



# Vermont Commons

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR & BRING YOUR APPETITE!

On the second Monday of February—**February 9th**—VCCA is doubling the fun at **Goode Company Cantina**. We'll kick things off with **Happy Hour at 6:30 pm**, followed by the **VCCA Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm**.

Come early to grab some food and drinks, catch up with neighbors, and enjoy the evening before the meeting gets underway. This is your chance to **share ideas, give input, and help shape the future of our neighborhood**—so put pen to paper and bring your wish list with you!

The VCCA Directors and Officers can't wait to hear your ideas and see what we can dream up together. See you there!

## ACHIEVING OUR GOALS

Vermont Commons residents kicked off the new year in style at Goode Company Cantina on January 12<sup>th</sup>! The turnout was fantastic, with the patio buzzing from start to finish with laughter, great conversations, and plenty of cheerful energy. Even though the night air was chilly, the Cantina saved the day by firing up all the outdoor heaters, making the patio cozy, comfortable, and perfect for mingling.

We were especially excited to welcome several new residents, many of whom decided to join VCCA during the festivities. This was Goal #1 for 2026: **Grow our membership**.

With such a great start to the year, we're hoping February's Happy Hour brings back familiar faces and introduces even more new neighbors for another fun-filled evening! Join in the fun at our February Happy Hour Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at Goode Company Cantina.

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

February 14th is Valentine's Day! While you're celebrating with roses, chocolates, or a little bubbly, why not share some love with Vermont Commons by paying your VCCA membership dues? Your \$40 annual dues help support all the things that make our neighborhood special—Happy Hours, "All in the Family" events for kids, graffiti removal, and more. We love where we live, so let's keep spreading the love and making Vermont Commons a place we're proud to call home! Sign up at [www.vccahouston.org](http://www.vccahouston.org). Convenient payment via Zelle, checks and cash.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday February 4

10am Men & Ladies Coffee,  
Empire Café

### Monday February 9

6:30pm Happy Hour &  
General Meeting  
Goode Company Cantina

### Sunday February 1

Renewal & New Member  
signup begins for VC  
Constable Patrol Program



## SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, or advertising requests to Chris Lane at [vccahouston@gmail.com](mailto:vccahouston@gmail.com). 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. Help support your neighborhood events.

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## CITIZENS ON PATROL

December was a light month for walkers in our neighborhood. Bob Costantini and Marilyn Grant were our lead walkers. As the weather improves, so will the number of neighbors who will be walking the 'hood. Email questions to [lillian\\_skogsberg@earthlink.net](mailto:lillian_skogsberg@earthlink.net).

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## 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.

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## 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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**Newsletter:** Chris Lane

## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### SHOW SOME LOVE FOR OUR STORM DRAINS



Fall arrived later than usual this year, and trees are still shedding large amounts of leaves. As a result, many gutters and storm drains are becoming clogged with leaf debris. When it rains, these leaves are washed into the drains, preventing proper water flow and increasing the risk of localized flooding. Please help protect our neighborhood by clearing leaves from gutters and storm drains near your property.

### VC CONSTABLE PATROL PROGRAM

The 2026-2027 Constable program membership year drive kicks off on February 1, 2026. In addition to patrolling our neighborhood, they may be called for any non-emergency-related concerns, with a quicker response time than the COH police. They also provide vacation watch for your homes.

Residents in the Vermont Commons/Park Civic/Lewisdale neighborhoods are eligible to join. Information on our neighborhood Constable program and how to become a new member or renew your current membership can be found at: <http://www.vcpatrol.com>, or contact us at [info@vcpatrol.com](mailto:info@vcpatrol.com). We always welcome questions and feedback about the program.



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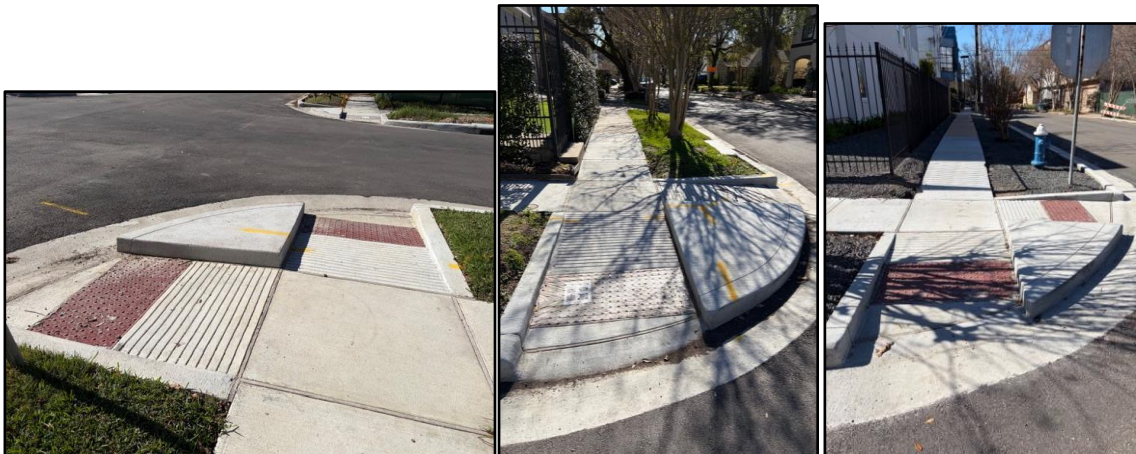
## VCCA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

### CITIZENS IN ACTION

Several years ago, VCCA hosted Counsel Member Abbie Kamen for a community presentation and question-and-answer session. During the discussion, Evelyn Garner—a delightful woman nearing 100 years old—raised her hand. She shared that she had moved to the neighborhood in 1946 as a young bride and requested that a wheelchair-accessible ramp be installed at the corner of Hazard and Haddon.

Sadly, Evelyn passed away more than a year ago. However, her request has recently come to fruition. The new ramp now makes accessing our neighborhood easier and more inclusive for everyone.

Thank you, Evelyn, for speaking up and helping to make our community more accessible.



  
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