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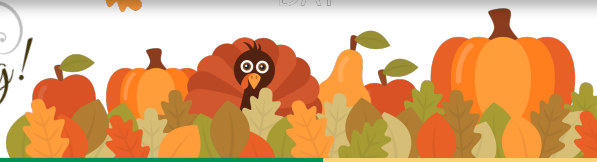
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CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Happy Thanksgiving!



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VCCA Annual Holiday Party

Join us for some warm festive cheer at the annual **VCCA Holiday Party!** Our fun gathering will begin at **6:30pm on Monday, December 3rd**, at Churrasco's (2055 Westheimer).



Plenty of hot and cold appetizers will be served. Party-goers will be able to purchase their own drinks at the cash bar. Come and

join in the fete, share your plans for the new year, and meet your friends and neighbors. To offset the cost of the party, we request that the attendees donate \$10.00 at the door.



VCCA COFFEE

Meet at La Madeleine and share coffee and friendship with your neighbors on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am. VCCA/Park Civic at La Madeleine French Bakery, 2047 West Gray. Hope to see you there on November 7th!

VCCA Dues

If you have not paid your dues, please consider joining. **Only \$40.00 a year.** Pay by check at any of the meetings and events, or by PayPal on the VCCA web page: vccahouston.org.

November Happy Hour & Speaker A Special Hawk-tastic Event

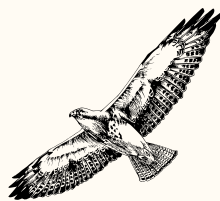
Date: Monday, November 12th, 6:30pm Happy Hour
Speaker at 7pm

Location: Churrasco's, 2055 Westheimer, Shepherd Square Shopping Center (in front of Randalls)

VCCA residents thoroughly enjoyed the many hawks that nested and lived in the neighborhood this past spring and summer. What a joy to see the babies hatch, grow and then spread their wings into the great blue skies. Join VCCA for a Happy Hour and then a presentation by Mary Anne Webber and her hawks from the Houston Audubon. Learn all about these magnificent birds and their role in our neighborhood and city parks.



Houston Audubon is a regional nonprofit conservation, education and advocacy organization that focuses on protecting the natural environment for birds and people. A significant part of their work is owning and managing nature sanctuaries to protect habitats for birds and provide people recreational opportunities in nature.



The Houston Audubon Society was formed in 1969 by a dedicated group of eighteen men and women who saw the need for environmental education for youth and environmental advocacy for wildlife habitat. Its vision is the creation of a healthier natural environment and more beautiful place to live by leading and nurturing a community that values and supports birds.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - OCTOBER 3RD



Many thanks to Dr. Rebecca Harvey and her assistant Andy for allowing VCCA to use their parking lot for the National Night Out!



Constables began arriving at 6pm to show support for our neighborhood. Thank you, Constables, for such a tremendous turnout! Most had arrived by 6:30 and stayed until the residents began going home at about 8:30pm. Neighbors who could not attend missed out on lots of friendship, good food, and an opportunity to meet and get to know the Constables who patrol our neighborhood and the greater neighborhood.



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Natalia Podosinnikova, Editor





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CITIZEN PATROL

In October, Citizen Patrol volunteers completed a total of 175 hours of walking and driving patrol! That's almost 6 hours of volunteer patrol per day. Thank you to all 13 volunteers, and especially **Lillian and Jim Skogsberg, Rob Fuller and Cathryn Gabor**, who did 31, 27, 16 and 16 hours respectively. If you'd like to learn more about Citizen Patrol, or to become a volunteer, contact David Hoyer at davidhoyer@sbcglobal.net.

Nearatown Traffic Update

Nearatown Association had its most recent meeting on Sept 25th at Cherryhurst Park Community Center. Nearatown is the Super Neighborhood bordered by Buffalo Bayou, Shepherd St., the Southwest Freeway, and Downtown. This meeting mostly focused on the Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study of the Southwest Freeway (I-69) from Spur 527 downtown out to Beltway 8. This study will take place for the next two years, in order to improve traffic. It is possible that one of the solutions currently considered by TX Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) involves sinking the grade of the road below ground, which would involve a lot of construction and traffic disruption. For more information, visit the TxDOT website www.txdot.gov, Houston Planning and Environmental Linkage Studies page or call TxDOT Houston District at 713-802-5076 (PEL study number is 0027-13-218).

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