

# VOLLINTINE EVERGREEN

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## POTLUCK SUPPER AND POOL PARTY — JULY 13

Mark your calendars, and join many of your neighbors for great food and water fun on Saturday, July 13, at the Rhodes College pool. The potluck supper will start at 6:00 p.m. and the pool will open 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. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will move indoors.



## OPEN HOUSE ON CYPRESS CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS



Are you interested in learning about the environmental investigations in Cypress Creek?

Do you have questions about what the investigation means to you? Then come join us at an open house co-sponsored by VECA, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and Velsicol Chemical Corporation. The open house is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2002 at the Cypress Middle School gymnasium (2109 Howell Avenue).

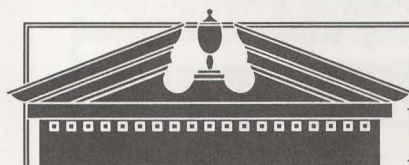
During the open house, representatives from VECA, the State, and Velsicol will all be on hand to answer questions and listen to area neighbors. Experts will present the results of findings regarding Cypress Creek so far and explain plans for additional investigations starting at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the open house, please contact Dr. Steve Gadbois at the VECA office (276-1782). If you are interested in reading a report on the investigations, a copy is available in the VECA office (1680 Jackson Avenue) during normal business hours.

## 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.



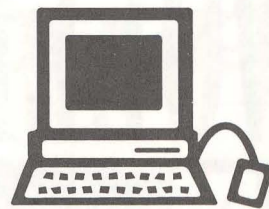
Potluck Supper & Pool Party	July 13
National Night Out	August 6
VECA Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting	January 27, 2003 (tentative)
Youth Committee	
Historic Committee (various locations; call office)	second Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m.
Code Enforcement Committee	first Saturday monthly, 9:00 a.m.
Block Club Committee	first Monday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Brown/Howell Block Club (Cypress Middle School)	second Thursday monthly, 6:30 p.m.
Cypress Creek Beautification Committee	third Tuesday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
V&E Greenline Committee	third Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m.
Housing Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
Commercial Revitalization Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
Managing Committee	last Monday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
VENews deadlines, 2002:	June 7, Aug 2, Oct 4, Dec 2
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	first Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	May 6, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	June 3, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	July 1, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



## FOR SALE BY VECA CDC

2135 Howell: new all brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house (completed)

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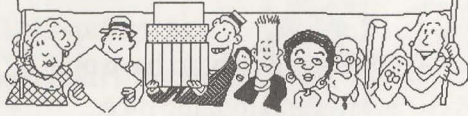
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**Thanks!**



**THANKS...**

to 2001-2002 Rhodes College student interns (now Rhodes College graduates!) Naomi Long and Natalie Tiner, who contributed enormously during this year in organizing two festivals, writing grant proposals, researching legal issues, and helping with numerous other tasks related to VECA CDC's programs — they will be missed;

to Mike Kirby who for many years has secured outside funding to pay for many VECA CDC student interns;

to Mike Kirby (and the V&E Greenline Committee) for saving VECA CDC a significant amount of money by using the tractor to move dirt, debris, and a large tree stump at three sites;

to Janet McGregor for donating a paper shredder to the VECA office.

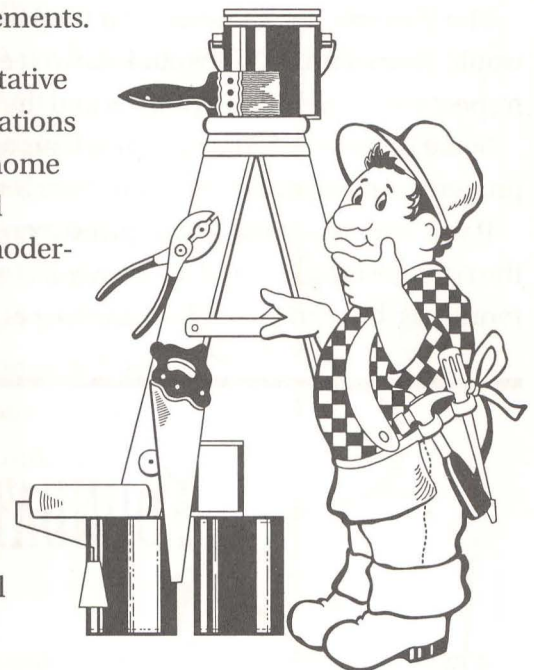
## FREE HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP

While improving your home can be rewarding for many reasons, homeowners should proceed with caution before undertaking the home improvement process. Learn more at a free workshop to be held at the VECA office (1680 Jackson Avenue) at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. Speakers from the Better Business Bureau and BancorpSouth will discuss:

- selecting and working with a contractor;
- avoiding home improvement scams;
- financing home improvements.

A BancorpSouth representative will also be accepting applications for their Community Pride home improvement loan, a special affordable loan for low- to moderate-income homeowners.

The workshop is free but seating is limited, so please reserve your seat by calling the Memphis Area Community Reinvestment Organization (MACRO) at 725-0460. Refreshments will be available.

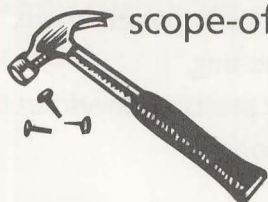


**Do you want to remodel?**

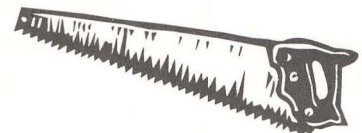
**Do you need home repairs but don't know how to start?**

VECA CDC has staff that can assist Vollintine-Evergreen residents with inspecting and determining necessary repairs. Staff can also prepare the scope-of-work and do preliminary estimates. The fee is modest.

Call the VECA office for details.



**276-1782**



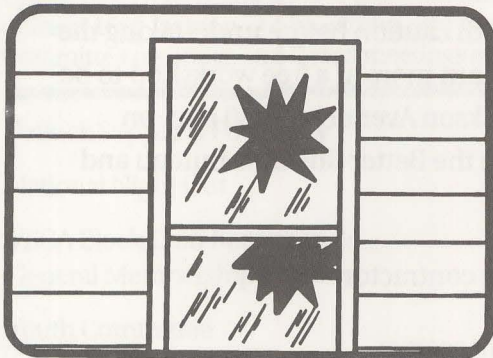
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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

by Andrew Wilkins



Overgrown grass, broken-down cars and junky yards don't have to be a part of spring in the neighborhood.

The law gives citizens of Vollintine-Evergreen the right to have our neighborhood free of health and safety hazards and looking nice. Neighbors who don't look after their property can be ticketed, taken to court and fined.

As the new property code coordinator, I'm working with neighbors and government agencies to keep our neighborhood within government property regulations.

Many people are unaware their property is violating the law, and if approached in a calm and respectful way would clean it up. VECA would like to see neighbors handle problems face-to-face. But for the people who don't respect their neighbors' opinions and the law, police and courts are an option.

Some of the most common problems are: overgrown grass, cars parked on lawns, and clutter or garbage on the property. Another frequent complaint is unlicensed car repair businesses in the neighborhood.

If you have questions about property codes, need help talking to a neighbor, or want to send a complaint to the right government agency, please let me know. I plan to be in the office (276-1782) Monday and Wednesday mornings, but can be reached anytime at home (278-3722).

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## FOUNDATIONS ASSOCIATES UPDATE

by Andrew Wilkins

A lawsuit has been filed against a state-approved "supportive care facility" recently opened in the neighborhood.

Neighbors like Mary Wilder are concerned Foundations Associates, located at 1816 Jackson, isn't being honest about what will be happening there and that the facility might not belong in a single-family neighborhood.

Facility representatives have said residents will have a "dual diagnosis" of mental illness and substance abuse, but won't say how long the residents will stay there or the level of treatment they will receive.

"The law permitting the facility was written to allow a group of handicapped people to live together and provide mutual support," Wilder said. But if the facility is a treatment center rather than a group home, it wouldn't be allowed under the current single-family zoning status.

"From the public meetings and brochures made public, it seems there will be a treatment component there," Wilder says. "Being supervised and locked down is not what you would consider a family setting."

A director at the facility said they are in compliance with state laws and have held public meetings to address the neighborhood's concerns. She refused to comment further because of the pending litigation.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

This spring's free household hazardous waste collection will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Agricenter on Walnut Grove and Germantown Parkway. Do your part to reduce the serious pollution that results when ordinary trash includes common household products such as paint, motor oil, cleansers, and batteries.



For more information, call the Shelby County Environmental Improvement Commission at 387-5707.

## DENEUVILLE LEARNING CENTER

DeNeuville Learning Center at 840 Dickinson (behind Little Flower Church) extends its services to those who seek counseling for relationship issues, sexual abuse, domestic violence, parenting, spirituality, depression, stress and anger.

In addition, the Center also offers classes in computer studies (Microsoft Office and computer repair), GED, English as a Second Language, and classes in flower arranging, sewing, quilting, and other crafts.

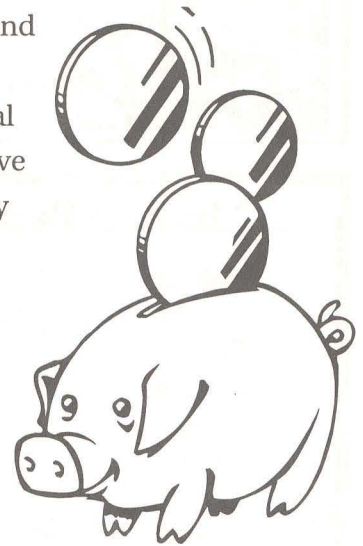
For more information, call 726-5902.

## NEED ASSISTANCE SAVING FOR A HOME?

VECA CDC has just received a grant to fund an Individual Development Account (IDA) program. Participating individuals who save regularly in a designated bank account and accumulate \$500 will receive \$1,000 towards the purchase of their first home.

If you work full-time and are considering purchasing your first home, call the VECA office to learn more, to see if you qualify, and to get your name on the list.

This program fits in nicely with two successful VECA CDC programs: the HUD-certified home-ownership counseling and the affordable housing program. Other financial education proposals have been submitted recently to potential funding organizations.



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276-1412



"All Are Welcome"

# ASK THE BANKER: "The Life of a Check"

**Question:** *What is a check?*

**Answer:** A check is a written order that tells a financial institution to transfer money from the writer's account to the account of the individual or business that receives the check.

**Question:** *What happens when I write a check for goods or services?*

**Answer:** A number of transactions take place, involving five parties: you, your bank, the store (or other recipient), the store's bank, and the Federal Reserve Bank.

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7. Your bank pays the amount of the check to the Federal Reserve Bank.
8. The store's bank credits the amount of the check to the store's account.
9. You receive the processed check and/or summary of the transaction in your monthly bank statement.

**Question:** *Can VECA run some free financial management classes, for both children and adults?*

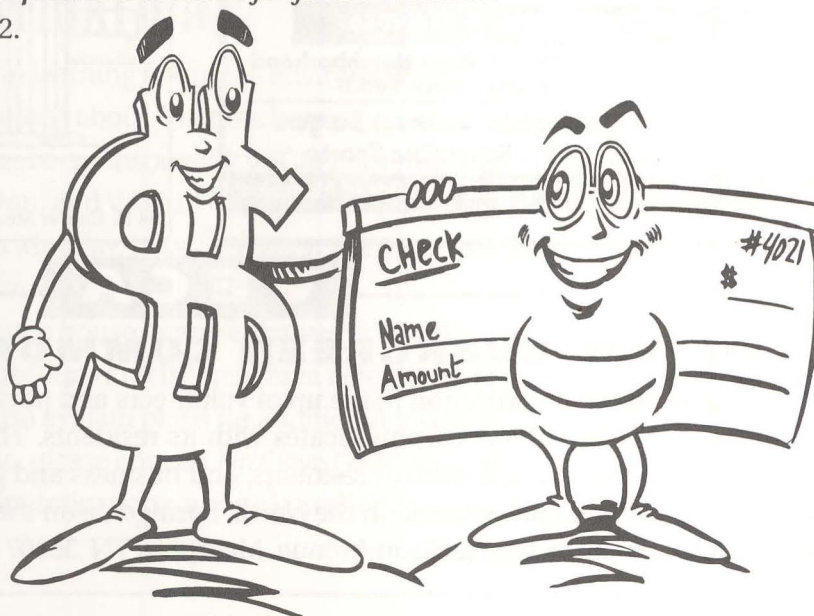
**Answer:** We hope to be able to soon! If you are interested, call the VECA office at 276-1782.

**Question:** *What if I have other financial questions or issues for future columns?*

**Answer:** Call the VECA office at 276-1782.

This month's answers were contributed by BancorpSouth.

Information provided in this column is offered in good faith, but individuals should carefully consider whether the advice suits their own particular circumstances and act accordingly.



**VECA NEEDS MEMBERS**

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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.