



# Vermont Commons

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Vermont Commons Civic Association  
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#### 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!

#### VCCA HAPPY HOUR

Join friends and neighbors for happy hour at Churrasco's on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

#### YOUR NEARTOWN ASSOCIATION REPORT

Nearatown is an organization of neighborhood associations in the Vermont Commons area. Representatives from the city of Houston attend to update the associations about current happenings in Houston. Our VCCA representative, Andres Hassing, highlights the March meeting:

- Kevin Strickland with Walk and Roll Houston spoke on the importance of making Houston safe for walkers and bike riders. There is a petition for Mayor Whitmire to reassess pedestrian safety measures.
- Sallie Alcorn, City Council Member At-Large, addressed an effort to have short term rentals register with the city. There are upcoming meetings planned to further discuss.
- Rain barrels are on sale with the city for \$10. You can get a free tree with it. <https://www.houstonpublicworks.org/rain-barrel-program>.
- Elections were held and Jack Valenti is the new president of Nearatown.

#### ARE YOU RECEIVING VCCA NOTIFICATIONS?

All dues paying members of VCCA should be receiving a notification by email a few days before our sponsored events. Joining or renewing membership is easy! Go to [www.vccahouston.org/membership](http://www.vccahouston.org/membership) for more information.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 4** –5pm Monarch Players

**May 7**– 10am Men & Ladies Coffee, Empire Café

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

**June 9** – 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

Spring beauty arrived in March! Bluebonnets & flowers, both wild & cultivated, made their appearance. Many residents in our neighborhood reported walking for a total of 236 hours. Bob Costantini remained our top walker, followed by Marilyn Grant. Keep walking & enjoy our glorious spring! 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

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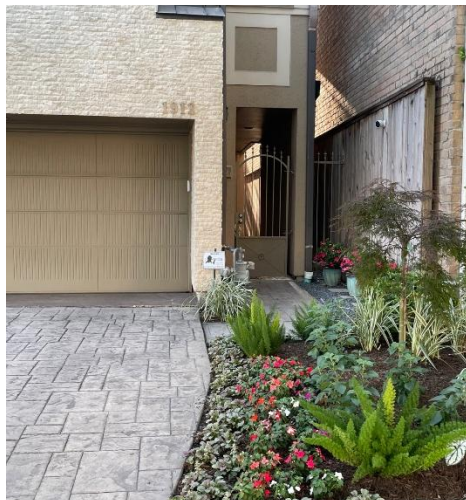
The VCCA Tree Committee continues to assist residents in the planting of new trees in our neighborhood. These two 15-gallon Live Oaks were planted in April by the sidewalk on the corner of Driscoll & Fairview. Thank you to the residents who participated and to the volunteers who made it happen. We hope more trees will be planted in the fall.



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### THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN THE CONSTABLE PATROL PROGRAM

Constable Patrols are vital to keeping our neighborhood secure. Patrols are not standard taxpayer funded services. The annual cost of \$300 provides for faster non-emergency law enforcement response & includes vacation watch service. Payment can be made by Zelle, Venmo or check. For more information on how to join, please visit <http://www.vcpatrol.com>. It takes all of us to keep our neighborhood a safe and secure place to live!



**1912 Brun**

## VCCA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

If you missed the picnic, you missed a great time! An impressive turnout of more than 80 people enjoyed hot dogs, ice cream, a face painter and multiple dishes of delicious food provided by those who attended. Thanks to Jim and Shelia Armsworth for letting VCCA picnic in their yard!



  
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