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VECA SURVEYS RIGHT-OF-WAY NEIGHBORS

Greenbelt or property extension? These are two questions VECA members will be asking property owners whose land adjoins the old Louisville & Nashville Railroad right-of-way in their door-to-door survey this month. If you live along the right-of-way, the 15 minutes it takes to answer the survey questions may be the most important ones you'll ever spend concerning your property value.

Survey findings will be fed into a computer and tallied for discussion at the next VECA general membership meeting May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mike Kirby, VECA member and survey coordinator, said about 200 property owners will be surveyed on what they think should be done with the abandoned L & N right-of-way, which runs from west of Hollywood near the Wolf River to downtown's Front Street, passing by the northern edge of the Southwestern campus.

At past VECA meetings, some members have expressed interest in turning the stretch through our neighborhood into a greenbelt, possibly with a bicycling and jogging path. Homeowners have also asked about extending their property lines.

"We're going to be finding out what the neighbors along the right-of-way want," said Kirby. "It wouldn't make much sense to exert a lot of effort in this area and not have a clear consensus of what the people closest to it want."

"We'll also be asking homeowners if they've had any maintenance problems with the right-of-way," Kirby said. L & N has the responsibility of

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WHAT DO YOU WANT?

The YWCA and Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church want to know what the Vollintine-Evergreen Community wants in the way of community services which would be planned and conducted by the YWCA and held at the church's facilities at 1663 Tutwiler.

The possibilities are virtually unlimited. Among the possibilities are a summer day camp for children 6-12, an after-school program starting in the fall of 1983, courses for adults and children in physical fitness and exercise, and instruction in hobbies and crafts. Other suggestions that have been made are workshops in parenting for young parents and interviewing skills for people entering the work force.

The YWCA and Lindsay are giving the community a clean sheet of paper and all we have to do is fill in the needs. Please make your suggestions by calling Greta Freund, assistant executive director of the YWCA, at 323-2211.



A neighborhood scene like this kite flying adventure of VECA residents, Bill and Beverly Berry and children, at Evergreen Presbyterian Church is an example of what we're looking for in the PICTURE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD photography contest.

PICTURE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Some exciting (and delicious) prizes have been donated to *The Evergreen News* photography contest. Among them are four tickets to the Mud Island Museum, two famous Carroll Cloar's prints donated by Brooks Art Gallery, gifts from the Quality Incentive Company of Malone & Hyde, Inc., a \$10 gift certificate from Carl's Bakery and two ravioli dinners from Dino's Southwestern Grill.

More on the gifts and how they will be divided up among our first, second and third place winners will be included in later editions of *The Evergreen News*. First, here are the details of the contest. Anyone living anywhere with any type of background can enter.

Pictures must be black and white, any size.

The pictures must be taken within the area we call VECA, which is bordered by the former I-40 right-of-way on the south, Cypress Creek on the north, Trezevant/Springdale on the east and Watkins on the west. The Overton Park area is included.

Most importantly, we want the pictures to represent a sense of neighborhood. Photographers should try to capture in a picture what makes the community special to them. Is it the throngs of joggers along Southwestern's campus? Children playing kickball on a quiet street? Neighbors visiting on a porch step? Photographs will be judged for quality of print, but it is this symbolism of neighborhood

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VECA has awarded its first "Friend of VECA" award to Mark Hackett, executive assistant to the mayor and director of the Mayor's Action Center. The plaque was presented to Hackett at the March 28 general membership meeting.

VECA president Dennis Heitzmann said Hackett has given the neighborhood group help far beyond what was required of Hackett's job position. He initiated action and gave support to several neighborhood clean-up problems. Hackett handles all city service complaints from pot holes to garbage pickup and makes frequent speaking engagements to neighborhood organizations.

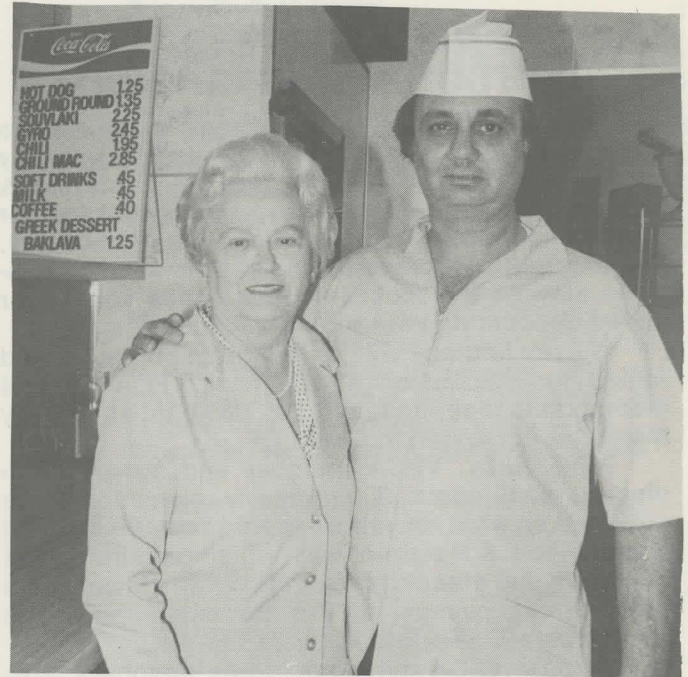
In other VECA matters, by publication of this article, VECA will have elected a new president at its March general membership meeting. Dennis Heitzmann has been president for two years. More on this in the May issue.

Also, discussed in the VECA executive committee meeting of March 15 was the possibility of neighborhood businesses and VECA sharing in the purchase of concrete trash receptacles offered by City Beautiful to be placed in front of businesses. Ann Moore is contacting businesses for reaction on this.

Dennis Heitzmann reported he wrote a letter for VECA, per County Commissioner Julian Bolton's request, supporting the preservation of the abandoned MATA bus barns. The next VECA executive committee meeting is April 19 at 1663 Tutwiler. (Minute notes submitted by Franklin Moore.)

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By Susan Helms

Your taste buds will be revived when you visit G.K.'s Original Coney Island at 3036 Summer. The "G.K." stands for George Karkatsugas, a North Auburndale resident whose Greek family's association with the Vollintine-Evergreen community goes back 45 years.

The new carry-out service, featuring American and Greek foods, only recently had its grand opening. George Karkatsugas carries on a family tradition started by his father, George Karkatsugas, who brought his bride Agoritsa (affectionately known as

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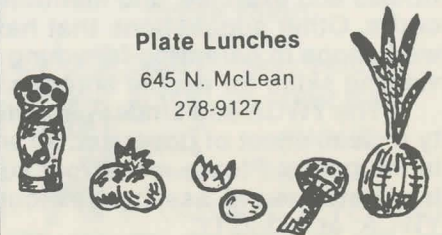
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Not only is every item on the menu unique and delicious, but reasonably priced. The menu includes hot dogs, ground round, souvlaki, gyro and, of course, the famous Greek dessert, baklava, which Mrs. K. bakes fresh herself.

The portions are generous and neatly wrapped in heavy foil on styrofoam containers. It is strictly a carry-out service. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

George and Mrs. K continue to live in the same VECA home purchased 44 years ago. Stop and see them at G.K.'s Original Coney Island. Your palate will be pleased.

AROUND TO STAY

The closing of the Firestone plant here in Memphis will have little effect on the local Firestone service center at 1694 Jackson, said manager of MasterCare Firestone, Ken Langston. Langston said his business is firmly implanted in the VECA community and it will continue as usual.

"The closing will hurt us in the fact that there are many Firestone employees who live in this area who are laid off now," said Langston. "But Firestone is still heavily into the automobile repair business."

Because of a new advertising policy set by the company's main headquarters, MasterCare, Firestone has temporarily ceased advertising with *The Evergreen News*. It has been a faithful advertiser since the newspaper's conception almost 13 years

ago and we will certainly miss it. But it is good to know we still have the support of its MasterCare's manager. Thanks for everything.

NEWS BRIEFS

- In a recent issue of *The Evergreen News*, VECA resident Brad McMillan's business was referred to by the wrong name. The correct name is the Brad McMillan Studio/Gallery and it recently has moved to 1436 Poplar, which will be convenient for VECA residents interested in art and framing.

- Many VECA children are members of the Central High School band and will benefit from the band boosters club's efforts to raise \$20,000 for new uniforms. West Drive residents Reva and Fred Cook head the "Strike Up The Bank Sweepstakes" which offers such prizes as a weekend for two to New Orleans, a \$500 savings account at First Tennessee and a \$300 shopping spree at Big Star Grocery. For more information, call Reva Cook at 458-4224 by April 16.

- In the middle of billing advertisers and balancing books for *The Evergreen News*, somehow Jenny Land, business manager for *The Evergreen News*, found time to have a baby. Laura Nell, weighing seven pounds and nine ounces, was born February 17 to Jenny and husband Philip Land. Congratulations!!!

- Southwestern's Center for Continuing Education will sponsor a weekend workshop on a new technique in self therapy that teaches one to identify and change the way personal problems exist in the body. This technique, called "focusing," will be of interest to those who want to work on personal or creative issues and health professionals who might like to use focusing with their clients. Highly trained and respected in this field, Dolores Bate of Vancouver, British Columbia will be teaching the May 28 and 29 workshop. Call 274-6606 for further information.

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A first, second and third place recognition will be given. The names of our qualified panel of judges will be announced in a later publication.

Deadline for pictures is June 30, 1983. Winners will be published over a period of time in *The Evergreen News*, beginning in August.

Because of the expense in printing the winning photographs, we are asking an entry fee of \$1 per photographer. That's not \$1 per picture, now. You can enter as many pictures as you want that you have taken for just \$1. However, only one picture per photographer can win. Any extra proceeds will go into the publication budget of *The Evergreen News*, a non-profit newspaper.

An important note to remember is that pictures cannot be returned under any circumstance. Mailing expenses and handling time prohibit this.

Send your pictures and \$1 check made payable to *The Evergreens News*, 1663 Tutwiler, Memphis, TN 38107. On a piece of paper taped to the back of the picture (if you write on the picture itself, the writing may show through) print or type your name, address, telephone number and when and where the picture was taken.

You have three months to PICTURE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD Have fun!

Survey (continued)

leveling and cutting the property or paying the city to do it.

Even when survey questions are tallied, there are still many questions left unanswered which will require VECA's attention: questions like property and title ownership, and where the money would come from to fulfill any plans like a greenbelt. To VECA's credit, several politicians are exploring some of these questions. At a recent meeting, State Sen. Steve Cohen, vice-chairman of the State Senate Transportation Committee, State Rep. Pam Gaia and Janet Park, the city's new neighborhood liaison, offered their assistance.

SOUTHWESTERN'S EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

- 10 **Concert**, Memphis Youth String Orchestra, Hardie Auditorium, 4 p.m. Free.
- 18 **Southern Circuit Film**, Director Michelle Citron presents her films "Daughter Rite" and "Mother Right," Frazier Jelke, Rm. B, 7 p.m. Admission \$1. Reception for Michelle Citron immediately following in the East Lounge of Briggs Student Center.
- 20 **Men's Tennis**, SW vs. Lambuth, 2:30 p.m. Free.
- 21 **Concert** by guest pianist Ruth Slenczynska, Hardie Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free.
Baseball, Sw vs. Union (2), Stauffer Field, 1 p.m. Free.
- 22-23 **Vintage 50s' Film**, "Rebel Without a Cause," Frazier Jelke Rm B, 9 p.m. Admission \$1.
- 23 **Baseball**, Sw vs. Freed-Hardeman (2), Stauffer Field, 1 p.m. Free.
- 24 **"Last Piano Review"** by Michael Fredman, Hardie Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free.
- 26 **Men's Tennis**, SW vs. Lambuth, 2:30 p.m. Free.
- 27 **Seidman Lecture Series**, Robert E. White, former ambassador to El Salvador, talks on "World Statesmanship and Trade: Help or Hocus?" Hardie Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free.
- 29 **Women's Tennis**, SW vs. Sewanee, 2:30 p.m. Free.
- 29-30 **Vintage 50s' Films**, "Gentlemen Prefer Blonds," Frazier Jelke, Rm. B, 9 p.m. Admission \$1.

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