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SPRING PICNIC IS BACK

Mark your calendars! Our **Spring Picnic** returns on **April 12th at 4:00 PM**, and it's time to kick back, enjoy the sunshine, and spend time with great neighbors.

A huge thank-you to **Jim and Sheila Armsworth**, who are once again graciously hosting the picnic in their side yard at **1605 Woodhead**. Be sure to thank them when you see them for opening their space and making this fun tradition possible!

What's on the menu?

Hot dogs and ice cream will be provided!

What to bring:

- A side dish to share that pairs well with hot dogs
- Your favorite beverages
- Chairs or blankets so you can relax and enjoy the afternoon

Come hungry, bring a dish, and get ready for a fun, laid-back afternoon with friends and neighbors. **We can't wait to see everyone there!**

HAPPY HOUR AT THE CANTINA

Join friends and neighbors for **Happy Hour Monday, April 13th** at 6:30pm at Goode Company Cantina on West Gray.

CALLING ALL NEWSLETTER SUPERHEROES

For the past 2 years, Chris Lane has been the heart and soul behind our newsletter. She has done a fantastic job pulling everything together and keeping us all informed and connected. However, Chris will be stepping away after the **June Newsletter** to care for her father. While we're very sad to see her go, we're incredibly grateful for the time she has dedicated to making our newsletter something we all look forward to. Now here's where **you** come in. We're looking for a **volunteer editor** to take the wheel starting with the **September Newsletter**. The good news? Chris says if you're comfortable with **Word**, you can easily handle putting the newsletter together. And she's happy to help make the transition smooth. If you have a little time and would like to help with this **very important VCCA position**, we'd love to hear from you! Please email hix@rmi.net with your contact information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday April 1

10am Men & Ladies Coffee,
Empire Café

Monday April 13

6:30pm Happy Hour
Goode Company Cantina

Renewal & New Member
signup for VC Constable
Patrol Program. Go to
<http://www.vcpatrol.com>



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. Help support your neighborhood events.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

February has come and gone. Our neighbors on the move racked up 290 hours walking & driving around the 'hood. Our main walkers this month were Bob Costantini, Marilyn Grant and Stephanie Taylor. Say hi to them as you see them walking. Email questions 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

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

At the March VCCA Happy Hour, Meagan Riche from Houston Public Works delivered an informative presentation about recycling practices in the city. One particularly surprising statistic she shared was that approximately **38% of the items placed in green recycling bins are not actually recyclable**.

The most common non-recyclable item found in recycling bins is **plastic bags**. Plastic bags should not be placed in curbside recycling—even when used to hold other recyclables—because they cannot be processed in standard recycling facilities.

To help residents better understand what can and cannot be recycled, Houston Public Works provides several resources. Residents can visit the City of Houston's recycling page for detailed information: <https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/recycling.html>

You can also use the features on the website's homepage or download the **HTX Collects** app, which offers tools to check whether specific items are recyclable and provides guidance on where to recycle other materials. Ms. Riche can be reached at **832-393-0484** you have additional questions.

RECYCLING CENTER FIELD TRIP

Nancy Higgs is organizing a field trip to the Recycling Center. Please email Nancy at nkmh54@gmail.com if you are interested. Once she has a head count, she will coordinate with Meagan Riche to set up.



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VCCA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

COH POSTPONES NEW HEAVY TRASH PICKUP SYSTEM

The City of Houston has returned to their previous heavy trash pickup schedule. Homeowners do not need to make appointments as stated in the last newsletter. You can download the *HTX Collects* app to determine your trash pickup collection schedule and locate drop-off centers.

TRASH COMMITTEE GETS TO WORK

The Trash Committee recently met to discuss ways to ensure that trash on our streets is picked up in a timely manner. We're grateful for the time and effort these volunteers are putting in to keep our community clean. If you see them out with their picker-uppers and bags, please take a moment to thank them for the work they're doing. And remember, you can help by picking up trash that lands in front of your property.



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