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HAPPY HOUR AT THE CANTINA

Join friends and neighbors for Happy Hour Monday, May 11th at 6:30pm at Goode Company Cantina on West Gray. See you there!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE — Let's Grow Our Community!

The VCCA Membership Committee is on a mission to bring more neighbors together and make our community even stronger and more connected. Recently, membership numbers have dipped, and as a result, some of our favorite activities had to be put on hold. We'd love to bring that energy back—with your help!

When we met to brainstorm, we realized something surprising: many residents don't even know VCCA exists or that we have a newsletter full of updates and neighborhood news. That's where we come in—and where you might too!

Our committee (Willa White, Mary McBeth, Cally Graves, Jackie Friedman, and Ann Green-Terrell) is working on a simple, neighborly solution: finding a volunteer from each block to help share information with residents who haven't yet joined or are new to the area.

The role is easy and flexible. We'll prepare everything—you just help by placing information on doors from time to time. It's a small commitment that can make a big difference in keeping our neighborhood vibrant and informed.

We're currently looking for volunteers on these blocks:

- Hazard (between Vermont and Welch)
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Many blocks already have representatives, and we'd love to fill in the gaps!

If you're interested in helping—or just curious to learn more—VCCA would be thrilled to hear from you. Together, we can **keep our community connected, informed, and thriving!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday May 6

10am Men & Ladies Coffee, Empire Café

Monday May 11

6:30pm Happy Hour
Goode Company Cantina

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



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SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, or advertising requests to Chris Lane at vccahouston.tx@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

Spring has sprung in Houston! Our latest hours for walking the 'hood was a light month for walking. Bob Costantini remained our star walker. He was followed by Satavisa Sarkar. Walking outside will be difficult as we slide into our muggy summer. But let's keep on walking into the summer months. 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

Treasurer: Kay Johnson

Deed Restrictions: Andy Tallin

Newsletter: Chris Lane

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

TRASH PICKER-UPPERS



Volunteers are out regularly, clearing trash and making a visible difference in our neighborhood. The Trash Committee is also reaching out to local restaurants, asking them to help keep their surroundings clean. Their work goes beyond appearances—trash left on the streets can flow into storm drains, ending up in Buffalo Bayou, Galveston Bay, and even our beaches. Cleaner streets here mean a healthier environment everywhere.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED — URGENT HELP REQUIRED!

VCCA is still in urgent need of a volunteer to step in as the editor of our community newsletter. So far, we have not received any responses—and without someone to fill this role soon, the future of the newsletter is at risk.

This is a vital position that helps keep our community informed and connected. The role is straightforward: the editor compiles and formats content using Word. You will **not** need to gather information or write articles—just bring everything together into the final publication.

We are asking for just a few hours each month, but the impact is significant. Without a volunteer, VCCA may no longer be able to continue distributing the newsletter.

If you can help, please step forward today. Email: hix@rmi.net

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.



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VCCA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

PICNIC FUN!

The rain tried to crash the party, but it didn't stand a chance! Right at start time, the showers faded away and the picnic was back on. Nearly sixty residents showed up, and the scene quickly filled with kids everywhere, laughter in the air, and neighbors catching up over great food.

Of course, a picnic like this doesn't just magically happen. Huge thanks to the incredible team who made it all come together: Tom Hix, Andy Tallin & Jim Armsworth for hauling, setting up, and taking down all the tables and chairs. Stephanie Taylor for the beautiful flowers that brightened the serving table. Willa White for keeping everyone in the loop with reminders. Janet Meyer for organizing the hot dogs and all the fixings (a crowd favorite!). Lisa Meyer for making sure we had delicious ice cream to cool things down. Janet Meyer and Ann Green-Terrell for warmly welcoming everyone. Nina Westerfeld for leading the clean-up crew and keeping things tidy. And of course, Jim and Sheila Armsworth for generously sharing their gorgeous yard. A big shoutout as well to all the Directors for their planning and coordination.

All in all, it was a fantastic day full of food, fun, and community spirit. Here's to many more picnics ahead!




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