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VCCA Happy Hours

VCCA monthly happy hours are held every second Monday at 6:30pm, September through June, at Churrascos on 2055 Westheimer. **Please note that there will be no additional gathering in October.** Join us for the National Night Out on October 1st, followed by a Happy Hour on November 11th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thank you to one neighborhood resident, who wished to remain anonymous, for enlisting to be on the Deed Restrictions Committee. In the past, watchful volunteers prevented quite a few developers from building rule-breaking structures on our streets. **VCCA still needs additional help!** Please email hix@rmi.net if you can dedicate just several hours a month to help monitor our neighborhood.

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. October's book selection is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. For more information, please contact us at vcca.bookclub@gmail.com.

VCCA National Night Out

Date: Tuesday, October 1st, 6:00pm
Location: Parking lot of Dr. Rebecca Harvey's Dentist Office @ 2025 Fairview



Bring food and drinks to share. A chair if you need one.

The annual National Night Out brings neighborhoods and law enforcement agencies together for an evening of fun, camaraderie and community. Through strengthening relationships, the National Night Out results in:



- Heightened awareness for crime and drug prevention.
- Increased support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs.
- Sending a message to criminals that our neighborhood is actively engaged in deterring and fighting crime.

We welcome all VCCA members! Celebrate and strengthen our community, by finding out what's going on in the neighborhood, and taking a bite out of crime. Bring your partner, spouse, kids, and well-behaved dogs. Join us!



VCCA COFFEE



Join your VCCA/Park Civic neighbors for a mini-retreat with coffee, laughter, and tasty delicacies at 10am every first Wednesday of the month at La Madeleine French Bakery, 2047 West Gray. Hope to see you there on October 2nd!

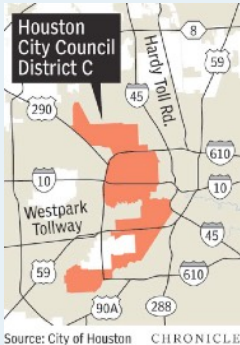


Even though Police Chief Art Acevedo was not able to speak at the September Happy Hour, over thirty Vermont Commons residents showed up to enjoy happy hour with their neighbors. Everyone had a great time at this lively event, and those unable to attend were missed. VCAA is making arrangements for Acevedo to speak at a later date.



Candidate Night

The Neartown Association has put together a candidate forum for Houston City Council District C (Winlow's District). This will be a competitive election, since our current Council Member, Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen, has hit her term limit, so the Candidate Forum will be a valuable opportunity to decide how to vote on Tuesday, November 5th.



The event will be held on **October 16th, 7-9pm at The Montrose Center, 401 Branard Street, rooms 106 & 107 (on the second floor).** We encourage everyone to learn more about who's running to represent us!

VCCA OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

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

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PSA: Healthy Gutters

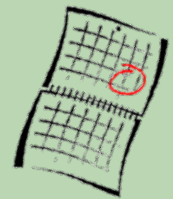
A friendly reminder from your neighbors - please keep the gutters in front of your house clean. The gutter is the area next to the curb. The City of Houston does not clean streets or gutters, so it's the homeowners' responsibility to maintain the gutters. Old newspapers, leaves, dirt and other debris keep the water from flowing to the storm drain at the end of the street. These items can also clog the storm drain and cause rain water to back up and flood the streets.

VCCA THANKS YOU!

To all of you who made your annual contribution to VCCA for 2019-2020 - a sincere thank you. If you haven't, it's not too late! Here are several EASY ways to make your \$40 payment: 1) Check made out to VCCA and mailed to: VCCA, PO Box 130891, Houston, TX. 77210; 2) Going to vccahouston.org and clicking the PayPal button under Membership 3) We gladly accept checks and cash at the monthly happy hours.

VCCA Event Schedule for 2019

- October 1 — National Night Out
- October 2 — Coffee
- October 16 — Book Club
- November 6 — Coffee
- November 11 — Happy Hour
- November 20 — Book Club
- December 2 — Holiday Party
- December 4 — Coffee
- December 18 — Book Club



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

Natalia Podosinnikova, Editor



VCCA Yard of the Month



Four townhomes at 2414 Hazard (pictured: 2414A)

Neartown Meeting Update

Neartown had its last meeting on Tuesday, August 27th at 7PM in the Cherryhurst Park Community Center. The first item on the agenda was a talk by Mahassen Ballouli, Principal of HISD's Arabic Immersion Magnet School. The trailblazing elementary school will be moving from the Heights area to Montrose, to the location formerly occupied by the High School for Performing and Visual Arts. Also of interest to Vermont Commons was an update on METRONext, Metro's expansion bond proposal, which we will get to vote on in the November election (more info at metronext.org).

CITIZEN PATROL

In the heat of August, 12 patrollers did a total of **217 hours** of walking and driving. That amounts to about *7 hours a day* of keeping the neighborhood safe! Please thank Marilyn Fehrenkamp, Brenda Rojas, Rob Fuller, Cathryn Gabor, Jeanette Hix, Andy Tallin, Bob Costantini, Sankar Muhuri, Satavisa Sarkar, Tom Hix and Maria Rodriguez for all that they do on our behalf. If you'd like to learn more about Citizen Patrol, or to become a volunteer, contact David Hoyer at davidhoyer@sbcglobal.net.

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