

VOLLINTINE EVERGREEN

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UPCOMING MEETINGS



Unless otherwise marked, all of these meetings are at the VECA office at 1680 Jackson. To be certain, you can call first at 276-1782. All are open to everyone.

VECA Spring Festival	April 19, L&N Greenway
VECA Potluck Supper & Pool Party	July 12, 6pm & 7pm, Rhodes College
Second VECA Home Tour	October 19 afternoon
VECA Annual General Meeting	JANUARY 26, 1998, 7pm
Housing Committee	March 8, 10am
Greenways Committee	second Monday monthly, 7pm
VECA Board	February 3, 7pm
VECA Board	March 3, 7pm
VECA Board	April 7, 7pm
CDC Board	February 8, 9am
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VECA and CDC Boards Retreat	April 11 12

NICHOLS AND COOK RECEIVE VECA ANNUAL AWARDS

Two deserving individuals were presented with awards at the January 27 VECA meeting.

Linda Nichols received the Dichtel Award, given to a VECA resident and member for outstanding service. The Award is named for one of VECA's founders and its first president, Margaret Dichtel. Nichols was the creator and organizer of the biggest and most successful event to take place in VECA this year, the October 20 Home Tour.

Inspector Charles Cook, formerly of the Police Department's North Precinct, received the Borys Award, given to a public official for service "beyond the call of duty" The Award is named for community and city activist Richard Borys. Over an extended period of time Cook has proven himself to be a valuable friend of VECA.

VECA POOL PARTY RETURNS

Mark your calendar! With the reopening of the Rhodes College pool following completion of the new Campus Life Center, VECA will gladly return to its midsummer potluck supper/pool party. This year's event is tentatively scheduled for the evening of Saturday, July 12, and is free and open to all. More information will be forthcoming.



LOW INTEREST HOME REPAIR LOANS

VECA CDC is now taking applications from VECA residents for 3% loans to repair serious structural problems: bad roofs, faulty wiring, faulty plumbing, etc.

Eligibility is determined by income limits below. Preference will be given to large households, the elderly and the handicapped. For more information or an application contact Robert Drain at 276-1783.

Income Limits by Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Very Low Income	\$13,850	15,800	17,750	19,750	21,350	22,900	24,500	26,050
Low Income	\$22,100	25,300	28,450	31,600	34,150	36,650	39,200	41,700

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CONGRATULATIONS LULA COFFEY

Once again 60-year VECA resident Lula Coffey has been honored, by being featured in the article "Myth Magic and Mystery in the Life of a Retired Docent" by Brendan Minihan in the January 1997 issue of Active Times. Lula is stepping aside after 30 years of volunteer service as a docent at the Brooks Museum of Art, where there will remain a comfortable room named Coffey Lounge. As an expert ornithologist, Lula wrote a catalog on the museum's porcelain bird collection. She continues to monitor the Mississippi flyway and provide a wildlife sanctuary in her large midtown Memphis yard.



FULLTIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

VECA VISTA VOLUNTEER

VECA and VECA CDC have applied to the United Way of Greater Memphis for funding for a VISTA Volunteer. VECA hopes to hear about the application in March of 1997

Any VECA resident can apply to be a VISTA volunteer, to work full time in the VECA office with the Housing Committee on code enforcement and with the CDC on home ownership training classes.

VISTA pays \$636 a month and has a health plan. At the end of the service year the volunteer may choose to receive a \$1,200 service award to use in any way or a \$4,725 education tuition award to be applied towards tuition. The volunteer may not work at any other job during the service year. For a retiree, retirement income will not affect eligibility.

If you or anyone you know is interested, stop by or call the VECA office.

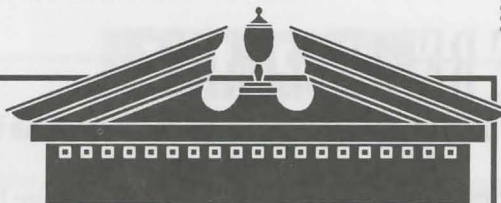
PARTTIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

BLOCK CLUB COORDINATOR

For the last two years Gloria Singleton has been organizing strong block clubs throughout the VECA neighborhood, and she is ready to share the work with another person. If you enjoy talking to people, meeting your neighbors, and helping your community please call the VECA office at 276-1782.

VECA NEEDS BUYERS

VECA CDC sold 12 houses in 1996, and will have about 15 more to sell in 1997. These are beautiful, fully renovated homes in many parts of the historic Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood, selling for an average of \$55,000. Call Ruth at 276-1782.



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GREENWAYS

On December 23, 1996, after several years of careful research and planning, VECA bought 1.7 miles of the former L&N railroad bed for a Greenway. On April 19 at the Greenway, Rhodes College "Townhouse Project" students will be the lead organizers for a VECA Spring Festival. On that same day, VECA resident Mike Mitchell will coordinate a neighborhood-wide cleanup with neighborhood residents, block clubs, Memphis City Beautiful and Hands on Memphis.

The Greenway Committee continues to work on the L&N Greenway plan and will have maps and plans available at the April 19 Festival. Volunteers are needed to mow and clean up along the Greenway this summer. Please call 276-1782 if you are interested in joining the Greenway volunteers.



HISTORIC DESIGNATION UPDATE

The first phase of the Historic Designation project and listing on the National Register of Historical Places was the result of a four year effort started before the Neighborhood Preservation Initiative. The NPI grant allowed the process to be speeded up. An inventory of every house in the neighborhood was completed. The history of the community's development and its significance to the development of Memphis had to be documented. These were then included in a document for the State Historic Commission. There were three meetings with the state officials. In January 1996 the Nomination was approved by the state and submitted to the National Parks Service Keeper of the Register. On March 12, 1996 much of the VECA neighborhood was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Vollintine Evergreen Historic District.

VECA is continuing the National Register Nomination process for 462 homes in the northern half of the neighborhood. The first draft went to the state on October 1, 1996. On December 10 state officials were here for a public hearing and on January 8 the Memphis Landmarks Commission approved the nomination. The hope is that the State Historic Commission will give final approval to the nomination so it can then go to the National Park Service. VECA hopes that the nomination will be complete by May 1997. The new district will also be known as the Vollintine Evergreen Historic District.

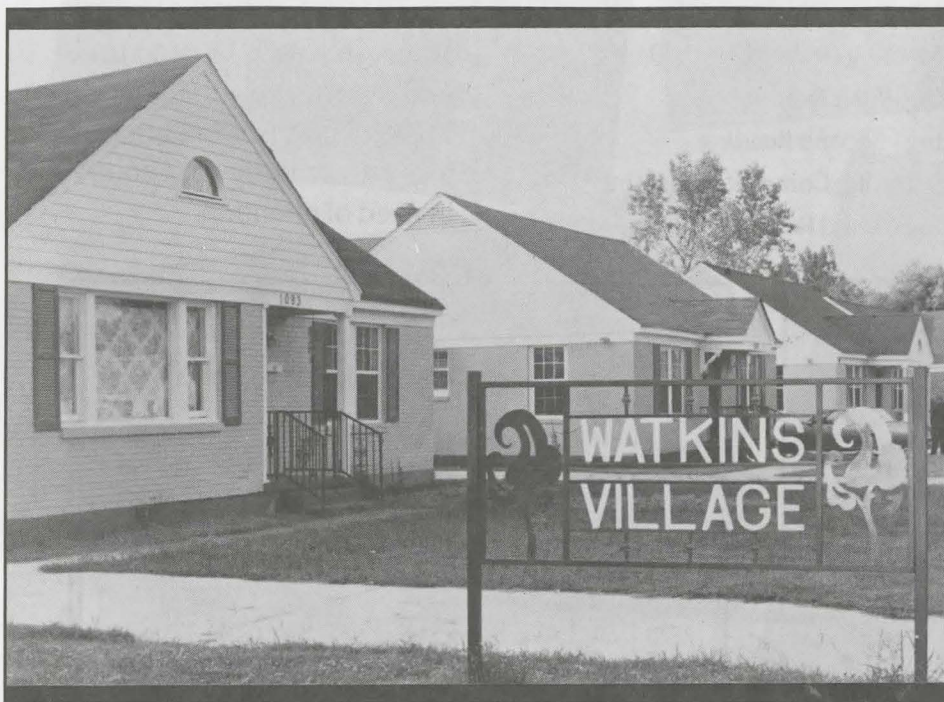


EVERGREEN CONCERT SERIES

At 8pm on Friday, February 7, tenor Ronald Burrichter will perform, accompanied by Evergreen's organist Jane Gamble. Mr. Burrichter's lyric voice has been praised by critics on two continents. He is widely known for his performances of Schubert, Schumann, Britten, and Rorem. He has been a featured soloist with the Robert Shaw Festival Singers, and appeared recently as soloist with the Rhodes College Mastersingers Chorale in Vaughan Williams's Hodie.

The public is cordially invited to Evergreen's free concerts. Evergreen Presbyterian Church is located at 613 University Street across the street from Rhodes College and is handicapped accessible.

CHECK OUT THE 1100 BLOCK OF WATKINS — IT'S LOOKING GOOD!



Watkins Village, begun in the summer of 1995, is nearing completion. VECA CDC bought 10 duplexes, and is converting them to single-family homes. Seven have been sold, and the remaining three should be sold by the end of February. All of the new buyers are first-time home owners. The families vary from a young couple with a new baby, to grandparents whose grandchildren stay over on weekends, to a single mother of two teens who also cares for her elderly father.

VECA CDC would like to thank all those who helped make this project possible, including The Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, Memphis Housing and Community Development, Boatmen's Bank, and The Pew Charitable Trusts.

ZONING

Stop by the VECA office to review the VECA Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which reviews the use and zoning of land in VECA.

VECA has achieved a balance of residential diversity that is healthy for a community to sustain itself. Communities need a variety of living options. Someone once said that VECA was a community for all the times of your life. A young person can move into an apartment, move on to own or rent a home, buy up in scale later, and retire back to a smaller home or apartment.

VECA is a predominately single family residential community, with about half its residents living in single family homes and half living in multi-family units (apartments, duplexes, quadraplexes, sixplexes, etc.). VECA's Zoning Committee, the VECA Board, and VECA residents that attended two public meetings in 1996 felt that a zoning change was required to maintain this mix of uses at its current level. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan recommends changing the residential zoning in VECA from "single family duplex" to "single family" Corridors of existing duplexes on Tutwiler and Jackson will remain zoned for duplexes. Elsewhere in the neighborhood, existing duplexes may remain duplexes, but any single family home (including any former duplex that was converted to a single family home) must remain a single family home. As for commercial areas, most are, and will remain, zoned "light commercial" (CL). Only Jackson & Watkins will need to be downzoned from "highway commercial" (CH) to "light commercial" Currently, all commercial use is in conformance with light commercial.

All VECA residents will be receiving two public notices for the VECA Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning request change to come before the Land Use Control Board and City Council in February or March. This is important for VECA and your attendance at these meetings is crucial. The City Council counts heads. Communities that are visible and supportive at the hearings receive the support of their City Council representatives.

TENTATIVE ZONING MEETING SCHEDULE:

February 13	Land Use Control Meeting (Public Meeting)
March 4	City Council Meeting First Reading
March 18	City Council Meeting Second Reading
March 25	Council Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting
April 1	City Council Meeting Third Reading (Public Meeting)



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

VECA CDC is renovating 845 Maury, with the help of students from Rhodes College's Habitat for Humanity. This house will be completed in February, if the weather allows, and will be for sale for \$55,000. Down payment assistance for a qualified buyer will be available. Interested buyers should call Ruth at 276-1782.

There are also several quadraplexes on this block of Maury that the CDC is looking into purchasing and renovating. These once-beautiful brick buildings are currently abandoned and in need of attention.

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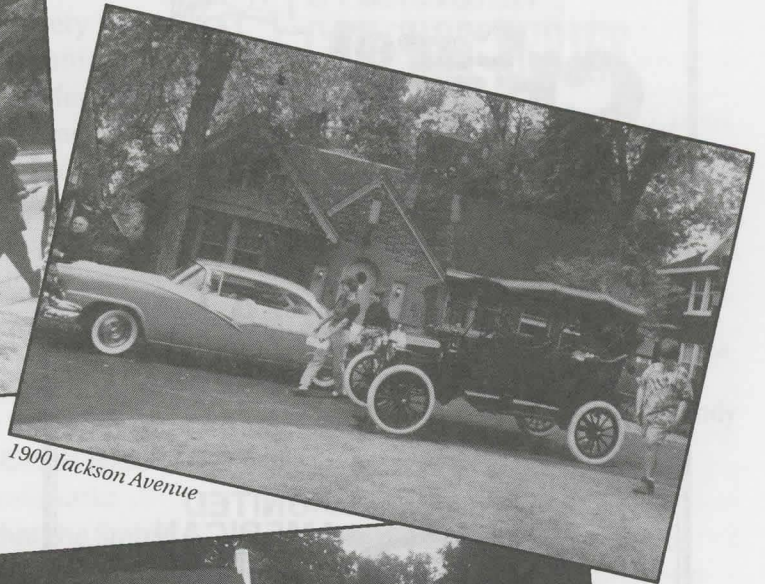
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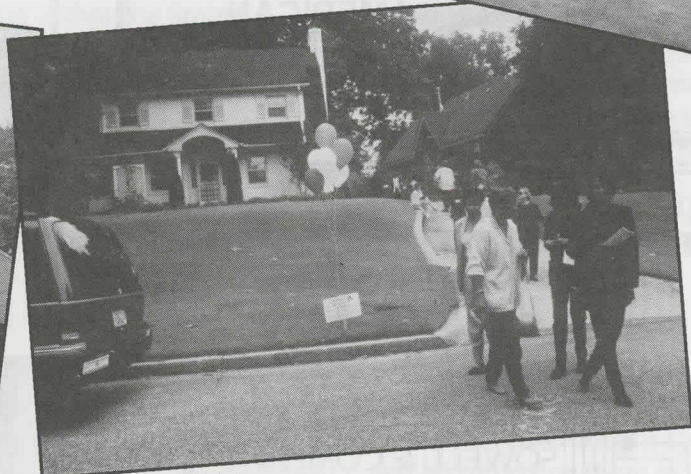
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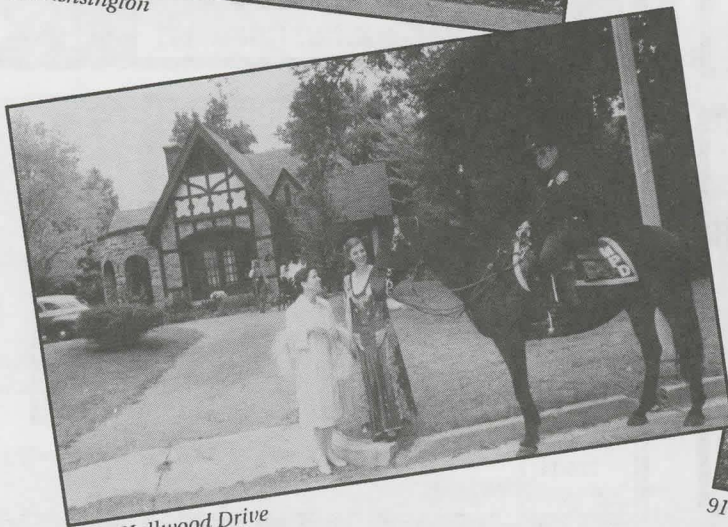
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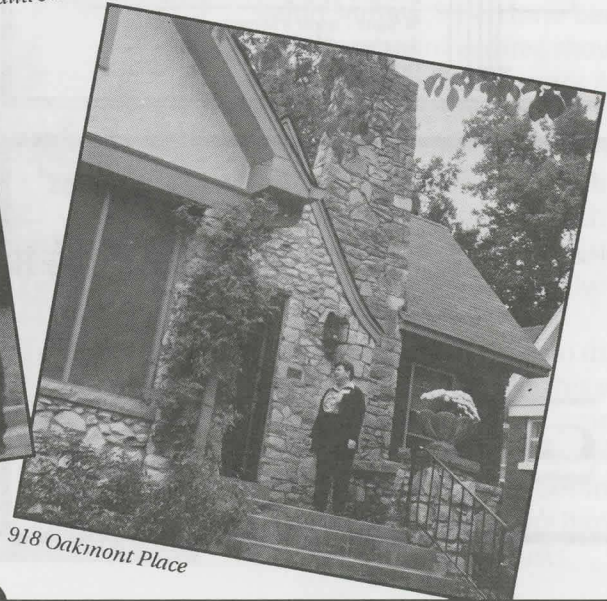
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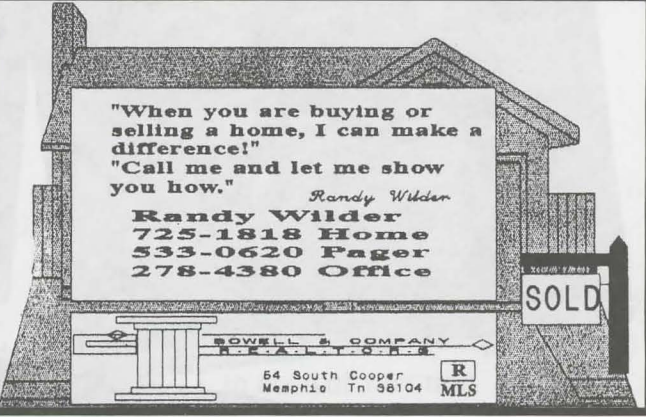
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