



Vermont Commons

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HAPPY HOUR/VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

VCCA will celebrate all the volunteers who make Vermont Commons a great place to live on **September 9th at 6:30pm at Churrasco's**. There are over 40 volunteers and many wear multiple hats. Come one and all to proclaim your appreciation. One glass of wine and passed appetizers will add to the celebration. Hope to see all the volunteers and many others.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join friends and neighbors to celebrate National Night Out on **October 1st at 6pm**. The purpose of National Night Out is to strengthen relationships between community members and law enforcement. Officers from the Houston Police Department and the Constable's Office will attend. Ice Cream and water will be provided for your enjoyment. If you desire any other drink, feel free to bring them along with chairs. Hope you will join everyone on October 1st at 2025 Fairview.

REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES

VCCA dues are not mandatory but are a voluntary opportunity to help Vermont Commons provide activities and betterment to the community. Residents can pay the \$40 annual amount by check or by Zelle on the website at www.vccahouston.org/membership. If you would like to receive email reminders of upcoming events, fill out the form included in this newsletter and mail it to the PO Box on the form, or email your info to hix@rmi.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VCCA needs a volunteer to update the VCCA website. Please contact Jeanette Hix at hix@rmi.net if you would like to take on this volunteer opportunity.

VCCA is hoping to have a volunteer clean-up day this fall. If you would like to help organize the event or volunteer to help with the clean-up, contact Jeanette Hix at hix@rmi.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 4 – 10am Men & Ladies Coffee, Empire Café

Sept 9 – 6:30pm
Happy Hour, Churrasco's

Sept 18 - 2pm-3:30pm
Book Club Meeting



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. The book for September is *The Color of Water* by James McBride. We welcome new members! If you would like to join us please contact Doris Sherer at disherer@hotmail.com

CITIZENS ON PATROL

We had an average of a dozen walkers over the past 3 months. It was the hearty who braved the summer heat on our Houston sidewalks. They reported about 225 hours each month over the 3 months. I look forward to hearing from our block walkers in the months to come. Over the summer, our neighbor Bob Constantini walked the most hours. Stephanie Taylor and Marilyn Grant followed in hours reported. 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 has contracted for a constable to patrol our busier streets 3 days a week from 4-7pm in an effort to improve traffic behavior in Vermont Commons (starting with a 3-month trial basis). Just another benefit of having the Constable Program for our neighborhood. We are always looking to increase membership in the program so we can continue with these added benefits. If you notice any new neighbors, please send their address by email to info@vcpatrol.com. 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 new member can be found at:

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

ALL IN THE VCCA FAMILY

Trunk-or-Treat

Save the date for Sunday, October 27th at 6pm for our 4th annual spooktacular event for all neighbors to participate or decorate your trunk! More details in next month's newsletter.

For parents and caregivers of children interested in connecting with other neighborhood families, please join our Facebook group, All in the VCCA Family or email allinthevccafamily@gmail.com to be added to the WhatsApp chat group.

NOVEMBER ELECTION-VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTION WORKER

Recently moved? Kid turned 18? New US Citizen? You need to register or update your Voter Registration by October 7. If you've moved within Texas you can now update your voter registration address online. New Texas registrations must sign & submit a paper application. See www.harrisvotes.com for details. You can also apply online if you are interested in working the November 2024 election: <https://www.harrisvotes.com/election-workers>. Contact VCCA resident Robert Hallenbeck at robert.hallenbeck@gmail.com with questions.



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Vermont Commons Civic Association Tree Planting Program

VCCA TREE COMMITTEE – MISSION STATEMENT

- Facilitate the preservation and planting of trees in the Vermont Commons neighborhood, and provide education for their health and maintenance

VCCA STREET TREE PROGRAM PLAN – ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

- What? Work with residents to encourage planting trees in VCCA
- Where? Plant in Rights of Way – border between street & sidewalk or adjacent to the sidewalk
- When? Plant trees in the next planting season – November 2024 to March 2025
- Why? Plant trees to replace tree canopy that has decreased due to development and age
 - Initial recommendations for tree sizes & varieties given ROWs & power lines
 - 7 Gallon ~4 feet; 10G ~ 5-6 feet; 15G ~6-8 feet, 30G 8-10 feet
 - Larger trees may be sourced & planted by an individual resident
 - Tree selection based on availability and space/location available
- How? Approval/funding from homeowners & entities secured prior to date of planting

Planting

- Planting by contractors with pricing to be provided as an option - planting, initial mulching, staking, & one-time watering at planting
- Recipients of trees to sign acceptance for location and tree care & agreement with planting contractor & to maintain & water the tree(s)

Funding

- VCCA to reimburse & subsidize a portion of the cost: \$75 for trees a minimum of 7G up to 15G, \$150 for trees over 15 gallons
- Subsidies up to VCCA budgeted amount of \$5000 – first come, first served -- Tree recipients will be reimbursed after paying for the tree & planting
- Selected organizations such as Trees For Houston may discount trees less than 15G to help the success of the program
- Residents may also contract planting on their own & will be eligible for the VCCA subsidy

Next Steps

- Please respond if you are interested in participating in this program: VCCATrees@gmail.com



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