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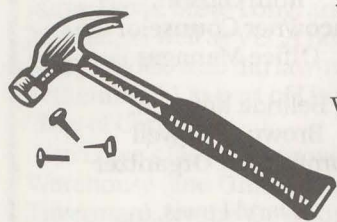
NOVEMBER 2002

POTLUCK SUPPER NOVEMBER 14

Stop by the VECA office at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14 for a potluck supper. Meet VECA CDC staff, members of both Boards, various committees, and other neighbors. We will socialize — there will be no speeches or business!



VECA OFFICE "REPAIR DAYS" NOVEMBER 15 and 16



Volunteers are needed for a special project! The VECA office is in need of exterior repairs, and we would like neighborhood residents to volunteer. Whether you are skilled or unskilled, with or without tools, we can use your help on Friday or Saturday, November 15 or 16, to help with roofing, repair of fascia boards, and general exterior improvements. Removal of the old roof and damaged wood will have been completed before our "repair days."

After these much-needed basic repairs are completed, members of VECA's Historic Committee will apply their special finishing touch to make the building look less like a former convenience store and more like the headquarters of a Historic District.

Plans for November 15 and 16 are contingent on the weather. Call the office at 276-1782 for more information on either the repair days or the Historic Committee's plans.

COMPUTER CENTER NOW OPEN TO ALL

by Andrew Wilkins

Neighborhood residents now have access to computers at the VECA office! These computers are available for use, free of charge. Computers in the technology center can be used to type resumes and school reports. Additionally, a grant is being sought which will wire them for Internet use. Computer classes are also planned, so come by the office to fill out a survey on which classes you would like.

We would like to thank Rhodes College, United Way, and Gifts-In-Kind for supplying the technology center's equipment. If any Vollintine-Evergreen residents can help wire the office for the Internet or teach a class on a favorite computer program, contact Andrew Wilkins at the VECA office.

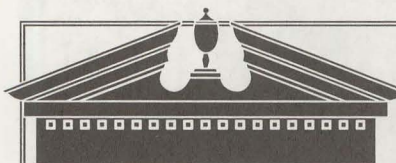


UPCOMING MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

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 potluck supper	November 14, 6:00 p.m.
VECA Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting	January 27, 2003
Potluck Supper & Pool Party	July 12, 2003 (tentative)
National Night Out	August 5, 2003
Youth Committee	
Historic Committee	second Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m. (various locations; call office)
Code Enforcement Committee	first Saturday monthly, 9:00 a.m.
Block Club Committee	first Monday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Cypress Creek Beautification Committee	third Tuesday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
V&E Greenline Committee	third Tuesday monthly, 7:00 p.m.
Housing Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
Commercial Revitalization Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Managing Committee	last Monday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
VENews deadlines, 2002-2003:	December 2; February 5; April 4; June 5; August 6; October 3
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	first Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	November 4, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	December 2, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	January 6, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



FOR SALE BY VECA CDC

New brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom houses under construction at 2113 Brown; 2136 Howell; 2218 Hunter; 2348 Hunter; 2345 Shasta; 2375 Shasta.

VISIT VECA'S WEBSITE



www.neighborhoodlink.com/memphis/veca

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Thanks!



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- to Bill Germann, for the donation of a file cabinet;
- to Carla and John Fergus Ryan, for the donation of an electronic typewriter;
- to Snowden student David Jones, who set up and connected 16 computers for the VECA's new computer center (see article);
- to International Paper's Carolyn Daugherty, for the donation of supplies for VECA's new computer center;
- to International Paper's Sherry Creasy, Jaime Davis, Steve Long, and Wesley Mueller, as well as VECA Board member Mary Wilder, who did lawnwork on September 11 as part of United Way's "Day of Caring";
- to Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse (and United Way's Larry Tifverman), for the donation of a pallet of home improvement products, with a retail value more than \$1,000;
- to Office Depot (and United Way's Larry Tifverman), for the donation of office supplies;
- to I.C.B. on Jefferson Avenue, for further discounting its already-low price on a generator that will be used on VECA CDC's new construction (saving us considerably on temporary electrical service);
- to Evergreen Presbyterian Church, for the donation of 100 free tickets to its September 21 "Clanjamfray" celebration. Clanjamfray was a success again this year!

**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

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 in the past, some current Board members are willing and able to stand for election again, 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.

The VECA Board ordinarily meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, and the CDC Board ordinarily meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday 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 would be able to contribute their time and talents, contact any VECA staff person or any member of either Board.

V&E GREENLINE RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

The V&E Greenline received a national honor with a grant from the Kodak American Greenways Program in Arlington, VA. The \$2,000 grant will help fund the construction of West Creek Bridge, the last barrier to an uninterrupted 1.7 mile trail in the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood. Joanna Curtis, who lives adjacent to the V&E Greenline, wrote the successful grant proposal.



The Kodak American Greenways Awards, administered by the Conservation Fund, provides small grants to non-profit organizations and governmental agencies to help develop new action-oriented greenway projects. The Awards provide seed money to spark creativity in conservation, outdoor recreation, trail and greenway development.

The V&E Greenline is one of only 38 groups awarded nationwide for their local efforts. According to the Conservation Fund's chairman, Patrick Noonan, "The projects selected this year represent some of the best grass-roots conservation and greenway development efforts in the United States. The Conservation Fund supports these local initiatives because they are thoughtful, action-oriented projects that will serve as models for other communities around the country. The awards are made possible through the generous support of the Eastman Kodak Company. The committee selected grant recipients from 237 applications in 47 states."

When development of the V&E Greenline began six years ago, two creeks interrupted the trail. In 2000, a bridge was erected at Lick Creek, eliminating the first obstacle. VECA CDC's V&E Greenline Committee is now undertaking an effort to construct a second bridge at West Creek – the last impediment to an uninterrupted 1.7 mile walk, run, or bike ride on the V&E Greenline. Currently, trail users have to detour on neighborhood streets or walk down a steep path and through the creek bed itself to use the last quarter-mile of the trail. For these reasons, very few people venture beyond West Creek, in contrast to other heavily traveled areas of the V&E Greenline. Construction on the West Creek Bridge is expected to be complete by March 2003.

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 recipient need not be an officer. The recipient 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 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 served as VECA president, on the VECA CDC Board of Directors, and as active volunteer over the years.

The Richard S. Borys Award was created to recognize public officials who through their work contribute to the Vollintine-Evergreen community. The recipient need not be a Vollintine-Evergreen resident or a VECA member.

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THE MARTHA HEINEMANN AWARD

Martha Heinemann grew up in Hot Springs, Arkansas, graduated from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) in biology, and earned her Masters degree from University of Arkansas in biochemistry. She was a research chemist at the University of Tennessee and the Veterans Administration hospital. Besides her volunteer work with VECA, Martha was associated with Rhodes Alumni, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Brooks Museum, and the Tennessee Ornithological Society.

The Heinemann Award is being instituted to honor a Board member who has rendered exceptional service to either the VECA Board or the VECA CDC Board. The Nominating Committee will select one winner from either Board.

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Past Winners

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	Sherry Henson & Belinda Kersch
2001	Bill Rehberg
2002	Tom Fagan

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	Wayne Risher
2001	Charles Granderson
2002	Don Campbell



COMMUNITY GARDEN

by Andrew Wilkins

The Mid-South Peace and Justice Center (MSPJC) is offering assistance with a community gardening project to the Vollintine-

Evergreen neighborhood.

Already started in the Orange Mound neighborhood, the 20-year-old organization is offering the training and materials needed to get the garden started, but we need volunteers from our neighborhood! Students, retirees, housewives and gardeners with all levels of experience could contribute to this project.

Julie Rogers, coordinator of the MSPJC, says she has seen the garden unite the community and teach everyone involved about where our food comes from and how to set and achieve goals.

VECA and the MSPJC are still scouting garden sites, if anyone has any suggestions. Three garden sites couldn't be used in Orange Mound because of dangerous levels of lead found in the soil, so we need to pick several to be tested.

Gardeners will be able to choose what is grown and who receives the vegetables. The MSPJC is also opening a store at their offices in the First Congregational Church in the Cooper-Young neighborhood where products from the neighborhood garden can be sold.

Community gardens are a great way to bring a community together and teach our children about where their food comes from. Let's get together to support this worthwhile project! Contact Andrew Wilkins at the VECA office to volunteer or ask any questions.

WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?



Many Vollintine-Evergreen residents make annual tax-deductible contributions to United Way, which funds various worthy causes in Memphis and Shelby County. Most donations are unrestricted, which United Way allocates to agencies providing much needed services. In the past, VECA CDC has received grants to support neighborhood projects.

Through the United Way campaign, donors have the opportunity to make a "directed gift" to United Way for a specific cause or for a specific agency of the donor's choice. VECA CDC is one such agency. On the other hand, VECA itself is NOT such an agency, so DON'T DESIGNATE YOUR GIFT TO VECA, donate instead to VECA CDC. 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 5377. This number can be written on United Way's donor forms to direct the donation to the VECA CDC. To further direct the donation (to a specific project or committee, such as the V&E Greenline or Blocks Clubs), notify the VECA office.

IN MEMORY OF LOIS SCOTT

(January 1, 1937 - September 16, 2002)

by Gloria Fulton

"O Lord, truly I am thy servant, I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid." Psalms 116:16 — Delois Scott was a servant. The American Heritage College Dictionary describes "servant" as one who expresses submission or debt to another. Lois submitted herself to her community and she felt an obligation and responsibility to render her time, talent, energy, and funds in any way she could. She did whatever she could and whatever you would ask of her even if she didn't feel well.

Lois Scott started the Sheridan Street Block Club about eight years ago. She was a member of the VECA Board and its Block Club Committee. I often referred to her as Ms. Scott while addressing other members by their first name. She called me and asked me, "Why do you call me by my last name? I feel so antiquated." I told her it was because she always had a lady-like, regal persona. She laughed and I remembered to call her "Lois" from then on. As I think about her from time to time I shall always remember her as Ms. Delois Scott.

SPIRITUAL HARVEST

by Pastor William Standifer Sr.
Evergreen A.O.H. Church of God
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Fall is the time of year for harvesting. Jesus said the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Those of us who have hope in Christ should not forget the perishing in our community. Drugs, alcohol, prostitution and other activity can be overcome by the power of God. Let us come together and take back our neighborhoods for the sake of righteousness.

NEWS FROM VELSICOL

by Chuck Hanson

Residents of Memphis and Velsicol can take pride in the active dialogue we've established in recent years. Perhaps that explains why our absence was noticeable at a July 2 public meeting sponsored by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding a legal agreement relating to the Hollywood Dump. The meeting was held to inform residents about a federal DOJ "ability to pay" agreement that will ensure continued funding of necessary environmental work at the Hollywood Dump and similar sites in two other states.

I've been asked by several community leaders to share with you why Velsicol did not attend the meeting. This was a Department of Justice meeting, requested by the public. The intent was for knowledgeable representatives from the DOJ to focus maximum time on explaining and answering questions about this complex agreement. In discussions with them, it was agreed that if Velsicol representatives did not attend, it would help keep the meeting focused specifically on the agreement.

The situation leading up to the need for this special agreement was the bankruptcy of Fruit of the Loom, the former parent company of Velsicol Chemical. Fruit of the Loom was responsible for the ongoing environmental work at the Hollywood Dump along with the City of Memphis. The agreement negotiated by the DOJ, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and several states provides maximum assurance that this site and others will continue to get the funding and attention required.

The situation leading up to the need for this special agreement is regrettable. For those readers who may not be familiar with Fruit of the Loom or what its relationship is to the Velsicol that exists today, I'd like to offer a brief explanation.

The "new" Velsicol was formed in December 1986 when it was purchased from its parent company, Farley Industries/Fruit of the Loom.

As a part of that purchase, Velsicol was indemnified by Fruit of the Loom for liability relating to the Hollywood Dump and many other sites. This means Fruit of the Loom promised to take financial responsibility for the investigation and cleanup, if required, of these sites.

In December 1999, Fruit of the Loom declared bankruptcy. This act created questions regarding who would pay for on-going work at sites like Hollywood Dump. Velsicol proved to the DOJ that financial responsibility for the sites was well beyond its limited resources.

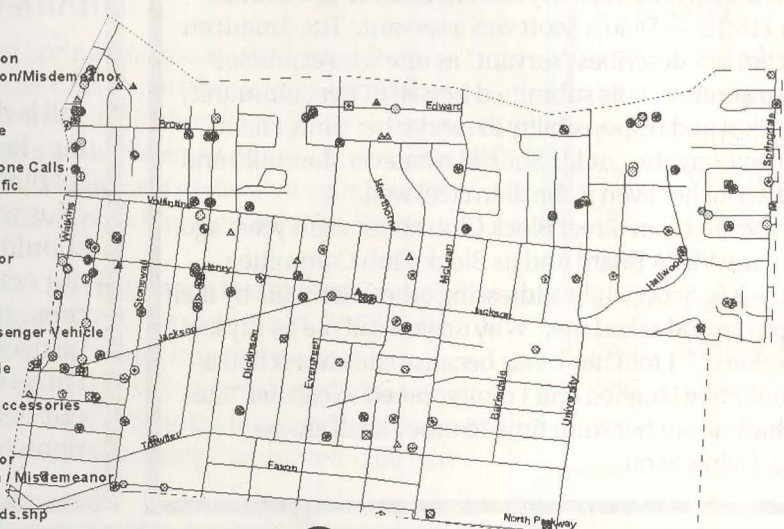
To maintain funding of environmental work at the Hollywood Dump and other sites, the DOJ negotiated an "ability to pay" agreement with the respective local and state governments, and the companies involved. This agreement continues maximum possible funding and avoids lengthy legal actions by all parties involved, which could deplete funds better invested in environmental work.

Velsicol will continue communicating with its neighbors and city officials. We have already participated in the formation of a Leadership Group made up of other Velsicol senior managers and myself to meet regularly with Cypress Creek area residents. Our first meeting was held on September 13 at the VECA office. We will report on our discussions, and I will continue to provide the Vollintine-Evergreen News with news from Velsicol.

Chuck Hanson is a vice president of Velsicol Chemical Corporation. He can be reached via email at CHanson@velsicol.com.

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- ⊙ Burglary/Residential
- ⊙ Carjacking
- ⊙ Counterfeiting/Forgery
- ⊙ Custodial Interference
- ⊙ DOA/Natural
- ⊙ Drug Equipment Violation
- ⊙ Drugs/Narcotics Violation/Misdemeanor
- ⊙ Identity Theft
- ⊙ Intimidation
- ⊙ MVT/ Passenger Vehicle
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- ⊙ Other Theft / Non-Specific
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- ⊙ Shoplifting Misdemeanor
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NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME August 1 - September 30, 2002



ASK THE BANKER: IDENTITY THEFT

Question: What is identity theft?

Answer: Identity theft occurs when someone obtains your personal information without your knowledge and commits fraud or theft.

Question: What damages can an identity thief do to me?

Answer: Identity thieves can ruin your good credit standing, which in turn can make it extremely difficult or impossible to open bank accounts, obtain and use credit cards, and receive loans, just to name a few problems.

Question: How can an identity thief acquire my personal information?

Answer: Here are just a few of the many ways a criminal can obtain your personal information:

- by finding credit card receipts that have been lost or thrown in the trash;
- by stealing bills or checks out of your mailbox;
- by stealing or finding your wallet or purse; or
- by overhearing conversations in which you give out personal information.

Question: How can I protect my personal information from identity thieves?

Answer: 100% protection is impossible to achieve, but you can come close:

- when making a credit card purchase get all receipts and carbons;
- shred (do not just throw away) papers with your personal information;
- do not put your social security number or driver's license number on your personal checks;
- do not give out personal information over the telephone, unless you are absolutely sure you are giving it to a reputable person or business who needs it;
- do not give out personal information over a cell phone or cordless phone, no matter who you are speaking to, because others can be listening in.

Question: How can I tell if I might be a victim of identity theft?

Answer: You may receive bills for items you did not purchase or telephone calls you did not make. Businesses may call to get you to pay for items you know nothing about. Banks may call to inform you that your accounts are overdrawn. Credit card companies may call if they see something suspicious on your account.

Question: What can I do if I become a victim of identity theft?

Answer: You should immediately file a report with the police department and keep a copy of the report. Call all banks and creditors, close all accounts, and re-establish new accounts. Contact the three major credit reporting bureaus:

- Experian (formerly TRW) 1-800-422-4879
- Equifax/CBI 1-800-378-2732 or 1-800-685-1111
- Trans Union Corporation 1-800-561-2674

Question: Where can I get more free information about identity theft?

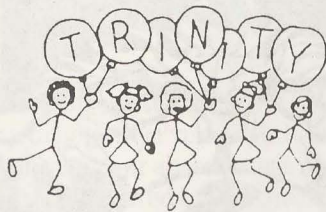
Answer: Stop by the VECA office and pick up a brochure published by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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

Answer: Call the VECA office at 276-1782.

BancorpSouth contributed most of this month's answers. 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.





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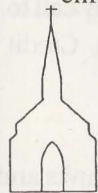
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- Are you a good driver? Would you be willing to transport students and their children to and from DeNeuville? You do not need a special license to drive DeNeuville's seven-passenger van.
- Would you consider providing financial support so that DeNeuville's mission can continue?

If you can say "yes" to any of these questions, please give us a call at 726-5902 or stop by 840 Dickinson Street (behind St. Therese Little Flower Church). You will enjoy sharing your gifts in a peaceful and loving environment.

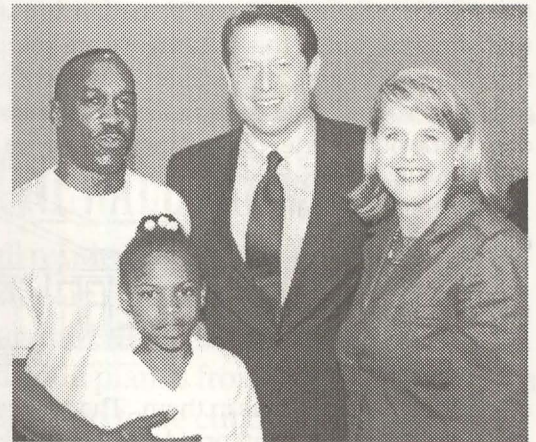


TRINITY'S ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Trinity United Methodist Church (1738 Galloway at McLean) will hold its annual free Alternative Christmas Market on Saturday November 23 from noon until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday November 24 from noon until 3:00 p.m.

The Market is a response to concerns that the Christmas holidays have become too commercialized. The Market is not a fundraising event for the church. Rather, we offer handmade gifts from Third World craftspeople, and the profits go back to them. We also have a room where children can get help in making gifts for their friends and family. There will be a baked potato lunch served by the youth group of our church and opportunities to donate to local and worldwide charities in honor of loved ones.

This will be the fourth time we have hosted this free event, and it has been well received by the community. The crafts are unique and reasonably priced, and they include toys, jewelry, household items, and holiday decorations. They are provided by Ten Thousand Villages, a service of the Mennonite Central Committee and a fair trade organization. Our sale helps keep Third World craftspeople in business to support their families. The items the children make in their creative craft area are special to the parents and friends who receive them. We welcome everyone to browse or enter into fellowship with his or her community!



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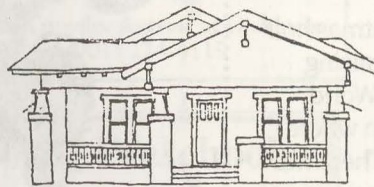
HomeStyle

by Linda Nichols

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

In our previous columns, we have talked about the different parts of our homes – the roof, the door, the windows, and the porches. Now it's time to start putting those pieces together and talk about our houses as a whole. House type is based on two components – think of your house as a present. There is a box and the wrapping. The plan and shape of the house are the box: the style, made up of the decorative motifs, is the wrapping. Often plan and style are hard to distinguish but in this column, we are going to focus on the plan. There are several different types of plans represented in Vollintine-Evergreen. In this column, we will discuss some of the older plans. There are some newer styles (from the late 1940s and 1950s) that we will discuss in later columns.

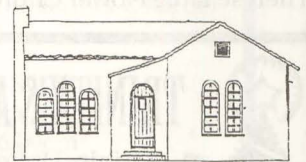
BUNGALOW. The bungalow is small in size and is single story or one and a half story. Most half stories will have dormers in them. The roof can be front gabled (peak in the front) or side gabled (peaks at the sides of the house), although most of our bungalows are front gabled. Often, one large gable covers the house and a second, lower gable covers the porch. Bungalows have overhanging eaves with exposed rafters and a large, dominant porch, which can be partial or full (extending across the entire front of the house). The porch can have piers (the porch supports) that are straight or battered (remember, battered means wider at the bottom than at the top) and these piers can be of many different materials including wood, brick, stucco, or stone. The porch often extends out over the driveway into a porte-cochere.



In addition to the traditional bungalow plan, there are three bungalow variations in Vollintine-Evergreen. The **airplane bungalow** looks like a typical bungalow, with the addition of a raised portion of the central roof (like the tail of an airplane sticking up in the air). There are usually one or two rooms in this part of the home. Low windows are generally found along the sides of this raised portion of the house.

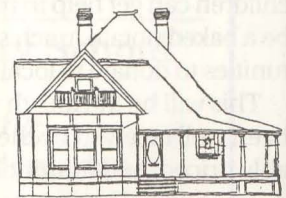
The **Southern bungalow**, unlike most VE bungalows, is side gabled. Its low-pitched roof extends past the front of the house to form the roof of the porch, which is often supported by turned or boxed wooden columns, square brick piers, or wrought iron.

The **Spanish bungalow** has either typical, triangular gables or curvilinear gables. The gable often projects off the front of the main part of the house. Arches can often be found on the front of the house, either as porch supports or in the shape of the windows. Spanish bungalows are almost always stucco.

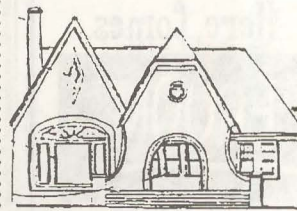


To identify a bungalow, look for horizontal lines, low extended eaves and a dominant porch. The bungalow originated in India and the large porch and overhanging eaves provided shade, which works well in Memphis, too!

COMPOSITE COTTAGE. The Composite Cottage is a frame construction home marked by a complex roof plan. Roofs can be hipped (roof edge comes down without a peak) and gabled. An L-shaped hipped roof porch is common with both front and side entrances. Only a few of these houses are found in Vollintine-Evergreen (but they are very common in Cooper-Young). They are generally older (1910-1920s).

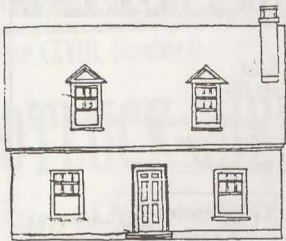
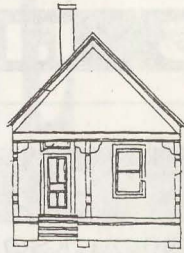


ENGLISH COTTAGE OR HOUSE. The English cottage (1 or 1 1/2 stories) or house (2 stories), has an asymmetrical mass with a steeply pitched roof, stucco walls with clean edges, unusual window patterns, tall front chimneys, and English detailing. There may also be brick and stone. There is frequent use of Tudor framing and half-timbering, with high contrast coloring of the timbers and the walls. The roofs are cross-gabled, with gables to the front and to the sides. The entry is usually a stoop (a very small uncovered porch) or has an entry hood. Porches are generally to the side and don't cover the entry.



GABLE FRONT COTTAGE. In this cottage (1-1 1/2 stories), a single gable covers most of the house and the roofline is perpendicular to the street. There are only a few of these homes in our neighborhood.

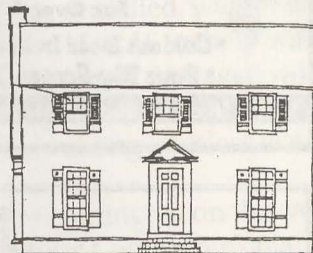
CAPE COD (ALSO CALLED HALL AND PARLOR) COTTAGE. This cottage is loosely



patterned after early wooden folk houses of eastern Massachusetts, which were commonly built in 1920-1940 as Cape cottages. This home has a centered door and windows on both sides of the door (insert picture).

This symmetrical arrangement suggests a hall with two parlors inside the house. The roof is usually side gabled. The home is usually square or rectangular, longer than it is wide. The front porch can be a low porch across the front or a front gabled porch and the porch roof is usually separate from the main house roof. Other entrance treatments can be a small portico (a small porch roof, entry hood, with supports covering a stoop) or pedimented entrance.

COLONIAL HOUSE (I HOUSE). The Colonial house has two stories, with a three bay organization (symmetrical centered door with windows or window sets on each side of the door on the ground floor and three windows or sets of windows on the second floor). The roof is side gabled or hipped, and the roofline is parallel to the street. The chimney is on the end wall. The entrance is an entry hood or portico or a flush door, possible with a pediment. In this area, there are nonfunctioning shutters. This plan is typically found in the Carolinas, as part of the Southern Tidewater tradition, where the house is known as the Carolina I House.



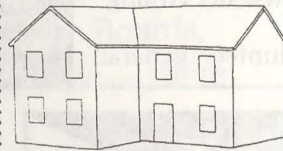
COLONIAL GAMBREL HOUSE. This two-story house has a side gabled gambrel roof line running parallel to the street. The gambrel roof has two separate pitches. Gambrel houses look like Dutch barns. In Vollintine-Evergreen, these types of houses have shed dormers across the entire façade of the house, both front and back. It may even be hard to tell from the street that a house has a gambrel roof. There are usually 3-5 bays on the front of the house. The siding is typically wood and the chimney is end wall.



FOURSQUARE. The Foursquare is a two-story home that is roughly square. The front typically has four bays, including a front door and three window groupings. The front door is not centered. The roof is pyramidal or hipped, with hipped roof dormers in the center of the door. Exterior walls are brick veneer or weatherboard. The porch is on the front, sometimes to the side, and has a separate hipped or modified hipped roof.



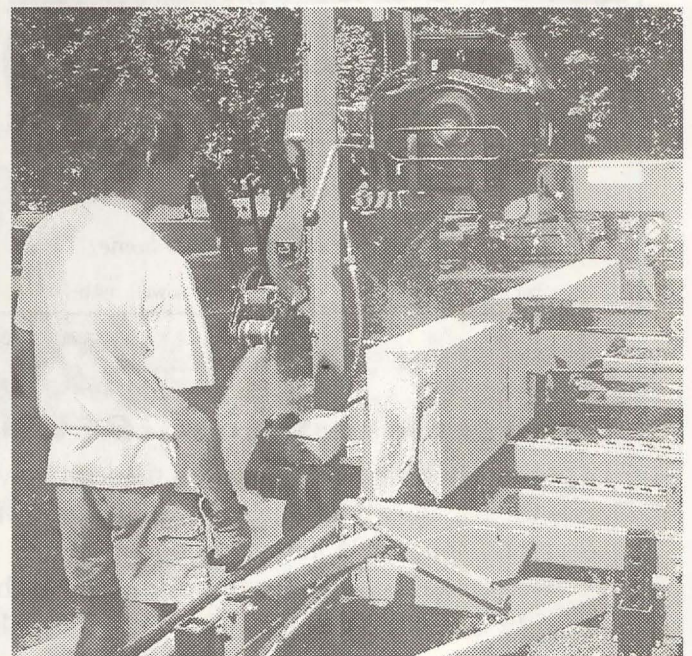
GABLE FRONT AND WING. In this two-story house, a single gable faces the street with a gabled wing parallel to the street.



VERNACULAR COTTAGE. The Vernacular Cottage is a 1- 1/2-story home with a mixture of styles.

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