

VOLLINTINE EVERGREEN

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The Fourth Annual V&E Artwalk



The Artwalk was a treat for all who attended. Weather predictions for the day kept the committee on pins and needles, but after a blustery storm the night before, the rain passed and a spring-like day emerged. Everyone cheerfully coped with the damp ground and occasional gusty moments.

It was a great day for vendors Dan and Karen Dixon (photo bottom right). The breeze was perfect for their Wind Chime in Time booth since it helped demonstrate the lovely sounds of their creations. This was their first time as vendors and they really enjoyed the experience – from meeting people, listening to music, walking the grounds, and sampling the tasty food. Dan got his start with wind chimes by making them as gifts for family. He enjoyed it so much he kept on creating. With creations made from vintage flatware to vintage costume jewelry, the Dixons offered a unique flair for Artwalk attendees. Evergreen neighbors, the Dixons can be reached by email at dgdixon1280@comcast.net.

Quilter Sarah Terry of Get Stitchy enjoyed the event as well. She said, "All the volunteers did a great job and I appreciate their hard work. VECA is an inspiration to neighborhoods all over our city and demonstrates how beneficial a strong neighborhood association can be."

The Kids' Area was a busy place with a giant slide and bouncy house for young children. There was face painting and make-and-take crafts, and many had their photo taken at the Memphis photo backdrop designed by Shelli Owens. Thank you, Mercy Hill Church, for sponsoring and volunteering at the area.

Thanks to all the musicians for keeping the atmosphere soulful and entertaining. Musicians included Michael Penn and Peter Braswell of Whisper the King, Justin Bloss, Shelly Brown, and Billy Dove. Sound system technical help was provided by Joel Gradinger and Hi Tones.

For months leading up to the event, Jan Kirby recruited vendors, most of whom also donated to the silent auction. Katherine Laviera organized and worked the silent auction all day, and her work was crucial to the success of the event.

A goal of the 2015 V&E Artwalk planning was to involve more people to organize activities – which happened – and to document procedures so that next year the work will be more efficient. Organizers want to recruit several more leaders of planning activities for next year so the workload becomes more balanced.

The V&E Artwalk is an important community-wide event for residents of Vollintine Evergreen, and it brings others into our neighborhood so we can show off our dynamic and attractive neighborhood. 🐦



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Dates:

Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 19

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4

Clean-Up Event with Rhodes Kinney Students,
Saturday, August 22

Information Session for Seniors,
Monday, September 14

October Fest, Friday, October 16



Now's a great time to get involved in community gardening in VECA.
Contact Chris Floyd for information on when the team is meeting next:
cakirby72@yahoo.com or 491-6320.

Historic Project

Troy Hallsell, a history PhD student at the University of Memphis, is looking to interview Vollintine Evergreen residents that lived in the neighborhood during the 1960s and 1970s. He is researching the neighborhood's efforts to prevent the State of Tennessee from building Interstate-40 through the Vollintine Evergreen area. If anyone who was involved in this event has a story to share, or can speak to what it was like living here during this period, please contact him at the number below.

Troy Hallsell

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VECA is a neighborhood organization
made up of volunteers and paying
members. The newsletter, VECA mail,
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The VECA area is bounded by Watkins
on the West, Cypress Creek on the
North, Springdale on the East, and
North Parkway on the South.

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VECA Annual Membership Form – Become a Member

Join your neighbors in helping Vollintine Evergreen continue to be the great neighborhood it is! Dues are tax deductible.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Be one of the following types of team members:

Member \$20 • Neighbor \$30 • Supporter \$50 • Leader \$100 • Champion \$500 • Benefactor \$1000

\$50 or more: Historic Plaque _____ or Poster _____



Historic Signs for VECA

Bravo, we did it!

The Historic Committee extends a heartfelt thank you and our sincerest appreciation to all of you who donated and made VECA's IOBY campaign for National Historic District signs a success. We are excited to report that VECA not only met but surpassed its fundraising goal of \$3,125.

And special thanks goes to the nonprofit internet-based crowd-resourcing platform ioby (aka in our back yard), in addition to the Kresge Foundation, the Hyde Family Foundations, Livable Memphis, and the Community Development Council of Greater Memphis for providing matching funding from March 30 through April 15 to 70 – yes, 70! – Memphis ioby campaigns.

The campaign is fully funded, but if you would still like to contribute you may mail a check to the VECA Welcome Center at 1680 Jackson Ave., Memphis, TN 38107 notating Historic Signs on the memo line.

Next Steps:

Now that we have met our ioby campaign fundraising goal the next steps are: (1) purchase and fabricate metal historic signs; (2) confirm neighborhood major entry points/gateways locations for signs; (3) install and anchor the signs; and (4) host an unveiling event in the summer/fall of 2015 to celebrate the National Historic District signs. (Exact date to be determined.)

VECA's National Historic District signage project represents a significant opportunity to invest in preserving the historical value and character of our beloved V&E neighborhood. Adding these signs will reinforce Vollintine Evergreen's aesthetic narrative as a historically relevant and nationally recognized National Historic District designated neighborhood in the City of Memphis and Mid-South. Worthy of note, Vollintine Evergreen contains one of the largest collections of early 20th century residential and commercial buildings in Memphis. We are listed on the National Register of Historic Districts reflecting different periods of development in the neighborhood from 1890 to 1957 with designation added in:

- 1996 for Vollintine Evergreen Historic District (architectural styles circa 1890-1946)
- 1997 for Vollintine Evergreen North Historic District (architectural styles circa 1914-1947)
- 1997 for Vollintine Evergreen Avalon Historic District (architectural styles circa 1925-1947)
- 2007 for Vollintine Hills Historic District (architectural styles circa 1946-1957)

VECA endeavors to make Vollintine Evergreen a community of choice in Memphis that stands apart for its historical significance, charm, and housing stock of predominantly Craftsman, Bungalow, Tudor, and Colonial Revival style architecture. Other well-preserved and architecturally distinctive styles found in the neighborhood include Dutch Colonial Revival, Eclectic, English Cottage Revival, Four Square, Minimal Traditional, Mission Bungalow, Queen Anne, Spanish Revival, and Ranch.

Vollintine Evergreen is a neighborhood that reflects the best of Memphis. It offers traditional charm and modern-day living, homes with exquisite architecture; friendly neighbors; excellent schools (Little Flower Catholic School, Snowden School, Vollintine Elementary, Kipp Memphis Academy, Rhodes); tree-lined streets; the V&E Greenline, and a spirit of volunteerism and civic engagement. 🐾

Yard Sales 'Tis the Season

Too much of a good thing may be harmful to our neighborhood – the VECA office has been receiving calls about frequent yard sales in the neighborhood. Here is information that may help residents understand the rules of yard sales*.

- Two sales per dwelling unit each calendar year are permitted (City of Memphis Code Enforcement)
- Those two sales are considered occasional and isolated. These sales are not subject to tax under the Tennessee Sales and Use Tax laws.
- The length of each sale shall not exceed three consecutive days.
- Signs may not be placed on public property.
- All signs must be removed after the event.

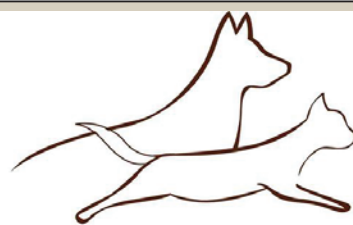
If you notice more than two sales each calendar year, you may report violations to:

- Shelby County Construction Code Enforcement at 222-8374
- Tennessee Department of Revenue – Special Investigative Bureau at 213-1494
- It may be helpful to document the yard sales with date-stamped photographs.

Yard sales are fun and a good project for a block to do together. However, they can be an unsightly nuisance if done too frequently. Clean out those garages, closets, and attics, but please be considerate of your neighbors by following the rules. 🐾

* 2.8.2 B of the Memphis and Shelby County Unified Development Code (The Zoning Code and Subdivision Regulations for the City of Memphis and Unincorporated Shelby County)

Do you want a 95 gallon recycling cart? Delivery will begin this summer in waves of 40,000 at a time. Rather than roll these out in specific communities, they will be delivered upon request. Submit your name and address to Joyce.williams@memphistn.gov



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VECA's Biggest Loser

After reading yet another article about how Memphis ranks high on yet another list for being an unhealthy city, VECA board member Angela Lamb had the crazy thought "What if the Vollintine Evergreen neighborhood started a revolution and helped Memphis improve its waistline?" After getting positive feedback from the community via NextDoor.com and VECA's Facebook page, Angela went forth and re-created a twelve-week Biggest Loser contest for the residents of Vollintine Evergreen.

The contest officially kicked off at this year's annual meeting at the end of January and ran through April 24. Contestants wanted an opportunity to enjoy the yummy food at the annual Artwalk, so the final weigh-in was scheduled for the evening before. Thirteen brave neighbors stepped on the scale in January and together they weighed just under 2500 pounds!

The rules of the game were simple: Eat healthy, exercise sensibly, and be supportive of your opponents in their weight loss efforts. Even though everyone was focused on the same goal – to lose enough weight to win the prize of \$250 – thirteen different paths were walked by the thirteen contestants. A few highlights during the twelve-week program included inspirational emails, sharing of healthy recipes, meeting at the gym, and having a potluck dinner offering healthy options.

But what about that \$250 cash prize? Each contestant was asked to contribute \$20 toward the pot and that money was used to provide prizes. The \$20, while not a huge amount, helped to keep them on track because they were financially invested in the contest. The first-place winner got the \$250; the second-place winner got the digital scale used to officially weigh everyone (it was a donation from the event coordinator), and the third-place winner received a refund of half the entry fee back.

So who won? Scott McDermott lost 3.5% of his starting weight and took home the digital scale, and Judy Hearne lost 1.2% for half of her entry fee back. Chris Floyd lost 6% of her weight and now has the honor of being VECA's Biggest Loser! According to our inaugural winner: "I am very excited to be the first VECA Biggest Loser winner. I had



hit a plateau with my weight loss and needed some motivation. I appreciate our neighborhood supporting healthy lifestyles. I will continue my healthier life by eating healthy, working out at the Kroc, biking, and walking on the V&E Greenline." (Kudos to Chris on her win and for donating half of her winnings back to VECA.)

Even though there weren't prizes for all thirteen contestants, all of them are now on healthier paths, and that was really the goal. One of the contestants, Michael McCune, who was only one of two men competing, said, "I am still walking my 10,000 daily steps and keeping my caloric intake less than 2,500. I feel better and I thank Angela for getting me moving. They say rust never sleeps, so I use my exercise routine as my WD-40."

Congratulations to all who completed the first 90 days of a healthier life! 🙌

Brian and Chris Floyd at the V&E Artwalk

Operation Crosstown: New Initiative to focus on art and fitness projects

2015 OPERATION CROSTOWN PROJECT CALENDAR

May 9: Bike Repair Station Installation
June 20: Fitness Park Build Day
June 27: Fitness Park Kick-off Party
August 22: Greenline Clean Up, Build Up
October 17: Mural Public Paint Day I
October 24: Mural Public Paint Day II

churchhealthcenter.org

OPERATION CROSTOWN
AN INITIATIVE OF THE CHURCH HEALTH CENTER

The 2015 Operation Crosstown lineup will feature projects and events focusing on art and fitness in the Crosstown neighborhood. The season will launch on May 9 with a bicycle repair station installation and close with community mural work days on October 17 and October 24.

While the Church Health Center won't be moving into Crosstown Concourse until 2017, they are already making a difference in their future neighborhood.

Operation Crosstown is a volunteer-driven, collaborative effort between the Church Health Center and several community partners to make Memphis' Crosstown

neighborhood healthier, safer, and more livable. All Operation Crosstown project ideas come from the very community they serve.

"The Church Health Center has always been focused on improving the health and fitness of Memphians," said Jerica Sandifer, program manager of the Operation Crosstown initiative. "These projects are an opportunity to focus on that objective with our future neighbors in Crosstown, while having fun and building community."

"We are excited about the community-driven projects that are coming down the pipeline," said Crosstown Concourse Director of Partnerships and Research Gayla Burks. "We look forward to all of the opportunities to grow better together."

- May 9: Bike Repair Station Installation: This station will serve the large population of people who ride their bikes in Crosstown, including many who use their bikes as their primary mode of transportation.
- June 20: Fitness Park Build Day, June 27: Kick-Off Party: Similar to the Get RiverFit install downtown, this fitness park will have accessible fitness equipment as well as games and picnic tables. While June 20 will be the build out, June 27 will be the kick-off party to introduce people to the park and encourage them to use it.
- August 22: Greenline Clean Up, Build Up : The Greenline cleanup will focus on beautifying the Crosstown portion of the trails and adding amenities.
- October 17 & 24: Mural Public Paint Day I and Day II: Local artists and the community are invited to work on several murals for the neighborhood.

For more about Operation Crosstown, please visit churchhealthcenter.org/operation-crosstown.

Neighborhood Protection Act

On May 4, 2015, Gov. Bill Haslam signed the Neighborhood Protection Act (HB 0843). The law allows for neighborhood associations or official neighborhood watch groups to petition a judge for a restraining order against criminals who have committed multiple crimes within the neighborhood boundaries.

From the Tennessee General Assembly, the bill summary reads:

This bill authorizes a homeowners' association, a neighborhood association, a neighborhood watch, or a similarly organized residential entity that is recognized by state or local law with defined boundaries referenced in the residential entity's charter or governing document, to seek an injunction or restraining order prohibiting an offender from entering the boundaries of the residential area, if:

(1) The offender has been convicted of three or more separate offenses of theft, burglary, rape, or criminal homicide; and

(2) Three or more of the offenses were committed within the boundaries of the residential area.

Any injunction or restraining order will remain in effect for one year, unless modified or dissolved by the court that granted the injunction or restraining order, and may be renewed by the court upon motion of the homeowners' association, neighborhood association, neighborhood watch, or similarly organized residential entity.


ON APRIL 16, 2015, THE SENATE ADOPTED AMENDMENT #1 AND PASSED SENATE BILL 638, AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT #1 expands and revises the list of offenses that, under the bill, will allow a homeowners' association to seek an injunction or restraining order prohibiting an offender from entering the boundaries of the residential area. To seek an injunction under this amendment, the offender will have to be convicted of three or more separate offenses of:

- (1) Burglary;
- (2) Rape;
- (3) Criminal homicide;
- (4) Delivering or selling a controlled substance;
- (5) Criminal gang activity;
- (6) Prostitution;
- (7) Felony theft, as opposed to any theft in the bill; or
- (8) Vandalism.

This amendment specifies that the bill will apply to any person whose third applicable offense is committed after the effective date of this bill. The sponsor of the bill in the House was Democrat Antonio Parkinson.

VECA will share more information about the legislation as it becomes available. wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0843



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Simple Ways to Make Your Neighborhood a Safer Place

By Hillary Johnston

<http://www.safewise.com/>

Long gone are the days where all the neighborhood kids played kick-the can in the middle of the street each summer night. Whether you blame it on paranoid parents or uninterested children, one thing is for certain: many neighborhoods today are lacking the close-knit feeling that was prominent just ten or 20 years ago. Missing this feeling creates concerns for neighborhood safety overall. Neighborhood safety is a team effort, but it starts with you. What can you do to make your neighborhood a safer place? We have some simple tips here.

Know your neighbors: This cannot be emphasized enough. Know whether they work during the day, whether they have children (and, if so, what they look like), and what their needs are. Do you live next to an elderly couple that stays home, but sometimes needs help? Or is there a teenage driver in the family? Are there small children you need to look out for? Knowing these things helps you be aware of who is in your neighborhood and what could be suspicious.

Have a way to reach your neighbors if they're gone and something is amiss in the neighborhood. Feel free to contact them if you see any out-of-ordinary or suspicious behavior around their home or if you're gone and would like them to check up on your house. You might even help develop a neighborhood calling tree.

Keep up your yard, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. A neighborhood with mowed lawns, flowers, and freshly painted homes looks like it's cared for, and this alone can help deter crime. A well-kept yard also provides fewer places for suspicious persons to take cover. If there is a certain open lot or abandoned home that is an eyesore, work together as a neighborhood to clean up weeds, plant trees, and do a bit of fixing up on the exterior.


Be extra cautious when you go out of town. Talk to your neighbors and arrange for someone to mow your lawn, shovel your walks, or pick up your mail and newspapers. Use timers on your lights, or find a security system that will allow you to turn lamps off and on remotely.

Improve the lighting on your street. Streetlamps are not the only way to do this. Ask that each household turn on their porch lights in the evenings and install motion-sensor lights in the backs or sides of the house so potential intruders don't have the darkness to hide in.

Encourage outdoor activity. Go on walks with your neighbor, work in your yard, and let your kids play with the neighbors down the street. Organizing a neighborhood cookout can encourage people to feel more comfortable spending time out in the neighborhood as well.

Know your local police department. Express to them your desire to keep the neighborhood safe, and notify them of specific ways they can help. For example, if cars are often speeding through, ask them to patrol the streets. Request that they make a drive-through every night when possible. You might even work with the department to start a Neighborhood Watch program.

Improving neighborhood safety is a team effort, but it needs to start with someone and that someone should be you. As you get to know your neighbors, discuss your concerns, and apply some of the ideas above, you'll find that your neighborhood becomes not only a safer place to be, but a more enjoyable one. 🐦



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- Crump Station: 636-4631- this gets you to the front desk officer. If you are calling to file a complaint only, advise the officer that you wish to remain anonymous.
- SeniorBsafe hotline: 528-0699 is anonymous

When reporting

- Be specific on the address
- Be specific on the type of crime you are seeing
- Describe the persons who are the problem in as much detail as possible

Little Free Libraries

Nextdoor.com is VECA's private social media site where neighbors can talk about problems like crime or blight, advertise their yard sales, or help look for lost pets. Sometimes the posts can be fun. It all started when Michelle Cullen mentioned the free libraries on Nextdoor. The concept of the free library movement is: Take a book, return a book. The Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book or two and bring back another book to share. (<http://littlefreelibrary.org>).

The idea of the libraries ignited a creative spark in recreational woodworker Victor Coonin. When he read the post he thought, "Sure, I can build a library," which led to, "Why not build six?" An art professor at Rhodes, Coonin thought this would be a great project to kick off the school year for the Rhodes Art Club as well as an opportunity to collaborate with the neighborhood. Club leader Emily Murphy took the idea to the Art Club leaders Robyn Barrow and Sophia Mason, and off they went. They got building plans and enlisted help from Rhodes professor Ben Butler. Daniel O'Grady, a friend of the college heard about the project and jumped in to help. The leaders scheduled three workshop days for club members to tackle the bulk of the work. Over several weeks, around 30 club members came and painted as they had time. The libraries are whimsical, with bright colors, polka dots, stripes and even plaids.

One of the libraries has found a home at Rhodes student Sophia Mason's home on Jackson Avenue. It's a perfect location; her mother, Celia Mason, had been talking for some time about putting up a library. No surprise, as she is a librarian at the Memphis Public Library. Celia keeps it filled with a variety of books – always something

different, and not always fiction. It's stocked with test prep books, kids' books, sometimes even maps. Celia finds books at yard sales and Friends of the Library book sales. She says people have stopped while driving past to say thanks for providing the library. They have not had any problems with vandalism.

Another library location is at Shasta Central off Springdale. Shasta Central is a home that Rhodes rents from VECA for programs in the neighborhood. Lots of children walk by the library on their way to KIPP Academy, so Dorothy Cox, director of Shasta Central, keeps children's books in the library. Sophia helped to install the library.

For information about hosting a library, please contact VECA at vecanews901@gmail.com.



Top to bottom: Rhodes Art Club working on the library project
Finished library up and running on Jackson Avenue near McLean..

Thank You, Volunteers!

By Angela Lamb, Volunteer Coordinator

If you donated your time, energy, and/or sweat to making the Artwalk successful, then pat yourself on the back, give yourself a high five, and know that you are appreciated!

On behalf of the entire V&E Greenline Committee, I would like to say thank you. Thank you for helping us prepare the grounds, thank you for letting us borrow your kids to pick up gumballs, thank you for passing out posters and postcards, and thank you for every single moment you gave us during the actual event.

Thanks for making a difference in the Vollintine Evergreen community and for helping keep the V&E Greenline thriving! 🐦



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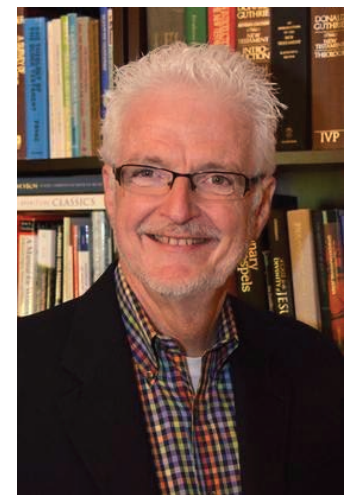
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Spring and summertime is a great time to help make the neighborhood look better by tackling those annoying outdoor problems we sometimes put off. Here is a list of common code enforcement problems that can bring a neighborhood down.

- 1. Accumulation of Junk, Trash, and Debris:** It is a violation to accumulate junk, trash and debris on residential property. This includes discarded items, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, paper, cardboard, plastics, dead limbs and branches.
- 2. Open Storage of Material and Furnishings:** It is a violation to openly store on residential property any equipment, materials or furnishing that is dangerous to public health, safety or welfare or that creates an unsightly condition that would reduce property value or promote urban blight. This may include, but not limited to outdoor use of indoor furniture, or outside storage of household appliances, auto parts or building materials.
- 3. Parking and Storing Inoperable (Junk) Motor Vehicles:** It is a violation to park, store or leave any vehicle that is rusted, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, inoperable or abandoned upon any property for ten (10) days unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building.
- 4. Excessive Weeds, Grass, Trees and Shrubs:** It is a violation to allow grass or weeds to grow over 12 inches high, or allow plants, shrubs, or trees to grow in a manner that will obstruct traffic or the visibility of motorist. This includes overgrowth to trees and vegetation that block sidewalks or hang into public streets or utility services.
- 5. Substandard Structures and Fences:** It is a violation to neglect accessory structures, including storage sheds, garages and fences. They are to be maintained structurally sound and in good repair to serve their intended purpose. This includes damage to framing, walls, ceilings, floors, decking and roof.
- 6. Off Street Parking:** It is a violation to park or store any vehicle on the lawn/grass of any residential property. All vehicles must park on concrete, asphalt, or other hard dustless surface approved by the city. The number of vehicles parked at a dwelling shall not exceed more than four (4) vehicles.
- 7. Special Use/Recreational Vehicles and Equipment:** No person shall park or store any motorized vehicle or equipment such as boats, campers and trailers and no more than one (1) camping trailer or recreation vehicle per house. No parts of such parking or storage area shall be located in the front yard. It shall also be unlawful for any person to park or store any such vehicles on any residential street.
- 8. Commercial Vehicles and Equipment:** It is a violation to park, stand or store any commercial truck exceeding 8,000 pounds in weight or truck tractor on a residential property or a residential street. Contact Shelby County Code for further information or complaints.
- 9. Abandoned and Derelict Structures:** It is a violation for any property owner to refuse to properly secure any structure he or she owns to prevent loitering of vagrants or criminal activity. This includes but is not limited to any vacant house, building or structure where the doors and windows are broken or open to causal entry.
- 10. General Service and Repair Shops:** It is a violation to own or operate a commercial business in a district zoned residential without proper permits. Certain commercial establishments are strictly prohibited in residential zoned areas. This includes any for profit general repair services, such as automotive, equipment or appliance repair shop. Contact Shelby County Code for further information or complaints.

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Moore Food Catering

Welcome to the neighborhood, Moore Food Catering. This full-time catering operation and part-time restaurant recently opened at 1689 Jackson Avenue. Owner Chris Moore grew up with a family that loved to cook, and the food industry was a natural career path for him. He grew up in Detroit, went to Alabama A&M University, and moved to Memphis two years ago. Since then, he has received an associate's degree from L'École Culinaire. He has been in the food industry for more than a decade.

Moore found out about the building in VECA (the former Cave's Soul Food restaurant) from a friend. He had been working out of the L'École facilities and was in the market for a new location. He and fiancée, Regina Barber, run the business together. Throughout the week, they prepare food for about 40 regular customers. They are hoping to expand their catering niche with the new location. Moore is available as private chef for dinner parties. They will also prepare the food for a block party or cook-out, and will even prep food for a whole week. Moore hopes to offer cooking classes to adults and kids.

Moore says his style of cooking is "soul artistry" with a touch of French, Mediterranean, Asian, vegetarian and vegan.

Stop by when you see the doors open or follow him on Facebook know when Moore Food Catering is open. 🐦

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Students Learn the Value of Recycling

We wanted to share good news from Snowden School. Our PTO, students and supporters collected plastic caps and turned them in to a new bench! Here are the facts:

- A company called Green Tree Plastics, in Evansville, Indiana, turns plastic into all sorts of useful things.
- www.greentreeplastics.com/abc-promise-partnership/#mission
- Snowden students and supporters collected 400 pounds of plastic caps.
- One of our parents is from Evansville; every time she went back to visit, she would take our collection of caps.
- When we had turned in 400 pounds, we were able to purchase a bench made from recycled plastic caps (not necessarily the ones we'd turned in). The bench retails for \$335, but with our caps we were able to buy one for \$200.
- The bench weighs about 185 pounds and is a tangible reminder of how recycling can help us all. 🐦



Remembering the past...embracing the future

Since 1910 Evergreen Presbyterian Church has been part of the life of the midtown Memphis community, for the last 64 years in the handsome building at the corner of Tutwiler and University. And while the church will live on, we're saying goodbye to this place we've called home in order to explore the ways God is shaping the church of the next generation.

Join with us June 21 as we come together one last time to celebrate our time in this sacred space and to bless it for the future. We will gather for worship, enjoy a picnic on the lawn and revel in glorious organ music. We hope anyone who has been touched by this wonderful community over the years will share in our celebration and help us as we faithfully and with enormous optimism step into our future!

Sunday, June 21, 2015

11:00 am Blessing of the Space and Worship
12:15 pm Lunch and Fellowship
2:00 pm Organ Concert

Let us know you're coming! kerri@evergreenmemphis.org, 901.274.3740

Did you Know ...

It's all in the Name

From the May 1994 VECA Newsletter
Author Unknown

Evergreen News changes name to
Vollintine Evergreen News!

This newsletter has been the Evergreen News since it was started in 1974. VECA stands for Vollintine Evergreen Community Association; Vollintine and Evergreen are the streets that divide the neighborhood into four quarters. At the time, our neighbors to the south of North Parkway called themselves the Mid-Memphis Association. After the area became a National Register Historic District, the name was changed to Evergreen Historic, after the Evergreen Social Club at the corner of Evergreen and North Parkway. Since the name Evergreen News seemed to refer to the other neighborhood, the VECA board decided to change our newsletter to the Vollintine-Evergreen News. 🐦

The EVERGREEN NEWS

Activities for the Kids

Bowling:

Register your kids to bowl free from May to September
www.kidsbowlfree.com/state.php?state=TN

Skating:

Register your kids to skate free
Details and locations on website
<http://kidsskatefree.com/locations/TN>

Malco Kids filmfest.

June 2– July 29
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10am
\$2 per ticket
Details and locations on website
www.malco.com/subpage.php?page_id=176



Art Camp

June 8 – 12
June 22 – 26
July 13 – 17
July 20 – 24
Details and registration info on website
<http://www.artstew.com/>

Dancers Inc.

Summer dance camp
July 6 to July 31
Contact Karen Zissoff at 303-3262

Lake Shores Summer Camp

1 Week Sleep Away camp by the UMC located in Eva, TN
Applicants must apply at the church
Dates to be announced
For more information call TUMC at 274-6895

Brooks Museum

Wacky Wednesdays Summer Series
Free program provides a creative outlet during the summer for families, day camps, and child care centers with an open artworks studio, gallery guides, and children's international short films every Wednesday in June and July. The first one is June 3, 10am to 1pm.
Find out more at brooksmuseum.org

Pink Palace

Free Tuesday museum entry after 1pm
(IMAX and Planetarium not included)
For more information contact the Pink Palace at 901.626.2362
Pink Palace – 2015 Trial Memberships
\$5 Summer trial membership
30-Day Free Trial Membership
www.memphismuseums.org/trial-membership/

The Memphis Zoo

Tennessee Tuesdays
Free general admission to Tennessee residents with ID on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to close;
\$3 Conservation Fee to enter the CHINA exhibit where the Giant Pandas are located.
Persons ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.
Adults age 21 and older may accompany up to five children ages 16 and under.
www.memphiszoo.org/planyourvisit

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Living Hope

By Justin Burkhead

In case you are wondering what's going on at Living Hope Church (at the corner of Jackson Avenue and McLean Boulevard), we wanted to clue you in. Our goal as a church is to steward our building well, and because we as a church want to be known for loving our community, we hope our building can be a community-center of sorts. Here are the nonprofits that we are currently housing:

Living Hope Church Vollandine Evergreen - Living Hope Church is a small body of Christian believers who emphasize loving God, living in community, and serving our world. Our services are held every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. For more information about our church please visit ve.lhchurch.com. You can contact our leadership at contactve@lhchurch.com.

McLean Baptist Church – Even though McLean Baptist Church is the former owner of the building, services are still held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For questions please call 274-3766.

The Vollandine Evergreen Neighborhood School (VENS) - This new school provides educational services for infants and children, including Playschool and Afterschool programs. The goal of the school is to strengthen families and to prepare children for their next educational stage. VENS strives to provide the highest standards possible at the most affordable costs. For more information on ages and rates, please go to www.venschool.com.

Jazzercise - Jazzercise is an affordable and convenient way to get or stay in shape. For more information on classes please go to www.jazzercise.com.

Project: Motion - Project: Motion is a nonprofit, community-based dance company. If you are interested in Project: Motion please visit www.projectmotiondance.org or send an email to projectmotiondance@gmail.com.

Serve901 - Serve901 is a subgroup of the Choose901 movement that recruits college students all over the nation to bring them to Memphis for mission trips. Trips also involve tourism and long-term recruitment. For more information about Serve901 please go to www.serve901.org.

Evergreen Presbyterian Church - EPC is partnering with Living Hope to transition VENS into the building. Potentially, the church will also be using space in the building for its offices. For more information about EPC please visit www.evergreenmemphis.org.

We hope that you as a member of VECA will find a way to get involved in one of these efforts. If you have ideas about other nonprofits and uses for the building please email contactve@lhchurch.com. We would love to hear your thoughts. 🐦



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What to expect when your sewer line needs to be fixed

By Marci Hendrix

What should you do when you notice a sinkhole in your back yard? We started watching a small depression along our fence line that seemed to be sinking over time. The hole was so small that at first it was more of a curiosity than a big deal. Little by little, though, it started looking serious. It was time to get help from the experts. We called the Memphis City sewer repair office (636-0237) and requested a service call. The city determines if there is a problem and, if so, who is responsible. Water lines and sewer lines on the property have to be fixed by the property owner; the city will fix a sewer line if it is a connection or not on the property.

A city crew came out to conduct a smoke test. Harmless vapor (smoke) is pushed through a sewer line opening to see if it comes out through the sinkhole. If it does, that means the sewer line has a problem for the city to fix.

Our smoke test was inconclusive. On another day, the crew conducted a water dye test. Here, a water truck comes to the house and fills the hole with water. When the hole is completely filled, they throw some dye pellets into the water to color it (green, in our case).

Green water did come out of the sewer line, so this test was conclusive – the city had work to do in our back yard. We completed some simple paperwork and then waited.

In time, we had a few visits from foremen and shift supervisors to assess the hole and plan for the repair (and the city talks with MLGW about utility lines). They told us we needed to move our garden along the fence line, which was more than a lot of work and kind of sad to do.

Finally the digging began. The repair crew arrived with what they called a “mini” excavator, which was ten times larger than I had envisioned. Things were going along just fine when the ground under the excavator gave way and it got stuck. Oops. The crew called another team to bring out a machine to dig a ramp for the trapped machine.

Three days of work got the sewer line repaired and that part of the job done. The fence had to be replaced and new sod had to be laid (at the city’s expense).

Here are some things to expect if you have to have your sewer line repaired.

- Expect disruptions to your 9-5. I had to leave work several times to consult with city staff.
- Expect to meet a lot of nice, hard-working city employees.
- Expect heavy machinery and lots of trucks (on your driveway and yard).
- Expect disruptions to your dog’s routine. With the removal of the fence and several days with a huge hole in the yard, the dog was not free to roam.
- Expect set-backs and delays with rain and back-ordered sod.
- Expect a mess: Digging is messy, but the crew washes the dirt off the drive.

All in all, it was an ordeal worth muddling through – and truth be told, we had no choice. 🙄



Neighbor Highlight

Hello, neighbors!

My name is John Paul Shaffer, and I’m the Livable Memphis Program Director at the Community Development Council of Greater Memphis. We focus on supporting the nonprofit community development sector throughout Memphis, engaging the public on how our city works, and advocating for safer and more equitable transportation choices. We also work on some really fun, neat programs like MEMFix – which demonstrates the potential of older neighborhoods – and supporting neighbor-led creative projects through our partnership with ioby (in our backyard). Personally, I’m working with some VECA neighbors to build a portable bocce ball court that we’ll be bringing out along the V&E Greenline fields this summer for some pop-up lawn bowling parties.



One great way for neighbors to get involved in Livable Memphis’s work (in addition to becoming a member) is through our monthly Pizza with Planners series. Each month we pick a planning topic such as fighting blight or building bicycle lanes. Then we bring in a speaker working in the field, order some pizza, and have a conversation about how planning fits into the equation. Occasionally we sit back and just show a movie (last month was the documentary Bikes vs Cars, in recognition of National Bike Month). Pizza with Planners serves our mission of educating and engaging residents from all over Memphis in how our city works, whether it’s setting a budget or designing our streets to serve everyone.

This year, Livable Memphis is also rolling out the Mobile Porch, Memphis’s newest public outreach vehicle – it’s literally a porch on wheels designed to inject some fun into public engagement. We’ve taken the Mobile Porch to cleanups, neighborhood block parties, and community fairs, and it’s equipped with tablets that can be used for surveys and shooting video.

I’ve been at Livable Memphis a little over a year, and already I’ve gotten to meet so many amazing people doing inspiring work in neighborhoods (like Vollintine Evergreen) all around town. From murals to community bike shops, from organizations rebuilding neighborhoods to people planting DIY community gardens on vacant lots, there are great things happening in our city! We hope you’ll check out www.livablememphis.org, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, and join Livable Memphis to see how you can get involved in our work and with our partners around the community.

My wife, Tara, and I have been residents of VECA (a CD Council member organization) since 2011; since then we’ve added two little girls and a flock of backyard chickens to our dog and cat. We love living near the Greenline, the sense of VECA’s engaged community, and the network of awesome neighbors on our stretch of Auburndale. 🙄



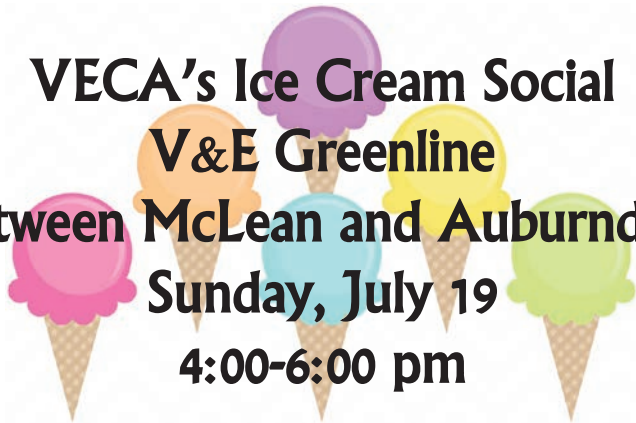
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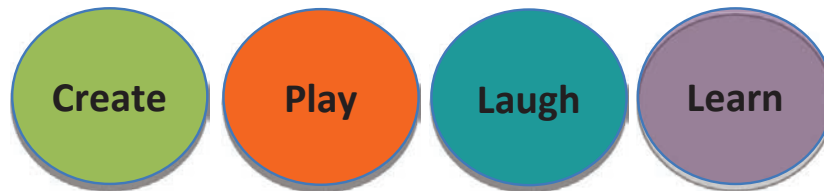
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