

THE Volker News

September-October 2016

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Neighborhood Meetings

September 8 - Old Volker
6:30 pm Social; 7 pm Program

October 13 - Forward Volker
6:30 pm Social; 7 pm Program

November 10 - Thanksgiving
Potluck 6:30 pm

Meetings are at:
*Immanuel Lutheran Church***
1700 Westport Road
Enter from Bell.

Neighborhood Events

Sept. 10 - Dance in the Park

Sept. 24 - Neighborhood
Cleanup

Oct. 1 - Dumpster Day

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NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Sept. 8 - About Old Volker**

6:30 pm Social/7:00 pm Program There were once eight churches in Volker - some over 100 years old - six still hold weekly services. Members of those congregations will tell us about their history. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share AND items for the food pantry collection (Details on p. 2)

Sept. 24 - Neighborhood Cleanup

Starts at 10:00 am. You can help spiff up the streets of Volker before winter sets in. (Details p. 2)

Oct 1st - Dumpster Day Starts at 8:00 am (Details on p. 2)

Oct. 13 - Forward Volker!** 6:30 pm Social/7:00 pm Program

Join us to review neighborhood projects, brainstorm, and tell us your concerns. This is your chance!

Nov. 10 - Thanksgiving Potluck**

6:30 pm Good Food! Great neighbors! Join us for one of Volker's most popular annual events. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Vote on a Volker banner design (Banner info on p. 3)

18th Annual Dance in the Park

Saturday, Sept. 10, 7:00 pm (kids' lesson 6:30)

Roanoke Park on Karnes Blvd.



Sponsored by City in Motion and surrounding neighborhoods, this event is loved by everyone!

Bring a blanket, chairs, maybe even a picnic. Then sit back and enjoy performances in a dazzling array of varied dance styles. Walk to the park if you can!

KARNES WILL BE CLOSED between Roanoke and Madison during the performance

To volunteer see page 2.

Rain date is the next night (Sunday)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

What about those bags that were delivered with your newsletter?

Immanuel Lutheran Church is partnering with the Volker Neighborhood Association to help stock the Food Pantry at Guardian Angels Church, 1310 Westport Road.

When you have filled that bag with needed items, please:

1. *Bring it to the Volker General Meeting on SEPTEMBER 8th (6:30 pm/7:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran)*

OR

2. *Place it ready to go on your door step in plain view by 9am on SEPTEMBER 11th, and members of Immanuel Lutheran Church will pick it up.*

ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter	Instant Rice
Grape Jelly	Instant Potatoes
Tuna	Dry Spaghetti Noodles
Ramen Noodles	Spaghetti Sauce
Vienna Sausage	Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables	Shampoo
Soup	Bar Soap

Help make this food pantry drive a huge success!

Thank you!



Neighborhood Events with Volunteer Opportunities!

Dance in the Park—Sept 10th

If you can help, please send your name, contact info, and area of interest to Roxanne Troxell, the new volunteer coordinator for Dance in the Park, at roxtrox@gmail.com or (816) 665-0869.

Help is needed to direct parking, distribute programs, put up and collect signs, stage set-up (Thursday before the event), stage tear-down (after event and the day after), guard the stage, clean-up, recycle, and raise funds.

Neighborhood Clean Up - Sept. 24

10:00 am Guardian Angels Parking Lot

Join us to spiff up the streets of Volker before winter sets in. We'll pick up trash in areas where it is especially needed and reconvene for a treat afterwards. If you know an area that needs help, contact Janee Church at janeec.church@yahoo.com. To volunteer, contact Janee or just show up! Meet in Guardian Angels parking lot on Terrace St. at 10:00 am. Bring work gloves. You will feel sooooo good when you finish!

Dumpster Day—Oct 1st 8:00 am to 11:00 am or whenever dumpsters are full!

Westport Roanoke Community Center Parking Lot One dumpster for trash and one for yard waste. Surplus Exchange will take your electronics, metal, batteries or anything with a plug, but they require a disposal fee of \$20 for CRTs and tube TVs. Please be prepared. (Your conscience will thank you!) To volunteer, just show up!

Volker Yard of the Month

The September Yard of the Month award goes to Deb and Larry Parks who love meeting neighbors and visitors to the neighborhood when tending their eclectic yard at 3816 Bell. Deb raises several kinds of butterflies on three kinds of milkweed, fennel, and rue that grow in the garden.

Congratulations to Deb and Larry!

To nominate a yard, please submit the address to info@volkerna.org.

🌿 Vintage Volker 🌿



The 1940 tax photo on the left is currently KC Smoke Burgers at 1610 West 39th Street. Back in the day, it was an auto repair shop owned by a Donald Jayne. Notice how narrow the garage entrance is. Cars of the 1950's probably couldn't have fit through that opening--and they didn't have to because it became a bowling alley! Longtime Volker resident Helen Huffman remembers being on a bowling team there as a 16 year old in 1949! The house on the right which would have been 1608 no longer stands. Immediately to the east of it is an apartment building at 1606 West 39th Street. —Diane Capps

Call to Volker Artists: Design Opportunity Volker neighborhood needs your help! We need cool designs for a new Volker banner.

The beautiful banners that graced our streets for 15 years have been gone since early this year. We are now in a campaign to find a design and raise funds to return the Volker name to our streets. Plans are to vote on submissions by local artists for a winning design at our November 10th Thanksgiving Potluck meeting. (The vote date was moved from October 13th to give you more time to design a really great looking banner!)

DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must look good vertical on a banner 28 x 60-70 inches more than 16 feet above ground and also as a horizontal letterhead.
2. Wording on the banner should include only the word "Volker" or possibly "Volker Neighborhood" and the web address at the bottom (VolkerKCMO.org). The web address lettering should be legible from 18 feet below. The letterhead version should include the words Volker Neighborhood Association in smaller lettering.
3. Can be 2-3 colors or multicolor.
4. Reflects the character and spirit of the neighborhood today and pride in its namesake, William Volker. Like Volker himself, the neighborhood radiates creativity, energy, a strong sense of community, and appreciation for the old and the new. Show us how YOU see Volker!

William Volker was a successful entrepreneur who put himself in the right place at the right time to make a lot of money on the residential building boom in the Ameri-

can West, and then he gave it all away to Kansas City hospitals, universities, individuals, and numerous organizations. His home, Roselawn, was in our neighborhood, and he helped create the Kansas City we know today. It's a name to be proud of!

HOW OTHERS CAN HELP:

Purchase an old banner to display on your front porch or living room wall. They look great! \$50 donation.

Fund the cost of a new banner. Fund one from our list or a location you choose (city approval required). \$300 donation. Any amount donation welcome!

Vote for a new design. The design will be selected by a vote at the November 10th VNA general meeting - the Thanksgiving Potluck. Design selections will be anonymous until the vote is completed.

To submit your banner design, donate, or see those old banners where they are now displayed: see www.VolkerKCMO.org. Questions? Contact John.Pearse@live.com or at 816 547-6669

It's a Great Time to Join VNA!

The Volker Neighborhood Association's all-volunteer board meets monthly to organize programs and projects contributing to quality of life in Volker and keeping you informed. *Memberships received after September 1st are good to the end of 2017!*

Please join or renew online, at a meeting, or mail the membership application on the back of this newsletter.

We appreciate your support!

Please turn the page for more news!

How Well-Informed Are You?

There's a lot going on in Volker these days, and a lot going on in the City that impacts your life in this neighborhood. VNA covers as much as possible in this newsletter, but there's more. Between our bi-monthly newsletters things happen that you may want to know right away. For timely updates try one or both options below.

1. Friend us on Facebook: VOLKER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (You'll get the most information and most timely updates this way.)
2. Sign Up at the VNA website for email Shoutouts:
www.VolkerKCMO.org (Occasional updates between newsletters.)

Volker Neighborhood Association meets the SECOND THURSDAY of the month except in July, August and December when we don't meet.

VNA Web Site

www.VolkerKCMO.org

Check the VNA website for membership info, to join online, read the newsletter, and more. SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

VNA on Facebook

Friend us for frequent updates and reminders!
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If you have questions about real estate or personal property taxes, or an issue related to Jackson County gov't, call:

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816-365-6664 (cell)

burnett.scott@gmail.com

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VNA Membership Application

⇒ Membership is based on the calendar year ⇐

We encourage residents and businesses in Volker to join in shaping Volker's future.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I AM INTERESTED IN WORKING ON VOLKER PROJECTS ☐

MAIL TO:

DIANE CAPPS, 3535 GENESSEE ST., KC MO 64111

Or join online > www.VolkerKCMO.org

PLEASE SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE

- ☐ INDIVIDUAL \$15
☐ SENIOR 60+ \$10
☐ HOUSEHOLD \$20
☐ BUSINESS \$25

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:
\$ _____

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TO V. N. A.**

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