

# VOLLINTINE EVERGREEN

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## VECA'S ANNUAL MEETING — JANUARY 21

All Vollintine-Evergreen residents are invited to VECA's annual meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 21 at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1971 Jackson Avenue at University. Though VECA hosts various other events during the year, this event is the most important for laying the foundation for a productive year. The new VECA Board and its officers will be elected, the new VECA CDC Board will be introduced, and both the Dichtel Award and Borys Award will be presented. Besides business, there will be good food, entertainment, and a chance to talk with old and new neighbors. Call the VECA office if you have any questions.

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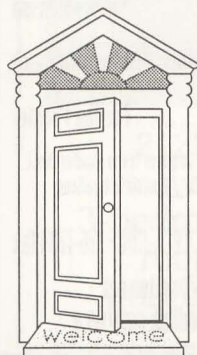
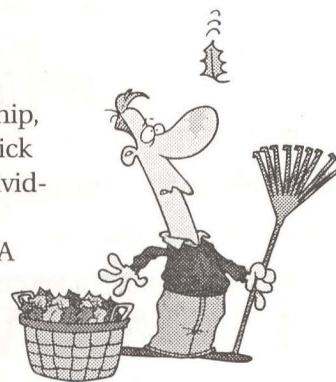
## "YOUTH AID" PROGRAM KICKS OFF

Thanks to funding awarded by the Memphis Community Development Partnership, VECA is now initiating a "Youth Aid" program. This program will match elderly or sick residents of Vollintine-Evergreen who are unable to care for their property with individuals who have the time, ability, and desire to help.

A resident in need will contact the VECA office with details of work needed. VECA will provide and maintain equipment such as mowers, rakes, garden tools, paint brushes and supplies, carpentry tools, etc. needed to perform a wide range of projects. A VECA staff member will coordinate the matching of residents with volunteers. Neighborhood churches will recruit volunteers. Supervisors will also be needed as it is anticipated that some workers will be underage. Underage workers will need written permission from a parent or guardian. Residents will need to provide drinks, snacks, and needed supplies such as paint, leaf or grass bags, unless that would pose a great hardship.

If you would like more information or to volunteer, call or stop by the VECA office.

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## HOUSING DEVELOPERS EXPO FEBRUARY 23

If you or someone you know is interested in learning what housing opportunities are available city-wide, come to the free Housing Developers Exposition to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 23 at the Cook Convention Center. The Expo will include a wide variety of nonprofit housing providers (including VECA CDC), financial institutions, and other groups who have experience in providing decent, affordable houses and getting people qualified to own those houses. For more information, call 526-6627.

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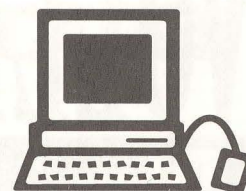
# UPCOMING MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

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.



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| VECA Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting  | January 21  |
| Historic Home Tour                                      | April 28  |
| Potluck Supper & Pool Party                             | July 13 (tentative)   |
| National Night Out                                      | August 6  |
| Fall Festival   | September 28 (tentative)  |
| Historic Committee<br>(various locations; call office)  | second Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m.                                |
| 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, 6:00 p.m.                              |
| Brown/Howell Block Club<br>(Cypress Junior High School) | second Thursday monthly, 6:30 p.m.                              |
| Youth Committee   |   |
| VENews deadlines, 2002:                                 | February 7, April 5, June 7,<br>August 8, October 4, December 2 |
| VECA CDC & VECA Boards                                  | first Monday monthly,<br>6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.                  |
| VECA CDC & VECA Boards                                  | January 7, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.                                |
| VECA CDC & VECA Boards                                  | February 4, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.                               |
| VECA CDC & VECA Boards                                  | March 4, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.                                  |

## VISIT VECA'S WEBSITE



[www.neighborhoodlink.com/veca](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/veca)

### VECA & VECA CDC STAFF

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Do you know where  
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AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM:  
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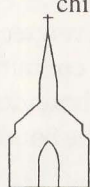
SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM:  
Most city school holidays 7:30am-6:00pm

SUMMER SPOT: The cool midtown day camp  
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## WHAT EVERY HOMEOWNER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LEAD-BASED PAINT

If your home was built before 1978, there is a possibility some painted surfaces contain lead-based paint.

*Why should I be concerned about lead-based paint?* Deteriorated lead-based paint can cause a health risk to children under the age of six. When significant levels of lead are present in a young child's blood it can cause irreversible brain damage, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems. At very high levels, lead can cause seizures, coma, and even death. Lead-based paint can also be hazardous to adults who disturbed it during renovation.

*As a home owner, what can I do to protect my family from the hazards of lead-based paint?*

You can protect your family from lead-based paint hazards by inspecting all painted surfaces for peeling, chipping or flaking paint and taking steps to make the necessary repairs. You can also protect your family by learning more about the hazards of lead-based paint.

*How can I learn more about lead in my home?*

Information is available about the hazards of lead-based paint by contacting Eileen Carroll, Coordinator of the City of Memphis Lead Safe Communities Program at 576-7446.

*Is assistance available to eliminate lead hazards in my home?*

The City of Memphis recently received a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist qualifying homeowners/tenants in eliminating lead hazards in their homes. VECA CDC is a partner in this effort to create lead-safe housing in our community. For more information and to find out if you qualify, please contact Eileen Carroll, Coordinator of the Division of Housing and Community Development's Lead Safe Communities Program at 576-7446.



## VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN RESIDENTS INVITED TO SUBMIT GRANT PROPOSALS

Rhodes College leads an alliance of 15 colleges and universities supporting "Campus/Community Partnerships". The group has funding available for projects that highlight or promote relationships between colleges and their communities. Rhodes was selected to lead this alliance because of its strong thirty year relationship with VECA.

Any Vollintine-Evergreen resident (or group of residents) is welcome to submit a proposal to the alliance for funding up to \$5,000 for a project to be carried out during 2002. The project may focus on a need in the Vollintine-Evergreen community, but it must also involve or affect Rhodes College in some significant way.

"Pre-proposals" may be submitted in writing by February 1. The pre-proposal should be short and is not required, but it is strongly encouraged. From these pre-proposals, the review committee will be able to offer valuable advice that could make the final proposal stronger and more likely to be funded. Final proposals must be submitted in writing by March 1.

The alliance is directed by a committee that includes Rhodes professors in geology, chemistry, and urban studies. If you are interested in additional details about suitable projects, have other questions, or have a written proposal to submit, contact Steve Gadbois at the VECA office 276-1782.

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

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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"



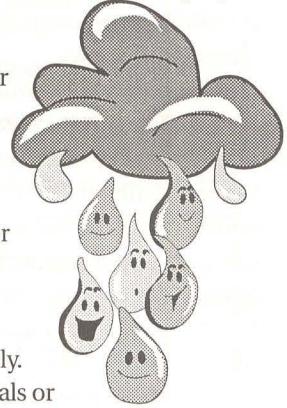
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## STORM WATER QUALITY: NATIONAL ISSUE, INDIVIDUAL SOLUTIONS

Have you ever wondered where the water goes when it rains? Sure, you say, it goes to the local lakes and streams. While that's true, what happens in between determines what shape the water is in when it reaches the river. Storm water is influenced by its environment. If it flows across clean land, the water in the river will be clean. If it flows through a polluted area, it will pick up some of those pollutants and carry them to the river. Common pollutants include antifreeze, oil, paper cups, plastic bags, plastic bottles, and yard waste.

Pollutants can cause the water to smell and be unsafe for swimming. As the polluted water flows through the rivers, fish and other animals can get sick and die. Trash, debris and sediment in the water can block storm drains, creeks and rivers causing flood damage to nearby homes and businesses.



There are many actions that residents can take to help clean up the environment:

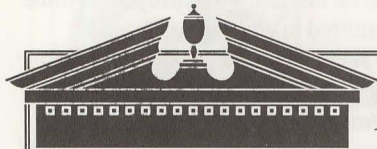
- Pick up trash from your yard or business.
- Don't put yard waste (leaves, sticks, plant cuttings) in the street or storm drain. Bag them or create a compost pile instead.
- Recycle. More than half of the trash in a storm drain is recyclable.
- Make sure that your vehicles are not leaking any fluids and have any leaks fixed immediately.
- Don't overuse pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides on your lawn. Store the leftover chemicals or take it to a Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event.

To report illegal dumping into the storm water system, call The Storm Water Action Team at 901-576-6721.

## BUILDING TRADES AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS TECHNOLOGY

VECA is handling registration for free woodworking, carpentry, and building construction trade classes. Call 276-1782 and leave your name and telephone number so the instructor can call you.

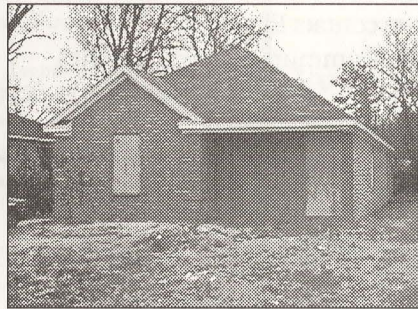
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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**I'M INTERESTED IN:**

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- 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
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  - \$35 dues, Gold Star Heritage members receive their choice of bumper sticker and the Historic Designation Plaque.
  - Bumper Sticker A 
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  - Historic Designation Plaque 
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**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, 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.