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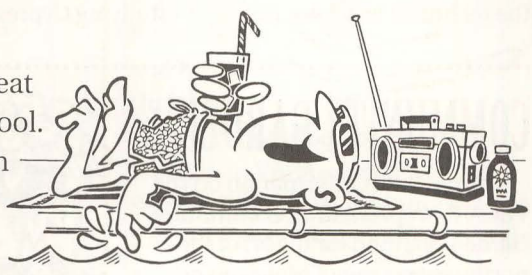
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POTLUCK SUPPER AND POOL PARTY

Mark your calendars, and join many of your neighbors for great food and water fun on Saturday, July 8, at the Rhodes College pool. The potluck supper will start at 6:00 p.m. and the pool will open to us at 7:00 p.m. The event is free. Just bring swimsuits and a dish to share (the more people you bring, the larger the dish!). VECA will provide eating utensils and soft drinks.



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.



Potluck Supper & Pool Party	July 8
Block Club Fall Festival	October 7 (tentative)
Historic Home Holiday Tour	December 10
VECA Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting	January 22, 2001 (tentative)
Historic Committee	second Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m. (call office for location)
Block Club Committee	first Monday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Code Enforcement Committee	first Saturday monthly, 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	Tuesday before third Saturday 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:	May 15, August 4, October 6, December 1
VECA & CDC Boards	June 24, 9:00 a.m.
VECA Board	first Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m.
VECA Board	May 1, 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC Board	fourth Saturday monthly, 9:00 a.m.
VECA CDC Board	May 27, 9:00 a.m.
VECA CDC Board	July 22, 9:00 a.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD FLEA MARKET MAY 20

May 20 will be a busy day all over Vllintine-Evergreen. If you are a yard sale junky, mark your calendar. If you are not, you may still want to take note, for there will be bargains galore and it will be a lot of fun!



The Greenline Committee will hold its second annual yard sale on the V&E Greenline just west of McLean.

See Flea Market on page 4



PLANT SWAPS

Swapping plants with fellow gardeners is a great way to increase the diversity in your garden. Come to either of the upcoming VECA plant swaps, on April 29 or May 20, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the VECA office.

Folks who don't have plants to contribute can bring seeds, potting soil, used pots, plastic knives (for plant markers), or transparent plastic containers such as gallon ice cream pails with lids (for rooting cuttings).

See Plant Swap on page 5

VECA RECEIVES CONSERVATION AWARD

VECA was recently informed that it has been selected to receive the Tennessee Conservation League's 1999 Conservation Organization of the Year award, for work on the V&E Greenline (a project that is well underway), Jackson Avenue Beautification (a state/city/VECA/businesses project that will begin soon), and Cypress Creek (a potential Superfund Cleanup site). Several VECA volunteers, VECA staff members, and Buckman Labs employees attended the award ceremony at Paris Landing State Park on April 14.

Thanks are owed to Buckman Laboratories, Inc., which nominated VECA, and Rhodes College, particularly Professor Carol Ekstrom, who has provided some of the technical expertise needed in studying Cypress Creek.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

For the latest information on the VECA Entrepreneurial Community Garden planned for the lot at the northwest corner of McLean and Edward, either contact Steve Shipp at the VECA office or check out the web site at www.ecg.f2s.com (a new location). This web site is maintained by Vollintine-Evergreen resident Eric Rogers. As with other VECA projects, volunteers are always welcome.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT CYPRESS CREEK

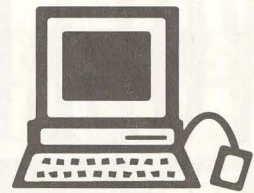
by Kirsten L. Williams

The past few weeks have been a very active time for the Cypress Creek Committee. The Committee, Rhodes College's Friends of VECA, and the V&E Greenline Committee filled an entire dumpster during a cleanup on March 25. The final soil and water samplings have been done, and the samples are being sent to the EPA for analysis and interpretation, to let us know exactly what can be done for the appearance and rehabilitation of the Cypress Creek area.

New projects are starting that will benefit the entire Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood. A major part of the United Way proposal (written by former Rhodes College intern Emily Passini) included community outreach that would be geared especially towards the neighborhood schools. Plans are being made to partner with Rhodes College in organizing field trips, lectures, and other activities relating to the Creek, to educate students not only about problems specific to Cypress Creek but also about the issue of environmental justice and other issues raised by living near industries, such as dumping and contamination. These activities will help prepare a new generation of Vollintine-Evergreen residents for leadership to address environmental concerns in the neighborhood. We are hoping that the coming months will begin an entirely new phase of life for the Cypress Creek Community Project — one in which we can use the Creek to help create a more environmentally-aware community, as well as continuing the work of cleaning and beautifying the Creek.

Committee meetings are normally held at the VECA office at 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

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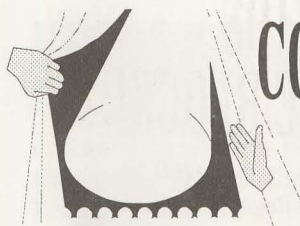
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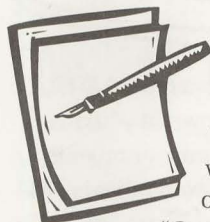
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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

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VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN NEWS

This is the only committee that NEVER HAS MEETINGS! Two types of volunteers are needed. First of all, articles — whether polished or rough — as well as ideas for articles or other news items, are always welcomed. (Even this "Committee Spotlight" series came about because of a suggestion.) Second, most — but not all — blocks in Vollintine-Evergreen get free delivery of this newsletter once every two months. Volunteer delivery people simply do their short route after their newsletters magically appear at their front door.



COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

VECA CDC's initial efforts centered on improving Vollintine-Evergreen's housing. Now the focus is shifting to the neighborhood's six small commercial strips. Last year the CDC acquired the strip at Watkins and Brown (home of Melanies Fine Foods), and this year crucial improvements — particularly a new roof — are being made. The Committee also oversees VECA's involvement in the Jackson Avenue Beautification project, a project that will begin this fall under city supervision using state and local funds.



BLOCK CLUBS

Vollintine-Evergreen's Block Clubs serve as the residents' link to VECA. They promote community spirit and neighborhood pride, and they serve as a firm foundation that allows residents an opportunity to get to know each other and have a strong voice when addressing issues and problems in the community. Meetings may be at the VECA office or in someone's home. Activities may include Neighborhood Watch, National Crime Night Out, new neighbor welcome packets, street cleanups, walking groups, holiday get-togethers, and yard-of-the-month contests.

FLEA MARKET

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The Block Club members will hold another yard sale, also on the V&E Greenline. Other committees are also planning sales. And there will be a plant swap in front of the VECA office.

Maps to the various sales locations and to the plant swap will be available. If you don't find what you are looking for, keep moving and you are sure to go home with a bargain.



If you have items to donate, either

- drop off at the VECA storage facility (1078 N. Watkins) between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, May 6;
- drop off at the VECA office (1680 Jackson) between May 8 and May 19;
- drop off at one of the sale locations early on Saturday, May 20; or
- arrange pickup by calling the VECA office at 276-1782.

All proceeds will go to VECA and VECA CDC Committees. It is never too late to donate to VECA and VECA CDC. Support your neighborhood!

Vollintine-Evergreen resident Fred Danny Munns Jr. died on March 24. Danny owned Regarding Design, and did the editing and the layout of this newsletter from June 1992 to July 1995. His parents Ann and Fred Munns still live in the neighborhood. Memorials may be sent to Trinity United Methodist Church.



PLANT SWAP *cont'd from page 1*

Many perennial plants and flowers can be divided and replanted at this time of year. Almost any perennial that blooms after late spring can be transplanted in early spring.

If you have questions, call Julie Borys at 272-2672.

SPRING TRANSPLANTS

Some of the following will be available at the VECA plant swaps.

Ageratum	Candytuft	Iris
Ajuga	Catmint	Jasmine
Alyssum	Chinese lantern	Kerria
Japanese anemone	Chrysanthemum	Lily-of-the-valley
Artemesia	Clematis	Maltese cross (Lychnis)
Astilbe	Coleus	Mock orange
Azalea	Columbine (Aquilegia)	Monkey grass (Liriope)
Baby's breath	Coneflower (Echinacea)	Monk's hood (Aconitum)
Balloon flower (Platycodon)	Coral bells (Heuchera)	Mullein (Verbascum)
Barberry	Coreopsis	Obedient plant (Physostegia)
Begonia	Cotoneaster	Pachysandra
Bell flower	Crepe myrtle	Pepperbush (Clethra)
Beard tongue (Penstemon)	Daylily (Hemerocalis)	Phlox
Beautyberry (Callicarpa)	Dogwood	Pinks
Beauty bush	Deutzia	Plantain lily (Hosta)
(Kolkwitzia amabilis)	English daisy	Potentilla
Bee balm (Monarda)	Evening primrose / Sun drops	Pussy willow rose
Bleeding heart	(Oenothera)	Shasta
Blue mist shrub	False dragonhead (Physostegia)	Snakeroot (Cimicifuga)
Bluebells (Mertensia virginica)	Flax	Speedwell (Veronica)
Bottle brush	Gerbera	Spiderwort (Tradescantia)
Bougainvillea	Geum	Stoncrop (Sedum)
Bridal wreath (Spirea)	Globe thistle (Echinops)	Sweet shrub (Carolina allspice)
Burning bush (Euonymus)	Golden marguerite	Thyme
Butterfly bush (Buddleia)	Heather	Valerian
Butterfly weed	Heliopsis	Viburnum
Caladium	Heuchera	Weigela
California poppy	Hosta	Wisteria
	Hydrangea	

ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

St. John Orthodox Church, which moved in 1990 into the old Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church building at 1663 Tutwiler (at Dickinson), is hosting an Open House on Sunday, May 7, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. In addition to celebrating the recent building renovation, there will also be a commemoration of patron saint St. John the Evangelist, whose feast day is May 8. For more information, call the church at 274-4119.

Come for as few or as many of the following Open House events as you like!

MAY 7

4:00-6:00 p.m.	Tours and refreshments
4:30 p.m.	Presentation about iconography
5:00 p.m.	Selections of Orthodox music
5:30 p.m.	Presentation about St. John the Evangelist
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers
6:45-8:00 p.m.	Reception, refreshments, and tours

MAY 8

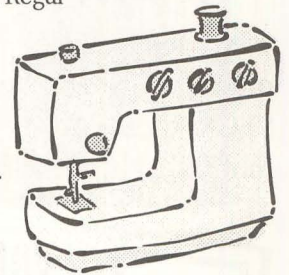
6:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy and light breakfast
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by Jo Ann Hill

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