Saturday, September 29, was a perfect autumn day for the Vollintine-Evergreen Fall Festival. It was held for the first time at University Park, where there are tennis courts, a playground, lots of space, and both sun and shade. Numerous vendors and agencies set up booths, and people mingled and enjoyed the various happenings. One big hit with kids large and small was the climbing wall.

VECA CDC Neighborhood Preservationist Daryl Lewis oversaw the planning, and Rhodes College student intern Natalie Tiner devoted most of her summer to making arrangements. Daryl and Natalie were assisted by volunteers Julie Borys, Janis Cannon, Debbie Cochran, Gloria Fulton, Elizabeth Gibson, Johnathan Gibson, Julia Gilliland, Annette Johnson, Betty Johnson, Lois Scott, Alma Warren, Margaret Williams, members of the Junior League of Memphis, and various students from Rhodes College. Lt. Richard Granderson and Officers Lewis and Brown helped with traffic control during the walk/run. Members of VECA CDC’s V&E Greenline Committee helped with various mowing jobs before the Festival. Besides Daryl and Natalie, VECA CDC staff members Ruth Gibson and Shirley Wallace-Calhoun provided crucial assistance the day of the Festival in setting up and taking down.

Sponsors, contributors, and other supporters included the Memphis Community Development Partnership, the Finish Line Youth Foundation, City of Memphis Park Commission, Klondyke COACT Unit, Pepsi Cola, Buckman Laboratories, Rhodes College, the University of Memphis Lady Tigers, the Snowden School choir, Regions Bank, Diamond Realtors, Bluff City Sports, and the Junior League of Memphis.

If you'd like to be part of discussions about a festival next year, call the VECA office. And if you'd like an attractive Festival Tshirt, stop by.

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VECA CDC UPDATE

by Steve Gadbois, VECA CDC Executive Director

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Daryl Lewis prepping kids for jousting

Helen Johnson and Kay Blues with Historic Committee display

Children test their skills on the climbing wall

Snowden Chorus

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**FOR SALE BY VECA CDC**

**2135 Howell:** new all brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house (completed)

**2122 Brown:** new all brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house (almost completed)

**2162 Brown:** new all brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house (almost completed)
Thanks to Kensington resident David Hardy for the generous donation of his time and skills in much-needed work on several VECA CDC lawn mowers.

WANTED: DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR BOARDS

At the general membership meeting each January, Vollintine-Evergreen residents elect their representatives to the VECA Board, as well as the VECA president and vice-president. All terms are for one year, so the entire Board is voted upon. This year some Board members are willing to stand for election again, while others need to be replaced.

The VECA Board appoints the CDC Board for two year terms. So the CDC Board will have some members continuing, but there will also be vacancies.

The VECA Board ordinarily meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, and the CDC Board ordinarily meets at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month. Board members usually also serve on one committee. If you are interested in being nominated to one of the Boards, need additional information, or know someone who would be able to contribute their time and talents, contact a VECA staff person or any member of either Board.

MIKE KIRBY RECOGNIZED BY RHODES

Long-time Vollintine-Evergreen resident Mike Kirby, professor of political science at Rhodes College since 1970, received the College's annual Diehl Award for Faculty Service on August 24. Dr. Kirby founded and chaired the College's Urban Studies Program, providing numerous students with internships and other opportunities with city government, campaigns, polling, and public service agencies. Many of his students have interned at the VECA office, including two this summer. Mike has chaired VECA CDC's Board and currently is a driving force behind the active and successful V&E Greenline Committee. Congratulations Mike, on a well-deserved award!

THE MARGARET DICHTEL AWARD

Margaret Dichtel was one of the founding members of VECA and its first president. She strongly believed that neighbors, working in a community organization, could accomplish together what they as individuals or government could not. Her faith in the value of neighboring and the importance of grassroots community action remains the VECA philosophy.

The Margaret Dichtel Award is presented annually to a Vollintine-Evergreen resident and VECA member who embodies the principles of neighboring and community action. There is no specific length of membership required and the awardee need not be an officer. The awardee will be an individual who strengthens relationships between community members, tackles problems that threaten the integrity of the community, makes the neighborhood a better place to live, improves VECA's image city-wide, and demonstrates a commitment to and the concept of a neighborhood.

Each nomination must be by a current dues-paying member of VECA and should consist of a letter stating the candidate’s contributions and achievements. Send nominations by December 31 to the Nominating Committee, care of the VECA office.

THE RICHARD BORYS AWARD

Richard Borys moved to the Vollintine-Evergreen community in 1975 and served on various committees in the early years of the organization. Despite dying young at the age of 44, Dick’s life was an example of public service. Dick came to Memphis as a VISTA volunteer. He helped design and start the Memphis City and Shelby County Pre-Trial Release Program. In 1976, he was awarded the outstanding service award from the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association for his contributions to the Criminal Justice System. At the time of his death, Dick was a vice-president at the Regional Medical Center.

Dick was active with his children in soccer, coaching up to three teams at a time. He was a member St. Therese Little Flower Church, located at the center of the Vollintine-Evergreen community. Clearly, Richard Borys served the community in his work, in the neighborhood, at church, and through his children, Claire, Alex and Pete. Dick’s wife Julie M. Borys still resides in Vollintine-Evergreen and has served as VECA president, on the VECA CDC Board of Directors, and as active volunteer over the years.

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

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DICTTEL AWARD

1988 — Martha Heinemann
1990 — Julie Borys
1991 — Mike Kirby
1993 — Mary Wilder
1995 — Willette Gray & Gloria Singleton
1996 — Rhodes College & The Terry Circle Block Club
1997 — Linda Nichols
1998 — Steve Gadbois
1999 — Charlotte & Pete Swailes
2000 — Sherry Henson & Belinda Kerusch
2001 — Bill Rehberg

BORYS AWARD

1991 — Steve Shular
1992 — Vernua Hanrahan
1995 — Janis Foster
1996 — William Stemmle
1997 — Charles Cook
1998 — Barbara Swarengen Holt
1999 — Carol Chumney
2000 — Wayne Risher
2001 — Charles Granderson
Remember the children’s game, “Go in and out the windows”? Windows and doors not only make a fun game; they are a very important part of our houses and they help determine the style of your house.

First, some terminology. Openings into the house - the windows and doors - are also called bays. So, if we are looking at your house from the street and we see one door and two windows, one on each side of the door, we see three bays. However, if you have one door and two windows, but the windows are right together, you have two bays. Windows grouped together count as one bay - visually they provide one opening into the house or one break in the facade of the house.

The simplest door is a solid or panel door. These can be plain or elaborate. We dress up our doors in several ways. For solid doors, panels can change the look of the door. In our neighborhood, front doors are often rounded or arched on top. You can also dress up your door through a pediment - a decorative motif - over the door.

The look of a door can also be changed with a window. Windows can be over the door - in the form of fanlights or transoms that either open or look like they open. Panes of glass in a door or window are called lights and each individual pane is one light. Variations of the solid door have a single window (one light) or multiple small windows (multiple lights) but there is more door than window. Windows can also be the main feature of the door - in single or French doors.

Windows are not as complicated as doors but they are important in determining the style of your house. Different styles of houses typically have different types of windows. There are three different ways to categorize windows. First, you need to know how your windows open. Your windows may be fixed and designed not to open (it doesn’t count if you have painted them shut). Casement windows open out or in and double hung windows slide up and down. The second way to categorize your windows is by their grouping. Is each window separate or are windows grouped in pairs or in threes? Windows can also be stepped. Finally, the number of lights (panes of glass) helps to describe the window. For double hung windows, the number of lights is counted for both the upper and lower windows. For example, I am looking at my double-hung den windows now. They are six/one - with six small panes of glass in the top window and one large pane of glass on the bottom.

That’s enough about doors and windows - I think my lights need washing! Next issue, we will sit on our great porches.

VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN SPRING HOME TOUR

On Sunday, April 28, 2002, you have a treat in store. You don’t have to go out of your own neighborhood to see great houses, exciting renovations, and spectacular gardens. The Fourth Vollintine-Evergreen Home Tour will have it all. How can you be part of this fun event? Volunteer for the Historic District committee right now. Serve as a docent at a house or garden on the day of the tour, sell tickets, and buy a ticket to come to the tour.

For more information contact the VECA office 276-1782; to volunteer, contact Helen Johnson at 272-9968, or email the newsletter at Veca_News@hotmail.com. We need you!

WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

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

Through the United Way campaign, donors have the opportunity to make a “directed gift” to United Way for a specific cause or for a specific agency of the donor’s choice. VECA CDC is one such agency. On the other hand, VECA itself is not such an agency; so don’t designate your gift to VECA, donate instead to VECA CDC. Remember, VECA was established in 1971 as a 501 (c) 4 tax-exempt organization, VECA CDC was established in 1995 as a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt organization.

Both organizations are allowed to receive tax-deductible contributions but are prohibited from lobbying.

VECA CDC’s United Way and Combined Federal Campaign donor number is 5377. This number can be written on United Way’s donor forms to direct the donation the VECA CDC. To further direct the donation (to a specific project or committee, such as the V&E Greenline or Blocks Clubs), notify the VECA office.
ALEX'S ANNIVERSARY

Some people think that the highest compliment one can pay to a tavern owner is to call it "Cheers-like". In Memphis, this description is heard frequently at Alex's Tavern, just down the street from the VECA office, and it's a description that is known to people around the city.

Alex's Tavern, tucked away in a small strip of stores at 1445 Jackson, opened on November 13, 1953, but the basic concept has remained the same since - "treat the customer right, and they'll come back." Alex's Tavern will celebrate its 48th anniversary next month and a big party is planned in observance of this date.

"We just try to give the customers what they want," said Rocky Kasafes, who has managed the tavern since 1978 when his father, Alex Kasafes - for whom the bar is named - passed away. Kasafes, who has remained a resident of the neighborhood, says he always remembers what his father told him about his formula for success - "It's not how many customers come - it's how many come back." Being near Rhodes College, UT-Memphis, and Southern College of Optometry, Alex's has hosted hundreds of class parties and many alumni reunion parties. Alex's also sets aside at least one night a year when the current college students can bring their parents by.

Tradition is an integral part of Alex's. The menu is kept simple, but consistent. Eugenia Kasafes, Alex's widow, still plays an active part in the tavern's operation as bookkeeper, and a large, framed picture of Alex Kasafes still hangs over the CD-jukebox, which constantly plays a combination of hits. Alex's has received a "Best Jukebox Award" and a Memphis radio station listener contest gave a "Best Hamburger" Award to "Alex's".

"To many, a tavern is a really a neighborhood 'club'," said Kasafes. "It's a place where decent people can meet their friends in their free time, have something to eat and a beer or two, without spending a lot of money. It's also a place where you'll see a friendly face every time you come in."

When Alex's celebrated its 40th Anniversary, Kasafes was honored in front of a standing-room only crowd of well-wishers. Then-City Council Chairman Jack Sammons presented Rocky with a proclamation from the Memphis City Council. Sammons also gave Kasafes a proclamation from Mayor W.W. Herenton, along with a "Key to the City". Kevin Kane, Director of the Memphis Convention and Visitor's Bureau, was also on hand and gave Kasafes a proclamation from his office.

Alex's has played host to a long list of well-known names such as actress Stella Stevens, actors John Schneider and David Keith, baseball's Tim McCarver, and musicians Don Henley, Joe Walsh, Belinda Carlisle, Greg Allman, and Billy Gibbons of "ZZ Top". The popular band "Chicago" has stopped in the bar two times after appearances in Memphis.

Sports-watchers are also a major part of Alex's clientele and its huge, big-screen projection TV was the first of its kind in town. The satellite dish at Alex's - also one of the first in Memphis - offers frequent sporting events and games that can't be seen on network TV or cable.

Kasafes said, "We've made a lot of friends in the Vollintine-Evergreen area over the last 48 years, but we're always happy to meet our new neighbors. We would like to invite all the new residents to the area, as well as the older ones, to stop in anytime for a cold beer and a great burger."

SHELBY COUNTY PROPERTIES

Vollintine-Evergreen residents may be interested in learning more about properties available through the Shelby County Real Estate Department. The Department always has an inventory of lots scattered throughout the County. Most are vacant and can be purchased relatively cheaply. Some lots are narrow and are probably only useful to one of the adjacent property owners. Other lots are full-sized and suitable for building; in some such cases the County's Homestead program may allow an investor to acquire a lot at a net cost of under $100 if certain conditions are met.

Maps and lists of available property are available at the VECA office. For more details or to begin the actual process of acquiring a particular property, contact the Real Estate Department at 545-4320 (fax 545-3963).
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THE PROPOSED SUPPORTIVE LIVING FACILITY AT JACKSON AND IDLEWILD: IS IT A ZONING AND LAND USE ISSUE?

In the spring of 2001, Foundations Associates, a Nashville-based business, purchased the large, stately home in the single-family residential neighborhood at the north east corner of Jackson and Idlewild. Foundations intends to renovate the home to convert it into a licensed permanent residence for a group of up to eight mental health “consumers.”

Foundations Associates provides a continuum of services for people diagnosed with a mental illness and also with substance abuse, commonly referred to as “Dual Diagnosis” patients. Successful treatment of these disorders is a long-term process. It must address the chemical dependency, as well as the psychiatric problem. After the initial acute treatment phase, long-term care is best provided in a structured residential setting. There are different levels of care, depending on the needs of the patients. The proposed purpose for the home on Jackson is to give stable, permanent housing to people who are not acutely disturbed and who do not pose a danger to self or others. To find out more about “Foundations Associates,” please refer to their website at http://www.dualdiagnosis.org/associations.html

According to the current state law, a supportive living facility can be placed in any residential neighborhood. In the eyes of the Tennessee law, a group of developmentally disabled or mentally ill people is considered a family and may live as a family; with up to eight “consumers” and three caregivers, in any area that is zoned residential. It is illegal to deny housing to people on the basis of developmental or psychiatric disabilities.

Since we became aware of this proposed facility, our community has been grappling with the complex distinctions between the kind of facilities that can be located in a residential neighborhood such as VECA and those that are inappropriate, according to the zoning and land use policies. The concern is not whether psychiatric patients or people with substance abuse problems should live in the VECA neighborhood. Some of us have loved ones who might benefit from an improvement in services to this population, and we freely acknowledge that such services are desperately needed in this city. Foundations Associates has a good reputation. The Shelby County Medical Society as well as the Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) strongly support their entry into the Memphis area.

In fact, there is already a supportive living facility in VECA. The operators approached the neighborhood association ahead of time, and there were no major objections about the location. This home is well run and is a good neighbor. The facility is located on a nice side street with an active block club. It is also notable that the street the facility is located on is not zoned strictly single-family residential. Thus, there was no zoning issue or land use concern, as is the case for the home on Jackson Avenue.

Residents in our community have had several opportunities to meet with representatives of Foundations Associates for discussion, as well as, question and answer sessions. Although communication and discussion have not always gone smoothly, we have learned more about what type of housing and programs they intend to offer at the house on Jackson Ave. They have learned more about our passionate commitment to the stability of our residential neighborhoods, and to the zoning stipulations which make this possible. Foundations Associates have made an effort to address some or our concerns.

One lingering worry is whether the “supportive family living facility” could gradually evolve into something more extensive, like a group home with a treatment emphasis, which would be inappropriate for a residential neighborhood. Different representatives of Foundations Associates have told us different things about what the level of care will be.

There are other important concerns. Some may not be possible to be addressed if the facility is to be housed in the home on Jackson Avenue. We are still concerned that the lack of a private backyard will force excessive loitering on the front porch and in the front yard, even if the current garage is converted into a recreation and smoking room. We are worried that this facility will only be the first step to turn Jackson Avenue from a well-established residential neighborhood with large, beautiful homes, into an unwanted commercial strip by making conversion of these large homes to other uses a more viable option. We have worked very hard in the past to prevent these types of conversions from occurring in the VECA neighborhood. An example is Union Ave., which was once a residential street.

We have expressed our desire to Foundations Associates to work with them in finding housing that is suitable for their use and good for the VECA neighborhood. The issue is not, nor should it ever be, a prejudice against people with mental disabilities. VECA prides itself in being a diverse and tolerant community.

We hope that we are able to develop an avenue of cooperation for the progress of their programs and the stability of our neighborhood. There is a group of VECA residents working on this issue and seeking the advice of attorneys. Please call 272-2620 if you have questions. We would like your financial support to help pay legal costs.
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