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OCTOBER HAPPY HOUR

Join friends and neighbors on October 14th at Churrasco's, 6:30pm, for a fun evening meeting friends and neighbors.

VCCA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION HAPPY HOUR



These are some of the many residents who volunteer to help VCCA be a better place to live. The bar area at Churrasco's was packed and everyone had a good time.

And while we're on the topic of volunteers, VCCA asked and residents responded! Vinh Truong, after reading our request for help updating the VCCA website, has volunteered his time. Carly Caulfield has volunteered to help with a fall clean up in Vermont Commons. Thanks Vinh and Carly! Will others join this effort?

VCCA DUES REMINDER

In case you missed the information last month, it is time to pay your annual dues. Pay your \$40 by check or by Zelle on the website at www.vccahouston.org/membership. Thanks to all who have already paid.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join your neighbors for National Night Out on October 1st, 6pm, at 2025 Fairview. Enjoy free ice cream and meet with HPD officers and Constables who help keep our neighborhood safe.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1 – National Night Out, 6pm

October 3 – 10am Men & Ladies Coffee, Empire Café

October 14– 6:30pm Happy Hour, Churrasco's

October 16 – 2pm-3:30pm Book Club Meeting

October 27 – 6pm, Trunk or Treat



SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, or advertising requests to Chris Lane at hix@rmi.net. Submissions are due by the 12th of the month preceding the newsletter.

To read the newsletter in color, go to vccahouston.org

BOOK CLUB

The VCCA Book Club meets every third Wednesday of the month from 2pm-3:30pm. We read a variety of genres. We welcome new members! If you would like to join us please contact Doris Scherer at disherer@hotmail.com.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Citizens on Patrol (COP) had 10 walkers/drivers for the month of August. It was still a hot August on our Houston sidewalks. They reported 300 hours of walking and driving with our neighbor Bob Costantini leading the walkers. Stephanie Taylor followed in walking hours. Keep on walking in the 'hood. Email questions to lillian_skogsberg@earthlink.net.

MONTHLY COFFEE

The monthly Coffee Klatch meets at Empire Cafe on Westheimer at Elmen on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am. Attend to enjoy conversation, laughter and camaraderie.

VCCA OFFICERS 2024-25

Directors: Jeanette Hix (Lead Director), Stephanie Taylor, Nina Westerfeld, Janet Meyer, Lisa Meyer, Lillian Skogsberg, & Ann Terrel Green
Treasurer: Kay Johnson
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Newsletter: Chris Lane

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

VERMONT COMMONS CONSTABLE PATROL PROGRAM (VCSF)

The VCSF provides services to Vermont Commons neighbors such as vacation watch for your home, as well as responding to calls or questions about any non-emergency security-related concerns or suspicious activity. Oftentimes the response time is quicker than calling the police. You can receive this added layer of security for only \$300/year. Membership renewal payment options can be found at:

<http://www.vcpatrol.com/membership-dues/>

Information on our neighborhood Constable program and how to become a member can be found at:

<http://www.vcpatrol.com>, or contact us at info@vcpatrol.com.

NEARTOWN REPORT

Andrew Hassing, VCCA Neartown representative, shares information from the latest meeting.

- 59 north of the 527 spur will be lowered to match its elevation of the section from Sheperd to Main
- Existing roads that are currently below 59 will be above it
- A "cap" will be built from 527 to 288 so that it will support these roads plus leave open space for "TBD" stuff like parks, etc.
- Existing bridges over 59 will remain as-is
- Concerns were raised about exhaust ventilation under the cap
- Concerns were raised about noise and flooding
- TxDot to have public meetings Oct 15th & 16th, and in Dec to go over the work to be done south of downtown

Other item:

- Projected naming of the bike path on Woodhead from Vassar to Westheimer – Patrick Walsh Bikeway

Please report any crime to the Houston Police Department via 311 no matter how small. Recording crimes (including break ins, stolen cars, broken windows, porch pirates) in our area can lead to more police patrols.

TREES! TREES! TREES!

There is still time to become part of the Tree Planting in Vermont Commons (refer to September newsletter or go to www.vccahouston.org for details). Studies show that with more trees in a neighborhood the temperature can be lowered, making a cooler place to live. Sign up and be a contributor to a better life in Vermont Commons. Or just plant your own trees.



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ALL IN THE VCCA FAMILY

ALL IN THE VCCA FAMILY HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Please join the VCCA family and parent group for our spookiest time of the year: **Halloween**

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 27

The annual Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 27th at 2025 Fairview parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to bring their vehicles with decorated trunks and provide treats. Any fun hand out for the kids and/or pets would be fabulous. **All are welcome (pets included) to Trunk or Treat, even if you don't host a trunk.** If you host a trunk, please arrive by 5:45pm to set up. Festivities kick off at 6pm and go until 7pm. Follow QR Code to sign up to host a trunk. Please email allinthevccafamily@gmail.com with any questions.

TRICK OR TREATING OCTOBER 31

If you plan to hand out candy for all the little ghosts and goblins on October 31, please turn on your front door lights, open patio gates, and/or dress your house with Halloween décor so parents and kids alike will know which houses will welcome them. We have mixed participation in our area but would love to encourage more. Trick or treating families, use the WhatsApp group chat that day/evening to find any up-to-date info, or if you wish to coordinate a route with neighbors.

We wish you a spooky, safe, and fun Halloween!



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