



# Vermont Commons

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Vermont Commons Civic Association  
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#### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join friends and neighbors to celebrate **National Night Out** to strengthen relationships between community members and law enforcement at **2025 Fairview, at 6:30 on October 3** and stay until the mosquitos chase you home! Multiple officers from HPD and the Constables Office will attend. **Ice Cream for all.**

#### WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Ann Ince, long-time Vermont Commons resident, approached Fairview from the south on Hazard and realized the placement of the huge Centerpoint pole blocked the view of oncoming traffic. She contacted 311 and Council Person Abbie Kamin's office to report the problem and there is now a 4-way stop. Good job, Ann!



#### VCCA DIRECTORS MEETING AND HAPPY HOUR

Join the Directors for a 30-minute presentation about applying for a City of Houston grant on October 9th at 6pm, at Churrasco's, which will immediately be followed by Happy Hour in the bar area! Come for one or the other event, or both!



#### REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES!

Residents can pay the \$40 yearly dues by check and mail it to VCCA PO Box 13089 77219 or at [VCCAHouston.org](http://VCCAHouston.org) find instructions to pay by ZELLE. If you would like to receive email updates about upcoming VCCA events include your email address or send your email address to [hix@rmi.net](mailto:hix@rmi.net)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 3** - National Night Out, 6:30pm

**October 4** - Coffee, 10am, Empire Cafe

**October 9** - Directors Meeting, 6pm (all welcome) and Happy Hour, 6:30pm, Churrasco's,

**October 18** - Book Club Meeting 2pm - 3:30pm

**October 29** - Trunk or Treat, Eugene's Parking Lot, 5:45pm

#### NEED NEW EDITOR!

Our newsletter editor is moving out-of-state! Volunteer to edit the VCCA newsletter, which takes about 5-10 hours a month. Contact [hix@rmi.net](mailto:hix@rmi.net) or [bevmcphail@icloud.com](mailto:bevmcphail@icloud.com).

#### 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 12th of the month preceding the newsletter.

To read the newsletter in color, go to [vccahouston.org](http://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 include books that we might not have read otherwise. The book for October 18th is *The Book Woman's Daughter*, by Kim M. Richardson. 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 the October 18th meeting. If you are reading ahead, the book for November is *The Paris Library*, by Janet Skeslien Charles.

## CITIZEN PATROL

Our neighbors continue to walk & report hour walked & driven during this hot summer. We had 11 patrollers report walking & driving time in August. We had 151 hrs reported and Bob Costantini led everyone in hours walked. I hope some slightly cooler weather is ahead. Email [lillian\\_skogsberg@earthlink.net](mailto:lillian_skogsberg@earthlink.net) if you have any questions.

## 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 Terrel Green  
**Treasurer:** Kay Johnson  
**Deed Restrictions:** Andy Tallin  
**Newsletter:** Beverly McPhail

## Upcoming Halloween Events!

Please join the VCCA family and parent group (All in the VCCA Family) for our spookiest time of year: Halloween!

### TRUNK OR TREAT!

The annual Trunk or Treat will be **Sunday, October 29th** at Eugene's parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to bring their cars and decorate their trunks. Treats are a bonus. Any fun handout for the kids and/or pets would be fabulous. All are welcomed. We would love to see everyone. Please arrive by 5:15pm to set up your trunk. Festivities kick off at 5:45pm. Please e-mail Stephanie Willis with any questions as well as for the link to sign up. [Stephanie.Willis@sothebys.realty](mailto:Stephanie.Willis@sothebys.realty) or text 713-256-3369

### TRICK OR TREATING!

If you plan to hand out candy for all the little ghosts and goblins on **October 31**, please turn on your front door lights, open patio gates, and/or dress your house with Halloween decor, so parents and kids alike will know which houses will welcome them. Many houses last year were passed by simply because the trick-or-treaters did not know they could come to the door!

Check out the WhatsApp group chat that day/evening to find any up-to-date info or if you wish to coordinate a route.

**We wish you a spooky, safe, and fun Halloween!**



**2301A Huldy**

## SEPTEMBER'S HAPPY HOUR AND SPEAKER WERE A GREAT SUCCESS!

What an event! Over 50 residents attended the September Happy Hour in the bar area at Churrasco's. It was quite a crush of residents greeting old friends and meeting new ones. The crowd then moved into the wine room to hear a rousing talk from Council Person Abbie Kamin who had lots of energy and related the many happenings in District C.



### TRASH TALK!

Some residents seem unsure or even a little forgetful about when and how we place our trash and recycle cans out for pick up. Here are the City of Houston rules: City-provided containers must be placed at the curb between 6 p.m. the day before and 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Place the container on the curb facing the street with the handle facing the house. Containers must be accessible and not blocked by obstacles, including parked cars, trees, mailboxes, fencing, etc. Leave at least a 3 foot space between garbage and recycling containers, which allows the truck to operate safely. Containers must be removed from the curb line and/or public view by 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection and stored in a secure location.



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