



# Vermont Commons

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## VCCA HAPPY HOUR

Join friends and neighbors for happy hour at Churrasco's on Monday, February 10th at 6:30pm.



Laissez les bon temps rouler!!! Get ready to party on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm-location is the parking lot on Fairview, between Brun and Huldy. Deck yourself out in Mardi Gras' signature purple, green and gold, and join the fun with friends and neighbors. There will be beads, doubloons, and of course, delicious King Cake (watch out for the surprise hidden inside!) Bring your favorite beverage and get ready to dance the night away to some great tunes! Don't miss out on the festive fun!

## 2025 EVENTS STILL TO COME

Events planned through our fiscal VCCA year, that ends in June, are:

Monthly Happy Hours (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month)

March 1<sup>st</sup> - County Commissioners Court

March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mardi Gras Celebration

April - Picnic

May - Monarch Players

June – TBA

Suggested future topics include HCAD & the Harris County Tax Appraisal District. Let us know what other topics and events interest you!

## VERMONT COMMONS CONSTABLE PROGRAM (VCSF)

We will soon be kicking off our membership drive for the 2025-2026 VCSF. In addition to patrolling our neighborhood, they may be called for any non-emergency-related concerns, with a quicker response time than the police. They also provide vacation watch for your homes. Please stay tuned for more information about how to subscribe or to renew your membership for the upcoming year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 5** – 10am Men & Ladies Coffee, Empire Café

**February 10** – 6:30pm  
Happy Hour, Churrasco's

**February 19** – 2pm-3:30pm  
Book Club

**March 2** –5pm, Mardi  
Gras

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## SUBMISSIONS

Send news, notices, photos, or advertising requests to Chris Lane at [hix@rmi.net](mailto: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](http://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 February is *A Fine Romance* by Candace Bergan. New members are welcome! If you would like to join us, please contact Doris Sherer at [dlsherer@hotmail.com](mailto:dlsherer@hotmail.com).

## CITIZENS ON PATROL

Reporting of walking and driving hours will start in February. Email questions to [lillian\\_skogsberg@earthlink.net](mailto: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  
**Deed Restrictions:** Andy Tallin  
**Newsletter:** Chris Lane

## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### Highlights from the VCCA Directors Meeting



The VCCA Directors Meeting was held on January 13, 2025, at Churrasco's. Directors and Officers present were Jeanette Hix, Stephanie Taylor, Lisa Meyer, Janet Meyer, Ann Terrell, Andy Tallin and Kay Johnson.

The Treasurer's Report noted VCCA ended 2024 with a balance of \$12,772. Membership for 2024-25 is significantly down from the prior year. We had 154 members in 2023-24, compared to only 95 in 2024-25, causing a shortfall in our budget of \$2,000. Major costs for 2024 were the Holiday Party, Volunteer Appreciation event and the Picnic. Advertising covers the cost of the newsletter with added costs for the membership enrollment flyer and the annual color issue.

Reminders will be sent to those who have not yet paid dues for the 2024-25 year, and we are already discussing plans to promote membership at the opening of the 2025-26 year, which begins in September.

New projects include contacting the city to request new stickers for the recycle bins, and promoting the CitizensNet and Alert Houston programs, city notification systems that provide residents with timely information, especially during weather or special events when regular procedures may be changed (see page 3).

Complete information from the Directors Annual Meeting may be found on our website.



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## VCCA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

### BE IN THE KNOW-STAY ALERT

CitizensNet (COH Communications System)

-City management provides emails to subscribers for Alert Houston Emergency Notifications and CitizensNet notifications

Website: <https://www.houstontx.gov/citizensnet/>

Subscribe: <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736728451/login>

COH Public Works

The CitizensNet notifications include information from Public Waste; but in addition to the above, PW does provide collection information on multiple sites...

Website: [houstonsolidwaste.org](http://houstonsolidwaste.org)

App: Download the HTX Collects mobile app

Facebook: "LIKE" on Facebook at [@houstonsolidwaste](https://www.facebook.com/houstonsolidwaste),

X (Former Twitter): Follow on X [@HoustonTrash](https://twitter.com/HoustonTrash)

311 (COH Call Center)

Call: 311

Email: [311@houstontx.gov](mailto:311@houstontx.gov)

Website: <https://www.houstontx.gov/311/>

App: Download the Houston 311 mobile app



Ready Harris

-Emergency management department provides email notifications to subscribers

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