Great communities are created by their residents. VECA members and volunteers are vital to the general welfare and advocacy work required on behalf of the V&E neighborhood and paramount to the effectiveness of VECA as our community association.

So as another year marked by achievement (see the list below of VECA’s 2016 accomplishments) draws to a close and 2017 begins, we hope that every neighbor makes the personal decision to join VECA.

1. 20th Anniversary of the V&E Greenline
2. 5th Anniversary of the V&E Artwalk
3. V&E Historic District Street Sign Toppers
5. VECA’s Back-2-School Supply Drive for Snowden & Vollentine Elementary Schools.
6. Grants from the University of Memphis SCI Grant (for Jackson & Evergreen Commercial Corridor), Memphis City Beautiful Grant (for the Leaps and Bounds Mural at Garland & Jackson), MANW and Police Foundation Grants (for the SkyCop Camera on the V&E Greenline).
7. Quarterly Neighborhood Watch & Safety Meetings
8. VECA activities and events (e.g. GameNite, Lyndale Community Garden, Cop Stop, National Night Out, NeighborFest, Holiday Party, etc.)
10. SARP10 (Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation Program) Meeting on improvements to the sanitary sewers near Lick Creek.

We’ve come this far as a 100% volunteer-run grassroots neighborhood association — thanks to people like you. Whatever you choose to give financially will be greatly appreciated. Donations and membership dues are tax deductible. Thank You for supporting VECA!
Focus on Evergreen-Jackson at Annual Meeting

VECA’s annual meeting is a time for celebrating the successes and accomplishments of the previous year and for thinking about new beginnings and opportunities for our neighborhood. This year is a continuation of that tradition, and one of the success stories and opportunities on the agenda is about the geographic “heart” of our community – the Evergreen-Jackson commercial node.

The success is a Strengthening Communities grant that VECA was awarded in 2016 to create a vision and plan for the commercial properties at Evergreen and Jackson. The opportunity is the chance for you and others at the 2017 annual meeting to weigh in right from the beginning on your vision for this core area.

We are delighted to have Andy Kitsinger, a highly-respected architect and planner, to guide and advise VECA in this planning process. VECA, along with Mr. Kitsinger, wants your ideas, thoughts and input to create a plan that the entire community can support and implement. We intend to reach out to property owners and businesses in the district, as well as work with the Office of Planning and Development, code enforcement and other agencies.

So help VECA and the community start the year right – attend the annual meeting and bring your vision to this important discussion!

Saturday, January 28, 2017
9:00am - 11:00am
VECA Welcome Center
1680 Jackson Avenue
(between Evergreen St. & N. Belvedere Blvd.)

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Great Things About V&E and Being a Member of VECA

**V&E:** Is a neighborhood with historic and visual character, natural and scenic settings.

**V&E:** Has diverse, caring, friendly, and supportive neighbors.

**V&E:** Is a neighborhood with beautiful tree-lined streets and a large number of well-preserved, architecturally distinctive homes with fine craftsmanship.

**V&E:** Has an enthusiastic group of volunteers and members with a commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhood.

**V&E:** Is conveniently located near Overton Park, Levitt Shell, Brooks Museum, Memphis Zoo, Overton Square, Downtown, medical district, and excellent restaurants, with easy access to the interstate and suburban Memphis.

**V&E:** Is a strong supporter of art and sculptures in public spaces.

**V&E:** Has a vast and unique history with a designation on the National Register of Historic Places for all four of our historic districts.

**V&E:** Is a neighborhood with excellent public and private educational institutions: Snowden School, Vollentine Elementary School, St. Therese Little Flower Catholic School, KIPP Academy, VENS, and Rhodes College.

**V&E:** Has the VECA Welcome Center, a multi-use facility serving the Vollintine Evergreen neighborhood.

**V&E:** Neighbors are involved and empowered.

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**Ever Green means:**

- Urban green infrastructure – trails, parks, streams, and community gardens.
- V&E’s Greenline is a scenic 1.7 mile Rails-to-Trails greenspace for walking, biking, and enjoying the garden spaces.
- V&E’s Greenline has the feel of living in an urban forest.
- University Park is 10 acres of greenspace located at University Street and Edward Avenue.
- Dlugach Park (once known as University Circle Park) is located at Jackson Avenue and University Circle.
- Snowden Field and Vollintine Park are outdoor recreational areas next to our neighborhood schools.
- Lick Creek and Cypress Creek.
- Lyndale Community Garden located at 1470 Lyndale Avenue, just west of Stonewall Street, was the Commercial Appeal’s 2012 Garden of the Year Vegetable Garden Winner.
- Avalon Community Garden located on North Avalon Street near Vollintine Avenue.
- Beckwith Triangle located at Hallwood and Oakmont.

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**Become a VECA Member.**

**Please Join Now.**

THANK YOU!

We invite all residents to get involved in helping to maintain and develop our beautiful historic neighborhood!

Your VECA Contribution is 100% Tax Deductible.
VECA’s MISSION

“To maintain a quality residential neighborhood through volunteer efforts of the neighborhood’s residents.”

A salute to all of our residents past and present – men and women across all age groups – for their countless hours of volunteering, the untold stories of stepping up to lend a helping hand to a neighbor, and strong financial support of VECA.

We are extremely grateful for our members and residents. A successful neighborhood and community association like VECA does not happen overnight. It is the result of engaged residents and neighbors for 45 years and counting.

Your annual contributions to membership have helped in great measure to improve, maintain, preserve and protect our neighborhood’s resources and amenities:

- historic character
- interesting architectural details
- beautiful tree-lined streets
- safe greenspaces and nearby parks for our young and elderly
- walkable streets
- pedestrian and bicycle-friendly environment
- public spaces
- accessible and fun public art

VECA has a 45-year legacy of being a visionary community organization.

VECA has a track record of being engaged and committed to the betterment of V&E.

VECA is a 100% volunteer-run neighborhood organization.

VECA donations are 100% Tax Deductible. Renew Your Membership Today!

Your loyal support, active involvement, and strong sense of community spirit are vital to our continued success.

The money raised through membership dues during our annual campaign is vital for successful events and endeavors by VECA for 2017.

VECA Is Y·O·U·R Neighborhood Community Association Partner!

Please Renew Your Membership Now
• THANK YOU •

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER WITH VECA!

Join your neighbors in helping Vollentine Evergreen continue to be the great neighborhood it is.

Name __________________________________________ Address __________________________________________
Phone ___________________________ Email __________________________

VECA is always in need of volunteers! I would like to be a team member on the following committee(s).

☐ Blight Busters • ☐ Communications • ☐ Fundraising • ☐ Historic • ☐ Homes for Neighbors
☐ Membership • ☐ Neighborhood Networks & Safety • ☐ Special Events • ☐ V&E Greenline
☐ Youth • ☐ Other __________________________