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## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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The Monthly VCCA meeting will be on **Monday, January 12th at 7:00 PM** at Café Ginger, located at 1952 West Gray Street in the shopping center near the intersection with Driscoll. The speaker for the January meeting will be

## January VCCA Meeting

 *Cafe Ginger* Alyce Coffey. Ms Coffey is the Community Outreach Manager from the Recycle department with the City of Houston.

She will discuss the many locations and types of things that can be recycled in the greater Houston area. This will not be a discussion of what you can recycle in your recycling can, but an opportunity to become acquainted with the many facilities that recycle items that you cannot put in your bin.

Come and become more knowledgeable and add greater recycling to your New Year's resolutions. We need to keep Houston clean.



## VCCA Holiday Party — *A Festive Gathering*

Many Vermont Commons residents attended the VCCA Holiday party at Churrascos on December 8th. If you were unable to attend, you missed a wonderful gathering. There was lots of delicious food, loads of laughter, and the meeting of old and the making of new friends. Thanks to those residents who were instrumental at making the event a success: Car-



olyn Kevlin, Eddie and Catriona Sarkis, Lillian Skogsberg, Elizabeth McKinzie, Jane Ingversen, Marilyn Fehrenkamp, Cheryl Fee and Jeanette



## The Best of VCCA Christmas Lights

Driving around our neighborhood we spotted the following best of the lights:

### Best Free Standing House Lights:

1610 Hazard—Lynda Transier  
1915 Hazard—Catherine & Darren Rank

### Best Townhouse Lights

2002 Vermont - Brenda & Henry Rojas  
1615 McDuffie—Holt Page

### Best Neighbor Combination Lights:

2122 McDuffie—Donna & Charlie Oglesby/2120  
McDuffie - Carolynn Kevlin  
2410 McDuffie—Katherine & Stephen Baehl/2412  
McDuffie—Susan & Gregory Chapman

### Best Business Decorations

Mockingbird Bistro at the corner of Welch and

## Help Improve VCCA

VCCA needs ideas to improve the organization. Please send your ideas to Jeanette Hix - [hix@rmi.net](mailto: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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**Citizen's Patrol:** Elizabeth and Michael McKenzie

**Additional Volunteers Needed.....**

## Citizen Patrol Update

Elizabeth and Mike McKenzie , Coordinators

The members of Citizen Patrol listed below drove 49 hours and walked 294 hours through our neighborhood in *November*. Thank you for looking out for your neighbors. Keep up the good work Citizen Patrol!

Barry Brandt	Sharon Isreal
Andriana Breidenstein	Karen Kane
Adrienne Bukstein	Helen Mann
Debbie Cody	Elizabeth McKenzie
Bob Costantini	Michael McKenzie
Shirley Donohue	Curtis Mooney
Rob Fuller	Brenda Rojas
Cathryn Gabor	BR Simon
Jeanette Hix	Jim Skogsberg
Tom Hix	Lillian Skogsberg
Paula Holton	Andy Tallin

## Coffee Time



**SOMETHING NEW:** To help our hostesses plan better, we are now asking attendees to let us know 3 days in advance of the coffee if you are planning to attend. You may do this by emailing [Carolynnk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Carolynnk@sbcglobal.net). This is not a formal RSVP, but just a simple yes will do so we can get an estimate of the number of possible attendees.

### JANUARY COFFEE

January 22, Thursday, 10 AM  
2020 Indiana

our hostess is Kit Muire

please let us know by January 19 if you plan to attend.

email [Carolynnk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Carolynnk@sbcglobal.net)

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

## VCCA Officers 2014 - 2015

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## January Yard of the Month

**1810 McDuffie** – a beautiful yard with winter plantings. Home owner, C. Martin Dunagin, moved into the neighborhood in December, 2013.

He loves the neighborhood and appreciates the activities of the VCCA which make it a better community in which to live.



## VCCA Newsletter

The VCCA, after much discussion, research, and consultation, has decided to outsource the printing, folding, taping, attaching of address labels and mailing of the monthly newsletter. This measure is being taken to relieve the volunteers who have generously donated their time each month to ensure that our community receives current news and information about happenings pertinent to the residents.

The newsletter will still be written, formatted and edited by VCCA members.

VCCA thanks all of those who have tirelessly attended the newsletter folding every month. There were many months when it was a tired and weary crew who worked far too many hours to complete the job.

Thanks to Pam Lee who hosted the last folding.

## Notes for Automated Recycling

Your automated container and recycling bin(s) should be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. and removed by 10:00 p.m. on your collection day. Your 96-gallon recycling cart should be placed at least three feet away from other objects including other carts.

### The City of Houston accepts:

- ◆ aluminum and tin cans
- ◆ corrugated cardboard
- ◆ envelopes
- ◆ glass (automated collection only)
- ◆ home and office paper
- ◆ magazines
- ◆ mail
- ◆ newspapers
- ◆ telephone books



**Acceptable Plastics** - Rinse & Drained Plastics #1 - 5 and #7: butter, cat litter jugs, coffee can lids, condiment, cooking oil, cosmetic & shampoo bottles, ice cream (tubs & lids), jars, jugs, juice, laundry & dish washing detergent, margarine, medicine, milk, mouthwash, plastic bottles, salad dressing, sauces, soft drink, squeezable bottles & jars, tubs & lids, water, yogurt.

## VCCA

### Luncheon or Dinner or Outing

Those tired and weary residents who folded each month were disappointed about the discontinuation of the newsletter folding even though they were glad they would not fold another newsletter again. To replace the opportunity to come together in friendship, VCCA is starting a Luncheon or Dinner or Outing group. Lillian Skogsberg will be contacting newsletter folding volunteers with information about this activity in early January. If you are not on the newsletter folding email list, contact Jeanette Hix ([hix@rmi.net](mailto:hix@rmi.net)) and she will add your address to the new Former Folding Group. You can be on the list even if you did not previously assist with folding.

## Native Plant Society of Texas

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15**, Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, 4501 Woodway, **7:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Linda Crum, Attracting Bluebirds to Your Garden.**

## The Wax Lab

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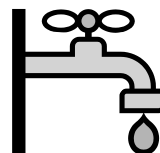
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