ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 28

You are invited to VECA’s annual general membership meeting on Monday, January 28, at Church of the Good Shepherd (1971 Jackson Avenue). The block clubs will hold their potluck reception at 6:00 p.m., and the business meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Besides the routine business (usually done quickly!), our annual meeting is also when we elect Board members, the President, and the Vice President, and it is when we announce the winners of VECA’s awards (see pages 3 and 5).

Whether you have been active in the past or you are a new resident looking for a way to get involved to improve our community, please join many of your neighbors at our meeting!

TUTWILER AVENUE MEDIANS

The ten medians on Tutwiler Avenue from University to Dickinson have just been planted with 35 trees for all to enjoy for many decades. It was all possible thanks to a vision created by our Neighbors for Trees committee, a grant from the state’s Division of Urban Forestry, advice and coordination by the city’s Park Services (especially Rich Beckwith), and hard work by volunteers from our neighborhood and from the Master Gardeners. The planting was completed on December 16, and included Sweetbay Magnolias, Sarah’s Favorite Crepe Myrtles, and Chinese Pistache.

Thanks to Ben Beaird, Rich Beckwith, Eddie Branch, Andy Bullard, Duncan Bullard, Jan Bullard, Rick Bullard, Jan Castillo, Roger, Ekstrom, Mike Force, Steve Gadbois, Andree Glenn, Bo Graham, Marci Hendrix, PZ Horton, Selby Horton, Tim Moreland, Susan Murray, Monica Parham, Stacy Pennington, Bill Rebberg, Amanda Semko, Crissy Smith, Mickey Spence, Merle (Kim) Spencer, Don Wear, and Mary Wilder.

WANTED: DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR BOARDS

At our 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, as has been the case every year in the past, some current Board members are willing and able to stand for election again, while others need to be replaced.

The VECA Board appoints the CDC Board. Those terms are for two years. 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 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday 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 any VECA staff person or any member of either Board.
FOREST FAIRE
October 20, 2007
V&E Greenline Stationhouse
THE MARGARET DICTHEL 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 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 the neighborhood 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 (“The Med”).

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. 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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THE MARTHA HEINEMANN AWARD

Martha Heinemann grew up in Hot Springs, Arkansas, graduated from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) in biology, and earned her Masters from University of Arkansas in biochemistry. She was a research chemist at the University of Tennessee and the Veterans Administration. Besides her volunteer work with VECA, Martha was associated with Rhodes Alumni, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Brooks Museum, and the Tennessee Ornithological Society.

The Heinemann Award honors a Board member who has rendered exceptional service to either the VECA Board or the VECA CDC Board. The Nominating Committee will select one winner from either Board.

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.

FOR A LIST OF PAST WINNERS, SEE PAGE 5.
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PAST AWARD WINNERS
(see page 3 for descriptions)

**Dichtel 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
2002 Tom Fagan
2003 Fredha Feaster
2004 Craig Jordan & Len Cobb
2005 Bettye Johnson
2007 Jan Kirby & Marci Hendrix
2008 ???

**Borys Award**
1991 Steve Shular
1992 Vernua Hanrahan
1995 Janis Foster
1996 William Stemmler
1997 Charles Cook
1998 Barbara Swarengen Holt
1999 Carol Chumney
2000 Wayne Risher
2001 Charles Granderson
2002 Don Campbell
2003 Rickey Peete
2004 Will & Rob Keeler
2005 Twarla Guest
2007 Rich Beckwith
2008 ???

**Heinemann Award**
2003 Janis Cannon
2004 Helen Johnson
2005 Tom McGowan
2007 Renate Rosenthal & Andrée Glenn
2008 ???

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**ONE PERSON x ONE HOUR = INFINITE POSSIBILITIES**
by Fredha Feaster

Now that the lunches are packed, the schedules posted and the uniforms readied, parents are breathing easier with their children settled into the back-to-school routines. Whether or not you have school-age children, what goes on at your neighborhood school impacts the entire community. Conversely, how can you positively impact the school?

Most schools have an established tutoring program. Do you have a spare hour each week to help a child who may need a little one-on-one attention in order to master a reading or math skill? These students thrive under the attention of a caring tutor, and their self-esteem soars as they see their test scores rise.

Perhaps you are not able to take time off for tutoring. How about checking with the school's guidance counselor and asking to be a participant on Career Day? Children are always excited to hear people speak about their jobs. It encourages them to think of their own futures. Maybe your job has "freebies" or gift certificates for deserving students or teachers. These can be given out as incentives, prizes, or awards day gifts. Teachers are always scavenging or begging for items such as these.

If speaking in public is not in your comfort zone, offer to read a book to a class. Most elementary teachers will welcome a "guest reader" and you can act out your inner child by using silly voices for the characters. Don't worry about looking foolish — children's imaginations are easily captured by grown-ups acting like children!

In closing, please don't think you have nothing to offer the schools in you neighborhood. Once you make an effort to be a part of the action, your own life will be so enriched by the outpouring of love that you will see and feel your positive impact on the neighborhood.

(Fredha is a former member of the VECA Board of Directors and a 23 year employee of Memphis City Schools.)

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USEFUL CONTACTS

This list of phone numbers, email addresses, and websites will become a regular feature in this newsletter if readers find it useful. Suggestions (including additions and corrections) from readers are welcome.

VECA office 276-1782, vecacdc@vecacdc.org
Mayor’s Citizens Service Center 576-6500
Property Code Enforcement 576-7380
www.memphistn.gov/HCDWeb/content/reportcomplaint.aspx
Construction Code Enforcement 379-4200
Litter Hotline 52CLEAN
Police North Precinct (north of Jackson) 377-3700
Police West Precinct (south of Jackson) 274-7012
Police Reports 545-2650
Memphis Mayor’s Office 576-6000
Memphis City Council 576-6786
Memphis Board of Education 416-5300
Center for Neighborhoods 576-4236
Housing and Community Development 576-7300
Planning and Development 576-7197
Public Works 576-6742
Environmental Maintenance (sanitary sewers) 529-8025
Drain Maintenance (stormwater sewers) 357-0100
Vector Control (mosquitoes, rats, etc.) 324-5547
Memphis City School Board 416-5300
Cypress Middle School 416-4624
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Vollentine Elementary School 416-4632
Memphis Shelby County Health Department 544-7600
Shelby County Mayor’s Office 545-4500
Shelby County Commission 545-4301
Shelby County Election Commission 545-4125
Shelby County Assessor of Property 379-7333
Memphis Area Legal Services 432-4663
Memphis Light Gas and Water 544-6549

HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES

Free homeownership classes are held at the VECA office one Saturday every month. The classes are open to all, but you must pre-register by calling the VECA office at 901-276-1782. When you call, staff will know the dates of upcoming classes.

Homeownership counselor Ruth Gibson has 12 years experience assisting first-time homebuyers understand the important homebuying process and deal with their personal financial issues. (She also provides mortgage default counseling to homeowners in trouble, and she can assist senior citizens with reverse mortgages.) Ruth is HUD- and THDA-certified.

Although other VECA CDC staff members encourage buyers to consider VECA CDC houses, Ruth is glad to assist buyers no matter what house they might be interested in and no matter where it is.
# Upcoming Meetings & Schedules

Unless otherwise marked, all of these meetings are at the VECA office at 1680 Jackson Avenue. To be certain, you can call first at 276-1782. Committee meetings and Board meetings are open to everyone.

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<td>January 28, 6:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>June 22, 6:00 p.m.</td>
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# For Sale by VECA CDC

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- **Dana Hendrick**
  - YouthBuild Apprentice Coordinator

- **Joe Kerley**
  - YouthBuild Construction Manager

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