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## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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### VCCA Happy Hour

VCCA monthly happy hours are the 2nd Monday, September through June at Churrasco's, 2055 Westheimer, Shepherd Square Shopping Center. Join us **February 11 at 6:30pm** to learn about Precinct One Constables and what they really do for our city and our

neighborhoods. Longtime VCCA member Cay Dickson will share her experience attending the Constable's Citizen's Police Academy earlier this year. She learned how these officers handle cases from vice to environmental crime, and everything in between. Chances are, you don't really know how much the Constables Department does, and you will truly be amazed at the areas of our everyday lives which are affected by their presence and dedication to their work.



### January Happy Hour & Speaker City of Houston Public Works - Fairview Construction Project Update

**Date:** Monday, January 14th, 6:30pm

**Location:** Churrasco's, 2055 Westheimer,  
Shepherd Square Shopping Center

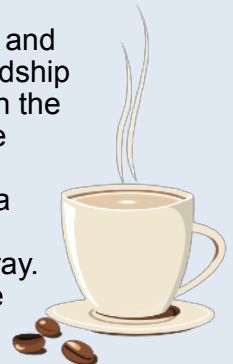
Join your neighbors on **Monday, January 14th at 6:30pm** for a special update from the City of Houston Public Works Department about the progress and challenges associated with the Avalon Place Reconstruction Project. The project is designed to improve sanitary sewers, storm sewers, water distribution, improve roadway pavement conditions, and enhance pedestrian/bike safety and accessibility. **It is due to begin in the first quarter of 2019** (so right around the corner!) and will run in phases through 2022. It will affect Fairview, Huldy, Hazard, Driscoll, and other areas both east and west of S. Shepherd between Westheimer and Vermont.

### CONSTABLE PATROL PROGRAM UPDATE MEETING

The Vermont Commons Security Foundation Board is pleased to announce that the 2019 annual meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7:00pm** at the **West Gray Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray St, Houston, TX 77019**. The primary purpose of the annual meeting will be to update VCSF members on the status of the Vermont Commons/Park Civic/Lewisdale Constable Patrol program and to prepare for the 2019 Constable Program membership drive. The deputies patrolling our neighborhood will be there, and possibly other Precinct 1 Constable management. If you have questions about the program or want to directly address constables with questions or concerns, this would be a great opportunity. *Whether you are VCSF Constable program members or not, we encourage you to attend and bring your neighbors.* If you have any questions ahead of the annual meeting, please contact Cay Dickson at [ocayd@swbell.net](mailto:ocayd@swbell.net).

### 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 January 2nd and February 6th!



VCCA ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 3RD



Holiday Party at Churrasco's. A great time was had by all! If you were unable to attend, you missed great food, friendship and laughter.



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Natalia Podosinnikova,



NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



*Ann Ince and Robin Greene removing graffiti on Haddon. Before they and several other volunteers began the removal, our neighborhood had graffiti everywhere.*

**Ann Ince and Robin Greene** have been removing graffiti in our neighborhood for many years. They are ready to turn the responsibility over to new volunteers. Heartfelt thanks for their dedication and hard work. If you'd like to volunteer, please email [hix@rmi.net](mailto:hix@rmi.net).



## VCCA Event Schedule for 2019

- January 2 — Coffee
- January 14 — Happy Hour/Speaker:  
City of Houston Update on Fairview Reconstruction
- February 6 — Coffee
- February 11 — Happy Hour/Speaker:  
Cay Dickson on Precinct One Constables

## Neartown Parking Update

Neartown Association had its most recent meeting on November 25th at Cherryhurst Park Community Center. Of interest to Vermont Commons was a review of our parking regulations by a representative from the City of Houston. Please make sure you and your guests park at least **15 feet away from fire hydrants, 20 feet from intersections and 30 feet from stop signs or traffic signals!** Also, do not block sidewalks or driveways, and park with the flow of traffic. You can get more information at [www.ParkHoustontx.org](http://www.ParkHoustontx.org) or by calling 832-393-8690.

## Christmas Decoration Winners

- ★ **Best Decorated Townhouse:**  
2112 McDuffie
- ★ **Best Decorated Bungalow:**  
1806 Hazard
- ★ **Uniquely Decorated House:**  
1617 McDuffie
- ★ **Best Decorated Single-Family Home:**  
1809 Driscoll
- ★ **Best Decorated Business Establishment:**  
Rebecca M. Harvey, DDS, PA



## CITIZEN PATROL

Citizen Patrol had 11 patrollers that did a total of 145 hours of driving and walking patrol in December. That is almost 5 hours of volunteer patrol on average per day! Huge thank you to all patrollers, and in particular to **Bob Costantini** with 56 hours, **Robin Greene** with 17 hours and **Cathryn Gabor** and **Rob Fuller**, who each completed 16 hours. If you'd like to learn more about Citizen Patrol, or to become a volunteer, contact David Hoyer at [davidhoyer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidhoyer@sbcglobal.net).

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