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## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



# Happy Thanksgiving

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### VCCA Annual Holiday Party



The annual VCCA  
**Holiday Party is just  
around the corner!** Join  
our festive gathering at

**6:30pm - 9pm on Monday, December  
2nd**, at Churrasco's (2055 Westheimer).  
Share your plans for the new year, and  
meet your friends and neighbors while  
enjoying a complimentary selection of  
hot and cold appetizers. For an extra  
dash of cheer, drinks will be  
available for purchase at the  
cash bar. To offset the cost of  
the party, we request that the  
attendees donate \$10.00  
at the door.



### VCCA Book Club



The VCCA Bookclub  
meets on the third  
Wednesday of each  
month from 2-3:30pm at  
Cafe Express for book

reviews and conversation. Our book  
choices vary among the genres and  
provide opportunities for us to read  
books that we might not choose on our  
own. Join us for a lively discussion  
about *Sing, Unburied Sing* by Jesmyn  
Ward on November 20th. For more  
information, please contact us at  
[vcca.bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:vcca.bookclub@gmail.com).

### November Happy Hour & Speaker Where Our County Taxes Go

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

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

Join us for a conversation with Kenneth Olive, member of the  
Community Engagement Team for the Harris County  
Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Precinct One. There are four  
precincts in Harris County. Vermont Commons  
falls under Precinct One. The four elected  
commissioners, along with an elected county  
judge, serve as members of Harris County  
Commissioners Court, the administrative  
head of the county's government.



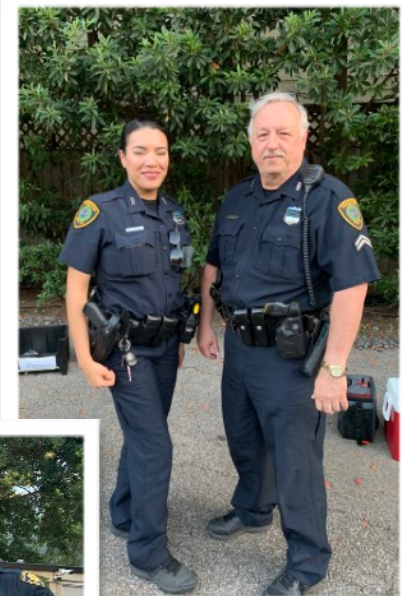
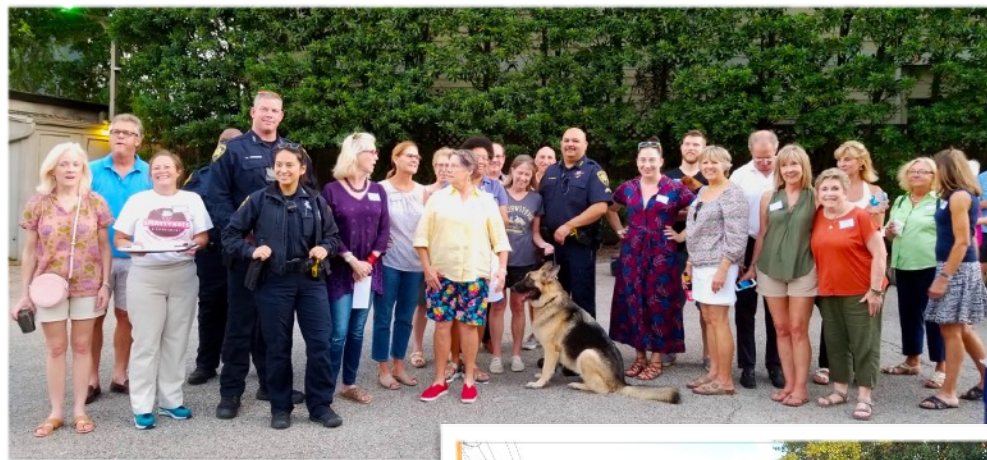
According to the government website, Precinct One's  
mission is to better the lives of its 1.1 million widely diverse  
residents by providing quality and accessible services and  
programs, and fighting for important reforms. Widening  
wealth gap is an increasing problem for the region,  
disproportionally affecting women and communities of color.  
Last January, Ellis proposed to create a Department of  
Economic Opportunity and Equity, which would implement  
economic policies focused on fair and equitable county  
contracting, workforce development, community business  
programs, community-based economic tax incentives, and  
workers' rights. Kenneth Olive will discuss this initiative which  
is designed to ensure long-term economic growth, as well  
address and mitigate economic inequality.

### VCCA COFFEE



Share a fabulous morning filled with delicious  
treats and laughter with your VCCA/Park Civic  
neighbors at 10am every first Wednesday of the  
month at La Madeleine French Bakery, 2047 West  
Gray. Hope to see you there on November 6th!

# VCCA National Night Out - October 1



*Thank you, Carrie Hart of Smallcakes for supporting NNO with cupcakes!*



*Cpl. R. Rosas, Dep. A. Barfield, Dep. V. Moreno, Sgt. C. Davis, Dep. M. McKinney*

*Officer Wayne Pate will retire the end of December, and succeeded by Officer L. Viera (left). He has been a mainstay in Vermont Commons for many years and will be missed.*



## VCCA Event Schedule for 2019

- November 6 — Coffee
- November 11 — Happy Hour/Speaker: Ken Olive
- November 20 — Book Club
- December 2 — Holiday Party
- December 4 — Coffee
- December 18 — Book Club



## VCCA OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

**Directors:** Jeanette Hix, Stephanie Taylor, Nina Westerfeld, Janet Meyer, Lisa Meyer, Lillian Skogsberg, Ann Green Terrel

**Treasurer:** Chuck Randall

**VP Deed Restrictions:** Andy Tallin

**Newsletter:** Natalia Podosinnikova



## COMMUNITY LOSS



With great sadness, we let you know that **Ed Quilter**, resident on Brun Street, passed away on October 23. He spent his entire 94 (almost 95) years on Brun and Indiana. Most of his afternoons and

evenings, he held court while sitting on the front stoop of his green house, entertaining all who walked by. He will be dearly missed.

Send news, notices, photos, editorials, advertising requests to [nat.podo@gmail.com](mailto:nat.podo@gmail.com). Submissions are due the 15th of the month preceding the newsletter.

*Natalia Podosinnikova, Editor*





VCCA Yard of the Month

2028 Hazard

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING UPDATE

Not everyone may be aware, that glass recently returned to the curbside recycling program, so residents may resume placing glass in their green bins. Because for the last three years the city's former recycling provider accepted only paper, cardboard, plastics and metal cans, glass containers had to be dropped off at the city's neighborhood depositories. Glass will now be processed using the most advanced technology available in the recycling industry at a newly-built plant through its contract with the new provider, FCC Environmental Services. The city also now pays much less for recycling, than it did before.

### CITIZEN PATROL

In the still very warm September, 11 patrollers completed an outstanding **234 hours** of walking and driving. We could not be more proud of our volunteers and their efforts, averaging 8 hours of patrol a day! Special kudos to **Bob Constantini**, **Robin Greene**, and **Satavisa Sarkar**, as they did 89, 50, and 23 hours of patrol respectively. 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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