



# Vermont Commons

CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## VCCA HAPPY HOUR

Celebrate the arrival of spring by joining friends and neighbors for happy hour at Churrasco's on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

### The ANNUAL VCCA NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC is Almost Here!

Come join your friends and neighbors for a *fun-filled* afternoon of great food and even better company! The picnic will be held at **Jim & Shelia Armsworth's house** (1605 Woodhead) on **April 6th at 4 PM**.

#### ❖ What's on the menu?

VCCA will be grilling up delicious hot dogs for everyone! Please bring a tasty side to share that pairs perfectly with those "dogs." Whether it's a salad, chips, or something unique, we can't wait to see what you bring!

#### ❖ What to bring:

Your favorite outdoor chair for comfort  
Any drinks you'd like (VCCA will provide water)

Let's make this picnic one to remember! Bring your festive spirit, and we'll see you there for an afternoon of fun and community!

**We can't wait to picnic with you!**

## MONARCH PLAYERS ARE BACK

The Monarch Players are back with a concert for VCCA residents on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm on Fairview between Brun and Huldy. The performance by this entertaining trio will feature French impressionist and classical music. It is a real treat to have outdoor music in our neighborhood and we look forward to residents gathering for this enjoyable late afternoon concert. Dr. Rebecca Harvey is kindly allowing us to once again use her former dental office property. This is one of the few outdoor places available within our association boundaries. Leave a note of thanks at her office! Thanks Dr. Harvey!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 2** – 10am Men & Ladies Coffee, Empire Café

**April 6** – 4pm VCCA picnic

**April 14** – 6:30pm  
Happy Hour, Churrasco's

**May 4** – 5pm Monarch  
Players

**May 12** – 6:30pm  
Happy Hour, Churrasco's



## SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, or advertising requests to Chris Lane at [hix@rmi.net](mailto: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](http://vccahouston.org)

## DUES REMINDER

Join the VCCA fun for only \$40! Go to our website for instructions at [www.vccahouston.org](http://www.vccahouston.org). We accept Zelle, checks and cash. VCCA membership is open to all residents, both owners and renters.

## CITIZENS ON PATROL

For the month of February, we had half a dozen fewer walkers reporting in hours for walking & driving in the 'hood. Bob Constantini and Marilyn Grant led the pack in hours walked. Let's keep walking and driving around the neighborhood! Email questions to [lillian.skogsberg@earthlink.net](mailto:lillian.skogsberg@earthlink.net).

## 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 2024-25

**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

# AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## NOISE AN ISSUE?

The Houston Police Department (HPD) enforces the city's noise ordinance. You can file a noise complaint with the HPD by calling 713-884-3131 or attending a community meeting at your local police station.

How is the noise ordinance enforced?

- The HPD has a "loud-noise unit" that responds to calls about loud noise.
- The HPD has trained officers who respond to calls about loud noise in certain areas, like Midtown Houston.
- The HPD has reinforced General Order 300-14, which includes sections about responding to calls at alcoholic beverage establishments.

What are the penalties for violating the noise ordinance?

- Fines for violating the noise ordinance can be up to \$2,000.
- A permit for amplified sound within 300 feet of a residence may be suspended or revoked if the permittee receives six or more citations in a year.

Remember to let our Councilmember Abbie Kamin - District C- know about excessive noise. Her number is 832-393-3004.

## TREES TREES TREES

The VCCA Tree Committee has made a start in greening up our neighborhood with 3 residents acquiring trees from Trees for Houston. Guy Michael and Chip Gill picked up and delivered 2 Live Oaks, 1 Overcup Oak and 1 Red Maple to residents on Driscoll and Hazard. They are in the process of being planted in their dormant state. All trees are eligible for the VCCA subsidies. Hopefully, next winter planting season we can continue and expand the program.



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## VCCA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

### MARDI GRAS FUN

The good times rolled through Vermont Commons Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> for our annual Mardi Gras party! There was a spirited game of hide-and-seek, accompanied by lots of beads, King Cakes and Louis Armstrong music.



  
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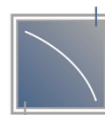
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