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VCCA HOLIDAY PARTY

The VCCA Holiday Party is back! Join our festive gathering at **6:30-9:00 pm Monday, December 5** at Churrasco's (2055 Westheimer). Meet your friends and neighbors from the neighborhood and make new friends. Enjoy a complimentary selection of hot and cold appetizers. For an extra dash of cheer, enjoy a glass of wine compliments of VCCA. Other drinks may be purchased at the bar. To offset the cost of the party, we request that each attendee donates \$10 at the door.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND DECORATION CONTEST

VCCA Volunteers will walk and drive the neighborhood to view your beautiful holiday yard and house displays. The volunteers will vote on the best displays in these categories: townhouse, cottage, single family home, and others. A sign will be placed in the front yards of the winners' homes. The winners will be featured in the January newsletter. Good luck. Looking forward to Vermont Commons being all lit up!

MONARCH CHAMBER PLAYERS

VCCA is once again sponsoring an outdoor concert by the Monarch Chamber Players. The Players are an ensemble of professional musicians. The performance will be **Sunday, December 11 at 5:30pm** at Dr Rebecca Harvey's parking lot near Fairview and Brun. Bring a chair and plan to enjoy an evening of beautiful music.

CHANGING OF THE DEPUTIES

Dep. Jimmy Holley, who did so many good deeds for our area, has decided to move into an IT job. Dep. Vanessa Gleaves is now on duty and is patrolling our streets. Keep an eye out for her and say hello. It's always a good thing to have an association with the deputies; it makes them feel welcome and develops a personal relationship. Join the program if you haven't already and have a safe holiday season. Visit VCpatrol.com to join.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5 - VCCA Holiday Party, 6:30pm Churrasco's

December 7 - Coffee, 10am, Empire Cafe

December 9 - All in the Family, Parents' Night Out 7:30pm at 93-til

Dec. 11 - Monarch Chamber Players, 5:30pm, Dr. Harvey's parking lot, 2025 Fairview

December 21 - 2 pm-3:30pm, Book Club, selecting books for 2023!

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 12th 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 of the month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. We read a variety of genres that often include a book we might not have read otherwise. This month we will meet on Wednesday, the 21st, to select books for 2023 and to celebrate the season. We welcome new members! Please contact Natalie Browne at nbrowne48@gmail.com if you want to join or have any questions.

CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 13 patrollers that did 234 hours of walking and driving in October. Many thanks to all for your commitment to our community!

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

ALL IN THE VCCA FAMILY

Trunk-or-Treat

Our second annual Trunk-or-Treat was a spooky success! At least 40 neighborhood families came together for an evening of Halloween excitement at Eugene's parking area. Superheroes seemed to be one popular costume theme this year and there were plenty of other scary, adorable, and creative costumes! Thank you to all the neighbors who volunteered to decorate a trunk and pass out candy and other fun treats. Also, thank you to our sponsors: Vermont Commons Civic Association (VCCA), Martha Turner Sotheby's International Realty (Stephanie Willis), and Chris Bacarella Photography. We are thrilled to continue this annual tradition and did notice an uptick in neighborhood Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween evening as well! The [Trunk or Treat Photo Gallery](#), created by Chris Bacarella Photography, can be accessed through clicking the link above or also through scanning the QR Code below.

Parents Night Out

Come join us for holiday cheer at 7:30pm on **Friday, December 9th** at 93-til (93-til.com) as we celebrate the end of 2022. Food and drinks available for purchase. Friends and guests are welcome to join the fun.



1708-1710 McDuffie

ANNUAL PET BLESSING

The VCCA's Annual Blessing of the Pets was held on Sunday, November 6th, at Eugene's parking lot at Welch & McDuffie. Board members were ready with treats - for people and pets - and cold drinks. VCCA Founder, Cay Dickson, our online-ordained minister, performed the ceremony for about 20 pets who stopped by. Although most of the visitors were dogs, Nancy Higgs brought her cat, Sebastian, who was well-behaved in his carrier. This was the second year for the blessings and we think it's a great program. All pets are welcome and we hope to see you and your furry or feathered friends at next years' blessing!



**Bless the animals and their human companions.
May all be safe, healthy, happy and enjoy each other!**



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