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 Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting
Old Home Expo & Trade Show (Snowden School and McLean Baptist Church)
Potluck Supper & Pool Party (Rhodes College)
Block Club Festival
VECA Board
VECA CDC Board
Historic Committee
Block Club Committee
Code Enforcement Committee
V&E Greenline Committee
Cypress Creek Beautification Committee
Managing Committee
Budget & Finance Committee
Housing Committee
Commercial Revitalization Committee
Youth Committee
VENews deadlines:
VECA Board
VECA Board
VECA Board
CDC Board
CDC Board
CDC Board
January 24, 2000 TBA
May 22-23
July 10, 6pm & 7pm
fall, TBA
first Monday monthly, 7:00pm
fourth Saturday monthly, 9:00am
second Monday monthly, 7:00pm
first Monday monthly, 6:00pm
first Saturday of even months, 9:00am
second Monday of odd months, 7:00pm
third Tuesday monthly, 6:00pm
first Wednesday monthly, 5:30pm
third Tuesday monthly, 7:30am
second Monday monthly, 5:30pm
second Thursday monthly, 7:00pm
March 29, 7:00pm
April 9, June 4, August 6, October 1, December 3
March 11, 7:00pm
April 5, 7:00pm
May 3, 7:00pm
March 27, 9:00am
April 24, 9:00am
May 22, 9:00am

OLD HOME EXPO

HOME RENOVATION TOUR & TRADESHOW
MAY 22-23

The mid-south's first ever home renovation tradeshow and home tour will be held May 22 & 23 at Snowden Gymnasium. The tradeshow will feature Memphis area renovation professionals showing off their products and services. The cost to attend is $7.00 and will include a two-day admission to the tradeshow, hands-on demonstrations, as well as admission to the homes that have been renovated.

If you have performed extensive renovations to your home and are interested in featuring it on the tour, or if you would like to feature your home renovation business, contact the VECA office at 276-1782.
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1998 VECA TREASURER'S REPORT

Martha Heinemann

Following is a summary of the budget of VECA for the 1998 calendar year. (All of this is quite separate from the much larger and more complex budget of VECA CDC, which acts as Vollintine-Evergreen's main fiscal agent for grants, donations, etc.) More detailed information can be provided upon request.

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DICTTEL AND BORYS AWARDS GIVEN AT ANNUAL MEETING

At VECA's annual meeting on January 25, 1999, VECA presented its two highly-prized annual awards to very deserving and well-known community figures.

The Richard Borys Award, presented to a civic figure who has made a significant contribution to the efforts of VECA during the past year, was given to State Representative Carol Chumney. Although only a portion of the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood is in Carol's district, she has long been an ardent supporter of our efforts and has been responsible for, among many contributions, getting an early voting place designated within Vollintine-Evergreen in our VECA office, and getting state funding for VECA's new tractor and other maintenance equipment for property such as the V&E Greenline.

The Margaret Dichtel Award was given jointly to two long-time Vollintine-Evergreen residents and VECA activists, Pete and Charlotte Swailes. The Swailes's have been good neighbors to their fellow residents on North Auburndale and beyond for over 20 years. Their activities have been numerous, ranging from serving on both the VECA Board and the VECA CDC Board, decorating their street each Christmas season, giving a wedding anniversary party for some elderly neighbors, and doing major maintenance and clean-up work on the old L&N Railroad right-of-way long before it was purchased by VECA and renamed the V&E Greenline.

The many deserving nominations were much appreciated. Congratulations and thanks to Representative Carol Chumney and Pete and Charlotte Swailes for their many unexpected and valuable contributions to our neighborhood and organization.
VECA'S WISH LIST

The VECA office at 1680 Jackson Avenue is in need of a few good used items. If any of the following items are gathering dust in your attic or garage, please consider giving them a new home at our neighborhood office. (Donations to VECA's CDC may be tax deductible.) We can arrange pickup.

File cabinets
Bookcases
Tables (any size)
Desks
Desk lamps
Office partitions
Computers for staff, intern, and volunteer use
Computer printers
Electric hot water heater
Cabinets and sink to create a kitchen area
Electric coffeemaker
Recycling bins
Trash containers (any size)
Donated time and skill from a carpenter, a plumber, and an electrician

STONEWALL CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Gloria Fulton

The mood on December 18 was festive, the food was tasty, and the environment was colorfully and gaily decorated in Willette Gray's manner. Vickie Fulton and Camille Fulton taught anyone bold enough to try to do the "Chinese Checkers" dance. Prizes went to Dan and Cathy Henderson and to Gloria Scott. Lawrence and Willette Gray were awarded a certificate and a gift as tokens of appreciation for the services they render on the street. (Georgia Swift was also a recipient but she was unable to attend.) Gary Gilbert, VECA CDC's new Executive Director, and his wife Sandy Call also attended. Gary was making his rounds in the community and getting to know his new neighbors. Others who attended were Jason, Jackie and Joseph Field, Willie Bell Fulton, Gloria Fulton, Angela Fulton, Steve Gadbois, Eric and Christopher Gray, Tammy Martin, Brucie Postell, Toni Singleton, Sam Thompson Jr., and Kay Wilson. What a wonderful way to end 1998: good times, good food and good friends!

THE KWANZAA PRINCIPLE OF UJIMA

by Gloria Fulton

The Kwanzaa principle of Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) is to build and maintain our community together and make our sisters' and brothers' problems our problems and solve them together. The youth on Stonewall demonstrated the principle of Ujima when they delivered fruits, candy canes, and Christmas cards on a cold, snowy and slippery December 23. Most people were inside their cozy and warm homes that day, but Christopher Gray (17), Eric Gray (15), Jason Taylor (16), Daniel Webber (15), and Joneau Singleton (17) were actually and actively practicing the principle of Ujima. Hats off to our youths!

PIANO RECITAL

VECA resident Steve Gadbois will be giving a free piano recital at 8pm on Tuesday, April 27 in Hassell Hall at Rhodes College. The program will include works by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schumann, and Chopin. All classical music fans are welcome!
GOOD SHEPHERD TO HOLD SPRING JUMBLE FAIR

by Jennifer McConnell

The Church of the Good Shepherd (1971 Jackson Avenue, at University) will hold its spring Jumble Fair on Saturday, March 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This annual event raises money to support the missions of the Episcopal Church Women, including the Episcopal Church Home, the Church Health Center, and Bethany Maternity Home.

The Jumble Fair will offer bargains on a wide variety of household items, including furniture, kitchen appliances, tools, toys, and gently used clothing for both children and adults. Also available will be an assortment of homemade items, including baked goods, jams, and jellies.

This year's event will feature an appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog, courtesy of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. A representative from ADT Home Security will be on hand to provide child identification fingerprint kits, as well as helpful tips on home security and safety. From 10 a.m. until noon children will be delighted by a clown who will paint faces and make balloon critters.

The Church of the Good Shepherd was found in 1865 in the Chelsea district of downtown Memphis. The parish was instrumental in the founding of the Canfield Asylum, Boys Town, and the Refuge of the Good Shepherd. Its clergy and members also provided badly needed nursing and ecumenical care during the yellow fever epidemics in the late 1870s. In 1942, the parish moved to its present location in Vollintine-Evergreen. Services are held Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIER UPDATE

Thanks to all who are involved in the free door-to-door delivery of the Vollintine-Evergreen News. The following Vollintine-Evergreen News routes are all that remain to be covered. Call Steve Gadbois (278-4116) to volunteer to deliver for about half an hour once every two months, or to let him know that regular delivery is not taking place on some street not on this list (because then it should be!).

- Albany (Ramona to Springdale)
- Alameda (Ramona to Springdale)
- Auburndale (Jackson to Vollintine)
- Belvedere, Edward, Rosebud
- Charles Place (Jackson to north end)
- Cypress Drive & Cypress Circle (Jackson to Springdale)
- East Drive (Jackson to Vollintine)
- Garland (Jackson to Henry)
- Hawthorne (Vollintine to Brown)
- Henry (Trezevant to Springdale)
- Henry & Charles Place Cove (Springdale to west)
- Howell (Cypress Creek to Springdale)
- Hubert Circle (Springdale to west)
- Jackson, north side (Springdale to Trezevant)
- Jackson/University Circle (University to Trezevant)
- McLean (Tutwiler to V&E Greenline)
- Piedmont (Ramona to Springdale)
- Ramona (Alabany to Piedmont)
- Springdale, west side (Vollintine to Brown)
- Trezevant, west side (Jackson to Vollintine)
- Vollintine (Maury to Evergreen)
- Watkins (Jackson to Vollintine)
- Watkins, both sides (Vollintine to Cypress Creek)
FUTURE BUILDERS FOR SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

VECA, Rhodes College, and Bridge Builders are pleased to sponsor the second year of the VECA Youth Corps and the Future Builders camp for service and leadership. Current seventh graders with leadership potential and an interest in new experiences are eligible, especially those who either live in Vollintine-Evergreen or attend Cypress Junior High School or Snowden Middle School. Applications are available at the VECA office, Cypress, and Snowden, and are due by March 26. Selections will be made by April 9.

Students selected for the program will be asked to make a six-month commitment to exploring new ways of community building, self expression, service, and leadership. The Youth Corps will plan monthly activities, beginning in April, which will culminate with an adventurous week of action-leadership camp at Rhodes College, the week of June 21-25. The camp's theme is Future Builders, and it will be conducted in collaboration with Bridges, Inc., modeled after Bridge Builders, the landmark high school program for cross-cultural learning, adventure, recreation and leadership.

The Youth Corps is funded by gifts from VECA, the Rhodes College Kinney Program, the Bonner Scholarship Program, and Bridges, Inc. Youth Corps members will be asked to contribute $10 to a community service fund, but all other expenses (about $200 per student) are covered. That includes the Future Builders camp, all activities, all outings, meals, T-shirts, and graduation ceremony. Coordinators and trained counselors will come from VECA, Rhodes College, and Bridges, Inc.

Current seventh graders: If you are ready for adventure and new experiences in action leadership, this may be for you! We're searching right now for a few good Youth Corps members to help us build the future, so get ready to apply for this great new program.

- Fun & adventure
- Cool T-shirts & all-you-can-eat meals
- Future Builders action-leadership camp at Rhodes College
- Soup kitchens, ecology-action & other service projects
- Community adventures & outings once a month
- ...and a chance to do something that can make a difference
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Have questions? Call Billy Newton, Rhodes Chaplain and Vollintine-Evergreen resident, at 843-3849.

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Name:______________________________________________________________

Street Address:_________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIPcode:_____________________________________________________

Home phone number:____________________________________ Birthdate:_____________________

School and current grade:__________________________________ Gender and race:_____________________

Name of parent(s) or guardian:___________________________________________

In 50 words or less, describe what you think about the importance of service and leadership in our community and world today. (Please use a separate sheet of paper)

List any service or leadership experiences you have had, any church or community activities you have helped with, clubs you have joined, and awards you have received that are important to you. (Please use a separate sheet of paper)

Student Statement: I hereby apply for 1999's VECA Youth Corps and Future Builders program. If I am selected, I will contribute $10 to help with community service projects, and I will make a strong commitment to building the future of our community through service and leadership.

Student's signature __________________________________________ Date _____________

Parental Consent and Commitment: Being the parent or legal guardian of ___________________________, I hereby grant permission and promise encouragement for her/him to participate in the VECA Youth Corps and Future Builders program. I understand that the program includes service in the community, leadership and cross cultural experiences, and a week-long day camp at Rhodes College in June. I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against the sponsoring organizations (VECA, Rhodes College, Bridges, Inc.), any employee or volunteer, for any and all causes which may arise in connection with the activities of the VECA Youth Corps and Future Builders. I further agree to support the program and encourage my child in fulfilling her/his commitment to the VECA Youth Corps and Future Builders program. I will make every attempt to avoid scheduling activities that would prevent her/him from participating in any part of the program.

Parents' or Guardian's signature __________________________________________ Date _____________

References: List two adults (teachers, ministers, friends, or neighbors, NOT parents or guardians) who know you well, and whom we may call as references.

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PROJECT OFFICER - GLORIA LOVE • VECA CONTACT - EMILY PASSINI •
PROJECT PERIOD - OCTOBER 1, 1998-SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:
• Complete an environmental concerns survey of neighborhood residents to determine the extent of the community's environmental knowledge.
• Increase the environmental knowledge base of the community concerning environmental justice issues and the Superfund process.
• Form a partnership with the University of Memphis for sample collection and analysis of the Cypress Creek floodplain.
• Identify and inventory areas of environmental concern along the Cypress Creek floodplain.
• Create an advisory committee which reflects the diversity of the neighborhood to direct the project and disperse information on the future of any beautification projects.

PROJECT PERIOD - OCTOBER 1, 1998-JANUARY 31, 1999

I. SURVEY
The neighborhood polling began on January 24, 1999, and will continue through February 17, 1999. An address and phone number database was compiled by VECA for use in the poll. Students from Rhodes College are administering the survey via telephone to the VECA residents. The survey is targeting those residents who live closest to the Cypress Creek area. Approximately 100 residents have been surveyed by telephone. Reaction to the polling has been excellent. Most residents are enthusiastic and eager to answer questions about their neighborhood, though some residents have been slow to respond over the telephone. In late February, the Rhodes students will begin door-to-door polling in an attempt to survey all VECA residents in the target area. Data from the survey will be available in late March. At this time the total number of residents that will eventually be polled is unknown because we are attempting to contact every household in the target area. Some residents will most likely be unavailable or not responsive to the study.

II. FLOODPLAIN SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS
A preliminary site evaluation was conducted by the biology department of the University of Memphis on December 2, 1998. The first samples were taken on January 12, 1999. Heading this project is Dr. Kurt Maier, who is in charge of the Ecotoxicology Laboratory at the University. He is being assisted by Dr. Jack Grubaugh, the head of the biology department, and one biology student. Dr. Maier is taking water, soil, sediment, fish, and vegetation samples at three different sites along the floodplain. These samples will be analyzed for certain organic pesticides and metals. Much of the analytical work will conducted at the University of Mississippi at Oxford in conjunction with the school of pharmacology. Results from the first samples will be available in late February or early March. Three more testing dates will be scheduled for the spring, summer, and fall, but no definite dates have been set.

III. MAPPING
Interns from the Urban Studies Department at Rhodes College spent the fall of 1998 preparing extensive mapping and visual projects for Cypress Creek. The maps prepared by the interns are being used as education tools for the committee and neighborhood. Interns also spent many hours in the field documenting the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood, Cypress Creek, and various points of interest outside the Vollintine-Evergreen boundaries. The photographs collected by the interns are on display at the VECA office and are used for educational purposes. As part of a final project, the two Rhodes interns created a visual presentation. This program incorporates the mapping projects, photographs, and other information collected on the Cypress Creek. VECA hopes to place the program on the Internet.

IV. COMMITTEE
The Cypress Creek Beautification Committee had its first meeting on October 20, 1998 at which eleven neighborhood residents were in attendance. Mr. Hemie Gibson was elected as the committee chair, and Ms. Alma Warren was elected secretary. The meeting focused on an explanation of the grant and its objectives and the election of officers. The committee decided to meet the third Tuesday of every month, and we have had much success with neighborhood participation. The committee has planned the first of two public events centered around the floodplain and bike path beautification. This event is being called "The Public Works Walk-Through." Over 20 local, state, and federal officials have been invited to attend a walkthrough of the Cypress Creek area on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 3 p.m. It is the intention of the committee to cite problems and concerns in the area and to present possible maintenance ideas to these officials.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Numerous community-wide activities have been conducted and planned for the Cypress Creek project. In December, the
committee held a neighborhood walk-through of the floodplain and bike path areas. On this walk-through, residents were asked to identify areas of concern. A list of all complaints was compiled. Rhodes College, VECA, and Service Memphis have joined together to bring Mr. Jerome Ringo to Memphis on February 2 to lecture and consult with the Cypress Creek Committee. Mr. Ringo is an environmental lobbyist who has spent much of his time working and counseling non-profit community groups about environmental justice issues. Mr. Ringo will be taking a tour of the VECA neighborhood and Cypress Creek area. He will also meet with the committee and answer questions concerning environmental justice and the Superfund. And finally, he will be giving a lecture on environmental justice at Rhodes College. On February 16, 1999, a public walk-through of the Cypress Creek area has been scheduled. The committee has invited over 20 city, state, and federal officials to attend this walk-through. It is the intention of the committee to capture the attention of the public officials as to the concerns and problems at Cypress Creek. On April 17, Hands-On-Memphis will supply volunteers to help clear a section of the Cypress Creek bike path. This will be a neighborhood clean-up day, and we are expecting overwhelming neighborhood support.

VI. OTHER PARTICIPANTS
Support from outside sources has been key to the successes of the project in these early months. Rhodes College has been generous in supplying VECA with enthusiastic interns. Also, two classes at Rhodes have been created solely to dedicate their studies and time to the Cypress Creek project. In the Urban Studies program, a class on environmental justice is devoting much of their time to the neighborhood survey. This class is also actively participating in committee meetings and community events. A second class has been created in geology, focusing on the environment and earth systems. They, too, are participating in the phone polling. Also, they are conducting some sample testing of the sediment at Cypress Creek. Both of these classes are providing much needed support for the project.

VII. EDUCATION
It is the intention of the project to educate the community on environmental justice and Superfund issues. As part of our educational goals, VECA has acquired numerous EPA publications. These publications are given out at our committee meetings and discussed at length. Speakers such as Dr. Maier and Jerome Ringo will also help to inform our residents. It is the intention of VECA to bring in more speakers because they are invaluable tools in the education process. Also, articles on Cypress Creek are featured in every bi-monthly issue of the Vollintine-Evergreen News which is distributed free to most houses in the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood by neighborhood volunteers.

VIII. FUTURE INTENTIONS
The early months of the project have been quite successful. Very few obstacles have been encountered. We are hoping for greater neighborhood participation in the coming months. In February, the committee will be going door-to-door to encourage more residents to become involved in the neighborhood. VECA will also spend the coming months actively searching for more funding. We are hoping to drastically expand the project during the next year.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST SPEAKS
by Emily Passini

On Tuesday February 2, 1999, Mr. Jerome Ringo spoke with CDC and Cypress Creek Committee members on the topic of environmental justice. Ringo has an extensive background in grassroots organizing and educating communities that are faced with the problems of possible contamination from chemical industries and landfills. As a native of Louisiana's "Cancer Alley", the most heavily industrialized and polluted area in the country, Ringo has personal experience with relating to the effects of declining neighborhood vitality. After a career in the oil industry, he has committed himself for the past fifteen years to educating communities about their environmental quality. Ringo has also served as mediator between industries and residents. Currently, he is serving on the Board of Directors to both the National Wildlife Federation and the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.

While addressing committee members, Ringo discussed the environmental justice movement and how it relates to Vollintine-Evergreen and Cypress Creek. He explained that the movement is more concerned with economic status than with race. It is a common misconception that race plays a more important role. To illustrate this point, Ringo said, "If you go to Kentucky, the communities closest to industries are poor and white. If you go to the U.S./Mexico border, they are poor and brown. And if you go to urban areas, they are poor and black." In an effort to explain why environmental issues have not been a concern for poorer communities, Ringo stated that these people simply have a different set of priorities. "If you're worried about next month's rent, you're not going to be concerned with global warming."

Ringo believes that environmental issues need to become priorities for all people because they affect everyone regardless of socio-economic status. Through education, people will be able to reprioritize and improve their quality of life. In order to educate communities, such as Vollintine-Evergreen, we need to create mechanisms which will allow us to reach every resident.

Another important point that Ringo stressed was the need to create dialogue between the various industries near the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood. While Buckman Labs has been gracious and involved with the Cypress Creek Committee, many other companies have not been active. According to Ringo, "We must have an atmosphere of sustainable development because we cannot push industry out."

Before meeting with VECA members, Ringo toured the neighborhood and Cypress Creek area with Rhodes professor and CDC Board chair Mike Kirby. Some Rhodes Urban Studies students accompanied Ringo and Kirby as part of an environmental justice field trip. Ringo expressed his desire to further investigate the potential contamination at Cypress Creek. He was also disturbed by the condition of the Hyde Park area just north of Cypress Creek. He suggested that VECA become involved with this area because it exhibits greater signs of damage due to its proximity to industries. Once the University of Memphis completes its testing, it is his hope that further action will be discussed for the entire area that borders Cypress Creek.
VECA NEEDS MEMBERS

Name

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VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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