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JANUARY HAPPY HOUR AND SPEAKER

January 8th at Churrasco's

Speaker is at 6pm

The evening is starting a little earlier in January to accommodate Houston Police Officer Vieira. At 6pm she will make a presentation and answer questions. Happy Hour will start immediately after. Officer Vieira is the Community Liaison for the Central Division. For you oldies, she is the police officer who replaced Officer Wayne Pate. Hopefully she can enlighten VCCA on projects that can better protect our area.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

VCCA is once again encouraging the men of Vermont Commons to meet for coffee and/or breakfast on January 8th at 10am at Empire Café. It has been suggested that another attempt be made to restart the group. There will be someone with a VCCA sign so you will know which table of men to join. A great opportunity to meet your neighbors.

TREES

The tree committee did not have enough time to organize and be ready to plant trees by the end of February, which is the suggested tree planting time for Houston climate. If you would like to help with this project, contact Jeanette Hix at hix@rmi.net. In case you missed the article in the December Newsletter, the Tree Committee would like to increase the number of trees planted in Vermont Commons. There are many reasons to have a canopy of trees in a neighborhood. Surveys show that a neighborhood with a large canopy of trees can lower the temperature as much as 10 degrees in the summer. Esthetically it makes for a more beautiful place to live, a cooler place to walk, jog, bicycle or push a pram. And a big canopy of trees can raise the property value of homes. A win, win!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3 - Coffee, 10am,
Empire Cafe

January 8 – Speaker &
Happy Hour, 6pm,
Churrasco's

January 17 - Book Club
Meeting 2pm - 3:30pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR

There are more pictures on our website from the Holiday Party at Churrasco's. It was a festive night of mingling, welcoming new neighbors, and toasting cheers to the holidays with everyone!

Remember to pay your VCCA dues. Click on our website www.vccahouston.org for more info.

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 2pm - 3:30pm. We read a variety of genres that include books that we might not have otherwise read. We welcome new members! Please contact Natalie Brown at nbrowne48@gmail.com if you would like to join for our January selection and location.

CITIZEN PATROL

Our neighbors continue to walk & report hours walked & driven. This month we had 10 patrollers totaling up to 311 hours of walking (primarily) and driving. That's up 100 hours from the midst of the drought. Our top walker is Bob Costantini. 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 10am. 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

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2002 Driscoll



Most Unique Decoration
2023 Vermont



Best Townhouse
2404 Hazard



Best Townhouse Group
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Happy New Year!



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