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OCTOBER HAPPY HOUR – SPECIAL GUEST ABBIE KAMIN

Join us for our October Happy Hour on **Monday, October 13th at 6:30pm**, taking place on the outdoor patio at Goode Company Kitchen & Cantina. We're excited to welcome Council Member Abbie Kamin, who will be joining us for an informal meet-and-greet with neighbors. While she won't be giving a formal presentation, this is a great chance to say hello and chat with our District C representative in a relaxed setting.

The September Happy Hour was a fantastic kickoff to Vermont Commons' September-June social calendar! Over 50 neighbors gathered to reconnect, meet newcomers, share stories, and even sing a few birthday songs! The cozy indoor space was buzzing with laughter and friendly conversation. Special thanks to the wonderful waitstaff at Goode Company who made the evening run smoothly. Because of the large turnout, we're moving October's gathering to the larger outdoor patio for more room to mingle and enjoy the evening. *See you on the 13th!*



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – OCTOBER 7TH

Join the VCCA for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30pm. Meet your neighbors, local constables/police, and enjoy refreshing ice cream! It all takes place at the 2000 block of Huldy.

TRUNK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 26TH



Please join the VCCA family and parent group (All in the VCCA Family) for our spookiest time of year: Halloween!

The annual Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 26th. Location will be confirmed soon on the WhatsApp group and VCCA email. We are looking for volunteers to bring their vehicles with decorated trunks and provide treats. Any fun hand out for the kids and/or pets would be fabulous. All are welcome (pets included) to the Trunk or Treat, even if you don't have a trunk!

If you host a trunk, please arrive by 5:45pm to set up. Festivities kickoff at 6pm and go until 7pm. Please email allinthevccafamily@gmail.com with any questions and to sign up for a trunk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday October 1
10am Men & Ladies Coffee,
Empire Café

Monday October 13
6:30pm Happy Hour,
Goode Company Kitchen

Tuesday October 7
6:30pm National Night Out

Sunday October 26
6pm Trunk or Treat

Friday October 31
Trick or Treating



SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, or advertising requests to Chris Lane at vccahoustontx@gmail.com. Submissions are due by the 12th of the month preceding the newsletter.

To read the newsletter in color, go to vccahouston.org

DUES REMINDER

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

CITIZENS ON PATROL

As summer starts to wind down, our hearty neighborhood walkers have been slowly upping their walking hours. We're approaching 300 hours with Bob Costantini and Marilyn Grant walking with pizzazz! All in all, keep on walking. Email questions and comments to 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 2025-26

Directors: Jeanette Hix (Lead Director), Stephanie Taylor, Nina Westerfeld, Janet Meyer, Lisa Meyer, Lillian Skogsberg, Ann Terrel Green & Justine Adiletta

Treasurer: Kay Johnson

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

BENEFITS OF THE CONSTABLE PATROL IN ACTION

Mike had dropped Willa off to do volunteer work. As he returned to the Vermont Commons area, the lights on the Constable Patrol car came on. He wondered what he had done. Constable Shannon was stopping him because there were sunglasses and a purse on top of his car! Willa had put them there to get something else out of the vehicle. She neglected to get them off of the car. Who knows what would have happened to her purse if Constable Shannon was not watching out for our residents.

Jim and Sheila had just arrived home from an out-of-town trip. The package they were expecting to find at their door was not there. They thought perhaps porch pirates got there first. Within minutes of their discovery of the missing package, the doorbell rang. It was Constable Shannon. He knew they were out of town because they had signed up for vacation watch through the Constable Patrol Program. When he saw the package, he picked it up. He was returning the package the day he knew they would arrive back to their home. Way to go Constable Shannon!

The Vacation Watch Service is just one of the benefits of joining the Constable Patrol Program. Membership dues are only \$300 (\$0.82 per day for 365 days).

For information on how to join, please visit:

<http://www.vcpatrol.com>

TRICK OR TREATING – OCTOBER 31ST

If you plan to hand out candy for all the little ghosts and goblins on Friday, October 31st, please turn on your front door lights, open patio gates, and/or dress your house with Halloween décor so parents and kids alike will know which houses will welcome them. We have mixed participation in our area and love to encourage more!

Trick or treating families: use the WhatsApp group chat that day/evening to find any up-to-date info, or if you want to coordinate a route with neighbors. We wish everyone a spooky, safe, and fun Halloween!



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VCCA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

VCCA TREE COMMITTEE

The VCCA's Tree Committee Mission Statement is to *facilitate the preservation and planting of trees in the Vermont Commons neighborhood and provide education for their health and maintenance.*

Sign up now for fall planting!

Last year Live Oaks, an Overcup Oak and a Red Maple were planted in our neighborhood in association with VCCA's sponsorship and Trees for Houston. This season we are planning 2 planting sessions – 1 in late November and another in February. VCCA will subsidize planting trees in the Right of Way (between the street and the sidewalk)-- \$75 for each tree from 5 to 15 gallons, and \$150 for any larger trees planted up to VCCA's budget cap. Trees for Houston has also confirmed that they will donate trees to VCCA up to 5 gallons and a resident may pay a fee for larger options from TfH.

Please send your request to participate by October 15th to: VCCATrees@gmail.com and we will send you the Tree Request Form.




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