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VCCA HOLIDAY PARTY

Vermont Commons Civic Association is once again sponsoring a **Holiday Party**. Join our festive gathering 6:30pm till 9:00pm on **Monday December 11th at Churrasco's (2055 Westheimer)**. Put on your holiday clothes, meet your friends and neighbors from the neighborhood and hopefully 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. This Holiday Event uses the annual dues that are paid each year to sponsor the event. If you have not joined yet, come, pay your dues. and enjoy the fun!

JANUARY SPEAKER- Officer Vieira

Before **Happy Hour on January 8th**, join Houston Police Officer Vieira for a presentation. There will time allotted for questions. Officer Vieira is the officer who oversees an area that includes Vermont Commons. For Vermont Commons oldies, she is the officer that replaced Officer Wayne Pate. You may occasionally see information from her on Next Door. After the 30 minute presentation, we will adjourn to the bar for Happy Hour!

SAD NEWS AND HAPPY NEWS

Sad News: **Beverly McPhail**, who has been editing the VCCA newsletter for the last few years, has resigned her position. This will be her last newsletter. Even sadder for us, but happier for her, she is moving from the neighborhood to be closer to her children and grandchildren. We will miss her. She has been creative at suggesting ideas to make the VCCA program more enjoyable. A big thanks for all of her volunteer work.

Happy News: As always when VCCA puts out a call in need of help, someone always steps up. **Chris Lane** has volunteered to edit the newsletter. She is a longtime resident of Vermont Commons and her volunteering to be editor is very much appreciated. Watch for her first newsletter in January. Thanks, Chris!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6 - Coffee, 10am, Empire Cafe

December 11 - Holiday Party, 6:30pm, Churrasco's,

December 20 - Book Club Meeting 2 pm - 3:30pm

Coming in the New Year 2024!

January 8 - January Speaker HPD Officer Vieira, followed by Happy Hour

Happy Holidays!

Whichever holidays you celebrate in this joyous season, enjoy friends, family, food, and festivities. Stay safe!

SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, editorials, or advertising requests to Chris Lane at hix@rmi.net. 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 include books that we might not have read otherwise. VCCA's Book Group will be selecting it's 2024 books at its December meeting. For information about the book for January and where we will meet contact Natalie at Nbrowne48@gmail.com. We welcome new members!

CITIZEN PATROL

Your neighbors continue to walk & report hours walked & driven. We had 9 patrollers report walking & driving time in October. We had 212 hrs reported. Bob Costantini led everyone in hours walked. I hope fall weather helps our walking routines. 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 2023-24

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: Chris Lane

ALL IN THE VCCA FAMILY

Trunk-or-Treat

Our third annual Trunk-or-Treat was a spooky, fun event! Dozens of neighborhood families and pets came together for an evening of Halloween excitement at Eugene's parking area. Thank you to all the neighbors who volunteered to decorate a trunk and pass out candy and other fun treats. Superheroes, princesses, bumblebees, fairies, astronauts, witches, (you name it) of all ages made appearances this year. To add to the witches' brew, many neighbors were found Trick-or-Treating on Halloween evening as well! Wishing all of our families and community members a safe and happy holiday season!



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Trees Trees Trees

Wouldn't it would be great to drive through our neighborhood and see a large canopy of trees along all of the streets? VCCA has begun a project to hopefully reach that goal. It is not an overnight expectation, since trees take a long time to grow. There are so many reasons to have a canopy of trees in a neighborhood. Surveys indicate that a neighborhood with a large canopy of trees can lower the temperature by 10 degrees during the summer months.

Esthetically it makes for a more beautiful place to live, a cooler place to walk, jog, or bike and a neighborhood with loads of canopy trees can even raise the property value of homes. VCCA, with help from some Park Civic residents, is beginning a project to increase the number of trees where we live. Volunteers had a great organizational meeting last month. As always, to tackle a large project like this, many more volunteers are needed. Interested in a cooler place to live, both physically and esthetically? Email Jeanette Hix at hix@rmi.net



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