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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.



AUGUST 2: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

by Gloria Fulton

What is National Night Out? National Night Out is America's night out against crime: a night when we set aside time to get neighbors together to make them aware of what is happening around them; a night to help us guard against the pitfalls of crime; a time to discuss safety in our homes and streets.

It is a night of celebration, a night when friends, family, and neighbors stop their personal activities and obligations to relax, fellowship, and talk about the past, the present, and the future of their street and community. It is a night when public officials and officers may come out and support us, poetry may be read, trumpets may be played, or children may show us acrobatic skills.

We have streets where residents bring lawn chairs and watch the sunset with refreshments. There may be hot dog parties, barbecue parties, ice cream parties, or candlelight prayer vigils. Some of us light candles and pray for our homes, schools, health, finances, children, sons and daughters overseas, and peace in our hearts and homes.

Let us all unite and commit to pride, respect, and cleanliness in our community. The best way to stop crime is to know your neighbor and look out for him or her or them. So now that you know, what type of party will you have Tuesday evening, August 2? Please call the VECA office (276-1782) about your block event. We will have someone visit and take a few photographs, which may appear in the next issue of this newsletter.



SUNDAES ON SUNDAYS

VECA CDC's new Tree Restoration Committee will host "Sundaes on Sundays" during July and August this summer. Meet your neighbors for ice cream and fixings at 7:00 p.m. in the shade at University Circle Park (located off Jackson Avenue just north of Rhodes College and east of University Street). The organizers would welcome entertainment by neighborhood musicians and other talented people. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of ice cream and refreshments.



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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.



Potluck Supper and Pool Party	July 9 (Rhodes College)
National Night Out	August 2 (throughout neighborhood)
Tree Restoration event	October (TBA)
VECA Block Club Reception and 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	first Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m.
Managing Committee	last Monday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
VENews deadlines:	August 2, October 4, December 1
VECA CDC and VECA Boards	first Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC and VECA Boards	August 1, 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC and VECA Boards	September 12, 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



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KING'S GROCERY

King's Grocery has served Vollintine-Evergreen residents at its Springdale location for over 35 years. This fall, Theodore and Alfreda King will open a new location at Jackson Avenue and Evergreen Street, in the former "Bosi building."

Please feel free to stop in and see the progress of the extensive renovations. We welcome any suggestions that you might have, and we look forward to serving your needs.

USEFUL CONTACTS

This list of phone numbers, email addresses, and websites will become a regular feature in this newsletter if readers find it useful. Suggestions (including additions and corrections) from readers are welcome.

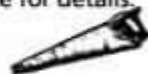
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Do you need home repairs but don't
know how to start?**

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.



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Avalon, Henry to Vollintine (32)
 Avalon, Jackson to Henry (30)
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 Evergreen, Tutwiler to Jackson (60)
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 Garland, Vollintine to Brown (20)
 Hawthorne, Vollintine to Brown (20)
 Henry and Charles Place, Springdale to west end (14)
 Howell, Cypress Creek to Springdale (35)
 Maury, Brown to north end (12)
 Maury, Jackson to Henry (60)
 Maury, Vollintine to Brown (34)
 McLean, V&E Greenline to Jackson (15)
 Mignon, McLean to University (55)
 Monticello, Brown to McLean (20)
 North Parkway, Stonewall to Avalon (15)
 Saints Courts Apartments (100)
 Snowden, Watkins to Stonewall (41)
 Springdale (west side), Vollintine to Brown (14)
 Terry Circle (31)
 University, Vollintine to Edward (55)
 Vollintine, Maury to Evergreen (10)
 Vollintine, Springdale to Trezevant (30)
 Watkins (both sides), Jackson to Vollintine (52)
 Watkins (both sides), Vollintine to Cypress Creek (24)
 Willett, Vollintine to north end (40)

ROTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Vollintine-Evergreen resident and volunteer Fredha Feaster has been named one of the ten winners of the Rotary Award for Teacher Excellence for 2005.

Now in her 21st year in education, Fredha teaches second grade at the new Downtown Elementary School, where she frequently coordinates science fairs, career fairs, math and science nights, and similar special events. Her students include Chazz Rutherford, who lives with his mother Donna Taylor in Vollintine-Evergreen.

Fredha has served on the VECA Board, and currently serves on VECA's Historic Committee and is in charge of distribution of this newsletter. She was the winner of VECA's Dichtel Award for 2003.

Fredha and the other awardees for 2005 were honored at a Rotary Club banquet on April 12. Congratulations!

CYPRESS MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Cypress Middle School received this year's School of the Year award from the Memphis Education Association. The award was one of several accolades celebrated on May 19, when the 176 students of this spring's eighth grade class were promoted. District 7 Board of Education Commissioner Tomeka Hart was featured speaker. Also playing a role were many of the school's adopters and community partners: Springdale Baptist Church, the U.S. Attorney's Office, Buckman Laboratories, and Rhodes College.

Congratulations to new principal Raymond Vasser, new assistant principal Kana Barker Mabon, program director Gwendolyn Gilbert Shorter, teachers and staff, parents, and of course Cypress Middle School's students!



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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.

MAY — 1940 TUTWILER

May's yard of the month winners are Peter and Judith Sohngen of 1940 Tutwiler Avenue whose yard is complimentary to their house. Both Peter and Judith have retired from the Memphis College of Art. Judith does most of the yard work. She emphasizes foliage and mixes in flowers here and there. A large river birch tree provides great shade but makes their yard challenging because it takes so much water from the soil leaving little for other plants. Many of the plants in their yard are gifts from VECA neighbors.



JUNE — 1041 HAWTHORNE

With a yard full of color, Maryland Harrison of 1041 Hawthorne in VOLLINTINE Hills is June's yard of the month winner. Beautiful yellow daisies planted in mass make a great display. Adding even more color are day lilies and Easter lilies. Petunias are also in full bloom. Shrubbery provides a nice backdrop for these flowers. Maryland likes to plant perennials so that she doesn't have to do so much digging each year.

HISTORIC COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR 2006 HOME TOUR

If you want to learn more about historic home styles and architecture, the Historic Committee would like to have you as a docent or volunteer for the 2006 Home Tour. Please email us at vehistoric@yahoo.com or call 278-9838.

FALL TREE AND PLANT SALE

Earlier this year, VECA CDC's new Tree Restoration Committee held a tree sale. Despite limited publicity, it was moderately successful, and the Committee plans a larger sale this fall. Look for details in the September issue of this newsletter. If you want additional information now, or want to get involved, contact the VECA office or come to a meeting of the Tree Restoration Committee, which normally meets at the VECA office at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION

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, exterior doors. City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-91



The entire list of "Ten Common Code Violations" was featured in the May 2005 issues of this newsletter and is available free at the VECA office.

Want to get involved?

Code Enforcement Committee
6:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month



- to Hugh and Lynn Dunlap, for the donation of metal fence-posts that will come in handy in various upcoming projects



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Wed. and Fri. Mass - 8:15 a.m.

Saturday Confession - 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

276-1412



CYPRESS CREEK WALL REPAIR

*by Paul Patterson, Administrator
of Environmental Engineering,
Division of Public Works*

The City's Division of Public Works has scheduled repair for a portion of Cypress Creek located north of the residence at 1978 Edward Avenue. A 30 foot section of reinforced concrete channel wall and approximately 350 square feet of reinforced concrete channel bottom need to be replaced. At the same time, 30 feet of new chain link fence will be installed. The repair will be performed by Drain Maintenance personnel from Public Works, hopefully by the end of July 2005. Uncertainty about potential contamination of soil adjacent to the creek complicated the planning for the repair, and extra precautions will be taken in dealing with the newly-exposed soil.

CYPRESS CREEK STATEMENT OF PROGRESS

by Doug Wright, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

Further sampling is expected in Cypress Creek's sub-area III this summer or early fall to determine the dieldrin contamination boundaries for excavation. The state of Tennessee has comments from an EPA risk assessor (Dr. Ted Simon), its own toxicologist Dr. Ruth Chen, and the Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA) in regard to the Velsicol Chemical Corporation's February 2005 report on the development of risk-based remedial action levels (RALs) for Cypress Creek.

The EPA says that the Velsicol report is complete and that the dieldrin RAL of 3000 parts per billion (ppb) is acceptable. Dr. Chen and TERA both say that the risk assessment is incomplete, and TERA comments that Velsicol's RAL has not been completely scientifically justified. The state's Division of Solid Waste Management is waiting for comments from the Tennessee Department of Health before making a decision on a final RAL for sub-area III, which runs from the Velsicol plant just north of Jackson Avenue downstream to Evergreen Street.

The Division has an agreement from Velsicol to excavate at ten properties in sub-area III, based on a dieldrin action level of 3000 ppb, and excavation may begin at these properties this fall. Velsicol's remediation schedule says that 920 Bingham Street will be excavated after the property owners grant access permission. The Division has approved Velsicol's plans to consolidate pesticide-contaminated soil from the Cypress Creek area to the Velsicol plant on Warford Drive, and it has approved the excavation and consolidation area drawings. The next step is for Velsicol to build the consolidation area and start moving in contaminated soil from the Cypress Creek area.

CYPRESS CREEK UPDATE

by Steve Gadbois

Many residents of Vollintine-Evergreen and nearby neighborhoods have been concerned recently about the state of Cypress Creek, which forms the northern border of the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood. On April 26, the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department held a public meeting at which it released findings of its cancer incidence review of the Cypress Creek area. Thanks to Christian Chapel Baptist Church for graciously hosting the well-attended event.

The Health Department review did NOT involve new sampling or polling, but instead was based solely on existing data, specifically the Tennessee Cancer Registry cancer incidence data from 1991 to 2000. In every part of the review, residents of the Cypress Creek area were compared to residents of all of Shelby County. The review looked for significant excess in the expected number of various cancers (pancreas, rectal, breast, endometrial, prostate, and testicular) among various groups of residents (by gender, by race, by age), and used two statistical methods.

Most cancers among most groups were not found to be significantly elevated, but there were two exceptions: pancreatic cancer among African-American residents was elevated, as was breast cancer among Caucasian residents. The review did not examine environmental data, so it could not examine whether there is a causal relationship between incidence of cancers and exposure to chemicals such as dieldrin.

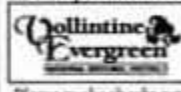

The Health Department's review is quite separate from other current work centered on Cypress Creek. Velsicol Chemical Corporation and Tennessee's Department of Environment and Conservation have been doing extensive soil sampling (focusing on dieldrin and other contaminants), and the UT-Memphis Health Science Center is concluding a study of health effects among infants (such as low birth weight). The Tennessee Department of Health has been asked to try to begin to relate these varying studies with each other.

More detailed information is available at the VECA office, and new results are expected in the near future.

VECA NEEDS MEMBERS

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