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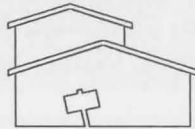
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## April 24th General Membership Meeting

VECA's next general membership meeting will be at 7p.m. on Monday, April 24th at Evergreen Presbyterian Church, 613 University Street (downstairs in Millard Hall). Our guest will be William Suggs Jr., speaking on "The Development of the Shelby Farm Victory Gardens". Mr. Suggs was responsible for that project's original plan and implementation, and remains active in it. In addition to describing that work, he will advise us on projects involving our parks, railroad right-of-way, and other green spaces in the VECA neighborhood as our new "Greenways and Parks" Committee begins its work just in time for the arrival of spring.

## April 27th Home Buyers Seminar



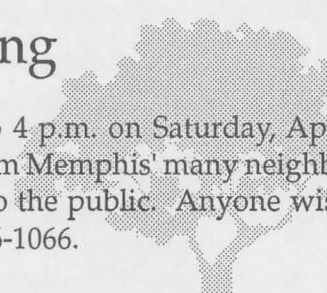
Boatmen's Bank and the VECA CDC will sponsor a free home buyer seminar at 6pm on Thursday, April 27th at Peace Lutheran Church, 1548 Jackson Avenue. If you are paying rent you can probably own a home in the VECA neighborhood. Realtors, mortgage loan officers, and credit counselors will assist you in qualifying for a home loan. Those who wish to obtain a free copy of their credit report should call the VECA CDC at 276-6413. A signed authorization is necessary.

## VECA's "Media Tour"

On March 25th, VECA hosted a "Media Tour" of our neighborhood for city, county, and state officials, media people, the VECA Executive Committee, the VECA Community Development Corporation Board of Directors, and Rhodes College Urban Studies students. Three MATA trolleys carrying about 70 people began behind Snowden School, followed basically the same route as was covered with the Pew grant officials in their August site visit, and ended on Kensington with a potluck lunch. The tour was fun and informative, the interaction between the various people fruitful, and the weather perfect. Thanks to all who participated!

## City-Wide "Neighborfest" Returning

Neighborfest will be held in Overton Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 29th, featuring entertainment, awards, information, and displays from Memphis' many neighborhood organizations, including VECA. The event is free and open to the public. Anyone wishing to help out at the VECA booth should call the VECA office at 276-1066.



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## VECA's Community Development Corporation Hires Steve Lockwood as Executive Director and Goes Into High Gear

The Board of Directors of VECA's Community Development Corporation is pleased to announce the hiring of Steve Lockwood as its full-time Executive Director. This marks the culmination of a search that brought us applications from 20 individuals. With the assistance of the volunteer Board, Lockwood will supervise the CDC's acquisition, rehabilitation, and marketing of at-risk housing in the VECA neighborhood. Lockwood has twenty years of experience in construction, renovation, grant-writing, and fund raising. He and his wife live in the Cooper-Young neighborhood and they have two children in Snowden School, where he is active in the STARS program. In interviewing him, the Board was immediately impressed with Lockwood's experience, as well as his enthusiasm, vision, and knowledge of our neighborhood. After his selection, Lockwood said, "Vollintine-Evergreen is a unique neighborhood -- I can't wait to get started."

As this edition of the Vollintine-Evergreen News goes to press, plans are nearly complete

for the CDC to acquire one highly visible, greatly distressed duplex for complete rehab as a single-family, owner-occupied home. By the time readers get this paper, we hope work will be underway. You'll notice it! Other properties all over the neighborhood are in various stages in the acquisition process.

Seventeen dedicated individuals with a variety of talents make up the VECA CDC Board of Directors: James Beard, Craig Cardwell (vice-chair), Chuck Dille, William Grandberry, Paul Herron (chair), Jenny Jenson, Mike Kirby, Sheri Lipman, Mac McWhirter (treasurer), Jim Martin, Tyrone Moore, Tom Ridenhour, William Stemmler, M. Dell Stiner, Pete Swailes, Regina Walker (secretary), and Eddie Wright.

## Tow-away Helps Kidney Foundation

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**"All Are Welcome"**

## VECA NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS

### April is Fair Housing Month

by Jenny Jenson

April is "Fair Housing Month" in the housing industry throughout the United States. The Fair Housing Act and its amendments govern the question of what fair housing is and what the implications of the law are. Often people think fair housing refers only to ending discrimination based on race or ethnicity. However, over the years, the definition has been enlarged to encompass discrimination on the basis of "race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin." Thus, the concept has far-reaching implication for all of us as we sell or lease properties. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the governmental agency charged with the enforcement of fair housing laws. One of the ways HUD has recently modified its policing of fair housing activities is to publish a list of permissible wording for use in advertisements. "[HUD] has clarified that many widely used real estate words and phrases do not violate the federal Fair Housing Act when published in classified ads ... HUD said that an ad phrase must be discriminatory 'on its face' to violate the law. Phrases such as 'white family home' or 'no Irish' are violations ... but 'master bedroom,' 'rare find,' or 'desirable neighborhood' are not violations." Other examples of permissible phrases given by HUD are 'great view,' 'fourth-floor walk-up,' and 'walk to bus stop.'

There will be further updates on the topic of fair housing in future issues of the Vollintine-Evergreen News, and attempts will be made to answer questions, which can be left on the VECA hotline (276-1066).

## Office Furniture Needed

While it pursues more permanent space in the neighborhood, VECA is setting up a temporary office at 840 Dickinson and needs furniture. Rather than spend Pew grant money, we are asking for donations. Items needed include 2 desks, 3 file cabinets, 4 bookshelves, and 2 work tables. Please call the office at 276-1066, and Ruth, Steve, or Mary can arrange free pickup. Thanks!

## We Ought to Be in Pictures ... Well, We're Going to Be!

Enthusiastic. Motivated. Loaded with fresh perspectives. Meet Judy Wimmer, VECA's official photographer! A VECA resident of 23 years, Judy is joining the growing wave of VECA volunteers who are giving of their time and talents to make our neighborhood a better place to live and work. An Executive Committee member representing the southeast quad-

rant of the neighborhood, Judy can be found behind her camera at most VECA events. Judy is the mother of several grown children and works in the management of her family's small business. We welcome Judy and her energy to our organization!

## New Businesses in the Neighborhood

We are proud to welcome *Paggio's for Hair* and *Wildwood Flowers & Fun* to the VECA neighborhood. Both are located at 651 North McLean, next door to Dino's.

David Williamson and Dell Baptiste are owners and designers for *Wildwood Flowers & Fun*, which features delivery of floral arrangements suited to all occasions and specializes in permanent arrangements for home or office. *Wildwood* also carries a lovely selection of antiques, vases, baskets and other gift ideas.

Paige Peebles is the owner of *Paggio's for Hair*, which services men, women, and children.

Paige is a stylist specializing in hair coloring, and, with stylists Daniel Mills and Lynn Fosnee, comes to our neighborhood from another popular midtown salon. They plan to add a nail technician soon. Check out their competitive prices on cuts, colors, and perms.

## Dell Stiner, "Peacemaker"

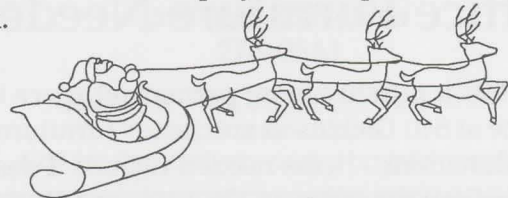
Dell Stiner was honored on April 1 by the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center with its 1995 "Peacemaker Award" for Social Ministry. Dell has been a VECA resident since 1990 and is an active member of the VECA CDC Board of Directors. We salute her and appreciate her efforts in VECA and the larger Memphis community.

## Stonewall Block Club Shares in the Spirit of Giving

The Stonewall Block Club gave a gift of beauty to the community during the 1994 holiday season. Members' efforts in decorating their homes earned smiles and appreciated looks, and confirmed hope for a united neighborhood.

First place went to 810 Stonewall, second place to 890 Stonewall, and third place to 809

Stonewall. Thanks to all of the Stonewall Block Club members for their ornaments, lights, trees, or ribbons that displayed the spirit of the season.



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