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## Civic Association Newsletter

### Reporting Neighborhood Crimes

After receiving requests from numerous residents, Betsy Banks, the VCCA block captain coordinator, has devised a form for residents to use when reporting a crime to their block captains. Precise information will help residents to know about the crime and to learn how to better protect themselves. Not all of this information may be available to the resident reporting the crime, but communicating as much as possible will be beneficial to all Vermont Commons residents. We are planning to post this form on the VCCA website in a format that will enable the user to fill out the details and then forward the information to their block captain.

- Date of incident.
- Time of Incident.
- Address of incident.
- Method of entry.
- Was home locked?
- If there is a gate was it locked?
- List of items stolen.
- Damage to property.
- Was security system in use?
- Number of suspects.
- Description of suspect/s.
- Gender.
- Age.
- Physical description.
- Method of get-away.
- Description of vehicle.
- Type of vehicle.
- Was resident at home?
- If yes, was there a confrontation?
- Was there a weapon involved?
- Was a police report filed?
- If so, list the report number.

### Morning Coffee for May

What a great surprise!! Officer Pate showed up at the May Coffee hosted by Adriana Breidenstein. He visited with everyone for over an hour and gave the attendees information about how to protect themselves and their community. The next Coffee will be hosted by Ileen Sangster at 1510 Driscoll on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Hope to see you there.



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**VCCA** meetings are held every  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

Join us at 7:00 PM  
June 11<sup>th</sup>

Mockingbird Bistro  
1985 Welch @ McDuffie.



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

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### No Newsletter, Meetings for July and August

The newsletter will not be published during the months of July and August. In addition, VCCA meetings will not be held during the months of July and August. The Officers of VCCA and the Newsletter Staff will take a summer break. See you in September.

### BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED

Hazard St from Indiana to Fairview. Please contact Betsy Banks, Block Captain Coordinator, to volunteer at [betsybanks1@gmail.com](mailto:betsybanks1@gmail.com).

## Inaugural Vermont Commons Civic Association Picnic

The Vermont Commons Civic Association's inaugural picnic was a great success. Over 60 residents gathered under the beautiful oak trees in Cherryhurst Park to enjoy an afternoon of greeting old acquaintances and meeting new neighbors.

Thanks to the following residents who helped provide everything that was needed to create a successful picnic: Jane Schmitt for recruiting a relative to create the spectacular poster to advertise the picnic; Nancy Higgs for getting it duplicated; Karen Sturtevant for organizing volunteers Terrie Irwin, Deborah Marr, Ileen Sangster, Debbie Schlitz, and Susan Wilson who put the posters together and placed them throughout the neighborhood; Jeanenne Hagerman, Maury Gibson, Terrie Irvin, and Jane and Dick Schmitt for providing tables for the picnic; and to all who brought great food to share.



The residents pictured above, Cay Dickson, Tom Hix and Karen Kane along with Tom Paige, Jeanette Hix, Stephanie Taylor, David Hoyer, Andy Tallin and John Muire gave up their Saturday morning to trim shrubs and trees that blocked streets and sidewalks in our neighborhood.



### June Yard of the Month

Ellynn Ogilvie, 2304 Brun St  
Zak Jones & Andrea Guerra, 2302 Brun St

### No Speaker for June VCCA Meeting

There will not be a speaker at the June VCCA meeting. There will be reports from all of the committee leaders educating attendees about the activities in Vermont Commons. After the meeting, there will be a time to socialize and meet new neighbors and greet old friends.

#### Helpful Information

Garbage & Yard Trimmings: Mondays

Recycling: Mondays Jun 4<sup>th</sup>, Jun 18<sup>th</sup>, Jul 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jul 16<sup>th</sup>, Jul 30<sup>th</sup>

Heavy Trash Collection:

Tree Waste: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Jul, Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar & May

Junk Waste: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb & Apr

Environmental Service Center for the disposal of hazardous waste, 11500 South Post Oak, (713) 551-7355, open Tue - Wed, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM & the 2nd Sat of each month 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Paint, pesticides, batteries, smoke alarms, computers, televisions, most anything you shouldn't throw into the landfill can be brought here.

#### Helpful Phone and e-mail Numbers

Our Website: [vccahouston.org](http://vccahouston.org)

City Council Member Dist C:

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HPD Officer Wayne Pate: [wpate43@yahoo.com](mailto:wpate43@yahoo.com)

Storefront number (713) 284 8604

Office number (713) 284 8608

Daily Crime Report: <http://spotcrime.com>

Houston Police non-emergency phone no: (713) 884-3131

## Citizen Patrol Program Information

### Citizen Patrol Training

If you are interested in volunteering as a Citizen Patroller, training will take place in July. Officer Pate requests that at least five residents register to attend the training before he will conduct the class. Call or email Jeanette Hix to let her know if you want to be trained as a Citizen Patroller. When at least five register for training, Officer Pate will schedule the date, time and place.

### What is Citizen Patrol?

Citizen Patrol is a coordinated effort between the Houston Police Department (HPD) and VCCA to improve the safety of our neighborhood and reduce crime. The VCCA Citizen Patrol was initiated in May 2011 and has close to 40 volunteers who walk, bike or jog the streets to watch for suspicious people or events to report to the police. To learn more about Citizen Patrol, go to [VCCAHouston.org](http://VCCAHouston.org).

### Volunteer Coordinator Needed

Cathryn Gabor is the VCCA coordinator for the Citizen Patrol Program, but because of new job responsibilities, she will not be able to continue this volunteer effort. If you would like to volunteer to take on her duties, please let her know. Her duties include: 1. Contact, through email, the Citizen Patrol Volunteers at the beginning of each month to ask that they submit the hours they have patrolled. 2. Calculate the number of hours the entire group has patrolled. 3. Email the total number of patrolled hours to Offi-

cer Pate each month. 4. Submit the names of the volunteer patrolers to the VCCA Newsletter to be published.

### Citizen Patrollers needed to drive through the neighborhood.

There are several magnetic signs that were given to the VCCA Citizen Patrol by the Houston Police Department. The magnetic signs, which are not permanent, are placed on the outside of your vehicle. If you are interested in driving through Vermont Commons/Park Civic with the sign on your vehicle, please email Jeanette Hix.

The Citizen Patrol signs pictured below are in the possession of VCCA and should be erected in the next few weeks. Watch for them in our neighborhood.



## Just a Note From Jeanette

Summer has arrived and it is time for the volunteers of Vermont Commons to have a rest. Of course there will be behind the scenes planning and working to help VCCA to be even more successful at creating an even better neighborhood. The month of May brought numerous volunteers together to interact in play and work, as you can see by all the pictures and articles. If you have not had an opportunity to volunteer in the first half of this year, or attend neighborhood events, please consider doing so when we reconvene in September. Not all of us have time to volunteer, but you can attend some of the activities and get to know your neighbors. VCCA's goal is to make our neighborhood more cohesive and we need all resident to make this happen.

Your Pres.,  
Jeanette Hix

## Citizen Patrol Report

The volunteer Citizen Patrollers listed below walked, jogged or biked a total of 192 hours to assist with keeping our neighborhood safe.

Cathryn Gabor: Coordinator (713) 808-9240

Debbie Cody  
Bob Costantini  
Rob Fuller  
Tom Hix  
Paula Holton  
David Hoyer  
Karen Kane  
Linda Perez

Maria C Rodriguez  
Brenda Rojas  
James Skogsberg  
Lillian Skogsberg  
Lisa Stephens  
Andy Tallin  
Stephanie Taylor

## Dedicated Newsletter Folders

Every month dedicated Vermont Commons residents gather to fold, tape and attach labels to the newsletters you receive. The time is spent sharing stories, lots of laughs, wine and snacks, and creating lasting friendships.

If you want to join this group, email Jeanette Hix. It is not necessary to attend every month, but just when you have time to spare.

Pictured on the left are Marlene Gannet, Adrienne Bukstein, Andrea Brown, Audrey Crawford Stephanie Taylor, Carol Dodson and Adriana Breidenstein enjoying the evening of newsletter assembling.



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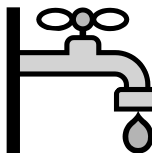
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