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Since the founding of the *E/News* as a neighborhood newspaper about ten years ago, it has been distributed by volunteers - residents of the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood who care about their neighborhood. Many people have quietly contributed their time and energy with very little, if any, recognition. To all of these volunteers, a very large thank you is long overdue.

The *E/News* has a circulation now of over 5,000 copies. About once a month, it is hand-delivered door-to-door to every home, church, and business in the 2.7 square miles within the boundaries of the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association (Watkins, Cypress Creek, Springdale/Trezevant, Overton Park Ave.).

The V/E area is divided into 110 routes, each covering about one block. Some carriers throw two or more routes; some employ neighborhood children to throw the *E/News* for them; and sometimes whole families share the responsibility.

It would be impossible to list every person who has delivered the *E/News* at some time, but the former circulation managers deserve special recognition: Cornelia Morris, Niki St. Cyr, Jean Bradfute, and Joe Hough. The V/E area is divided into six districts, and each district has a manager responsible for distribution within that district. The current district managers are: Julie Borys, Lew Griffith, Jim Martin, Mike Bursi, Carl Holmes, and Kathy Savard.

One hundred and three current carriers of the *E/News* are listed below. Look over this list of your friends and neighbors and then remember to thank them when you see them.

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THE TIME IS NOW

VECA RESIDENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Inserted in this issue of the *E/News* is a flyer concerning the security patrol VECA is trying to organize for our community. Please read it carefully, and if you are interested, complete the form and return it with the subscriber deposit to the address given. Nobody in the community is going to receive this service unless adequate subscribers sign up. If you are interested, act now and encourage your neighbors to do likewise. You'll feel safer for it.

CHAPMAN SPEAKS— THE WORLD LISTENS

E. Winslow "Buddy" Chapman, director of Memphis Police Services, set the city on its ear at the VECA general membership meeting, February 1, 1981, at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church. WHBQ-TV, WMC-TV, and *The Commercial Appeal* were among the members of the Memphis press present to hear Chapman's talk on crime to an audience of about 150. The media headlined Chapman's comments in subsequent news stories and follow up feature stories.

The remark that caused such a furor was Chapman's suggestion that if rapists were castrated, rape would no longer be a problem in America. "Crime is not a police problem," he stated but is a problem society must solve by sentencing consequences that would deter criminals. Chapman said that since rapists and burglars are likely to kill the witnesses to their crime and since the victims are usually the only witnesses, he is in favor of the death penalty. Chapman is bothered that today's society is concerned with the rights of the criminal but has little regard to the rights of the victims. Chapman called for low cost deterrents to crime especially in light of the fact that it costs \$32,000 a year to jail a criminal.

According to Chapman, the solution rate for crime in Memphis is 94-95%. The problem is that police are catching the same offenders over and over.

In answer to the question of what can be done,
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NEXT VECA MEETING

Monday, March 23, 1981, 7:30 p.m. at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church. The election of officers for the coming year is the order of business.

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VECA NEWS

The VECA executive committee met on February 10, 1981, and discussed the following items:

February Membership Meeting. Tom Kepple who was in Daytona Beach the week after Buddy Chapman's talk at the February 1 general membership meeting showed the committee a clipping from the Daytona Beach paper which zeroed in on Chapman's castration comments. (Chapman's talk is covered in an additional story.)

Security Patrol. VECA is now asking for residents interested in the security patrol to sign up and send a check to Tom Kepple. As 500 subscribers are required to receive the low monthly cost of \$16, it is very important that residents decide now whether or not they want the service. The ideal situation for the VECA area is to be covered by two patrolling cars; however, it is necessary for 1,000 residents to sign up to receive the additional car. All security guards are either ex-policemen or ex-military and are licensed and bonded.

Downzoning. The subject of downzoning in the VECA area has been shelved so VECA can concentrate on the security patrol effort.

Yard Sale. Plans for the community yard sale for next month are progressing. The sale will work similarly to last fall's sale. People may rent space at the sale or may donate goods for VECA to sell. Complete details for the event will be covered in the April issue of the *E/News*.

Membership Meeting. The next membership meeting will be held March 23, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church. The main purpose of the meeting is the election of officers.

By Dorinda Smith

IN MY OPINION

I have lived in the V-E area for the past twenty years and am very proud of our community and grateful for the efforts to maintain a high quality neighborhood. However, there is one major aspect of the V-E area that we need to begin a concentrated effort, and that is to improve the physical appearance of our community. Many areas are beautiful, but others are untidy and even filthy.

Let's have a community clean-up program and develop some personal pride in this area, which I think is the **best** in Memphis.

Sam Gentry, Jr.
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● Do you have a garage apartment, a guest house or an extra room that you have considered renting out? The Southwestern dormitories are overcrowded, and the Dean of Students office is developing an off-campus housing guide for the fall of 1981. The purpose is to encourage more students to live off-campus but in the Southwestern neighborhood. Having a Southwestern student (students) living on your property can bring additional income as well as additional security. If you would like to be included among the Off-Campus Referrals, call the Dean of Students office at Southwestern (274-1800, ext. 347). You will then be sent a form to fill out, describing the housing you can make available to Southwestern students.

● The Second Annual Run for Fun to benefit Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center will be held May 30, 1981, in Overton Park. Midtown TWIGS (Together We Initiate Growth) and D. Canale and Company/Natural Light Beer will sponsor the run.

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MMIA ANNUAL MEETING

The Mid-Memphis Improvement Association (MMIA) held its annual meeting and election of officers on January 15 at Trinity United Methodist Church. About 90 persons attended the meeting that was presided over by outgoing president Kay Portman, who received a loud ovation for her efforts over the last two years. Kay, in reflecting on the accomplishments of MMIA during her tenure, said, "I am the proudest of the downzoning of our neighborhood, our flea market, our Fourth of July parade, and the submission of our Stonewall Historic District proposal."

Elected as president was Gail Mathes, an attorney and a resident of the MMIA area for five years. Gail, who is single and lives on Poplar, told the *E/News*, "My first priority will be to work with the Corridor Option Committee (CORC) to develop a plan for the best uses for the vacated I-40 corridor land. Secondly, east-west local traffic must be properly rerouted around and through our neighborhood. I hope that MMIA and VECA can work together and through the Council of Midtown Neighborhoods, because our mutual goals can be better accomplished through coalitions."

Mary Tuthill was elected vice president. A housewife who lives on Dickinson and a resident of the MMIA area for over four years, Mary told the *E/News* "My

number one goal will be to see that the neighborhood is safer. I would like to see a neighborhood watch developed and a security patrol considered. MMIA should work together with VECA to accomplish these common goals."

Susan Littlefield, station manager for WEVL-FM, was elected secretary, and attorney Lloyd McDougal was elected treasurer. Directors elected were Sandra House, Hazel Fath, Gregory W. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Baer, Pam Moss, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Allen, Sam Stark, and Carl Holmes. Elected as alternate directors were Janis Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everett, Dr. Daniel S. Beasley, and Rose Wallace.

James Glenn, chairman of the nominating committee, was thanked for his committee's hard work in preparing the proposed slate of officers and directors.

Rae Ann Kramer of the Metropolitan Interfaith Association (MIFA) made an interesting and informative slide presentation of the history of the I-40 corridor.

Dr. Marshall Koonce, chairman of CORC, described its founding, growth, and progress. He said, "CORC is a non-profit corporation composed of about 25 members, many of whom are experienced in real estate, law, finance, planning, and architecture, and many of whom live near the corridor. Our goal is to have a plan for the best use of that land ready when that land becomes available."

Those in attendance then discussed in small groups the use of the corridor land, reported their conclusions to the meeting, and turned written suggestions over to Dr. Koonce. Most suggestions favored primarily single-family residences, with a "midtown flavor," and not stereotyped housing.

Madelyn Conrad reported on the continued success of the Snowden Community School program for adults.

By Frank Moore

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Chapman

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Chapman urged for stiffer legislation to lock up criminals for longer periods of time. In the short run, he suggested that VECA residents host the crime van on their block. He urged residents to identify their goods, especially TV's and stereos, but stated that it does little good to mark gold and silver items as they are melted down immediately after being taken.

Burglary victims have the right to be kept posted on what is happening on their case. They must call the detective assigned to them. If residents are not satisfied with the way the police handles specific problems in their area, they are urged to report it.

By Dorinda Smith

WRITERS NEEDED

The *E/News* is in need of writers and reporters. No experience is necessary. If you are interested, either contact Dorinda Smith at 276-2933 or attend our monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church on the first Thursday of the month.

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