

# VOLLINTINE EVERGREEN

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## NEXT VECA MEETING — THE WAR ON DRUGS

All Vollintine-Evergreen residents are invited to a meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 20 at McLean Baptist Church (McLean and Jackson). The topic will be the new Drug Dealer Eviction Program, designed to make it easier to eradicate drug traffickers from rental properties, and made possible by a state law that took effect on July 1. The eviction of drug traffickers generally begins with an anonymous citizen tip and, if sufficient evidence is gathered, ends with the obligatory eviction of the tenant(s) by the landlord. The Program is sponsored by Memphis Area Neighborhood Watch, Inc. and the Attorney General's Office.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

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. Committee meetings and Board meetings are open to everyone.



VECA General Membership Meeting	November 20, 6:30pm (McLean Baptist)
VECA Annual General Meeting	January 26, 1998, 7pm (TBA)
VECA Board	first Monday monthly, 7pm
VECA CDC Board	second Saturday monthly, 9am
Housing Code Enforcement Committee	first Saturday of even months, 9am
L&N Greenway Committee	second Monday monthly, 7pm
Acquisitions & Rehab Committee	first Tuesday monthly, 5pm
Commercial Redevelopment Committee	third Thursday monthly, noon (Dino's)
Budget & Finance Committee	first Tuesday monthly, 7:30am (Dino's)
Sales, Rentals, & Loans Committee	third Thursday monthly, 10am
CDC Managing Committee	fourth Saturday monthly, 9am
Safety Committee	
Membership & Fundraising Committee	
Historic Home Tour Committee	second Monday monthly, 7pm (TBA)
Block Club Committee	
Youth & Recreation Committee	
Cypress/Brown/Howell Committee	
Vollintine-Evergreen News Committee	Article deadline: December 5
VECA Board	November 3, 7pm
VECA Board	December 1, 7pm
VECA Board	January 5, 7pm
CDC Board	November 8, 9am
CDC Board	December 13, 9am
CDC Board	January 3, 9am

## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The annual election of the VECA Board of Directors and the appointment of the VECA CDC Board of Directors will take place in January of 1998. A nominating committee is being formed, and nominations are being accepted at this time. You may nominate any dues-paying VECA member, including yourself, by calling or visiting the VECA office. With the three-year NPI grant running out at the end of 1997, VECA will need to depend more than ever on its volunteers — your participation at any level is valuable.

## THE MARGARET DICHTEL AWARD

Margaret Dichtel was one of the founding members of VECA and its first president. She strongly believed that neighbors working in a community organization could accomplish together what they as individuals or government could not. Her faith in the value of neighboring and the importance of grassroots community action remains the VECA philosophy.

The Margaret Dichtel Award is presented annually to a Vollintine-Evergreen resident and VECA member who embodies the principles of neighboring and community action. There is no specific length of membership required and the awardee need not be an officer. The awardee will be an individual who strengthens relationships between community members, tackles problems that threaten the integrity of the community, makes the neighborhood a better place to live, improves VECA's image city-wide, and demonstrates a commitment to the neighborhood and the concept of a neighborhood.

Each nomination must be by a current dues-paying member of VECA and should consist of a letter stating the candidate's contributions and achievements. Send nominations by December 31, 1997 to the Nominating Committee, care of the VECA office.

## THE RICHARD BORYS AWARD

Richard Borys moved to the VECA community in 1975 and served as president of VECA and on various committees in the early years of the organization. Despite dying young at the age of 44, Dick's life was an example of public service. Dick came to Memphis as a VISTA volunteer. He helped design and start the Memphis City and Shelby County Pre Trial Release Program. In 1976 he was awarded the outstanding service award from the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association for his contributions to the Criminal Justice System. At the time of his death Dick was a vice president at the Regional Medical Center ("The Med").

Dick was active with his children in soccer, coaching up to three teams at a time. He was a member St. Therese Little Flower Church, located at the center of the Vollintine-Evergreen community. Clearly, Richard Borys served the community in his work, in the neighborhood, at church, and through his children, Claire, Alex and Pete. Dick's wife Julie M. Borys still resides in VECA and has herself served as VECA president and active volunteer over the years. She currently is on the VECA CDC Board of Directors.

The Richard S. Borys Award was created to recognize public officials who through their work contribute to the Vollintine-Evergreen community. The awardee need not be a Vollintine-Evergreen resident or a VECA member.

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## Dichtel Award Past Recipients

1988	Martha Heinemann
1990	Julie Borys
1991	Mike Kirby
1993	Mary Wilder
1995	Willette Gray & Gloria Singleton
1996	Rhodes College & The Terry Circle Block Club
1997	Linda Nichols
1998	???

## Borys Award Past Recipients

1991	Steve Shular
1992	Vernua Hanrahan
1995	Janice Foster
1996	William Stemmler
1997	Charles Cook
1998	???

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## THANKS TO WILD OATS!

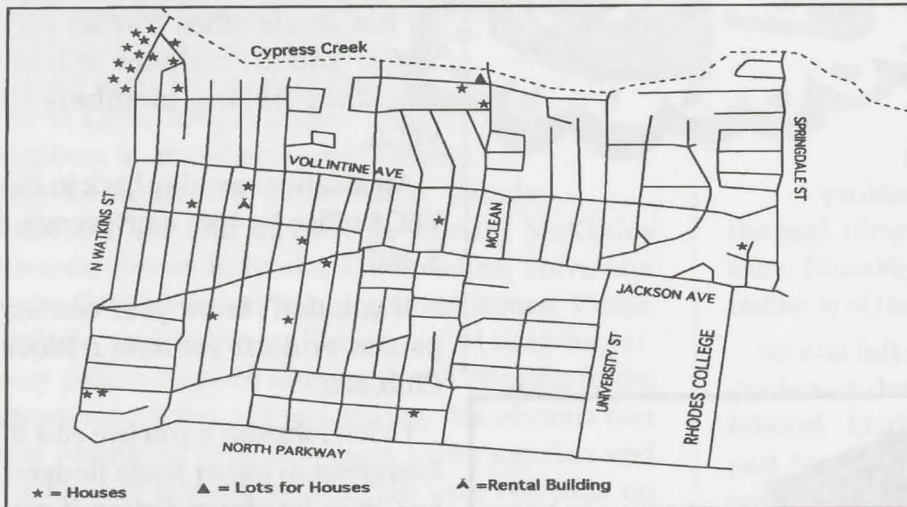
Wild Oats Community Market (formerly Squash Blossom) selected VECA and VECA CDC for its August "5% Day", and made a contribution of \$1291.60 from sales on August 27 at both of its stores, on Union and on Sanderlin. The gift and recognition are greatly appreciated.

## THE CDC SHOWS OFF

On October 6, the VECA CDC and several VECA Block Clubs hosted a triple open house, showing off the housing rehab work of three contractors. Those on the tour included staff, members of both Boards, some other Memphians active in neighborhood stabilization, and two visitors from Pew's Neighborhood Preservation Initiative, whose grant was largely responsible for so much of the good that has taken place in the neighborhood in the last three years.

R.L. Perkins completely restored 1082 Watkins, across from Watkins Village, and it is now occupied by first-time home owner Robert Kelly, whom we thank for allowing us to tour. Though still about four weeks away from completing work at 1127 McNeil, Roosevelt Raglin had done enough for all to see how far the former duplex had come. And George Dupont had completed a loving restoration of the tudor at 789 Stonewall, which was on the market at the time of the open house.

## VECA CDC HOUSING ACTIVITIES



**HELP  
WANTED**



## SENIORS... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for a senior citizen from the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood who would like a part-time job helping out at the VECA office. Applicants must be low-income residents, 55 or older. Call 276-1782 or stop by the office at 1680 Jackson.

## HISTORIC DISTRICT NEWS

In the next (January) issue of the Vollintine-Evergreen News there will be a story about — and pictures of — the second annual Vollintine-Evergreen Historic Home Tour held on Sunday, October 19. Write us soon with your impressions!

Have you seen the brown and white signs around the neighborhood marking the Vollintine-Evergreen Historic District? These signs were made by the City of Memphis Public Works Division Traffic Department, and were paid for by VECA with funds from the NPI grant.

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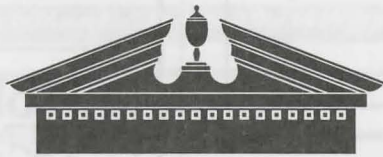
Several banks have considered opening a full-service bank branch in our neighborhood. VECA and VECA CDC are hoping to market the former BP Station at Jackson and Evergreen as a location. The banks have made it very clear that they would be impressed by a community show of support. The undersigned agree that

- YES, WE NEED A BANK IN VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN!
- WE WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER DEPOSITING FUNDS IN A NEIGHBORHOOD BANK.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Banks are, of course, interested in how much money in deposits would come into a new branch office. If you wish, indicate below how large your deposits might be, and return this to the VECA office at 1680 Jackson, or stop by instead to sign an official petition (designed to allow you to indicate an amount anonymously)

- less than \$1,000:
- \$1,000-\$5,000:
- \$5,000-\$10,000:
- \$10,000-\$20,000:
- more than \$20,000:



## 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.

## BLOCK CLUB SMALL GRANTS

Once again the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association is offering the opportunity for groups of residents to apply for VECA's Block Club small grants. The grants are intended especially for materials, supplies, and tools that residents will use themselves to beautify their street. Any organized group of residents from any street in the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood may apply for these grants of up to \$100. An "organized group" means a group of residents that (1) holds regular Block Club or Neighborhood Watch meetings, parties, or other gatherings; (2) has an identified contact with VECA, and (3) includes at least five dues-paying members of VECA.

Applications are due back in the VECA office by 4pm on November 3, 1997.

If you don't know your contact person or don't yet have a Block Club, call

Helen Johnson if you live east of Evergreen or either Jessie Rodgers or Gloria Singleton Fulton if you live west of Evergreen.

The Block Club small grants are made possible by the larger Neighborhood Preservation Initiative (NPI) grant. In the future VECA through its residents will have to replenish these funds if this successful effort is to continue.

# BLOCK CLUB ACTIVITY IN VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN

Gloria Singleton Fulton

Block clubs in the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood take on many forms. Some folks get together at a formal meeting each month to elect officers, collect dues, and plan activities for the year. Residents on other streets have an up-to-date street directory and hold one or two parties each year on their street. Still others are organized around safety issues and have gone through the Neighborhood Watch program. It doesn't matter how or why neighbors meet and communicate with each other. What is important is the fact that people know their neighbors and can work together on common activities.

Avalon gives such great and friendly parties! I'm not sure why, so maybe I should stop and ask the joggers or walkers if perhaps it's the tall trees with leaves hanging over the street that make it friendly. Avalon's most recent party was held at Libby Kluge's home. Her neighbors in attendance were Tiffany, Cory, Kenneth and Tobie Allen, Gracie Anderson, Ira and Jacqueline Brown, McKinley Edwards, Emma Eubanks, Linda Gates, Steve and Conita Grigsby, Susan Jake, Jonathon Nance, Victor, Danielle and Brittany Porter, and Lulag Roper. Many people lingered afterward, still clinging to the atmosphere as the sun was setting. It's obvious that these neighbors on Avalon enjoy being together and look forward to connecting again with everyone on their block. They won't miss the next party, for it is their way of staying in touch with each other and being a community.

The block club on Barksdale Street has decided to change its name to the Wells/Barksdale Block Club in honor of Lenora Wells, a resident from 1974 to 1997. Before her death on July 23, Mrs. Wells was involved in her community and worked to organize Barksdale. Activities the block club decided upon include walks, cookouts at the scenic end of the street,

decorations for Christmas, awards for yard of the month, Neighborhood Watch, and block parties. Welcome persons Robert Houston and James Smith will stop by the VECA office for free welcome packets for new residents. Three men on the street have volunteered to conduct regular safety walks around the block. Bryant Moore, leader of a recently formed band, promises to perform during some block club activities. And contact person Barbara Coleman will continue to provide desserts as wonderful as her home-made strawberry cake, so either don't eat dessert when you attend Well/Barksdale meetings or be prepared to loosen your belt.

Mrs. Mona Lupardes, long-time resident of Faxon, welcomes new next-door neighbors Hal Bartlett, Nelson Haddad, Billy Bob Roberts, and Jeff Woods, all students at the University of Memphis.

Previously the yard had not been well maintained and had long been a problem. But the young men have cleaned up the yard, trimmed the bushes, and even cleaned up the alley. Naturally their work is greatly appreciated by the residents of Faxon.

Several folks have noticed and commented on the garden at the southwest corner of University and Edward. During the neighborhood-wide cleanup this past April 19, University Street residents reclaimed this corner and a plot in the center of Edward. Alma and Horace Warren planted a summer garden. Now it has become a fall garden. Michael Keyes mows the grass around the garden on the corner, and Mrs. Shelton and Montrell Green mows around the garden in the center of the street. When neighbors decide to take on a task and beautify their community, it makes us all realize that we can do the same.

Speaking of median gardens beautifying the neighborhood, check out Tutwiler between McLean and Evergreen!



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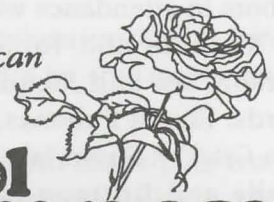
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## BIRD ON THE BIN

Lula C. Coffey

Have you noticed that your yellow recycling bin carries the words "Earth Complex" and the picture of a slim bird? Yes, it is a BLACK-NECKED STILT, a wading bird that stands about 15 inches tall — all black and white, with long, bright red legs. It usually breeds in salt and fresh water marshes along the coast. In 1981 the first Stilt was seen in Tennessee, but just briefly. In 1982 my husband and I found a pair of these birds nesting at the Earth Complex, and since that time they have returned every year. They are very visible and noisy. The Earth Complex workers are very familiar with the Stilt, and now they have the bird as part of their logo.

## CARRIER UPDATE

Thanks to all who are involved in the free door-to-door delivery of the Vollintine-Evergreen News. The following Vollintine-Evergreen News routes are all that remain to be covered. Call Steve Gadbois (278-4116) to volunteer to deliver for about half an hour once every two months, or to let him know that regular delivery is not taking place on some street not on this list.

### WOODMONT TOWERS

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ALBANY, RAMONA TO SPRINGDALE

AUBURNDALE, JACKSON TO VOLLINTINE

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HAWTHORNE, VOLLINTINE TO BROWN

HENRY & CHARLES PLACE COVE, WEST OF SPRINGDALE

HENRY, SPRINGDALE TO TREZEVANT

HOWELL, CYPRESS CREEK TO SPRINGDALE

HUBERT CIRCLE, WEST OF SPRINGDALE

JACKSON (NORTH SIDE), SPRINGDALE TO TREZEVANT

MAURY, JACKSON TO HENRY

MAURY, HENRY TO VOLLINTINE

MAURY, VOLLINTINE TO NORTH END

MCLEAN, TUTWILER TO V&E GREENLINE

PIEDMONT, RAMONA TO SPRINGDALE

RAMONA, PIEDMONT TO ALBANY

SPRINGDALE (WEST SIDE), VOLLINTINE TO JACKSON

STONEWALL, JACKSON TO TUTWILER

TREZEVANT (WEST SIDE), JACKSON TO VOLLINTINE

TUTWILER, MCLEAN TO UNIVERSITY

WATKINS, VOLLINTINE TO CYPRESS CREEK

## RHODES STUDENTS AND "SERVICE LEARNING"

This fall 22 Rhodes College students taking basic statistics with Steve Gadbois have chosen to apply some of what they are learning in the classroom to assist VECA and its staff in collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data related to the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood. This is part of a larger "service learning" endeavor being conducted this year in about a dozen Rhodes College courses, ranging from statistics to sculpture to German to religion.

The statistics students are Lindsey Chrestman, Andrea Master, Nicki North, Jessica Anschutz, Morgan Bomar, Jessica Maki, Laura Ann Barron, Brandon Hemphill, Brad Kroeker, Taylor Armstrong, Brian Lane, Chester Veazie, Dana Dwyer, Sara Wallace, Jenny Wiedower, Errin Calhoun, Scott Kibler, Eric Lindh, Megan Grilliot, W.T. Johnson, Amber Wheeler, and Charity Wilson.

## "FRIENDS OF VECA" NEEDS BULBS

Rhodes College's new student organization "Friends of VECA" would be glad to use your surplus bulbs (daffodil and others) to beautify the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood. Call Joyce Ann Parker at 278-5488



# VECA NEEDS MEMBERS


Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Code Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenway		
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Tours	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Association		
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