



November-December 2016

[www.VolkerKCMO.org](http://www.VolkerKCMO.org)

### Neighborhood Meetings

November 10 - Thanksgiving  
Potluck 6:30 pm

December - NO MEETING

*Happy Holidays!*

January 12 - Neighborhood  
Safety...Visit with KCPD  
6:30 pm Social; 7 pm Program

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

*Volker Artists! Banner Design Deadline is November 6th!*

### NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

#### **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. VNA provides the rest!

Help select a Volker banner design (Banner info on p. 3)



**Jan. 12 - Neighborhood Safety and Chili Night** 6:30 pm social/7:00 pm program This is your chance to visit with KCPD officers and warm yourself with a cup of hot chili! Please let us know if you would like to share a crockpot of your own chili or bring a pan of brownies! Email [info@volkerna.org](mailto:info@volkerna.org)



### **Why is this Newsletter Stapled instead of folded like it used to be?**

You can thank budget cutbacks at the city in the printing department. They say it costs too much to use 11 x 17 inch paper and fold it, and VNA does not have a big enough budget to pay someone else to do it. We had estimates of \$200-\$350 for 1,700 copies six times a year. Let us know if you have a connection to someone who could do it free of cost. We'd be happy to include an acknowledgement of the donation on each and every newsletter! Contact us: [info@VolkerNA.org](mailto:info@VolkerNA.org)

Thanks!

**Traffic and Parking** Bruce Johnson, new Senior Engineering Tech with KCMO Public Works, answered questions about permit parking at the October neighborhood meeting. He also consulted with SW Area Rep Patrick Faltico on parking and resident John Pearse on traffic calming. As a result, we now have a responsive city contact on these matters.

Petitions to establish permit parking on the 3900 to 4200 blocks of Terrace and Wyoming are under review at the city. The review will determine whether a hearing is needed. This effort will free-up street parking now occupied by KU commuters.

In addition, a one-day traffic study has been done at the corner of 41st and Roanoke (that's the one where a guy actually sits in his car and counts traffic). Results will determine whether a full-blown study is needed.

### **Your Priorities**

Also at the October neighborhood meeting, we asked you to rank neighborhood priorities. Here's what you told us. The top priorities were Commercial Development (staying on top of what's happening and making sure neighborhood views are taken into account), Permit Parking (people in additional areas feel the need to deal with commuter parking), and a Volker Traffic Study. Slightly lower were efforts to work with KUMC and design considerations for infill housing. We will continue ongoing efforts on these and other needs, tapping some of you to get involved. Tell us how you can help at [info@volkerna.org](mailto:info@volkerna.org) or 816 809-2557.

Though not discussed, crime is a priority for many. In Volker this issue has primarily been addressed by Kara Werner of Volker Watch and the West 39<sup>th</sup> Street CID. Don't miss Volker's January all-about-crime neighborhood meeting with KCPD and others taking action on this issue.

### **Thanks for coming out to help!**

Thanks to all who volunteered on projects in September and October including **Dance in the Park** and **Dumpster Day**. Special thanks for your help on:

**Neighborhood Clean Up** You made a difference! Valentine Road around the corner from my house was noticeably tidier after your efforts. Next time, come out to pick up your corner of Volker! ANYTIME you see litter is a good time to pick it up! Help keep Volker beautiful!

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors** Organizer Immanuel Lutheran Church says, "Thank You!" for a successful food drive. They are hoping to make this an annual event.



*With approximately 130 full sacks of food collected and many from the Volker Neighborhood meeting, they packed*



### **Volker Yard of the Month**

The October Yard of the Month award goes to Sean Zander whose beautiful yard at 3817 State Line Road is a great statement of neighborhood values in the face of KU Hospital construction across the street. Sean has been in the landscaping business for 22 years and often does jobs on the side. You can contact him at 816 547-9199.

Congratulations to Sean!

The next Yard of the Month will be in April of 2017. To nominate a yard, please submit the address to [info@volkerna.org](mailto:info@volkerna.org).

## Vintage Volker



This 1940 tax photo features a former residence, 1200 West 39th St. (at Roanoke), which has become a variety of businesses over recent years. Currently on the first level is Simply Grooming by Gia, a pet services business. The second level is a jazz-themed coffeehouse, Down Beat Coffee. Before these two businesses, The Greener Goose occupied both levels and painted the structure bright aquamarine while there. And before that, it was Roca Salon and Spa, now located a block west at 1300 West 39th St.

- Diane Capps

### New Destinations for Volker Residents

Just Juice, 1607 West 39th Street. Juices, smoothies, and protein drinks.  
Phys. Ed. KC Gym, 1415 West 39th Street. Cardio, weights, yoga, and Pilates.  
Hudson-Hawk Barbershop, 1416 Westport Road. Not your granddad's barbershop!  
*Get out and enjoy your neighborhood!*

200 snack packs for Metro Lutheran Ministry and 30 for the residents at Woodbridge Apartments. The remaining food went to Guardian Angel Parish and Metro Lutheran Ministry, who were beyond happy to receive so much food!

### **Volker Banners** Time to Vote, Donate, and Show Your Neighborhood Pride!

By the time this newsletter is in your hands, all submissions for a new banner/letterhead design should be in (deadline November 6th)\* HELP SELECT THE WINNING DESIGN on November 10th at the Volker Neighborhood Thanksgiving Potluck. Current members can contact Diane Capps after Nov. 6th for an absentee ballot. Rep2-N@VolkerNA.org

Help Fund New Banners! For information on purchase of an old banner to display on your front porch or living room wall, or to make a donation, see Banners at [www.VolkerKCMO.org](http://www.VolkerKCMO.org) or contact John Pearse (info below).

\*If you are still interested in submitting a design, please forward your submission to John Pearse at [john.pearse@live.com](mailto:john.pearse@live.com) or contact him at 816 547-6669. Design requirements at [VolkerKCMO.org](http://VolkerKCMO.org).

### **Free Classes for Neighborhood Leaders**

The Center for Neighborhoods, a new program in UMKC's Department of Architecture, Urban Planning + Design, is offering Neighborhood

Leadership classes, free to anyone interested and willing to make the 10-week commitment. Participants learn about governance, leadership, technology, communications, health and safety, and neighborhood development.

Several VNA board members are currently participating, but there is no reason why YOU cannot participate when the next class begins. If you are interested in getting involved and effectively making a difference in Volker, it's a great way to start! Currently participating, myself, I can say these classes are excellent – full of useful info and engagingly taught – never boring! And they connect you with all kinds of resources to help you be effective.

The next class (cohort) begins in the spring, 2017. For info contact [neighborhoods@umkc.edu](mailto:neighborhoods@umkc.edu)/CFN or Dina Newman 816 235-6931. -Susan Kysela

### **Don't Let your Membership Expire!**

*Memberships expire on December 31st.*

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. Please join or renew online, at a meeting, or mail the membership application on the back of this newsletter. *Dues paid now are good to the end of 2017.*

*We appreciate your support!*

**Please turn the page for more news!**

**Quik Trip Expansion Update** Now that Quik Trip has agreed to work with the West Plaza Neighborhood, the focus is on finding a mutually acceptable plan. Based on their latest land purchases, QuikTrip is poised to become the largest commercial property owner in West Plaza. What and how they build will change the face of Westport Road, so these negotiations are vitally important to Westport and Volker, too. For info on how to support this effort, see [www.westplaza.org](http://www.westplaza.org).

### 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](http://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.*

If you have questions about real estate or personal property taxes, or an issue related to Jackson County gov't, call:

**Scott Burnett**

1st District Jackson County Legislator

**816-365-6664 (cell)**

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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](http://www.VolkerKCMO.org)**

### **PLEASE SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE  
CHECKS PAYABLE  
TO V. N. A.**

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*All are volunteers!*