



Vermont Commons Civic Association Newsletter

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VERMONT COMMONS CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES

September is the Month to Pay Dues!!

Only \$30 Annually!

Thanks to all of you who continue to support the work of our neighborhood civic association, Vermont Commons Civic Association, (VCCA), by paying the annual dues. VCCA needs more participation so that we can continue our work in the community.

Just so you know that your dollars are accomplishing something, here is an overview of what VCCA did this past year.

- Mailed newsletters to all Vermont Commons' residents.
- Worked with the City of Houston to have sign toppers placed on street signs at all intersections in Vermont Commons.
- Helped to organize the Citizens Patrol that now has 46 volunteers.
- Improved the VCCA web page, adding more information.
- Continued to remove graffiti from signs in Vermont Commons.
- Found Block Captains to represent every block in Vermont Commons.
- Continued to select "Yard of the Month" and place a sign in the yard.
- Sponsored a Holiday Party at Mockingbird Bistro.
- Sponsored a "Take Back the Street" walk that was broadcast live on local TV.
- Continued to work on beautification of area.

If you like what we do and want VCCA to continue the process of improving our neighborhood, please pay your dues. You can mail the money to the address on the newsletter or log on to our web site, vccahouston.org and pay through PAYPAL.

National Night Out

Vermont Commons Civic Association will host "National Night Out" this year on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00 PM. It will continue until we all go home. This year's event will take place at Terrie and David Irvin's at 1961 Peden. There is not much street parking, so plan to walk or ride your bicycle. The area is a perfect place to bring your children, as the townhouse complex has a large area protected from the street.

What is "National Night Out"? It is an activity designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- Generate support for and participation in, local anti-crime programs.

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships.
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Officer Pate from the Houston Police Department will be there to talk about crime in our area and answer questions.

VCCA will supply cold drinks, and asks that all who attend bring a snack to share with fellow residents.

So grab your family and your immediate neighbors and come to meet and greet neighbors from all over Vermont Commons.

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NEW VCCA MEETING DAY

VCCA will now be meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. The Mockingbird Bistro was having difficulties accommodating VCCA on Wednesday, and asked that we make the change to Monday. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 12th. Make a note before you forget!

Join us at 7:00 PM

September 12th

Mockingbird Bistro

1985 Welch @ McDuffie.

Meet friends & neighbors &
stay for the social hour
afterward.



September & October Speakers

As soon as information is available about the speaker for September, it will be posted to the VCCA website. In October, you will be able to meet candidates running for local offices.

Citizens Patrol

At the June VCCA meeting, Officer Pate from the Houston Police Department had a training session for Vermont Commons residents who wanted to participate in Citizens Patrol. There were 46 residents who attended the training and signed up to be a part of the Citizens Patrol Program. Cathryn Gabor was instrumental in setting up the program.

In June, Citizens Patrol volunteers reported 190 hours patrolling Vermont Commons. July had 178 hours reported. Badges were issued to the volunteers in August. Be sure to thank these volunteers as they walk our neighborhood.



July Yard of the Month

Sam & Carole Dodson/The Cho Family/Deborah Owen
2121 & 2125 & 2201 Huldy



August Yard of the Month

Denise Arellano
2301A Huldy

September Yard of the Month

Office of Dr. Jackie St.Cyr, Chiropractor
2021 Driscoll St

THANKS to Volunteers

This summer, there have been many volunteers who continued to do volunteer work for VCCA. Thanks to:

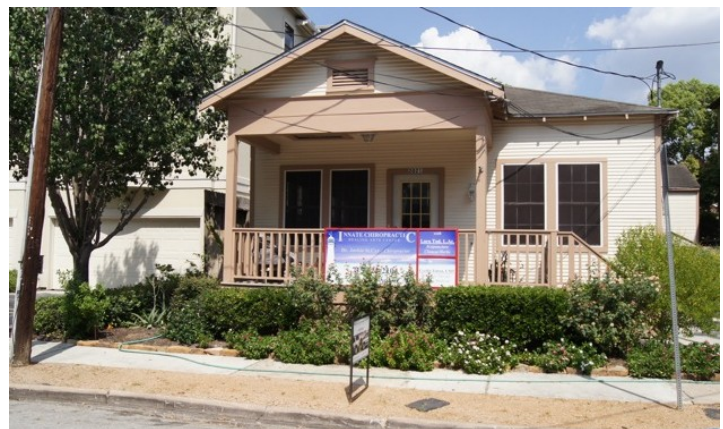
- Betsy Banks, who found block captains for every block.
- All the block captains who volunteered to represent their block.
- Nina Otazo, Betsy Banks, Nancy Higgs and Karen Kane for helping to beautify our neighborhood. (Read how in our next newsletter).
- Cathryn Gabor, for an excellent job of organizing Citizens Patrol.
- All the residents who volunteered for Citizens Patrol to help keep our neighborhood safe.
- Delia Cuellar, for creating and distributing the information for tallying all the Citizen Patrol hours.
- Carrie Davis, who continues to remove graffiti.
- Kelly McKenzie, who literally at the last minute, hosted 60 VCCA members in his home for the June meeting when the Mockingbird could not accommodate us.

Conserving Water & Energy

Visit vccahouston.org to get the latest on City of Houston implementation of mandatory water conservation measures, including tips on how to conserve. Do your best to conserve when you water, wash dishes, wash clothes, flush toilets and cool your house. We're all affected by your actions.

Holiday Garbage Collection

There will be no garbage collection services on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th. On Tuesday, September 6th, Monday's garbage, curbside recycling, yard waste, & tree waste will be collected.



Neighbors Sharing Ideas

- I had a Locksmith out on Saturday HE PICKED ALL MY LOCKS WITH A COIN IN 1 MINUTE! He even knew how to circumvent the alarm system and get out of the house. Needless to say it was shocking and sobering. So I ended up getting new locks that cannot be picked and the keys cannot be duplicated. Not even by me.
- Our parking garage downtown has a sign that says Hide It, Lock It, or Lose It.
- The sign on the bathroom door at a local restaurant at Montrose & Fairview notes that the car break-ins have been so bad in their parking lots, no one should leave anything in their car while there. I'm sure as a restaurant they hate having to post something like that!
- There is a great website for news on Houston real estate transactions at <http://swamplot.com/>
- Web Page for Houston Police Dept Crime Statistics: <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/beatpages/cs1a30.htm>.

Sound Off!

Garbage Cans and recycling cans removed from the street but not stored out of sight drive me crazy. How hard would it be to put the cans in the back yard or the garage? This inconsiderate act surely does make our neighborhood look trashy (no pun intended).

BLOCK CAPTAINS

The latest list of block captains is on the right. If you do not receive email notices from your block captain, contact them

New Residents on Brun St

Photo by Tom Hix



A Friend Moves

Carlos Faxas, Vermont Commons resident and web crew member, has moved to Chicago. We will miss him and his work on behalf of VCCA, and his friendly face at all the meetings. Friends gathered at the Mockingbird this summer to wish him a safe journey and thank him for his work.

Summer Break Over for Newsletter

The VCCA Newsletter crew is returning from summer break. You should receive a newsletter each month through June, 2012. Enjoy! Jeanenne and Cay

Just a Note From Jeanette

The summer has flown by! It has been difficult to keep our neighborhood green this summer with all the record-breaking heat and water restrictions. Hopefully, by the time you read this, Houston will have had a huge rain storm.

It is time to begin working on Vermont Commons Civic Association, and I look forward to working with all of you. I hope to see all of you at the "National Night Out" gathering and at Civic Association meetings. Don't forget our new meeting time, Monday instead of Wednesday.

Your Pres.,
Jeanette Hix



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