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Family Pet Caught in Hunting Leg Trap

Residents on Hawthorne, between Tutwiler and the L&N right-of-way, found a cat caught in a metal clamp hunting leg trap. Apparently a neighbor had set the trap for rats or raccoons and instead caught a family pet. The cat's foot was crushed and the animal was put to sleep.

According to the Memphis Animal Shelter, **leg traps are illegal in Memphis**. If people are having a problem with rats, they should call the Shelby County Health Department at 576-7754 for a free inspection. **Leg traps are dangerous to children and pets and also a very inhumane way to control pests.**

Please, if you are having a rodent problem, call the Health Department. For a list of approved companies that will trap and release raccoons, call the Memphis Humane Society at 272-1753.

Thank You, VECA Volunteers

by Mary Wilder, President, VECA

VECA is fortunate to have wide volunteer participation in the organization. I thought, as I looked back over this year, now is a good time to recognize all the VECA volunteers. VECA has an Executive Committee, a Housing Committee, the Evergreen News staff, the Historic Designation Committee, and a Community Development Task Force. These various committees carry on the work of VECA.

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is made up of the officers, members of committees and representatives of neighborhood interests. The 1992 executive committee members were Bette Ackerman, Julie Borys, Chuck Dille, Helen Evans, Steve Gadbois, William Grandberry, Chiquita Isom, Michael Johnson, Mike Kirby, Rodell Milam, Ann Munns, Charlotte Swailes. The officers for 1992 were Mary Wilder-president, Rodell Milam-vice president, Rich Olcott-secretary, and Martha Heinemann-treasurer. In 1993 new members to the executive committee are Lois Fingerett as vice president, and committee members Craig Cardwell, Jen-

nifer Jennings and Rick Cartwright.

The Executive Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at Nazareth Hall to conduct the VECA business. These meetings are open to all VECA residents; just come. This is when most of the work gets done and policy decisions are made.

The EVERGREEN NEWS staff is Danny Munns as managing editor and layout artist; Ann Munns as the news editor and coordinator of the volunteers; Margaret Brown is the faithful advertising editor; Nancy Hall works as proof reader; Steve Gadbois is the efficient distribution editor; Julie Baker is the creative writer; Annice Jennings covers neighborhood interest; and Martha Heinemann handles the finances. Steve Gadbois has 13 carriers. These faithful 13 count out and deliver their papers to 67 street carriers. The carriers are:

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The HOUSING COMMITTEE is chaired by Chuck Dille who has handled this job for three years. The members are Chuck Dille, Jack Hough, Steve Gadbois, Ann and Fred Munns, Kay Bradford, Carol Warren, Paul Herron, Jennifer Jennings, Rick Cartwright, and Martha Heinemann. The housing committee receives complaints from VECA residents on the HOTLINE or through written complaints. These are then investigated and turned over to the appropriate government agency. The committee then routinely monitors the progress of their complaints with drive-by inspections and contact with the government agency until the program is resolved.

The HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION COMMITTEE members are Bette Ackerman, Linda Nichols, Claudia Raukouskas, Lois Scott, Helen Evans, and Mary Wilder. This Committee oversees the volunteer survey of homes in the VECA area for the Historic District application. Training sessions are held once a month and surveys are being done on an on going basis. VECA members are called by the committee to survey their streets. The committee takes the home information and uses it to prepare the report and application. This committee will work until the application is completed and submitted.

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION task force is made up of Mike Kirby and Rodell Milam. The task force is studying community development corpora-

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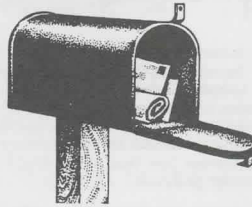
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NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS

This is the second article in an important series in the Evergreen News supplying our readers with very pertinent information regarding security in several areas of interest. Tom Givens, Executive Director of Corporate Security, Inc., Memphis, TN, has supplied Evergreen News with the information and statistics for this series.

Preventing Car-Jacking

The wider use of security precautions outlined above has led to an increase in "car-jacking," which refers to a person(s) forcibly taking your car away from you while you are in it. This bypasses all of the alarms, Clubs, kill switches, etc., you may install.

Typically, the car-jackers run up to your car while it is stopped at a traffic signal, and order the occupant out at gunpoint. The car-jackers then jump in and drive away with the car.

The very best defense against this crime is ALERTNESS. No matter how young and athletic the car-jacker may be, he cannot run faster than your car! ANY TIME you operate your car:

1. KEEP ALL DOORS LOCKED.
2. When stopped, BE ALERT! If strangers approach your car while you are stopped, simply drive away!
3. If followed, DO NOT GO HOME! Go to the nearest fire or police station, or if you have a mobile phone, use it to summon authorities.

Burglary

Burglary is the breaking into and entering of a building with the intent to commit a felony. Most burglars are intent on committing thefts, but rape, arson, and other crimes may be their motive. Burglars are dangerous!

About half of all burglaries occur between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. In this time frame, most people are at work or in school, and in many communities there are whole blocks where no one is home during this period. The burglars rely on this to get in and out without being observed.

A very common point of entry for burglars is the back door, or a door inside an open garage. These doors are not visible from the street, reducing chances of detection. Frequently, the thug will knock on the front door or ring the doorbell to ascertain whether anyone is home. If a resident answers, the thug uses a concocted story about looking for someone, or for yard work. If no one answers the door, the thug goes around back and breaks in.

All doors should be heavy, solid core, and equipped with a double-keyed dead-bolt lock, with a bolt that extends at least one inch into the doorframe. The door frame needs to be solid and reinforced with metal, otherwise they'll just kick the door, deadbolt and all, right off the wall.

A burglar alarm system can be very helpful, if it is the right type.

A "local alarm" just sounds a siren at your home. It is just about worthless. Remember the comment about no one being home in the whole block.

A system that either dials authorities direct, or is monitored by an alarm company is better.

If a burglar does get inside, he is looking for easily portable items of high value or easy disposition. His favorite items are cash, jewelry, guns, credit cards, cameras, and electronic equipment. Be sure you record the serial number of portable items, so you can give the serial number to police. Without serial numbers, the odds of ever getting any property back are very small.

A gun safe can be bought had for just a few hundred dollars. In addition to your firearms, jewelry and valuable papers can be stored inside. Residential burglars do not have the tools with them to get into even a fairly weak safe.

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tions, funding, and their organization with the hope of setting up a corporation for VECA.

All these activities involve 127 volunteers and more that I have not listed because they help out at special events and meetings and I don't have all the names to say thank you. VECA has 250 paid members and close to 3,000 households in the area. You should be proud of yourselves for being such an active community.

These committees are open to anyone in the VECA area to join. Call the HOTLINE 276-1066 or fill out the form and return, or call: Executive Committee -Lois Fingerett at 278-2721. Evergreen News- Ann Munns at 274-0588. Housing Committee -Chuck Dille at 274-6531. Historic Designation - Bette Ackerman

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Rhodes College Spring Fling In the Neighborhood

On April 6th Rhodes students, faculty and staff sprung into action and helped spruce up the VECA community. The volunteers cleaned up homes for individuals, helped mow and landscape the L&N Right of Way, between McLean and Auburndale, and cleaned the Lick Creek from Auburndale to Willett. The volunteers were also at Cypress Jr. High, Vollintine Elementary, and





Snowden Schools cleaning up and planting. Rhodes has been a good neighbor over the years and it is refreshing to see such an active gesture of community concern as the Spring Fling effort. VECA looks forward to working with the Rhodes students, faculty and staff again next year. Thanks again Rhodes.

Remember VECA's June Meeting

The regular June meeting of VECA will be a supper/pool party on Saturday, June 19 at Rhodes College pool. We can eat anytime after 6pm and swim anytime after 7pm. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Free drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to share, and be ready to meet new neighbors. Also bring your folding chairs. Leave a message on the VECA Hotline at 276-1066 if you have questions.

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