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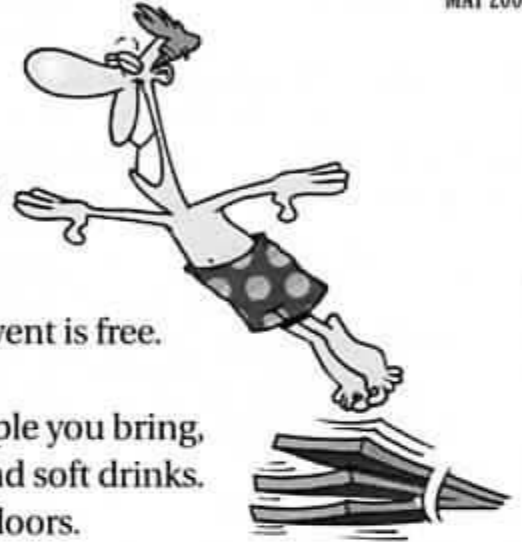
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POTLUCK SUPPER AND POOL PARTY

Mark your calendars, and join many of your neighbors for great food and water fun on Saturday, July 9, 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. Those under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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 go on, indoors.



**DOING YOUR SPRING HOUSE CLEANING?
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Donate items to the V&E Greenline for the annual yard sale fundraiser.

For pickup call 276-1782, 274-3875 or email Jkirby@rhodes.edu.

Yard Sale is Saturday, June 11th, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the Greenline at 745 N. McLean.

NATIONAL HONOR FOR V&E GREENLINE

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy of Washington named the V&E Greenline its "Trail of the Month" for March. Chosen from the country's 1250 open rail-trails, the V&E Greenline is "a significant landmark in our community", according to Greenline volunteer Mike Kirby. "We have managed to turn what used to be an attractive place for dumping litter into a positive attribute for our community."

The V&E Greenline is featured on the Conservancy's website www.rail-trails.org, which also includes previous winners. This news was also in the March 17, 2005 Appeals section of The Commercial Appeal.

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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.



V&E Greenline Yard Sale	June 11 (V&E Greenline at McLean)
Potluck Supper & Pool Party	July 9 (Rhodes College)
National Night Out	August 2 (throughout neighborhood)
VECA Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting	January 23, 2006 (tentative; TBA)
Block Club Festival	April 29 or 30, 2006 (TBA)
Historic Home Tour	April 30, 2006 (throughout the neighborhood)
Historic Committee	second Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m. (various locations; call office)
Code Enforcement Committee	fourth Thursday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Block Club Committee	first Monday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Cypress Creek Committee	third Wednesday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Committee	call office to help
Tree Restoration Committee	third Tuesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
V&E Greenline Committee	third Tuesday monthly, 6:30 p.m. (but not July or December)
Housing Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
Commercial Revitalization Committee	second Monday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Managing Committee	last Monday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
VENews deadlines:	June 2, August 2, October 4, Dec. 1
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	first Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	May 2, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	June 6, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



FOR SALE BY VECA CDC

CURRENT RENOVATION:
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For more information, contact Judith Johnson of Crye-Leike Realty at 603-0054.

UPCOMING RENOVATIONS:
1810 Hunter

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UPDATE ON CYPRESS CREEK

As this newsletter goes to press, people living near Cypress Creek (in Vollintine-Evergreen and other neighborhoods) await results of several health studies recently concluded by the Memphis Shelby County Health Department and the UT-Memphis Health Sciences Center. Those results were scheduled to be released at a public meeting on April 26, and then the results were to be released to the news media. By the time you get this newsletter, those events should have occurred. Contact the VECA office if you wish to know more.



- to Tommy Tabor, for donation of paper goods for office use over the past years
- to June Neal, for the donation of a large coffee maker

TRASH ON CITY PROPERTY

Now that spring has arrived, a few Vollintine-Evergreen residents need to be reminded that their trash should be placed at the street on their own property. Whenever possible, trash should be in the city's bin or in plastic trash bags. Trash bins and recycling bins should be left at the curb for no more than 24 hours, from 7:00 p.m. the evening before pickup to 7:00 p.m. the evening of pickup. No trash or construction debris should ever be left on city-owned property. If you see violators, contact the VECA office with as much information as possible: location, date and time, type of trash dumped, description of violator, license plate number, etc.

City of Memphis Solid Waste Management Routes



Collection Day

- Thursday
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TEN COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS: CITY OF MEMPHIS

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Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association for the Purpose of Code Enforcement.

1. Improperly maintained dwelling exterior-The exterior of a dwelling should be properly maintained, including the foundation, exterior walls, and roofs. This includes decayed and rotting boards, peeling paint, broken glass in windows and exterior doors. Roofs should not have defects that might admit rain. Outside porches should have structures capable of supporting the load of the porch. Exterior windows should have glass or screens. City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-91.

2. Accumulation of Junk, Trash and Debris-The homeowner or tenant is responsible for maintaining their property in a clean and sanitary condition. Accumulation of junk, debris and trash is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, discarded items, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, paper, cardboard, plastics, dead limbs and branches. Garbage should be properly disposed of and placed at the appropriate location for collection. Trash information is available: Mayor's Citizen Service Center (576-6500) or Solid Waste Dept. (576-6851). City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-87.

3. Open Storage of Material and Furnishings-No person shall openly store or keep any equipment, materials or furnishings on any residential property that is dangerous to public health, safety or welfare, or any item that creates an unsightly condition that would reduce property value or promote urban blight. This may include, but is not limited to, indoor furniture, household appliances, auto parts or building materials.

4. Parking and Storage of Inoperative (Junk) Motor Vehicles-No person shall park, store or leave any vehicle that is rusted, wrecked, junked, dismantled, inoperable or abandoned in a residential area, except in a fully enclosed structure or when screened from the public's view. An abandoned vehicle is any vehicle which the last registered owner has given up control of and/or any vehicle that is wrecked or partially dismantled or inoperable for more than 10 consecutive days on public or private property. City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-211.

5. Excessive Weeds, Grass, Trees, and Shrubs-Yard maintenance standards are the responsibilities of every property owner/tenant. This includes maintenance of plant materials in any right-of-way next to the property. Weeds/grass over 12 inches high are a violation. Plants, shrubs, fences, walls, etc. shall not be placed in a position that will obstruct visibility at intersections. All trees and shrubs shall be maintained so that they will not endanger public health, safety or cause damage to any structure, premise or utility services. City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-89.

6. Substandard Structures and Fences-It is the responsibility of the home owner/tenant to make sure that all accessory structures, including storage sheds, garages and fences are maintained structurally sound and in good repair to serve their intended purpose. Occupants shall not permit the existence of substandard conditions that may endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public or its occupants. This includes all framing, walls, ceiling, floors, decking and roofs. City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-211.

7. Off Street Parking-No person shall park or store any motor vehicles on any surface that is not constructed of concrete, asphalt, or other approved hard surface that is made of a dustless material. The number of vehicles parked at a dwelling shall not exceed more than 4 vehicles in a 10 day period of time. This includes the parking of working and/or non-working vehicles on the lawn of any residential premise. City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-211.

8. Commercial Vehicles & Equipment-No person shall leave unattended, park, stand or store any commercial truck or truck tractor on residential property or on a residential street. This is an effort to reduce hazardous driving conditions in residential neighborhoods as a result of large vehicles and heavy equipment being stored in areas when they are not being actively loaded or unloaded, or while performing work or service in the area. City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-211.

9. Abandoned and Derelict Structures-It is the responsibility of every property owner to prevent the existence of abandonment conditions to any structure he/she owns or is liable for by properly securing, carrying out repairs or performing reconstruction to the property. A structure is considered abandoned when it is without obvious supervision by the owner, tenant, or person in charge and if such conditions exist that could cause a danger, nuisance or hazard to the public. This includes any structure where the owner has failed to properly board or secure broken doors and windows to the entry of vagrants or criminal activity. City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-219.

10. Home Occupations-A home occupation is any activity carried out for gain by a resident and is conducted as an accessory use within the dwelling unit. Home occupations may have only one employee other than the occupants of the residence. No interior or exterior signage shall be used to advertise the occupation, and vehicles bearing business signs shall not be parked on the street or within 30 feet of the curb. Excessive traffic, outside traffic and open storage of materials are prohibited.

The City Code states the condition in which property in the City of Memphis is to be maintained. Negligence of property according to the standards in the law is a violation of the laws of the city of Memphis, and a person is subject to enforcement action and even court appearances and a fine.

Copies of the Code can be found at the public library. An electronic copy is available at the following site: http://www.municode.com/resources/online_codes.asp

Items 2 through 10 were from a document created by the Mayor's Citizen Service Center and the Frayser Community Association. Item 1 was extracted from the City of Memphis code. The Department of Housing Code Enforcement provided this document.



YARD OF THE MONTH HONOREE!

Congratulations! Please drive by and admire the Yard of the Month. If you would like to nominate a house for Yard of the Month, please email us at vehistoric@yahoo.com or call 278-9838.

MARCH — 1957 JACKSON

The yard of the month winners for March are proud parents Kaleb and Angie Brown, pictured here with their daughter Emery at their beautiful house and yard at 1957 Jackson Avenue. Their evergreen shrubbery looks great in front of their yellow Mediterranean house. They were hit hard by the windstorm, losing 5 trees. VECA planted a willow oak that is thriving. They added a crabapple, dogwood, cherry and bradford pear to replace the lost trees. They have roses and peonies from Angie's grandmother. Currently in bloom are daffodils, wild irises and pansies.



APRIL — 1474 TUTWILER

With a yard full of spring color, David and Tammy Shouse of 1474 Tutwiler are April's yard of the month winners. Tammy previously worked at a nursery for 16 years where she learned gardening. While seated on her front porch, she enjoys the beautiful color and fragrance of wisteria which is in full bloom. Using her knowledge of plants, in her front bed she has planted perennials which bloom at different times to provide color throughout the growing season. Currently in bloom are hardy phlox, ajuga and tulips.

HISTORIC COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AND HOMES/GARDENS FOR HOME TOUR

If you know of a great home or garden yadidate for the 2006 home tour, please email us at vehistoric@yahoo.com or call 278-9838.

-or-

If you are interested in or want to learn more about historic home styles and architecture, the Historic Committee would love to have you as a docent or volunteer for the 2006 Home Tour.

SEE WONDERS "THE ART OF THE MOTORCYCLE" EXHIBIT AND SUPPORT VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN



The Wonders exhibit "The Art of the Motorcycle" will be at the Pyramid until October 30. Buy your vouchers through VECA at the regular adult price of \$15 (or regular children price of \$5), and part of your purchase price will benefit our neighborhood. Vouchers can be redeemed at the Pyramid Box Office any day and time the exhibition is open. Just stop by the VECA office (1680 Jackson Avenue) during regular business hours. Remember, you will be paying the usual ticket price and still supporting Vollintine-Evergreen. VECA and VECA CDC thank Wonders for this opportunity.



Based on the landmark exhibit that opened at the Guggenheim Museum in New York to record crowds, it examines the motorcycle's history of innovative industrial design and its role as a cultural icon. The exhibit includes nearly a hundred motorcycles from around the world, from the earliest steam-powered ones to contemporary models.



**All Saints
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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"

“YOUTH CIVIC ACTION TEAM” NOW HIRING YOUTH

Thanks to funding from the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, the Vollintine-Evergreen community has the opportunity to hire several young people age 13-19 for work in the neighborhood related to code enforcement. Anticipated stipend is about \$1,500 for an average of five or six hours a week for one year, starting this summer. Contact the VECA office for more information. This collaborative effort will also include Orange Mound, New Pathways, and Madison Heights.

BEST CHOICE LABEL FUNDRAISER

If you buy Best Choice products at Piggly Wiggly grocery stores, save your labels and drop them off at the VECA office. As a non-profit, VECA CDC can redeem them for cash, a small effort to help make ends meet.



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Be sure to put a little African safari in your children's summer plans. This year, the Vacation Bible School at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1738 Galloway Avenue, will feature the theme "Serengeti Trek: Where Kids are Wild about God." Mark your calendar for June 6-10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Children from age three to those about to enter fifth grade will enjoy arts and crafts, outdoor activities, bible stories and more. For more information or to register, go to www.trinotes.net or call 274-6895.



MCLEAN BAPTIST CHURCH

McLean Baptist Church is experiencing new life these days. Located at the intersection of Jackson and McLean in the center of the historic Vollintine-Evergreen community, the landmark edifice has risen from the devastation of the rushing mighty winds of July 22, 2003 and proven that this growing group of mid-town Christians will not be moved!

One of the first Baptist churches to integrate in the 1960s, MBC has made a faith promise to stay and be a responsible, inclusive, and proactive member of the religious landscape of this great community. Because of this commitment, the church has a multi-cultural, multi-national, multi-ethnic makeup. It hosts a Spanish-speaking evangelical church in the facility as well as occasional VECA events. Spanish-to-English and English-to-Spanish classes are offered periodically. The church plans to open its building to meet other needs in the community in the future. Rev. Joe Doran, the new pastor who arrived about two years ago, says, "I have never seen a people so willing to love, serve, and grow."

The windstorm only made members more determined to move into the 21st century with a new vision, purpose, and enthusiasm for opening the church and themselves to serve the entire community. Pastor Joe likes to say, "Not all Baptists are the same but you will have to visit us to truly know the difference." One example of the difference is seen in the new family life center that replaces the old sanctuary.

A new youth minister and a new music minister have been called. According to the youth minister, "The future of our church lies in the hearts of the youth. We want to build a ministry that helps our community's youth to be all that they can be for Christ." MBC has now added an exciting worship band that leads an alternative, informal, contemporary worship event one Saturday a month at 5:00 p.m. The service is called "ASAP" ("All Songs And Praise") and is led by the praise band "Renewal" whose members all belong to the church and are outstanding musicians coming from a variety of backgrounds.

As part of this emphasis on youth and families, from June 5 to June 8, MBC will host a "Mega Youth Lead Ministry Event" for the community's and church's youth, young families, and adults at the church. A large ministry team from Paris, Tennessee will be on the campus for four big days. They will feature all kinds of wonderful opportunities for our community's youth and families to have fun and fellowship. You can come as you are. Former University of Memphis football great John Bramlett will be speaking the first three evenings, and Rev. Alvin Summers will give the message the final evening.

The phone numbers are 726-0032 or 604-2630 for the pastor, and 274-3766 for the church.

VECA NEEDS MEMBERS

Name: _____

Telephone Day: _____ Telephone Evening: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

MAIL TO: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, 1680 JACKSON AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TN

I'M INTERESTED IN: PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

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- Historic Home Tours
- Housing
- Code Enforcement
- Commercial Revitalization
- Greenways
- V&E Greenline
- Youth
- Newsletter Delivery
- Newsletter Writing
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