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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. There will be no speaker on **March 9th**, so join your fellow residents at the Churrascos' bar at **6:30pm** for a lively and enjoyable evening of visiting with friends and meeting new neighbors.



VCCA Book Club



The VCCA Bookclub meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 2-3:30pm at Cafe Express. 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 on February 19th for a lively discussion of *Janis: Her Life and Music*, by Holly George-Warren! For more information, please reach out to Natalie Browne at nbrowne48@gmail.com

Monthly Coffee

Enjoy cheerful company of your VCCA/ Park Civic neighbors, along with decadent treats, at 10am on the first Wednesday of each month at La Madeleine, 2047 West Gray. Hope to see you there on February 5th!

February Happy Hour & Speaker Clean Recycling

Date: Monday, February 10th, 6:30pm Happy Hour
Speaker at 7pm
Location: Churrasco's, 2055 Westheimer,
Shepherd Square Shopping Center

Are you one of the many residents unknowingly placing non-recyclable items into your green bin? Vermont Commons hopes to have only clean recycling and not any trash in the collected items. "Clean" refers to only approved recycled materials. "Trash" refers to items that are not recyclable. On **February 10th**, join us for a conversation with **Alyce Coffey**, Community Outreach Manager from the Houston Solid Waste Management Department. In 2015, she



won the Mayor's Proud Partner award for her work. She will discuss what clean recycling is, how to distinguish recyclable items from trash, and the benefits that clean recycling can bring to our neighborhood and the city. Hope you take the time to attend, so that our neighborhood will have only clean recycling.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Did you know, that without enforcement of the VCCA Deed Restrictions, Vermont Commons would have four-story homes, four town homes on one lot, and homes built very close to the lot line. Watchful volunteers prevented quite a few developers from overlooking the deed restrictions in Vermont Commons. Please consider volunteering to be on the Deed Restriction Committee. There are no meetings to attend, volunteers just report to Deed Restriction Chair about new construction. Please email hix@rmi.net if you can dedicate just a few hours a month to help monitor our neighborhood.

Meet Your Neighbors - David Frost

David Frost, a Vermont Commons resident, and a son of Dr. Daniel A. Frost and Wenlan Frost and a homeschooled high school senior and dual credit student at Houston Community College, earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36.

Fewer than half of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2019, only 4,879 out of nearly 1.8 million students who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1–36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. The score for ACT's optional writing test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.

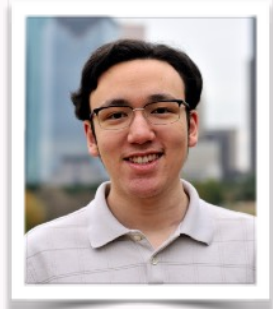
In a letter to the student recognizing this exceptional achievement, ACT CEO Marten Roorda stated, "Your

achievement on the ACT is significant and rare. Your exceptional scores will provide any college or university with ample evidence of your readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead."

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam that measures what students have learned in school. Students who earn a 36 composite score have likely mastered all of the skills and knowledge they will need to succeed in first-year college courses in the core subject areas.

ACT scores are accepted by all major four-year colleges and universities across the US.

For more information about the student, please contact Dr. Daniel A. Frost frost@alum.mit.edu. For more information about the ACT, please contact ACT at 319.337.1028 or email publicrelations@act.org.



Check out the beautiful mural painted on a building facing Peden near Shepherd. Black and white does not do it justice, as the colors are very vibrant shades of blue. You can always check out this, and all other VCCA Newsletter images in color by finding the digital edition on the VCCA website.

VCCA WEBSITE

There is a lot of good information to keep you informed about VCCA. The latest and all historical newsletters are archived and are available online in full-color. Want to know if your residence is deed restricted? Want to know the boundaries of VCCA? Want to know about the Constable Patrol? Want to know all the committees and what they do? Want to pay your VCCA dues? Find all that and much more at vccahouston.org.

SPRING PICNIC

Our last spring picnic was a resounding success, with close to 100 people attending, including our neighborhood constables, loads of children, longtime and recent residents. There was face painting and hot dogs. The VCCA picnic is in April, but plans need to be made several months prior to the date. Volunteers would be appreciated. If interested, email Jeanette Hix at hix@rmi.net.



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VCCA Event Schedule for 2020

- February 5 — Coffee
- February 10 — Happy Hour/
Speaker: Houston's Solid Waste
Management's Alyce Coffey
- February 19 — Book Club
- March 4 — Coffee
- March 9 — Happy Hour
- March 18 — Book Club



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15th of the month
preceding the newsletter.



CITIZEN PATROL

In December, 9 patrollers completed a total of **167 hours** of driving and walking, amounting to over **5 hours per day**. Vermont Commons residents should be proud of our cumulative efforts, including those of the Citizen Patrol, that continue to make our neighborhood a desired place to live! 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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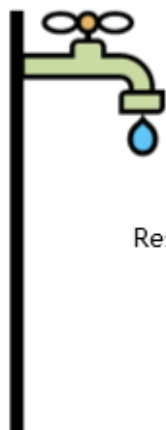
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