



# Vermont Commons

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## VCCA: Building Community, One Neighbor at a Time!

VCCA is a volunteer-powered neighborhood association with one big goal: **bringing our community closer together**. We'd love for every resident to be part of this year's exciting plans!

### This Year's VCCA Goals

1. **Grow our membership** – Meet your neighbors at community events and look out for one another. A connected neighborhood is a safer neighborhood!
2. **Boost our volunteer team** – Many hands make light work (and more fun!).
3. **Tackle cut-through traffic** – We'll work with the COH to explore solutions that slow things down and keep our streets safer.
4. **Expand our social media presence** – Reaching more households means more voices, more ideas, and more connection.
5. **Create fresh, fun events** – New activities designed to appeal to neighbors of all ages and interests.
6. **Keep Vermont Commons clean** – A debris-free neighborhood is a neighborhood we can all be proud of.
7. **Recycle right** – Help educate neighbors on proper recycling so we can all do our part.
8. **Partner with the City of Houston** – Continue neighborhood upgrades and improvements throughout the Vermont Commons area.
9. **Protect our packages** – If you see package theft or suspicious activity (including bikes carrying packages), please call the constable.

**Have ideas or want to get involved?** We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to VCCA at [hix@rmi.net](mailto:hix@rmi.net) and help shape our neighborhood's future.

*Let's make this a great year—together!*

### VC CONSTABLE PATROL ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 15, 2026

The VC Security Foundation will hold its annual general meeting at 7pm on January 15, 2026, at the West Gray Multi-Service Center, located at 1475 West Gray. All residents are encouraged to attend. The 2026-2027 membership year renewal & new member drive will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>. For more info and how to join, go to <http://www.vcpatrol.com>, or email [info@vcpatrol.com](mailto:info@vcpatrol.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday January 7

10am Men & Ladies Coffee,  
Empire Café

### Monday January 12

6:30pm Happy Hour  
Goode Company Cantina

### Thursday January 15

7pm VC Security Annual  
Meeting  
West Gray Service Center



## SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, or advertising requests to Chris Lane at [vccahoustonTX@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

## CITIZENS ON PATROL

Winter is finding our neighborhood walkers & drivers carrying on regardless of weather. We had 12 patrollers with Bob Costantini and Marilyn Grant leading the pack in hours walked. The walking and driving continues apace into the holiday season. 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 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

## VERMONT COMMONS HOLIDAY DECORATIONS WINNERS



1800 Hazard



1906 Hazard



1916 Hazard



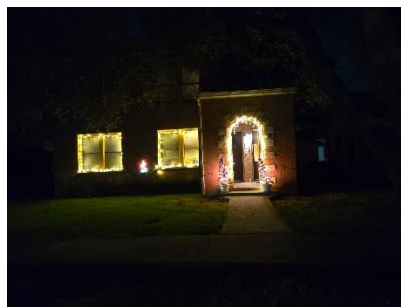
2002 Driscoll



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2032 Vermont



## VCCA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

### VCCA HOLIDAY PARTY

It was a joyful and lively evening on the patio at Goode Company Cantina on December 8th. Twinkling lights along West Gray set the perfect holiday mood, while the patio heaters kept everyone cozy and comfortable. Stephanie Taylor beautifully decorated the space with glowing candles, colorful ornaments, and festive greenery, adding extra sparkle to the celebration. More than 65 residents gathered to enjoy the evening, sharing laughter, cheer, and great company. It was truly a wonderful night of celebrating the holiday season and the friendships that make it so special.



### NEARTOWN REPORT

Andrew Hassing attending the monthly Neartown meeting and reported that CenterPoint is actively working to improve the strength of the grid by reinforcing power poles. Neartown is looking for ideas on fundraising, and MetroCard is introducing a new fare system starting in 2026 that will include tap-to-pay with credit cards.

  
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