

VOLLINTINE EVERGREEN

N E W S

A Neighborhood Publication Sponsored by VECA, the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association

Volume XXV, Number 6

NOVEMBER 1999



WANTED: DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR BOARDS

At the general membership meeting each January, Vollintine-Evergreen residents elect their representatives to the VECA Board, as well as the VECA president and vice-president. All terms are for one year, so the entire Board is voted upon. This year, as has been the case every year in the past, some current Board members are willing and able to stand for re-election, while others need to be replaced.

The VECA Board appoints the CDC Board. Those terms are for two years. So the CDC Board will have some members continuing, but there will also be vacancies.

Currently, the VECA Board ordinarily meets at 7pm on the first Monday of each month, and the CDC Board ordinarily meets at 9am on the fourth Saturday of each month. Board members usually also serve on one committee. If you are interested in being nominated to one of the Boards, need additional information, or know someone who might be able to contribute their time and talents, contact any VECA staff person or any member of either Board.

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 Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting	January 24, 2000 TBA
Potluck Supper & Pool Party	July 8, 2000 (tentative)
Block Club Fall Festival	fall, 2000 TBA
VECA Board	first Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC Board	fourth Saturday monthly, 9:00 a.m.
Historic Committee	second Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m.
Block Club Committee	first Monday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Code Enforcement Committee	first Saturday of even months, 9:00 a.m.
V&E Greenline Committee	third Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m.
Cypress Creek Beautification Committee	third Tuesday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Managing Committee	first Wednesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
Budget & Finance Committee	third Tuesday monthly, 7:30 a.m.
Housing Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
Commercial Revitalization Committee	second Thursday monthly, noon
Youth Committee	
VENews deadlines:	December 3, February 4, April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6, December 1
VECA & CDC Joint Board	November 11, 7:00 p.m. (tentative)
VECA Board	December 6, 7:00 p.m.
VECA Board	January 3, 7:00 p.m.
CDC Board	December 18, 9:00 a.m.
CDC Board	January 22, 9:00 a.m.



VECA PLANT SWAP

If you would like to be on the VECA Plant Swap mailing list, please call Julie Borys at 272-2672.

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 to the Nominating Committee, care of the VECA office.

THE RICHARD BORYS AWARD

Richard Borys moved to the Vollintine-Evergreen community in 1975 and served as president of the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association 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 Vollintine-Evergreen 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.

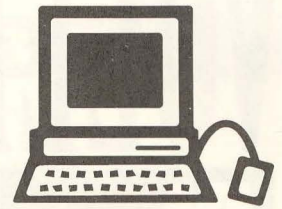
Each nomination must be by a current dues-paying member of VECA and should consist of a letter stating the candidate's contributions and achievements. Send nominations by December 31 to the Nominating Committee, care of the VECA office.

Dichtel Award

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	Steve Gadbois
1999	Charlotte & Pete Swailes
2000	???

Borys Award

1991	Steve Shular
1992	Vernua Hanrahan
1995	Janis Foster
1996	William Stemmler
1997	Charles Cook
1998	Barbara Swearengen Holt
1999	Carol Chumney
2000	???



VISIT VECA'S WEBSITE

www.neighborlink.com/veca

VECA & VECA CDC STAFF

Sean Fegette,
Architectural Housing Intern

Kristen Fitzpatrick,
Volunteer Coordinator

Gloria Fulton,
Block Club Organizer

Ruth Gibson,
Homeowner Counselor and
Office Manager

Gary Gilbert,
Executive Director

Beulah Green,
VISTA Volunteer

Belinda Kerusch,
Brown & Howell
Community Organizer

Daryl Lewis,
Neighborhood Preservationist

Steve Shipp,
Economic Developer

Wilma Vandermeer,
Financial Manager

VOLLINTINE ↔ EVERGREEN

N E W S

1680 JACKSON AVE • MEMPHIS, TN 38107

Coordinating Editor Steve Gadbois

Advertising Editor.....

Finance..... Martha Heinemann

Graphic-Designer Sherry Henson

Photographer.....

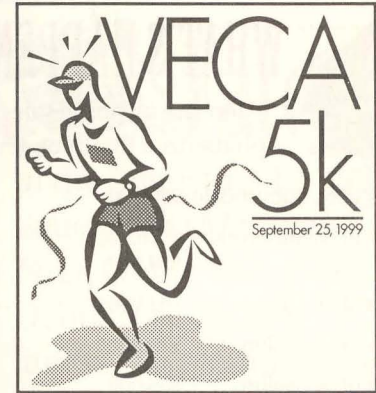
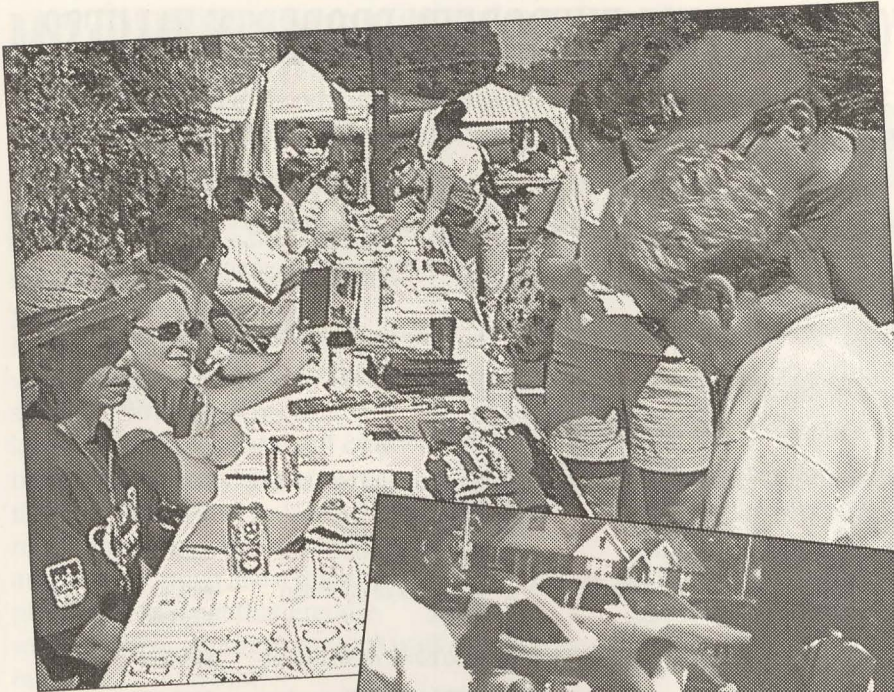
Printer Diamond Printing Company

Distribution Steve Gadbois

276-1782 VECA • 276-1783 VECA-CDC • 276-1784 fax

email: VECA@netten.net

www.neighborlink.com/veca



VECA'S 5K WALK/RUN

VECA's first annual 5K walk/run was held on September 25, a beautiful sunny Saturday morning, before the VECA Fall Festival. About forty people participated. The 5K route showcased the efforts of the V&E Greenline Committee and the Cypress Creek Committee to maintain greenspaces for the recreation and enjoyment of the neighborhood. If you haven't yet seen the Cypress Creek bike trail since our April cleanup, you should check it out. After four cleanups, and with the help of Pfizer Inc., Buckman Labs, Coors Brewing Company, the Parks Commission, and the Shelby County Penal Farm, the bike path is now free of the old furniture, shingles, and other trash that once made it impossible to ride its entire length. And the V&E Greenline continues to shine.

The 5K raised enough funds to assist the many committees and programs of VECA and VECA CDC, as well as purchase a new refrigerator for the neighborhood office. (Belated thanks to Mike Kirby for donating the previous refrigerator.)

A special thanks to our sponsors: Wilma Vandermeer, CPA; D. Canale; Buckman Labs; AutoZone; the Daisy Basket Florist; TLC Healthcare; Coca Cola; Tennessee Valley Authority; Blockbuster Video; Elvis Presley Enterprises; Hard Rock Cafe; and Recycle Memphis. We would also like to thank our volunteers: Julie Auwater, Rick Cartwright, Brooke Edmond, Jenny Jenson, Doug Lemme, Emily Passini, and the police officers of the VOLLINTINE COACT Unit.

If you missed the 5K this year, we hope to see you in 2000!

VECA FALL FESTIVAL 1999

by Gloria Fulton-Singleton

The VOLLINTINE Evergreen Community Association celebrated their community by having a Fall Festival on Saturday, September 25 at Saint Theresa Little Flower Church. This was a time for community organizations and local businesses and residents to interact and share information with one another. There were artisans displaying their crafts and activities for children.

We would like to thank the volunteers that jumped in and helped us when we needed a helping hand, including Sylvester Braswell, Lee Coleman, Eddie Fulton, Ruth Gibson, Elizabeth Gibson, Jonathan Gibson, James Ivy, Sergio Kersch, members of the VECA Youth Corps, and youth volunteers from Catholic High School.

The VECA Block Club Committee and the residents would like to thank the sponsors that contributed to the grab bags and contributed funds: Karen Webster-Wiseman, Tri-State Bank, Wild Oats Markets, McDonald's, Melanie's Fine Foods, Dino's Grill, University Park Cleaners, Excel Logistics, and Kroger.

Our committee members who pulled it all together were Annette Anderson, Janis Cannon, Debbie Cochran, Fredha Feaster, Betty Johnson, Belinda Kersch, Karen Day-Newton, Jessie Rodgers, Lois Scott, Gloria Fulton-Singleton, and Alma Warren.



WHAT'S HAPPENING TO VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN PROPERTY VALUES?

Here are all home sales of at least \$60,000 in the entire Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood for the past year, alphabetized by street. Our dedicated volunteers and staff surely deserve a bit of the credit for our property values!

600 block of N. Auburndale	\$99,900	2100 block of Hallwood	\$141,000; \$98,000	1800 block of Monticello	\$86,000
700 block of N. Auburndale	\$110,000; \$89,500	600 block of Hawthorne	\$67,000; \$75,000; \$81,900; \$78,000	1500 block of N. Parkway	\$110,000
900 block of N. Auburndale	\$82,000	700 block of Hawthorne	\$91,000; \$97,500	1578 N. Parkway (Woodmont Towers)	\$5,650,000
600 block of N. Avalon	\$79,000	800 block of Hawthorne	\$106,900; \$105,000	1700 block of N. Parkway	\$250,000
700 block of N. Avalon	\$86,000	900 block of Hawthorne	\$84,500; \$88,000	1960 N. Parkway (apartments)	\$71,000; \$77,500
800 block of N. Avalon	\$63,000	2200 block of Henry	\$85,900	1800 block of S. Rainbow	\$77,500; \$121,500
700 block of N. Barksdale	\$155,000	600 block of N. Idlewild	\$79,250	1800 block of N. Rainbow	\$114,900; \$82,500; \$86,000
800 block of N. Barksdale	\$63,500	800 block of N. Idlewild	\$106,000	800 block of Sheridan	\$98,000
900 block of N. Barksdale	\$83,500; \$142,000	900 block of N. Idlewild	\$86,000	900 block of Sheridan	\$98,337; \$103,500; \$79,000; \$72,491
1000 block of N. Barksdale	\$73,500; \$62,482	1400 block of Jackson	\$115,000; \$68,000	1400 block of Snowden	\$78,000
700 block of N. Belvedere	\$75,500; \$75,000; \$67,000	1500 block of Jackson	\$79,500	1800 block of Snowden	\$110,000;
800 block of N. Belvedere	\$68,000	2000 block of Jackson	\$68,500	1800 block of Snowden	\$139,900; \$105,000
1800 block of Brown	\$77,000	800 block of Kensington	\$132,000; \$127,900	1900 block of Snowden	\$74,000; \$153,500; \$133,900
1900 block of Crump	\$157,000; \$110,000; \$99,000; \$88,000; \$130,000	900 block of Kensington	\$117,500; \$123,500	900 block of Stonewall	\$68,500
600 block of Dickinson	\$63,500; \$87,000; \$69,500	1800 block of Lyndale	\$100,000; \$120,000; \$137,500; \$154,750	1500 block of Tutwiler	\$69,500
700 block of Dickinson	\$71,000	1900 block of Lyndale	\$151,500; \$98,900	1600 block of Tutwiler	\$125,000; \$89,000
700 block of N. Evergreen	\$78,900; \$60,000	600 block of Maury	\$75,000; \$74,000	1800 block of Tutwiler	\$85,000; \$92,000
1100 block of N. Evergreen	\$60,000	800 block of Maury	\$66,000	1900 block of Tutwiler	\$79,000
1400 block of Faxon	\$63,000; \$65,000	600 block of N. McLean	\$99,000; \$69,000	700 block of University	\$120,000
1600 block of Faxon	\$96,200; \$69,280	800 block of N. McLean	\$93,750	900 block of University	\$118,250; \$110,000; \$88,400; \$70,000
1700 block of Faxon	\$115,000; \$104,500; \$60,000; \$107,000; \$75,000	700 block of N. McNeil	\$62,500	1500 block of Vollintine	\$175,000
1800 block of Faxon	\$84,100; \$95,000	1000 block of N. McNeil	\$63,000	700 block of N. Watkins	\$90,000
700 block of Garland	\$78,000	1800 block of Mignon	\$91,500; \$70,000; \$124,000	900 block of N. Watkins	\$66,000
2000 block of Hallwood	\$171,500	1900 block of Mignon	\$83,000	800 block of N. Willett	\$88,814; \$68,000

When you care enough to look the very best!

University Park Cleaners

Special Offer \$5.00 off on a \$20.00 Order.

(must present this coupon with cleaning)

FASHION CARE SINCE 1919

Pick-up & delivery available Monday & Thursday.

• Shoe Repair • Clothing Storage • Alterations

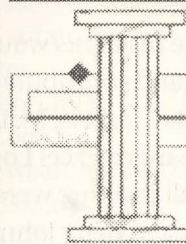
613 N. McLean

274-5851 ask for Marilyn or Mark Matz

This coupon not redeemable with any other offer.



Celebrating 25 years in the industry!



SOWELL & COMPANY
REALTORS

Call us today so we can show you
the silver lining in
buying or selling your home.



54 N. Cooper Memphis, TN 38104 (901) 278-4380 sowellco@bellsouth.net

MR. RICHARDSON'S RICH LAWN

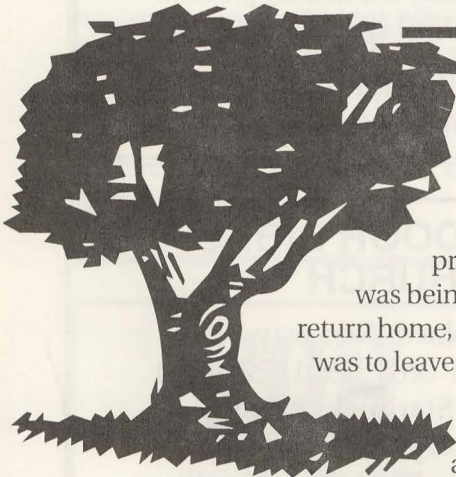
by Gloria Fulton-Singleton

In April Mr. Freddie Richardson received one of only twenty city-wide awards from the Memphis City Beautiful Commission for his yard at 865 Stonewall. Mr. Richardson manicures his lawn with the intensity of a drill sergeant. When he's mowing his lawn you don't dare ask him questions or try to carry on a conversation — you just nod your head and move on quickly. His lawn looks and feels so much like a thick, plush green carpet that Freddie says, "Dogs or children wouldn't walk on my grass." What better accolade can one receive than that?



Farewell

In the August 12-18, 1999 issue of *The Memphis Flyer*, long-time reporter Debbie Gilbert said farewell to Memphis and listed some things she'll feel nostalgic for, including "the V&E Greenline trail, a community project that perfectly demonstrates the power of grass-roots activism." Thanks Debbie.



TREES

by Renate Rosenthal

When I was a little girl, after the Second World War, my uncle, a native of Austria, was a prisoner of war in the U.S. At the time, none of us paid much attention to exactly where he was being held. All we cared about was that he was very far away and that we wanted him to return home, safe and sound and in good physical and emotional health. He did. Many years later, I was to leave my native Europe voluntarily to emigrate to this country.

When I told him that I would be living in Memphis, Tennessee, he mentioned that his P.O.W. camp was right near there. I asked him about the area, about the climate, about his recollections. He said, "The main thing I remember was that there were amazing, big trees. Very big trees."

I now know that the camp probably was in Earle, Arkansas, about 30 miles away from here. Most of the big trees in that part of the Delta have since been cut down. Those virgin hardwood forests are gone forever.

We are lucky to still have many wonderful trees in our neighborhood. They are one of our greatest assets. They are like members of the family. We seem to believe that they will always be here. They were there before we moved in, and they will be here when we leave.

Not necessarily. The past few years have been very hard on our trees. We had the big icestorm of 1994. Everybody who was here during that time remembers the gunfire-like sound of limbs cracking under the ice, and the totally helpless, desperate feeling that came over us while we watched the destruction around us. Then we had some spooky straight-line winds that ripped through our neighborhood and knocked down even more big trees. This year we've had the drought. Old trees are like old people: they are more susceptible to stress and more likely to suffer lasting damage under adverse living conditions.

We need to be proactive. We need to plant more trees. Now. Even if we went on a planting spree tomorrow, none of us will live long enough to see those trees in their full glory. But we should not be discouraged by that thought. Let's look around and notice, consciously, how many of our trees are past their prime. Let's for a moment imagine life without those trees. What a sad prospect.

Even without waiting for the big trees to die, there are plenty of tree-vacancies in our neighborhood, places where there are no power lines, no houses, no competing vegetation.

Fall is a very good time for tree planting. Let's get busy!

Complete Banking Services

Regions Bank

MEMBER FDIC



Mary Frances Vookles Pitts

Everyone in VECA knows Agent Pitts ... call 761-1622

The Hobson Co., Realtors
5100 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38137


St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Community
Jackson at Belvedere

Sunday Eucharists
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.
Tues. and Thurs. Mass - 5:30 p.m.
Wed. and Fri. Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Saturday Confession - 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

276-1412



"All Are Welcome"


McLean Baptist Preschool

Full service child care at affordable prices
Licensed for children 15 months and up
Before and after school transportation with child care for Snowden and Vollentine Schools



Full day summer and holiday program for school age children

Now enrolling for all programs
815 N. McLean • 274-9440



The Church Of The Good Shepherd
A Traditional Episcopal Church
1928 Prayer Book

MASS - 7:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST - 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAYS
(NURSERY AT 10:30 SUNDAY)


1971 JACKSON AVENUE AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE
901-725-9768

OPEN DOOR BIBLE CHURCH

1792 North Parkway
Memphis, TN 38112 (901) 278-4311
Gary D. Starbuck, Pastor
Nursery Available
Sunday Services: 10:45 am and 6:00 pm

"A common people with an uncommon love"

DAY CARE AVAILABLE



For 3 and 4 years old

REGISTER NOW!

Trinity Preschool
1738 Galloway Ave. 274-6895

A Ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church

School's Out. Do you know where your kids are?

EVERGREEN HAS YOUR SOLUTION.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM:
Safe and fun for K-8 students, Monday-Friday 2:15-6:00pm

SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM:
Most city school holidays 7:30am-6:00pm

SUMMER SPOT: The cool midtown day camp for K-junior high, Monday-Friday 7:30am-6:00pm

EVERGREEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
613 UNIVERSITY AVENUE (ACROSS FROM RHODES COLLEGE)

WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?



Many Vollintine-Evergreen residents make annual tax-deductible contributions to United Way, which funds various worthy causes here in Memphis and elsewhere. Although most donations are unrestricted (which United Way does its best to determine an equitable allocation of), it is possible to make a "directed gift" to United Way for a specific cause.

If you feel strongly about a specific cause, consider making a directed gift to it. You'll need to check to see if the agency is on United Way's list.

VECA CDC is one such agency. On the other hand, VECA itself is NOT such an agency, so DON'T DONATE TO VECA, donate instead to VECA CDC, specifying how you'd like your gift used. Remember, VECA was established in 1971 as a 501(c)4 tax-exempt organization, which allows it to lobby but prohibits it from receiving tax-deductible contributions; VECA CDC was established in 1995 as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization, which allows it to receive tax-deductible contributions but prohibits it from lobbying.

VECA CDC's United Way and Combined Federal Campaign donor number is 55377. This number can be written on United Way's donor forms to direct the donation the VECA CDC. To further direct the donation (to a specific project or committee, such as the V&E Greenline), notify the VECA office.

TRINITY'S ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Trinity United Methodist Church will hold its second annual Alternative Christmas Market at its Education Building (1738 Galloway) on Sunday, November 21 from noon to 3:30 p.m. Church members will be selling crafts from Ten Thousand Villages. There will also be children's crafts such as candle making, snowman building, and wisemen making. There will be opportunities to donate to Heifer Project International, the Church Health Center, Habitat for Humanity, and more. Call the church at 274-6895 if you have questions.



FOR SALE

Vollintine
Evergreen
NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

VECA still has Historic Designation plaques available, in a variety of styles, starting at \$25.



ST. MARY'S CONCERT SERIES

St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral presents a monthly concert series on the second Sunday of every month.

On Sunday, November 14, soprano Kandace Anastasia of Boston's Episcopal Church of the Advent will present a vocal recital featuring Ralph Vaughan Williams' Benedicite. Ms. Anastasia will be joined by the cathedral choirs, strings, and organ.

On Sunday, December 12, Dr. Jane Gamble, associate organist/choirmaster for St. Mary's (and Vollintine-Evergreen resident) will present an organ recital of Advent and Christmas music by Bach, Distler, and Karg-Elert.

Concerts are at 6:15 p.m., immediately following Evensong at 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's is located at 700 Poplar Avenue. The church is handicapped accessible, and a security guard is provided. For more information, call 527-3361.

VECA NEEDS MEMBERS

Name _____

Telephone Day: _____ Telephone Evening: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

MAIL TO: VECA TREASURER, 705. N. BELVEDERE, MEMPHIS, TN 38107

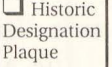
I'M INTERESTED IN:

- Block Club
- Historic Home Tours
- Housing
- Code Enforcement
- Commercial Revitalization
- Greenways
- V&E Greenline
- Youth
- Newsletter Delivery
- Newsletter Writing
- Volunteer (general)

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$10, \$20 OR \$35 PER YEAR AND ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE; ADDITIONAL DONATIONS TO VECA CDC MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

- \$10 dues, Individual
- \$20 dues (household), Gold Star members receive their choice of bumper sticker.
- \$35 dues, Gold Star Heritage members receive their choice of bumper sticker and the Historic Designation Plaque.
- Bumper Sticker A
- Bumper Sticker B
- Historic Designation Plaque



NEED A BABYSITTER?

Call Joyce at 278-5488

Responsible and Experienced Rhodes alum and Neighborhood resident

A Children's Place at Schering-Plough HealthCare Products
NOW OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY


Limited spaces available in PreK3 and PreK4 for Fall Nationally Accredited (one of only ten in Memphis!) Dedicated Degreed Teachers — Loving, Educational Enrichment Program

Open Monday-Friday 6:30-6:00
2980 Jackson Avenue - on the Schering-Plough Campus
Contact: Carol Ennis or Jimmie Pickens at 320-2958

DeNeuville
Tel: 726-5902
840 Dickinson Street at Jackson

- ◆ Computer classes
- ◆ GED
- ◆ English as Second Language
- ◆ Resume preparation & interview skills
- ◆ Sewing & other workshops

Day & evening classes
For women with limited resources no charge



If You're Looking For That Favorite Little Neighborhood Bar—Stop By and See Us At


Alex's Tavern

1445 Jackson Ave. • 278-9086

Proud To Be A Part Of The VECA Neighborhood For Over 40 Years—Since 1953!

- Coldest Beer In Memphis
- Great Burgers
- Four Big-Screen TV's & Satellite Sports

Voted "Best Jukebox In Memphis" And "Best Bar In Memphis"



VECA

VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

VECA is a neighborhood organization made up of volunteers and paying members. The Vollintine-Evergreen News is the way in which VECA communicates with its residents. The Vollintine-Evergreen News contains information about VECA, neighborhood residents, and business and government policies. VECA is bounded by Watkins on the West, Cypress Creek on the North, Trezevant on the East and North Parkway on the South. Contact VECA by writing to 1680 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, TN 38107 or call (901) 276-1782.