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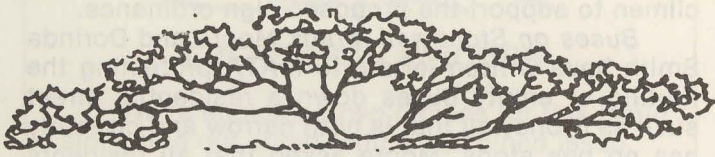
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VECA—A QUIET YEAR?

In the absence of “blockbusting” and “the I-40 throughway issue,” one might have the impression that neighborhood organizations go into a state of dormancy until the next controversial issue presents itself. The fact is, some 20 Executive Committee members and several VECA residents have been integrally involved in a number of activities which directly benefit the neighborhood and its residents. A review of the Executive Committee minutes and back issues of *The Evergreen News* indicates that among other things the following have occurred in the VECA area in a little over a year.

- The investigative security patrol began functioning with over 400 subscribers from the VECA area.
- The “Memphis 2000 Plan” was reviewed and endorsed by VECA.
- Crump Cove was successfully downzoned to single residence zoning.
- The Vollintine Courts Fund was disbursed with the VECA treasury becoming the primary beneficiary.
- VECA joined the Neighborhood Information and Sharing Exchange.
- The “street light issue” appears headed for a successful resolution.
- “Dial-A-Truck Weekend,” in cooperation with the Department of Sanitation, became a reality.
- VECA affiliated with the Snowden Community Partnership Committee.
- MATA bus routes which traversed residential streets will be rerouted as a result of an expression of concern by VECA.
- A permanent injunction against the Northeast Mental Health Center has foreclosed the mental health facility proposed for Rainbow Drive.
- The Park Commission was contacted regarding the maintenance of the neighborhood median strips.
- Mrs Helen Garrett’s home was painted as a result of the “Keep America Beautiful Project” cosponsored by VECA and the Memphis Board of Realtors.

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IN MEMORIAM: IRV SACHRITZ

Neighbors of the Vollintine-Evergreen community area were saddened to hear of the recent death of Irv Sachritz, one of the founders of the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association. Many of you knew Irv through his active participation in community affairs for a number of years. Indeed, it was through the efforts of Irv and a handful of others that VECA survived some difficult times; much of the progress that was made in this neighborhood was due in large part to the singular efforts of Irv Sachritz.

As a relative newcomer to VECA activities, I did not have the opportunity to work directly with Irv, yet I continue to hear from others of his commitment, accomplishments, and drive to see VECA succeed. On a few occasions I was able to witness Irv in pursuit of the resolution to a troublesome issue. His knowledge of civic affairs coupled with his tenacity and sense of fairness made him a model to which all concerned residents could aspire. He did his research and didn’t hesitate to express his opinion, because he loved not only what this neighborhood had been but also what it was capable of becoming. He will remain in our memories as the man who spoke with a powerful voice toward the betterment of our community.

At a recent meeting, the VECA Executive Committee agreed to donate books to the libraries of our neighborhood schools in Irv’s name. To his wife Dottie and his children, we express our thanks for the time they allowed Irv to give us and remind them that among his legacies is a thriving neighborhood organization committed to the values that Irv held dear.

By Dennis Heitzmann, President
Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association

Please Come—VECA PICNIC

August 15, 1982

2-4:30 P.M.

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The VECA executive committee met on April 20, 1982, at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church and discussed the following issues:

Treasury. Martha Heinemann reported a balance of \$2,083.54. The committee discussed putting the money into some sort of interest-earning fund. They agreed to look into a money market certificate.

Membership. Julie Borys reported 187 lifetime members and 123 regular members with the recent drive to renew membership being very successful.

Babysitters. Plans were made to look into offering babysitters at VECA general membership meetings.

Median Strips. The City Park Commission budget has been cut 20%, so the neutral strips on Jackson and North Parkway will not be cut as often this summer. It was suggested that the City Beautiful Commission be contacted.

Publicity. The committee decided to establish a publicity committee to send news releases of the membership meeting to the media, to mail notices of the meetings to the members, to rewrite the VECA brochure, and to investigate getting more T-shirts and bumper stickers printed. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Dennis Heitzmann.

Executive Committee. Heitzmann asked for names of people who might be interested in working on the executive committee and suggested that now was a good time for those who felt they had contributed enough time to take a break.

Downzoning. A possible membership program could feature the residents of Crump Cove and how they got their street downzoned.

Sign Ordinance. Frank Moore asked for the ex-

ecutive committee members to write their councilmen to support the proposed sign ordinance.

Buses on Stonewall. Frank Moore and Dorinda Smith have written letters to MATA protesting the routing of empty buses down a residential street such as Stonewall that is both narrow and currently has no bus stops. Moore asked that all residents concerned contact MATA.

By Dorinda Smith

EDITORIAL

Working with the *E/News* staff for the last six months showed me their dedication and belief in the VECA community. It was this sense of community and concern about their neighbors and neighborhood that helped convince me to move into the area last year. I really didn't find the same attitude in the other Memphis areas.

I will be leaving Memphis this month and the *E/News* will need a reliable and concerned person to assume the editor's post. It has been an interesting experience and a good way to make a positive contribution to the community. After all, if the *E/News* is to survive, it needs the community's support and help. Call Dennis Heitzmann, if you have the time to help out.

I also want to say a huge Thank You to the staff and writers for doing an excellent job and all the help during the short time that I was involved with the paper. Good luck in the coming years.

By Marilyn Halla

JUST A REMINDER . . .

This issue is a combined June/July issue for the summer months. The next scheduled issue will be August. Have a great summer and try to keep cool!

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EVERGREEN EPICURE

We're enclosing two recipes for this issue since it is our summertime combined issue.

Kashmiri Pilau

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| 2 c uncooked rice | 2 cardamon pods, crushed |
| 2 TBS vegetable oil | 4 whole cloves |
| 1 large onion | 4 c water |
| 1 stick cinnamon | Dash saffron |
| 6 whole black peppercorns | |

Thinly slice the onion and saute in a saucepan with the oil. After the onion is transparent, add cloves, peppercorns, bay leaves, cardamon pods and the cinnamon stick (broken in half). Stir together. When peppercorns have popped, add the rice. Stir quickly to prevent scorching the rice. After the rice is coated with a slight yellow color, add the water and a dash of saffron. Bring to boil and simmer until water has evaporated. Serve hot for four hungry people.

Kolachky

- 1 large pkg. cream cheese
- 2 sticks butter or margarine
- 2 c flour
- 1 can Solo brand fruit filling (apricot, etc.)

Let the cream cheese and margarine come to room temperature, blend together thoroughly. Gradually add the flour 1/4 c at a time until a soft, non-sticking dough forms.

Roll the dough to 1/8 in thickness and cut 1 in. diameter circles to form the individual pastries. Place 1/8 tsp of the fruit filling in the center of the circle. Bake at 375 for 10-12 min. until the dough is a light brown. Cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes about 100 kolachky.

NEWS BRIEFS

L&N Right-of-way

Attention Homeowners along L&N Railroad right-of-way: VECA will hold a special meeting in September to discuss the future of the L&N right-of-way. VECA has been in contact with the City and L&N and hopes to have their representatives participate. Date will be announced in the *Evergreen News*.

GARDENING

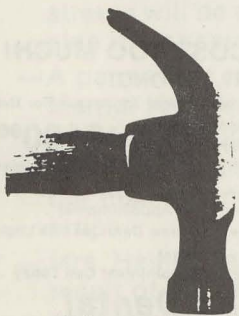
Gardening is better for you than pills or diets. The 90 million home gardeners in the United States will be pleased to learn that gardening is a waist shrinker, a weight reducer and a sleep inducer.

Working in the garden is nature's painless way to keep the waistline down. Did you know that you can use up more calories per hour gardening than by walking or cycling? Figures from the University of Illinois show that bicycling or walking use up to 200 calories per hour, but gardening uses 210 calories per hour and lawn mowing uses 270 calories per hour.

Tension, a major cause of upset bodies, causes Americans to spend a record \$538 million on non-prescription drugs to ease stomach upsets and another \$5 million on headache remedies. A 25 cent packet of flower or vegetable seeds could do a lot to ease nervousness and tenseness and is certainly much more enjoyable than taking pills.

By Susan Helms from the Western Washington Gardener

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The walls are covered with local artistic works and photographs, along with memorabilia from the Public Society of the Curbi, which could explain some of the craziness in the place.

So, when it will be 105° in the shade this summer, seek some relief at the P & H and say hi to Wanda.

By Marilyn Halla

CLASSIFIED ADS

Lost in March from 918 East Drive, Small Short haired Black Neutered Male Cat, Black collar, Reward, Bob Jennings, 323-6588.

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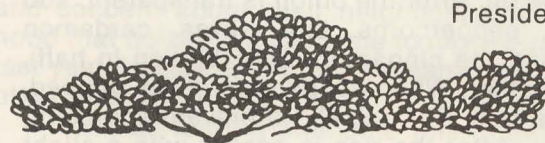
—A variety of neighborhood trouble spots were located and rectified as a result of a close working relationship between the Mayor's Action Center and VECA residents.

—The membership rolls have increased . . . and so has the treasury.

The VECA open meetings provided the opportunity for a number of residents to hear from city officials and others with topics of interest to the community. Among the topics presented were: roundtable discussions with area police officers, "Memphis in May," "MLG&W Issues and Answers," "Operation Crimefight," "Community Development—Its Importance to You," "Sanitation Services," and a variety of other topics.

Nothing doing—a quiet year indeed! The kind of "quiescence" that makes the VECA area the alive, stimulating, exciting neighborhood that it is.

By Dennis Heitzmann
President, VECA



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