

# VOLLINTINE EVERGREEN

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## APRIL 25 HISTORIC HOME TOUR FEATURES BUNGALOWS

This year's tour will feature various styles of bungalows, including traditional Craftsman, exotic Spanish and spacious airplane bungalows. St. John Orthodox Church, one of our neighborhood's most beautiful churches, will also be open for tour. Catch the free trolley travelling between all the homes.

The tour will be held Sunday, April 25 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are now available at the VECA office or at St. John Orthodox Church the day of the tour. Call 276-1782 for more information.

The Historic Committee needs volunteers to be docents. Please email [vehistoric@yahoo.com](mailto:vehistoric@yahoo.com) or call 278-9838 if you are interested.



*These Spanish and airplane bungalows are just two of the various bungalows that will be open for tour on Sunday, April 25.*

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## V&E GREENLINE: MARCH IS CONTRIBUTION MONTH



This past year has been another good one for the V&E Greenline. The V&E Greenline is 1.7 miles of community park that was formerly an abandoned railroad track and is now owned by the neighborhood. It has never looked better. During the year, volunteers mowed the roadbed, planted trees, did landscaping, improved the drainage, and built a second bridge (recently dubbed "Keeler Bridge"), north of Tutwiler Avenue between Avalon Street and Stonewall Street.

Maintenance and upkeep is provided by a group of dedicated unpaid neighborhood volunteers. There are ongoing expenses such as property taxes, repair of equipment, service for the tractor and the mowers, fuel, etc. In addition, the Greenline needs funds for planting more trees and adding bollards to keep motorized vehicles from entering the Greenline.

In the month of March, you will see signs at the entrances to the Greenline, reminding you that "Upkeep Costs Money — March is Contribution Month:"

Please support this beautiful neighborhood amenity by making a tax-deductible donation to VECA CDC, clearly earmarked for the V&E Greenline. No amount is too small. Thank you for your support.

## 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.



Historic Committee's "Bungalow Tour"	April 25 (throughout neighborhood)
V&E Greenline yard sale	June 12 (V&E Greenline)
Potluck Supper & Pool Party	July 10 (Rhodes College)
National Night Out	August 3 (throughout neighborhood)
Ice Cream Social	September 11 (V&E Greenline)
VECA Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting	January 24, 2005
Historic Committee	second Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m. (various locations; call office)
Code Enforcement Committee	third 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
V&E Greenline Committee	third Tuesday monthly, 6:30 p.m. (but not July or December)
Housing Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
Commercial Revitalization Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Managing Committee	last Monday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
VENews deadlines:	April 6, June 4, August 3, October 5, December 3
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	first Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	March 1, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	April 5, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	May 3, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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information,  
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## LOST CAT - REWARD

Lost near Rhodes College before Christmas after his collar fell off — an adult male Siamese cat with a scar on his belly

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- to Kay Blues, for the donation of a Gateway computer
- to University Park Cleaners, for gift certificates used as door prizes at the January 26 meeting

## VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN HISTORY BEING UPDATED

Long-time Vollintine-Evergreen residents may be familiar with the only comprehensive written history of our neighborhood, "Vollintine/Evergreen: A Diverse Community", written in 1980 by Peggy Boyce Jemison under the auspices of MIFA. (If you have not seen it, a few carefully-preserved copies are at the VECA office.) A lot of time has passed and a lot of change has occurred. Accordingly, Vollintine-Evergreen resident Mike Kirby has agreed to work with Memphis Heritage on an update.

- Do you wish to loan photos or information?
- Do you wish to be interviewed?
- Do you wish to reserve a copy for purchase later?

If any of your answers are "yes", contact the VECA office for more information.

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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.



276-1782



## REPORT ON VECA'S ANNUAL MEETING

by Scott Moore, VECA secretary

The reception (hosted by the Block Club Committee) and meeting were held on January 26 in the Orgill Room at Rhodes College. There were approximately 75 people in attendance.

Opening comments were made by VECA President Mary Wilder and VECA CDC Board Chair Janet McGregor. Charlie Landreth of Rhodes College gave a welcome and described several partnerships between Rhodes College and VECA in the upcoming year.

Representatives from each VECA and VECA CDC committee gave a short report on the activities of their committee in the coming year. Janet McGregor introduced the VECA CDC Board. VECA Board members and officers for 2004 were nominated and elected on a voice vote. Door prizes were given out, courtesy of University Park Cleaners at 613 McLean.

Following the meeting, members were given free tree seedlings.

### YOUR 2004 VECA BOARD

In accordance with the VECA Bylaws, all Vollintine-Evergreen members attending the January 26 meeting elected the following VECA Board members, as well as the president and vice president. (The VECA Board then selected its secretary and treasurer.)

Annette Anderson, Nedra Bailey, Kay Blues, Janis Cannon (treasurer), Rick Cartwright (vice president), Gloria Fulton, Bob Hicks, Jenny Jenson, Bettye Johnson, Tom McGowan, Scott Moore (secretary), Bill Newberg, Joyce Parker, John Rutkauskas, Russ Wigginton, Mary Wilder (president)

### YOUR 2004 VECA CDC BOARD

In accordance with the CDC Bylaws, last year's VECA Board selected the following CDC Board members. (The CDC Board then selected its chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer.)

Julie Borys, Lisa Butler, Paul Herron (treasurer), Daney Kepple, Teddy King, Janet McGregor (vice chair), Dick Mochow (secretary), Janese Perry, Renate Rosenthal, Bob Schneider, Alan Shinosky, Mitchell Spence, Tommy Tabor, Jane Venson (chair)



Donations to VECA CDC (but NOT to VECA) may be tax deductible, and may be directed to a particular CDC program. For more information, call the VECA office at (901) 276-1782.

### 2003 VECA TREASURER'S REPORT

by Janis Cannon, VECA treasurer

Following is a summary of the 2003 VECA budget. (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.

#### SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

\$4965.00	dues
\$125.00	contributions
\$62.53	investment income
\$2250.00	Vollintine-Evergreen News ads
\$898.00	other
\$8300.53	TOTAL

#### EXPENSES:

\$5359.00	Vollintine-Evergreen News printing
\$1500.00	office renovation
\$130.64	awards
\$200.00	2003 annual meeting (Gethsemane Garden COGIC)
\$599.93	postage, copying
\$1020.00	Board insurance
\$215.00	other
\$9024.57	TOTAL

#### EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

\$724.04

#### TOTAL ASSETS:

\$14,882.62

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES:

\$0.00



## DICHEL, BORYS, AND HEINEMANN AWARDS GIVEN AT ANNUAL MEETING



At VECA's annual meeting on January 26, 2004, VECA presented its three highly-prized annual awards to very deserving community figures.

The Margaret Dichtel Award, presented to a neighborhood resident, was shared by Craig Jordan and Len Cobb. Both have been members of the V&E Greenline Committee since its inception, and they are its most dedicated mowing volunteers who maintain the Greenline for everyone's pleasure. Craig has organized special projects including some involving Rhodes College students, while Len has recruited Boy Scouts for Eagle Scout projects.

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 shared by brothers Will and Rob Keeler. Their firm, Keeler Iron Works, donated all of the labor for both of the beautiful and durable bridges that now connect the V&E Greenline, saving our community about \$40,000. Rob recently explained their contribution of the second bridge: "We did it because it's a great neighborhood coming up and it's something we can contribute."

The Martha Heinemann Award, presented to a Board member, was given to Helen Johnson. Helen and her husband Willie are long-time neighborhood residents, and they share responsibility for delivering many neighborhood newsletters every two months. Helen has active on the VECA Board, the Block Club Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Historic Committee. She is an active member of St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church and a regular poll worker for the Shelby County Election Commission.

Congratulations and thanks to Len, Craig, Rob, Wil, and Helen for their many valuable contributions to our neighborhood and organization.

 **Congratulations!** 

### Response from Craig Jordan:

I appreciate the recognition not only for us but also for the V&E Greenline Committee. I was speechless at the January 26 meeting since I did not have a clue that we were to be recognized. In many ways the entire V&E Greenline Committee is deserving of the award! Added to the meaning for me is that I had the privilege of knowing Margaret Dichtel. When we first came to the neighborhood we would often talk with her as she walked her beloved Dachshunds. She helped us get a sense of neighborhood history and issues and kept us informed about current needs. She was a wonderful person.

### Further thoughts from Renate Rosenthal:

I knew Margaret Dichtel and her Dachshunds as well. They lived at the intersection of Oakmont and Hallwood when we came to Memphis in 1975. Like Craig, I feel that she helped us appreciate VECA as a community, and she set the tone for a neighborly spirit and sense of responsibility. She died suddenly, at a fairly young age. I think she was smiling upon VECA's January 26 meeting, from wherever she is. If it were not for her energy and dedication, there might not be a VECA community today. I'm glad this award keeps Margaret's memory alive.

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#### Want to be in the heart of Vollintine-Evergreen?

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*(on 1999 VECA Historic Home tour)*

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## CDCOUNCIL HIRING

The CDCouncil (a group of non-profit community developers which includes VECA CDC) is hiring a full-time program manager. The program manager will manage the CDCouncil's community lending research and outreach initiative, which includes lending studies and community presentations, and will assist the executive director and board of directors in implementing other programs, including training, fundraising, and special events.

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## YARD OF THE MONTH HONOREES!

Congratulations to these honorees! Please drive by and admire these homes. If you would like to nominate a house for Yard of the Month, please email us at: [vehistoric@yahoo.com](mailto:vehistoric@yahoo.com) or call 278-9838.

### JANUARY — 861 UNIVERSITY

Ken Lecco of 861 University, owner of the Cosmic Closet, is January's Yard of the Month winner. The Cosmic Closet, located in Overton Square, sells modern home accessories. The interior of Ken's house is awesomely decorated in the same modern style that is his store's specialty. In less than 2 years, he has transformed his yard so that it also reflects his love of the modern style. The first step was to remove the large overgrown shrubs to reveal his house's attractive Tudor architecture and to give an open feel. He replaced the straight line of shrubs with curving beds of properly-proportioned plants and cool garden art. Stylish containers, furniture and more neat art make the patio an outdoor living room where Ken likes to have coffee in the mornings. Evergreens and ornamental cabbage contribute to keeping his yard looking great even in the dead of winter. All these elements combine to give Ken's house great curb appeal.



Sorry, but due to very cold weather and lots of rain, we've decided to skip February Yard of the Month, but are looking forward to seeing a great yard in March.

## ASK THE PLUMBER

by Tim Hawk, master plumber (901-274-5242)



Your main water supply line starts at the city meter and goes underground to your house. The city meter counts the number of gallons of water used each month. If your water bills are high each month, you may have a problem.

To troubleshoot a leak and to test the main line, go to the city meter, look inside, and find a red triangular flag. This flag is a counter of gallons of water used.

Next, find the house shutoff valve, which cuts off all water flow inside the house. It may be in the crawlspace or a closet in the house. The shutoff controls the inside house flow of water to toilets, sinks, waterheater, etc. Shut off the water inside, so that water flows from the city meter to the house perimeter only.

Finally, go back to the city meter and look inside. If the red flag has stopped, there is no leakage of water in the main line between the city meter and the shutoff valve inside the house. If the flag is still spinning, water is escaping between the city meter and the house — you have a main water leak.

The best plumber to call is one your friends and neighbors use and trust.



## SEE WONDERS "MASTERS OF FLORENCE" EXHIBIT AND SUPPORT VOLLINTINE-EVERGREEN

The Wonders exhibit "Masters of Florence: Glory and Genius at the Court of the Medici" will be at the Pyramid from April 23 until October 3. Buy your vouchers through VECA at the regular adult price of \$15, and part of your purchase price will benefit our neighborhood. Vouchers can be redeemed at the Pyramid Box Office any day and time the exhibition is open. Just stop by the VECA office (1680 Jackson Avenue) during regular business hours, or look for a special display at VECA's April 25 Historic Home Tour. Remember, you will be paying the usual adult ticket price and still supporting Vollintine-Evergreen.

Memphis will be the only North American location for "Masters of Florence", an exhibit of almost 250 objects from more than 30 museums in Italy, France, and the United States. It is the story of the remarkable concentration of genius in central Italy, especially Florence, from 1300 to 1740, and will include art by da Vinci, Michelangelo, Brunelleschi, Donatello, and Raphael as well as the science of Galileo.

**VECA NEEDS MEMBERS**

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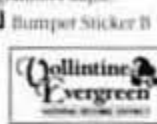
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