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December VCCA Holiday Party

There will be no VCCA Meeting in December. Instead, we will celebrate the season with our annual Holiday Party.

Churrascos

VCCA Holiday Party. Put on your holiday cheer!! Vermont Commons Civic Association is once again hosting a Holiday Party. Residents from Vermont Commons are welcome to attend. The event will take place at Churrascos in the Randall's shopping center (2055 Westheimer). The fun begins at **7:00 P. M., Monday, December 8th**. To offset the cost of the party, all who attend are asked to donate \$10.00 at the door. Hot and cold appetizers will be served. Each attendee will be responsible for their own drinks (cash bar). Come and join in the fun, share some cheer, and meet your neighbors.

VCCA Community Garage Sale — Great Success

The inaugural VCCA Community Garage Sale was held on November 8th in the parking lot at the corner of Brun Street and Haddon Street. The parking lot was divided into ten spaces allocated to VCCA residents to display and sell their items. The weather was superb and the event was a great success. Residents got to clear out their garages, some even made some money, and everyone got to meet new friends. There was a lot of participation, loads of shoppers, and cheery neighbors coming by to say hello. There were even baked goods and lemonade for sale.

Thanks to Jane Ingversen, Kit Muire, Sharon McKinzie, and Jeanette Hix

for planning and executing a great neighborhood event. VCCA hopes to sponsor this event again. So check your closets, garage, and attic for those hidden treasures.



*The VCCA
thanks our
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December Meeting Sponsors: Steve and Sylvia

December Newsletter Sponsors: Jerry and Linda Eichenlaub

Outdoor Lighting

We have a beautiful neighborhood with lots of dog walkers, strollers, joggers, and fun places to walk to. Having our front outside lights on at night as well as functioning street lights helps everyone to make their way around our neighborhood more safely. It can also possibly discourage criminal activity by making our neighborhood less attractive at night to would-be thieves. Please consider LED bulbs to use over your front door and garage door. They are significantly cheaper than incandescent bulbs because they last so much longer and are less toxic than mercury-containing CFL bulbs.

If you know of a streetlight that has gone out, please take down the six-digit pole number and the address of the house closest to the streetlight. Next, you will be able to go online and report the outage at <http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage>. If there is any issue with clarifying the location, please call (713) 207-2222 to give further details.

Thank you for making our neighborhood welcoming and safe for the many pedestrians and visitors to our truly wonderful community.

Help Improve VCCA

VCCA needs ideas to improve the organization. Please send your ideas to Jeanette Hix - hix@rmi.net. All ideas are very much appreciated and will be considered. We promise not to harass you about volunteering.

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Additional Volunteers Needed.....



HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Don't forget to decorate early and surprise us with your creativity! Your Yard of the Month elves will be canvassing the neighborhood to choose the best decorated homes and yards. This year's winners to be announced at the January 2015 meeting.

Citizen Patrol Update

Elizabeth and Mike McKenzie , Coordinators

The members of Citizen Patrol listed below drove 36 hours and walked 249 hours through our neighborhood in *October*. Thank you for looking out for your neighbors. Keep up the good work Citizen Patrol!

Andriana Breidenstein
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Come for Java

The December coffee will be special, as we are honoring those who welcomed us into their homes by hosting coffees in 2014. They are Jane Schmitt, Adriana Breidenstein, Vivian Wang, Linda Perez, Shirley Donohue, Lillian Skogsberg, Marilyn Fehrenkamp, Jeanette Hix, Elizabeth and Michael McKenzie, and Vickie Burke and Susie Samuels.



This special coffee will be in the home of Carolynn Kevlin, Thursday, December 11, 10 AM, 2120 McDuffie Street. Please reply if attending by December 8 to carolynnk@sbcglobal.net or 713/533-0955.

Sign up to host a monthly neighborhood coffee by emailing Carolynnk@sbcglobal.net Tuesdays or Wednesdays available, morning or afternoon. Look forward to hearing from you.

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December Yard of the Month

This month honoree is 1963 Vermont. Mike and Collette Dubose moved from Louisiana and have lived in their home for 8 years. Collette, a former teacher, now full time Mom, enjoys walking in the neighborhood with their two children (7 years old and 15 months). Recently, Mike and Collette added beautiful flowerbeds to their landscaping. They are sure to catch your eye and brighten your day, as they did ours.

Montrose Halloween Pup Crawl

The first Montrose Halloween Pup Crawl

benefiting the Friends of Cherryhurst Park, on Saturday, October 25th, was a fun-filled day with so many cute dogs, children, and adults in costumes. There were over 40 entries in the costume contests. Judges were Councilman At Large David Robinson, Jason Ginsberg who founded the Montrose Crawl, and Channel 13's Samica Knight.



Attendees visited with over 12 dog-related and local business vendors who also provided treats for humans and their dogs. Kona Ice and Espresso Rescue food trucks provided additional refreshments. Montrose area businesses and residents donated wonderful prizes for the silent auction, raffle and costume contests. We would like to thank the community and our local businesses, whose support made this event a tremendous success. Everyone had a terrific time!



Ghosts on Brun



VCCA Newsletter Folding

Many thanks to VCCA residents who spend time helping to prepare the newsletter by folding, taping and adding stickers to close it. Also thanks to those who mail the newsletter and host the folding in their home. Without their assistance, VCCA would have to spend an additional \$300 a month to send out the newsletters.

In October, Kit and John Muire hosted the folding in their home and Jane Ingversen, Lillian Skogsberg, Stephanie Taylor, Jane Eagle Smith, Katherine Terracina, Ann Ince, Catrina Sarkis, Shirley Donohue, Jeanette Hix and several others folded, taped and put address on the newsletters. Jane Eagle Smith mailed the newsletters at the downtown post office. Thanks to all who gave up their evening to make sure you received this newsletter on a timely basis. Please consider assisting with this volunteer activity.

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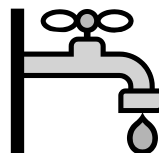
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