halloween Everyone!

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