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National Register Survey Update

The Vollintine Evergreen Community Association Preservation Committee is still working on the survey of homes in VECA for the National Register of Historic Places. The area of VECA north of Jackson between Watkins and Springdale is being completed. Surveys have started in the area of the community south of Jackson to North Parkway. Twenty VECA residents were given training by Linda Nichols to do the National Register survey in November. The training took place at Rhodes College. Christy Dinkelacker, Helen Johnson, Margaret Cardwell, Danny Munns, William Criss, Ann Munns, Lynn Dunlap, Anne Castnodale, Michael Briggs, Mary J. Gruber, Mary Lee Joiner, Tom Fagan, Barry and Lisa Anderson, Ellen Armour, and Barbie Major attended the November 2nd class of VECA historic survey volunteers. Darrell Cozen, the director of the Landmarks Commission, attended the training and is surveying a street in VECA. This special effort to learn about VECA on the part of the Landmarks office is greatly appreciated. Landmarks, as well as Memphis Heritage, has helped VECA with the project. Most of these surveys have been returned and are now being reviewed by Mary Wilder and Dotty Sachritz before being added to the computer survey information. The next and last training session will be held March 1994. This training session will include the remainder of the southern area of VECA. If your street has not been surveyed and you would like to go through the training please write or call the hot line.

VECA General Membership Meeting January 24, 1994

VECA held its first general membership meeting of 1994 on January 24 at Nazareth Hall. About fifteen members attended the meeting. Steve Gadbois will be the VECA president, Mary Wilder will be the Vice-President and Martha Heinemann will serve as treasurer and secretary for 1994. Mary Wilder was presented a plaque by VECA for her service as president for two years.

The program was presented by representatives from Memphis City and Shelby County governments on residential housing code enforcement. Mr. James Bolden from the Health Department, Mr. Terry Hughes from Shelby County Construction Code Enforcement, Mr. Gary Kirk from City of Memphis Housing Code Enforcement, and Mr. Charles

Fox from City of Memphis General Services Weeds Department spoke about code violations and services the City provides.

Mr. Bolden told the group that the Health Department will inspect yards for rubbish and trash. The Health Department can require homeowners to clean up yards and dog kennels to prevent rat harborage.

Mr. Kirk, Housing Code Enforcement, explained that the new Residential Anti-Neglect Ordinance will require cars to be parked on hard surfaces, such as concrete or gravel. This means cars cannot be parked on the grass of front lawns or side yards. Housing Code Enforcement inspects existing housing for signs of deterioration that could

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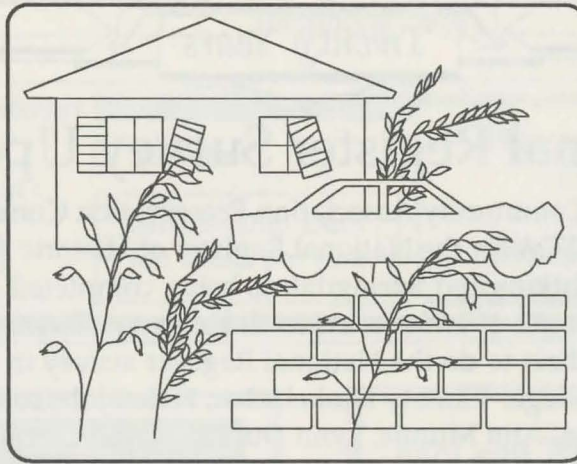
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effect the safety of the home or impact of overall condition of the neighborhood.

Shelby County Construction Code Enforcement, represented by Terry Hughes, checks on new construction and zone compliance. Mr. Hughes stated if an individual is running a business in a residential area (auto repair, dog kennel, barber shop, etc.) his office can send out an inspector, and issue a citation for zoning code violation. Mr. Hughes said the complaint should include the time of day when the work takes place, so an inspector can be sent out at the proper time. Construction Code deals with new construction as well. All new construction must have a permit. The Shelby County Construction Code office checks new construction for safety, zoning compliance, and structural soundness. If there are concerns about construction work being done by a neighbor or business this is the office to call for information and check of permit.

Chuck Fox told the group that, the City of



Memphis General Services Division can help the VECA community monitor weeds on vacant property. If weeds are twelve inches

high this is a violation of City code and the General Services Division Weeds Department will issue a warning to the owner. If there is no response within ten days the City will cut the weeds and bill the owner.

The meeting was very helpful to the VECA residents and as always

the community is grateful and appreciative of the services the City of Memphis provides its neighborhoods. As the speakers said, VECA residents are their first field inspectors and can help by being the eyes and ears of the community. Whatever standard the community sets for itself will be the standard the City will feel obligated to maintain. A special thanks to Gary Kirk, Terry Hughes, James Bolden, and Chuck Fox for coming out to the VECA meeting.

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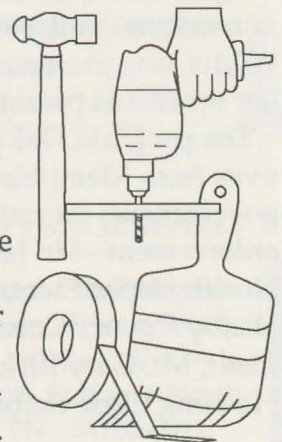
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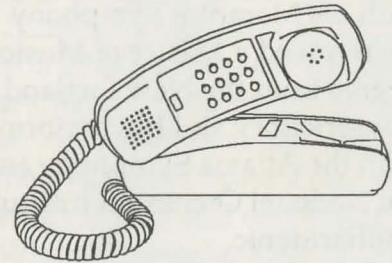
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Calling in Complaints

All housing and community concerns should be called into the Mayor's Citizen Service Center. The Center will then route the call to the appropriate city department. If you want a response on your call you must give your name and phone number. This information is not given to the party of the complaint. You can also call directly to the departments; however, the departments are not staffed to call back with responses. You can call the department and receive a status report. Find out the name of the inspector for your area. If you are not getting results, talk to the inspector, then to the department supervisor. Keep in touch with the Mayor's Citizen Service Center. Be polite; the inspectors have large case loads and talk to many people each day. A thank you is always welcomed.

Mayors Citizen Service Center, 576-6500
 Housing Code Enforcement, 576-7380
 Shelby County Construction Code Enforcement, 576-5244
 General Services Weeds, 576-6716
 Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, 576-7656



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within the city for a period in excess of ten (10) days unless such vehicle is so stored or parked on such property in connection with a duly licensed business or commercial enterprise operated and conducted pursuant to law when such parking or storing of vehicles is necessary to the operation of the business or commercial enterprise.

When we call in a complaint, we must first show that a violation exists; that the vehicle qualifies as a nuisance, and that it has not been moved in at least ten days. You can help by providing the exact address, make, color and license plate of the vehicle along with specific dates the car has been observed in such condition.

You can contact Chuck Dille of the Housing Committee at 274-6531 who will see that the complaint reaches the Director of Housing Improvements. The director will issue a notice to the vehicle and property owner to

remove or conceal such a nuisance within 72 hours.

If the vehicle is not removed within that time, the City will remove it and the owner will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

You can help the committee by monitoring the procedure to insure that the City follows through. Sometimes we have to encourage them, but persistence pays off.

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Baroque Concert

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Mr. Moore is Principal Trumpet with the Memphis Symphony. He received a Master of Music degree from the New England Conservatory and has performed with the Atlanta Symphony and the National Orchestral Institute Philharmonic.

Ms. Gamble is Organist and Director of Handbell Choirs at Evergreen Church, and teaches at Rhodes College. She received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree

from Memphis State University and is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists. Concert appearances include the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City and The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The concert is free and open to the public. The church is handicapped accessible.

Abandoned, Junked, or Wrecked Vehicles

By Charles Dille

One of the most serious nuisances that a neighborhood faces is junked vehicles on the street or in the yard. If this problem is not addressed, it can lead to rapid deterioration of the neighborhood.

The best way to approach such a problem is first through neighborly contact with those who live close by. If such efforts fail, the VECA Housing Committee will attempt to help.

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MYRON LOWERY
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Position 5
CITY COUNCIL

December 18, 1993

Mary Wilder
678 N. Idlewild
Memphis, TN 38107

Dear Mrs. Wilder:

I want to congratulate you and members of the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association for the fine work you're doing to make our city a better place to live. When I attended the Community Foundation's dinner last month and read about your achievements in the program, I felt those achievements must be recognized with a resolution from the Memphis City Council.

I am enclosing the resolution. Please keep up the good work, and let me know if I can help you in any way. Feel free to call me at the Council Office at 576-6786, or at home at 382-8818 anytime.

Yours in service,

Myron

Myron Lowery

Following is an excerpt on the subject from the Memphis Housing Code Sec. 48-210: Storage on public or private property, prohibited. No person shall park, store, or leave or permit the parking, storing or leaving of any motor vehicle which is in a rusted, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, inoperable or abandoned condition upon any property

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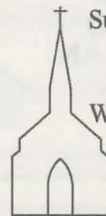
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