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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. During the year, volunteers mowed the roadbed, planted trees, did landscaping, improved the drainage, and maintained its two bridges, Lick Creek Bridge (east of Evergreen Street) and Keeler Bridge (behind Woodmont Tower). The current major project is their third and their largest: a storage building disguised as a classy 1920s-era "stationhouse."

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. Most importantly this year, the stationhouse will cost about \$40,000; while almost \$30,000 has already been raised in this capital campaign, over \$10,000 is still needed.

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." Also, the annual Greenline yard sale fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 11; save your donations for pickup, and look for more information in the May 2005 issue of this newsletter.

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.

THANKS TO MCLEAN BAPTIST CHURCH!

VECA's annual membership meeting was held on Monday, January 24 at McLean Baptist Church. Over 70 people gathered to share refreshments, have conversation, hear reports on various community endeavors, do a little business, and honor the recipients of three awards (see separate article).

We were overwhelmed by how gracious our hosts at McLean Baptist were. VECA Block Club members who showed up early to set up found almost everything already done, and afterward they had just as much help cleaning up. The church has recently converted the original main sanctuary to a community center, and its members encourage residents to find out more about the new activities going on there. Call the church at 274-3766.



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.



Spring Fling	April 30 (McLean Baptist Church)
V&E Greenline Yard Sale	June 11 (V&E Greenline at McLean)
Potluck Supper & Pool Party	July 9 (tentative; Rhodes College)
National Night Out	August 2 (throughout neighborhood)
VECA Block Club Reception & General Membership Meeting	January 23, 2006 (tentative; TBA)
Historic Committee	second Monday monthly, 7:00 p.m. (various locations; call office)
Code Enforcement Committee	fourth Thursday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Block Club Committee	first Monday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Cypress Creek Committee	third Wednesday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Committee	call office to help
Tree Restoration Committee	third Thursday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
V&E Greenline Committee	third Tuesday monthly, 6:30 p.m. (but not July or December)
Housing Committee	second Tuesday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
Commercial Revitalization Committee	second Monday monthly, 6:00 p.m.
Managing Committee	last Monday monthly, 5:30 p.m.
VENews deadlines:	April 5, June 2, August 2, October 4, December 1
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	first Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	March 7, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
VECA CDC & VECA Boards	April 4, 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
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click here for more info

When we met with local residents in November, the community asked Velsicol to put together a web site with information about the Cypress Creek environmental study.

Now you can visit us online at www.cypresscreekmemphis.com for a convenient way to get the latest information on the study or to find additional resources.

rites to play community CARNIVAL



On Saturday, April 16, Rhodes College will again host its free "Rites to Play Community Carnival." From noon until 3:00 p.m., children (and all others who were themselves once children) are welcome to join Rhodes College students in Fisher Gardens (near University and North Parkway). This year's theme is "World of Pure Imagination." Relax, try some new games, and meet interesting people.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING SPOT?



The VECA Board, the VECA CDC Board, and VECA CDC staff members are currently considering ways to make the VECA office more of an informal "gathering spot." Ideas include keeping coffee and snacks on hand during regular business hours, putting a few tables and chairs on the front porch, and having some used books for casual reading. Your reaction and your other ideas are welcomed, as are any donations: coffee mugs, a large coffeemaker, coffee-making supplies, used books and magazines, etc.

EARTHFEST CELEBRATION AT LICHTERMAN

Come celebrate EarthFest 2005 at Lichterman Nature Center on Saturday, April 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EarthFest is a family-oriented celebration of Earth Day. The festival includes live musical entertainment, environmental information, guided nature walks, games, crafts, face painting, animal presentations, gardening activities and fun for all ages!



Each year approximately 12 to 15 environmental organizations have partnered with Lichterman for EarthFest. Each organization provides fun and educational activities and promotional giveaways. Some even feature live animals. This year we hope to have more organizations participating than ever before. Visitors will also enjoy exploring the three miles of trails that lead through the Nature Center's 65 acres of forest, lake and meadow habitats, as well as a visit to the new Backyard Wildlife Center.

Bring the kids, enjoy, the outdoors and get connected to nature at the EarthFest Celebration! Lichterman Nature Center is located in east Memphis at 5992 Quince Road. For more information call 767-7322.

PUT AN AFRICAN SAFARI IN YOUR CHILD'S SUMMER PLANS



This year, the Vacation Bible School at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1738 Galloway Avenue, will feature the theme "Serengeti Trek: Where Kids are Wild about God." Mark your calendar for June 6-10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Children from age three to those about to enter fifth grade will enjoy arts and crafts, outdoor activities, bible stories and more. For more information or to register go to www.trinotes.net or call 274-6895.

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YOUR 2005 VECA BOARD

In accordance with the VECA Bylaws, all Vollintine-Evergreen members attending the January 24 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, Janis Cannon (treasurer), Rick Cartwright, Gloria Fulton, Bob Hicks, Jenny Jenson, Bettye Johnson, Tom McGowan, Scott Moore (secretary), John Rutkauskas, Russ Wigginton, and Mary Wilder (president).

YOUR 2005 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 (vice chair), Dick Mochow (secretary), Janese Perry, Bud Richey, Renate Rosenthal, Bob Schneider, Alan Shinosky, Mitchell Spence, Tommy Tabor, and Jane Venson (chair).

2005 VECA TREASURER'S REPORT

by Janis Cannon

Following is a summary of the 2005 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:

\$4450.00	dues
\$260.00	contributions
\$61.25	investment income
\$1680.00	Vollintine-Evergreen News ads
\$759.06	other
\$7210.31	TOTAL

Expenses:

\$3574.00	Vollintine-Evergreen News printing
\$1078.00	Board insurance
\$1557.72	fees, postage, reimbursements
\$80.00	annual potluck supper and pool party
\$316.60	other
\$6606.32	TOTAL

Excess of support and revenue over expenses:

\$603.99

Total assets:

\$16,206.88

Total liabilities:

\$0.00

DICHTEL, BORYS, AND HEINEMANN AWARDS GIVEN AT ANNUAL MEETING

At VECA's annual meeting on January 24, 2005, VECA presented its three highly-prized annual awards to very deserving and well-known community figures.

The Margaret Dichtel Award, presented to a neighborhood resident, was given to Bettye Johnson, long-time resident and activist on Edward Avenue. Ms. Johnson is now a VECA Board member and a leader on the Cypress Creek Committee, but her involvement in grass-roots community work goes back much further and includes work with block clubs, VECA neighborhood festivals, National Night Out festivities, and Neighborhood Watch programs. She has been both a carrier of and an occasional writer for the Vollintine-Evergreen News. Bettye's civic involvement also extends beyond VECA. She has completed the Citizen's Police Academy and is now a North Precinct Police Ambassador, and she somehow finds time to be active with her church, St. Luke Baptist Church, which she has been a member of for over fifty years.

The Martha Heinemann Award, presented to a Board member, was given to Tom McGowan, whose Rhodes College students in his "Urban and Community Health" class this past fall took on an important role in the Cypress Creek environmental work. Dr. McGowan and his students planned and ran the November 17 community meeting, and they have collected valuable survey information from residents adjacent to the creek, as we approach a crucial time for the creek. Tom also figures prominently in the recently-announced \$500,000 COPC grant from HUD to Rhodes College for the Hollywood/Springdale area immediately northeast of VECA's area: he helped prepare the grant proposal and he will help execute the important work that it funds.

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 Twarla Guest, from the City's Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Since 1997, VECA CDC has been a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), and for several years Ms. Guest has been assigned as VECA CDC's "CHDO analyst". CHDO funding has made possible much of the rehab work and new construction done by VECA CDC, and it has been the largest single piece of VECA CDC's budget and work for many years. Twarla has always been knowledgeable, professional, and patient in guiding VECA CDC staff through the challenging process of obtaining and using this important federal funding that increases the city's supply of decent safe affordable housing.

Congratulations and thanks to Bettye, Tom, and Twarla for their valuable contributions to our neighborhood and organization.



YARD OF THE MONTH HONOREE!

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

January's yard of the month winner is Peggy Brewer of 1006 Monticello. Peggy has been a resident of our neighborhood for 21 years. By using evergreens, she designed a yard that looks great even in the dead of winter. When she moved in, the shrubs were so overgrown that they covered the windows. She trimmed them into nicely sculpted shapes that frame the front door. Attractive lighting and a nice walk add to her house's curb appeal.

Sorry, but due to weather there is no Yard of the Month for February. We look forward to spring and a great yard in March!

JANUARY — 1006 MONTICELLO



HISTORIC COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AND HOMES FOR 2006 HOME TOUR

If you are interested in or want to learn more about historic home styles and architecture, the Historic Committee would love to have you as a docent or volunteer for the 2006 Home Tour.

-OR-

If your home or your neighbor's home is a great candidate for the 2006 home tour, please email us at vehistoric@yahoo.com or call 278-9838.

MIDTOWN LOGGING AND LUMBER COMPANY

by Scott Banbury

The Midtown Logging and Lumber Company has moved all our operations and lumber, including my own custom wood-working workshop, to a new (to us) property at 1750 Chelsea Avenue just north of Vollintine-Evergreen.

The new property is located on the scenic south shores of Kilowatt Lake and features a 4500 square foot building, paved air drying and log storage yard and best yet ... it came with a forklift.

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Our inventory of air-dried material has grown immensely and we just got several thousand board feet of prime walnut, cherry and quarter-sawn white and red oak back from the kiln.

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276-1412



MARCH 2005



VECA residents take pride in the beauty of their streets, yards, and houses, and are committed to improving the safety of the neighborhood. With that thought in mind, the standards listed below will help the neighborhood remain a clean, friendly, and safe place for Vollintine-Evergreen residents.

VECA Standards

- Restrain from parking your vehicle on the lawn. It is against city code and it detracts from the beauty of the neighborhood. *City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-211*
- Park your vehicle on the street, not on the sidewalk. Be mindful of parking your vehicle on the appropriate side of the street. *City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-211*
- Be attentive to your lawn. Cut your grass, weeds, and hedges. High weeds and grass are against the city code and it detracts from the appearance of the neighborhood. *City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-89*
- Clean debris from your yard, sidewalk, and curb. It prevents the occurrence of rodents and flooding from storm drain backup. *City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-87*
- Remove garbage carts within 24 hours after city pickup. The carts detract from the appearance of the sidewalks and streets. *City of Memphis Code Violation, Sec. 48-132*
- Be mindful of your pet's actions. Clean up after your pet. *City of Memphis Law*
- Respect your neighbors. Restrain from extraneous noises and actions. Noise ordinances are in effect. *City of Memphis Law*
- Observe the speed limit. This allows for the protection of playing children. *City of Memphis Law*
- Observe all traffic laws. Do not block traffic with activities in the street. Allow for through traffic. *City of Memphis Law*
- Report suspicious activity to the police. It prevents occurrences of drug-related activity. Vollintine-Evergreen strives to be a drug-free neighborhood.
- Notify the neighborhood of planned activities. Abide by the noise ordinances established by the City of Memphis.

Enjoy your neighborhood. Help your neighbors achieve and maintain the beauty, safety, and integrity of the neighborhood.

Please report complaints of violations to:
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VECA NEEDS MEMBERS

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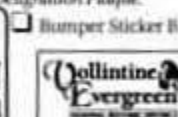
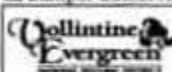
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