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The VECA CDC Fall Festival



VECA CDC is hosting the annual VECA Fall Festival, September 29, 2001. The rain date for the festival is Sunday, September 30th. The festival will be held in University Park on University Avenue between Vollintine Avenue and Cypress Creek, and we are seeking vendors for the festival. If you, or any one you know, would like to rent a booth at the festival please, contact Daryl Lewis or Natalie Tiner at the VECA office to request a vendor application. Also, please feel free to come by the VECA office at 1680 Jackson Avenue to pick up an application. Whether your skill involves artwork, quilts, food, crafts or jewelry all vendors are welcome. Please come share your talents with the community and make a profit, too. Informational booths for Churches and other organizations are encouraged to participate in the festival as well. There is a flat fee of \$35 per booth and there are additional costs for food vendors.

There will be a **3-on3 Hoopfest** beginning at noon at the festival. If your skills are on the court then come show them off and win cash prizes! Call to request an entry form or come by and pick one up.

The **VECA 7K walk/run** will begin at 7:00 a.m. the morning of the festival at University Park. The race will go down the Cypress Creek Bike Path, extend to the V&E Greenline, and return to the park. Join the race — join the fun! You can stay for the festival following the race.

Also, there will be a **Puttin' on the Kidz** talent showcase. Contact the VECA Office for more details about the program and to receive entry information. Children will also participate in numerous fun games at the park including relay events and obstacle course activities. Festival T-shirts will be for sale and are provided to those who register for the Hoopfest or the 7K walk/run.

All booth applications and entry forms are due by Monday, September 17, 2001. Registration on the day of the event is allowed for the 7K walk/run only.

There will be fun for all ages at the festival, so mark your calendars! For more information contact Daryl Lewis, Gloria Fulton, or Natalie Tiner at the VECA office, (901) 276-1732.

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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.

Fall Festival	September 29; September 30 raindate
VECA Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting	January 21, 2002 (tentative)
Historic Committee	second Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m. (various locations; call office)
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	last Monday monthly, 7:30 a.m.
Housing Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
Commercial Revitalization Committee	second Thursday monthly, noon
Brown/Howell Block Club	second Thursday monthly, 6:30 p.m. (Cypress Junior High School)
Youth Committee	
VENews deadlines:	October 5, December 5
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	first Monday monthly, 6:30 & 7:00 p.m.
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VECA CDC & VECA Boards	October 1, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	November 5, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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EVERGREEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S CLANJAMFRY



The third annual Scottish Festival called "Clanjamfry" will be held Friday through Sunday, September 14-16 on the grounds of Evergreen Presbyterian Church (613 University Street, across from Rhodes College).

The schedule of events includes a golf scramble, a reception for donors and sponsors, a ceilidh (KAY-lee, a traditional Scottish variety show), an outdoor faire, music including bagpipers, food, clan tents, vendors of Scottish goods, contests, a children's area, sheep-herding demonstrations — all with a Scottish theme.

The grand finale is on Sunday morning, when the regular church service is replaced by a Kirkin' o' the Tartans, a glorious and moving service that incorporates Scottish church traditions, including a presentation of clan tartans for blessing and dedication along with stirring bagpipe accompaniment to favorite hymns. A dinner on the church grounds will immediately follow the service.

For more information, contact the church office at 274-3740.

Mark Your Calendars for Spring Home Tour

Mark your calendars for Vollintine-Evergreen's Spring Home Tour on Sunday, April 28, 2002. There will be several neighborhood homes and gardens available to tour. Volunteers will be needed as docents in each home, please contact Helen Johnson at 272-9968.



Avoid the High Cost of Winter Heating MLGW Encourages Conservation

Our community, like much of America, endured extreme energy costs this past winter due to the unusual weather and historic increases in wholesale prices. This had such a profound impact across the country, many people are now more eager to conserve energy. Memphis Light, Gas, and Water is taking advantage of this heightened interest by increasing efforts to promote energy conservation in the community. MLGW is continuing to emphasize the importance of energy efficiency through a variety of communications vehicles including the MLGW website (www.mlgw.com), news releases, and energy conservation literature. MLGW, in association with WREG-TV3 launched a community energy conservation initiative called "Power to Save." This yearlong program will provide timely, practical information on how to control energy consumption and costs.

Energy audits are available to residents, churches, businesses and other commercial and industrial customers from the MLGW Energy Solutions department. Experts from this department are available to help and advise customers with energy saving needs by identifying and helping to implement cost-savings measures. To talk to a representative about scheduling an appointment for this service, or to receive more information on the program, simply call 528-4141.

A wealth of energy conservation information can be found on the MLGW website at www.mlgw.com and in energy conservation brochures that can be requested either via the website or by calling 528-4YOU (528-4968).

DRUG DEALERS WHO SELL DRUGS FROM RENTAL PROPERTIES CAN BE EVICTED

The Drug Eviction Program enables you and your neighbors to take an active part in running drug dealers out of your neighborhood. All you have to do is call Crime Stoppers and report the drug selling activity. The call can be anonymous — you do not have to give your name or address.

Crime Stoppers will report the tip to the proper authorities. If it is determined that drugs are being sold from rental property by the tenant or with the tenant's knowledge and cooperation, either the landlord or the D.A.'s office can initiate procedures to get the tenants evicted from that property.

The ultimate goal of the program is to rid neighborhoods of drug activity and make them safer for families to enjoy. We will, of course, criminally prosecute those dealing drugs. At the same time, through the Drug Dealer Eviction Program, we can make sure they don't go right back to the same rental properties continuing to deal in drugs while out on bond.

The District Attorney General hopes that you and your neighbors will take advantage of the program and help them rid the area of any illegal drug sales that may be occurring.

VECA CDC UPDATE: WATKINS SQUARE

by Steve Gadbois, VECA CDC Executive Director

Monday, August 6, marked a milestone at the VECA CDC-owned "Watkins Square" commercial strip. First, long-time anchor tenant Melanie's Restaurant reopened at 1070 N. Watkins after a two month closing for expansion and complete renovation. Besides having more serving lines and seating, Melanie's will now be open all day instead of just at lunchtime. Ms. Jimmy Leach and her family own the business.

Second, TABORCO is the new tenant at 1078 N. Watkins, doing wholesale distribution business in shipping and packaging materials, cleaning supplies, etc. Tommy Tabor is the owner.

Our other three tenants at Watkins Square are the Watkins Square Photo Group, which is new, Diamond Hair Gallery, and Unisex Style Shop. Stop by and check out the continuing improvements!



FOR SALE BY VECA CDC

- 2135 Howell:** new all brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house (just completed)
- 2122 Brown:** new all brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house (under construction)
- 2162 Brown:** new all brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house (under construction)
- 2113-2117-2119 Brown:** new all brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house (under construction later in 2001)

BUSINESSES DIRECTORY COMING SOON

VECA CDC's Commercial Revitalization Committee will be highlighting the six commercial districts in the Vollintine-Evergreen area. We encourage your involvement and input in our efforts to revitalize our commercial districts. These efforts will include starting a neighborhood directory for the Vollintine-Evergreen area. Our goal is to compile a list of local community businesses, business owners, self-employed professionals and local churches, all of whom will be sent a survey requesting information about the services provided so that your neighbors know who you are, where you are, and what you do. We hope this VECA business directory will encourage and strengthen neighborhood support of neighborhood businesses. Please feel free to contact Chris Orejel, VECA CDC's new Commercial Revitalization Assistant, at (901) 276-1782 for more information comment and questions.

VECA NEEDS MEMBERS

Name _____

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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, Springdale 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.