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MARDI GRAS

Let's Celebrate on February 11th

It is the time of the year to celebrate Mardi Gras. Dress in vibrant colors (not mandatory) and join your friends and neighbors, and their children. Beads will be available for all. Music will be playing, and dance if you like! King cake and ice cream will be served. Bring your favorite beverage. The fun is Sunday, February 11th at 5:00pm in the parking lot of Dr. Harvey's office on Fairview, between Brun and Huldry.

Laissez le bon temps rouler!

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

The first Men's Coffee of the new year was attended by 2 residents-a start. They both plan to return and have recruited several more to join them. Hope you can make it Wednesday, February 7th, 10:00am at Empire Café.

RECYCLE RIGHT

On the top of your green recycle bin is a graphic for recycling properly. If your recycle bin does not have this, below is the information. Please only put these items in the recycle bin. Everything else needs to be put in the garbage bin or donated. Recycle plastics #1 - 5 & 7. **Never put your recyclables in a plastic sack** as they gum up the sorting mechanism. NO extra trash, food, plastic bags, or yard trimmings go into the recycle bins. Put your recyclables into paper sacks or directly into the recycle bin. Thank you for helping our environment!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Coffee

Wednesday February 7

10am Empire Café

Happy Hour

Monday February 12

6:30pm Churrasco's

Book Club

Wednesday February 21

2pm-3:30pm

Happy Hour with Speaker

Monday March 11

6:30pm Churrasco's

Constable & member of

Constable Patrol Committee

Monarch Chamber Players

Sunday March 24

4pm Dr. Harvey's Parking Lot

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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

ALL IN THE VCCA FAMILY

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets every third Wednesday of the month from 2pm-3:30pm. We read a variety of genres that include books that we might not have otherwise read. The book for February 21st is *The Unexpected Mrs. Polifax* by Dorothy Gilman. We welcome new members! Please contact Natalie Browne at nbrowne48@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

CITIZEN PATROL

Our neighbors continue to walk & report hours walked & driven. We had 13 patrollers totaling up to 304 hours of walking (primarily) and driving. Our top walker remains Bob Costantini. We had one of our walkers report to police a package thief from a front door, so continued vigilance is needed for goods delivery to the front door. Email questions to lillian_skogsberg@earthlink.net.

MONTHLY COFFEE

The monthly Coffee Klatch meets at Empire Café on Westheimer at Elmen on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am. 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
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Newsletter: Chris Lane

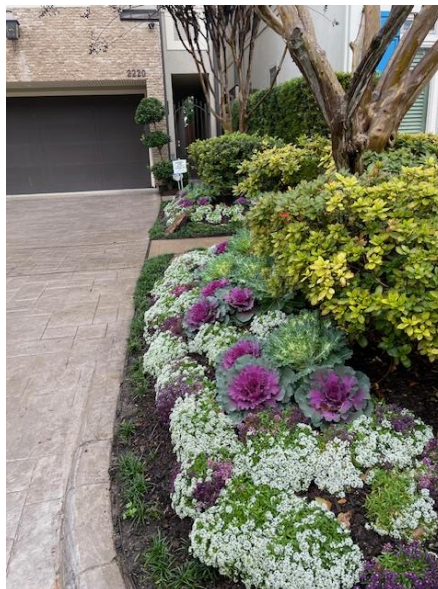
Galentine's Day Calling all moms!

Channel your inner Leslie Knope and join us at 7:30pm on Tuesday, February 6th for a Galentine's night/Moms night out! We'd love to see some new faces! Food and drinks available for purchase, 21+ event. Check out our WhatsApp/Facebook group pages for event updates and venue.

For parents and caregivers of children interested in connecting with other neighborhood families, please join our Facebook group, All in the VCCA Family, or email allinthevccafamily@gmail.com to be added to the WhatsApp chat group. We'd love if you did!

VCCA ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH

Each year volunteers from Vermont Commons organize activities for the neighborhood and advocate to the City of Houston to improve our neighborhood. These are the many things volunteers work on: Monthly Happy Hour, Speakers, gathering ladies together to share coffee and friendship, gathering men together to share coffee and friendship, bringing readers together for book club, Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, promote a beautiful neighborhood through Yard of the Month, Citizens Patrol to have more eyes watching our neighborhood, Mardi Gras celebration, outdoor music venues, request safer streets by working to get stop signs and other identification signs, picnics, National Night Out, graffiti removal, holiday party, repairs on Vermont drainage, monitor new construction, volunteer appreciation, holiday decoration recognition and this newsletter. Vermont Commons residents donate their time for the betterment of the neighborhood. Your \$40 membership fee helps support these projects. Thank you!



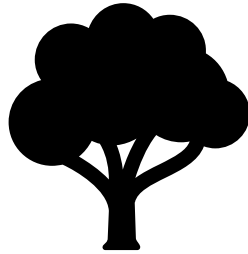
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TREES, TREES, TREES

Wouldn't it be great to drive through our neighborhood and see large canopy shade trees along all our streets? They once dominated, but development, disease, storms, and age have all taken their toll.

As we've previously reported, VCCA has begun a project to replant tree species in our neighborhood that will grow into large canopy shade trees. This type of tree takes a long time to grow, so progress will seem slow at first. That's why we are starting now, during this planting season (the cooler weather months). If you've thought about planting a tree in front of your house, please consider doing so this year-and the sooner the better.

As part of this project we plan on: recommending a preferred species of large canopy shade trees for planting in Vermont Commons; supporting where possible neighbor efforts to plant trees in front of their homes; working with the City to enforce City Tree Ordinances with developers building in the neighborhood; reaching out to other organizations for support, and; organizing volunteer work days to actually plant trees. As always, to tackle a large project like this volunteers are needed, so if you'd like to help, please contact Jeanette Hix at hix@rmi.net.



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