



# Vermont Commons

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## URGENT: NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!

VCCA **desperately needs an editor** for our newsletter. This is **not** a writing role—you will simply format the articles provided into a Word document.

If you can help, please **contact Jeanette Hix immediately** at [hix@rmi.net](mailto:hix@rmi.net). Your support is crucial to keep our newsletter going!

## HAPPY HOUR JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> AT THE CANTINA

Our May Happy Hour was a blast! Residents new to the neighborhood, regulars and first-timers, all came together for an evening filled with laughter, smiles, and plenty of friendly greetings. Chairs and tables were shuffled around just to fit everyone, and the energy was contagious!

Don't miss out—join your Vermont Commons neighbors on **June 8th** for another night of fun, great food, and fantastic company.

## SUMMER BREAK

After our June Happy Hour, VCCA is taking a little summer breather—but don't worry, we'll be back in September with fresh fun and events!

While we're planning the fall lineup, we'd love your creative ideas. Got a suggestion or a fun activity you'd like to see? Send it our way at [hix@rmi.net](mailto:hix@rmi.net)—your idea could be part of our next gathering! Enjoy the summer and get ready—we can't wait to see everyone again in September!

## IMPORTANT UPDATE: SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS

The City of Houston has implemented new **Short-Term Rental (STR) regulations** to ensure safe and responsible rentals in our community.

For details on the rules, visit: <https://www.houstontx.gov/ara/str.html>. If you encounter any issues with STRs in our neighborhood, you can **report them directly on the website**. Reports are taken seriously and can lead to **properties being delisted if they are repeat offenders**, helping to keep our neighborhood safe and well-managed.

A big thank you to **Andrew Hastings** for attending neighborhood meetings and bringing back this valuable information to our community!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday June 3

10am Men & Ladies Coffee,  
Empire Café

### Monday June 8

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](mailto:vccahoustontx@gmail.com). Submissions are due by the 15th 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

April had a fair number of people out walking. The spring weather has been mild and conducive to neighborhood walking. We had our neighbors Bob Costantini, Marilyn Grant, and Stephanie Taylor leading the pack in walking hours. Keep up the walking. Comments 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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**Newsletter:** Chris Lane

# AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

Since 1996, the Vermont Commons Civic Association (VCCA) has been dedicated to building a stronger, safer, and more beautiful community. What began as a small group of passionate residents with a shared vision quickly grew into a neighborhood-wide effort to enhance the quality of life for everyone who calls Vermont Commons home.

Shortly after VCCA was formed, the first community newsletter was delivered to residents — and it has continued every month from September to June ever since, keeping neighbors informed, connected, and engaged.

Over the years, VCCA has launched numerous programs that continue to make a lasting impact on the neighborhood, including:

- **Yard of the Month** — encouraging residents to maintain beautiful, welcoming homes and landscapes.
- **Citizens Patrol Program** — neighbors helping neighbors by walking the community and keeping an eye out for suspicious activity.
- **Graffiti Removal Team** — working regularly to remove graffiti and deter future vandalism, following guidance from HPD that consistent removal helps stop repeat offenses.
- **Constable Patrol Program** — providing additional security through dedicated patrol services.
- **Neighborhood Trash Pickup Group** — keeping streets clean and preserving the pride of our community.
- **Street Improvements & Drainage** — work with the City of Houston to have the streets repaved and complete major drainage work on Vermont.

These efforts not only enhance property values, but also contribute to the safety, pride, and enjoyment of living in Vermont Commons.



*2018 Vermont*

## VCCA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

### SUMMER VACATION PEACE OF MIND! JOIN THE VCCA CONSTABLE PATROL PROGRAM!

It's not too late to enroll in the Vermont Commons Constable Patrol Program — an important resource dedicated to helping keep our neighborhoods safe and connected.

Membership provides residents with direct access to the constable for non-emergency concerns, often with faster response times than COH police services. The program also offers vacation watch services to help monitor your home while you are away, adding an extra layer of security and peace of mind. Membership includes a yard sign, recognizing current members, an auto decal sticker, constable patrol information sticker and the constable dispatch phone number as the primary contact for your home security system.

Residents of the Vermont Commons/Park Civic/Lewisdale neighborhoods are eligible to participate. To learn more about the Constable Patrol Program, sign up as a new member, or renew your current membership, please visit <http://www.vcpatrol.com> or contact us at [info@vcpatrol.com](mailto:info@vcpatrol.com).

### PROTECT CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Sorting properly is important. Contamination can disrupt the recycling process and send good materials to the landfill. **Do Not Bag Your Recyclables!** Bagged recyclables are the number 1 contaminant & cause of tangling the recycling equipment. Keep your recyclables loose & free.

**Do not place the following in your green recycling bin:** batteries or electronics, yard waste, household items, furniture, food or liquids, scrap metal or wood, shredded paper, tanglers including electrical cords & hoses, plastic bags or trash. Visit [www.houstonrecycles.org](http://www.houstonrecycles.org) for more information. And remember, **when in doubt, throw it out!**



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