

CITY CODE, CULTIVATE KC, KU DEVELOPMENT NEWS: VOLKER MEETINGS HAVE IT COVERED!

## VOLKER GETS READY FOR SPRING!

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS:

#### MARCH 12TH ASK THE CODES OFFICER

City code is about much more than peeling paint! Not just for property owners, but renters as well. Learn what the city has to say about responsible property maintenance and nuisance violations. Code Enforcement Officer Ryan Kasper-Cushman will answer your questions.

#### APRIL 9TH CULTIVATE KC

Alicia Ellingsworth, from Cultivate KC, will speak about growing food in our midtown area and fill us in about the local urban farming movement. Come with your questions and share what works in your garden.

#### MAY 14TH KU HOSPITAL PROJECT

Dennis McCulloch, Director of Public Relations for KU Hospital will bring updates, drawings of the project, and answers to your questions.

### VOLKER MEETINGS

MARCH 12 - KCMO CODES OFFICER ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

APRIL 9 - CULTIVATE KC

MAY 14 - KU HOSPITAL PROJECT

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(WESTPORT ROAD & BELL ENTER FROM BELL.)

6:30 PM SOCIAL  
7:00 PM PROGRAM



## SPECIAL EVENTS

**APRIL 1ST:** William Volker's Birthday! No kidding. April 1st really is his birthday. Celebrate his 158th at Jazz, the oldest restaurant in Volker! Happy Hour on Wednesday, April 1st, 5:00-7:00 pm, 39th and State Line. Prepare for William Volker trivia at [www.volkerkcmo.org](http://www.volkerkcmo.org).

#### MAY 16: DUMPSTER DAY

Dumpsters for yard waste and trash. Surplus Exchange will take "anything with a plug," Parking lot of Westport Roanoke Community Center, 8 am to Noon or until the dumpsters are full!

#### VOLKERFEST IS COMING!

Watch the "Volker Neighborhood Association" Facebook page for more information about this showcase of Volker musical and visual art. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Contact Melissa Martin, info on page 3.

LIKE THE NEW LOOK OF **VOLKER NEWS**? A BIG THANK YOU! GOES TO VOLKER RESIDENT JEREMY LUTHER WHO CAME TO US VOLUNTEERING HIS HELP WITH NEWSLETTER LAYOUT. JEREMY IS THE ART DIRECTOR FOR *THE PITCH*. WE ARE THRILLED!



## WHO IS THIS MAN?

Besides being an early resident of what is now known as Volker Neighborhood and a benefactor to many Kansas City institutions and individual citizens, William Volker was a remarkable businessman and active in civic reform. He immigrated with his family from Germany to Chicago in 1871 at age 12, and by age 23, he had opened his own picture frame business in Kansas City at 6th and Delaware. There were no competing businesses here and home construction was booming. He expanded to include window shades and other home furnishings, and by 1906 had branches in Denver, Houston, and San Francisco with others to follow. *Learn more about William Volker at [www.volkerkcmo.org](http://www.volkerkcmo.org).*

## KU HOSPITAL MOVES UP GROUNDBREAKING DATE



**F**ormerly scheduled to begin construction two years from now, the KU Hospital project on 39th Street, known as Cambridge North, will break ground this month on March 9th according to Dennis McCulloch, Director of Public Relations. The schedule was moved up because of intense patient demand for more beds and for an opportunity to go to the bond market earlier than planned. Even though the philanthropy for the project is only a little more than 1/3 toward its \$100 million goal, the funding drive received a major boost from a \$10 million dollar challenge grant from Annette Bloch.

The hospital tower will face Cambridge with potential for additional towers to the north, as needed, up to 36th Street. Drawings at a presentation to the Volker Neighborhood last year had attractive landscaping on the State Line side.

The parking garage planned for Phase I and subsequent parking in additional phases will all be built at least one block west of State Line Road, on the west side of Cambridge Road.

*McCulloch will update us at Volker's May 14th meeting.*

## INFORMATION ON RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING



If you are interested in obtaining Residential Permit Parking designation on your block, KCMO city code and a KCMO Public Works info sheet covering the process are now posted on the Volker Neighborhood Association website ([www.volkerkcmo.org](http://www.volkerkcmo.org)) under Resources, Traffic and Parking. If you live in an area already designated for Residential Permit Parking, the application for a residential parking permit is also available.

## BE INFORMED! MEET THE CANDIDATES!

THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS ON APRIL 7TH. TO REGISTER TO VOTE, FIND INFO AT [WWW.KCEB.ORG/VOTERS/REGISTER](http://WWW.KCEB.ORG/VOTERS/REGISTER) OR 816 842-4820.

**CANDIDATE FORUM** for 4th District and at-large City Council candidates

**WHEN:** March 31, 7-8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Writer's Place, 3607 Pennsylvania

**SPONSORED BY:** The Midtown KC Post and the Valentine and Volker Neighborhood Associations

**CANDIDATE FORUM** for Mayoral candidates

**WHEN:** March 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** All Souls Church; 4501 Walnut Street

**SPONSORED BY:** League of Women Voters

## VINTAGE VOLKER



BY DIANE CAPPS

There were once mom-and-pop grocery stores scattered throughout Volker, and many of those buildings are still recognizable as former stores. This 1940 tax photo is of August Sjöholm Grocer at 4200 Genessee. This building is currently occupied by the Sederson Management Co. Before Sederson, the then barn-red building was The General Store--which was actually an antique shop!

A 1940 tax photo of a neighborhood grocery store prompted me to start the Vintage Volker feature in November-December 2011! It featured the High Grade Food Store at 3522 Genessee. (See *Volker News online archive.*)

## DESTINATIONS FOR VOLKER RESIDENTS

Saigon 39, 1806 1/2 West 39th Street. Closed after 25 years!

MO Brew , 1403 West 39th Street. Serving food, drinks and entertainment. Now open.

YUM, A Boutique Bakery. 1614 West 39th Street. Now open.

Sosa's 39th Street Diner, 3906 Waddell Avenue. Re-opening soon!

GET OUT AND ENJOY YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

## FOR TENANTS & LANDLORDS

Tenants as well as landlords need to be fully aware of their rights and responsibilities. Being informed before you enter into a lease can help avoid problems down the road. This information may also help resolve existing problems.

Check out the state's publication Missouri's Landlord/Tenant Law, Rights and Responsibilities:

<http://ago.mo.gov/publications/landlordtenant.pdf>

## VNA THANKS ITS MEMBERS!

Members of Volker Neighborhood Association are eligible for Gift Certificate drawings at all Volker Neighborhood general meetings. Join at a meeting to be eligible that night. You can also join online at [www.VolkerKCMO.org](http://www.VolkerKCMO.org) or mail the application on the back of this newsletter.

## WILLIAM VOLKER TRIVIA QUESTION

At what age did Volker develop his signature style of a dark suit, white shirt, bow tie, and mustache?

- A. AGE 14    B. AGE 17  
C. AGE 23    D. AGE 35

## BECOME A VOLKER VOLUNTEER

Volunteering for a Volker project, committee or event is a great way to meet people, learn, and make a difference right here in your own neighborhood. Opportunities include delivering newsletters, serving on committees such as Housing or Traffic and Parking, a board opening in June for VNA Secretary, helping create VolkerFest - the exciting new project led by Melissa Martin, and more.

Got an idea? We want to hear it! Contact Susan Kysela or any board member. (Info on page 4.)

## WILLIAM VOLKER TRIVIA ANSWER

William Volker Trivia Answer: At age 14, Volker went to work as a clerk in a Chicago dry goods store. It was there that he developed his signature style.

The mustache probably came later!

VOLKER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH EXCEPT IN AUGUST AND DECEMBER WHEN WE DON'T MEET.

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

Join VNA online, sign up to receive VNA news and notices by email, read the newsletter, and find helpful links.

## VNA ON FACEBOOK

Friend the VNA Facebook page for the latest info. Just search for "Volker Neighborhood Association"

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

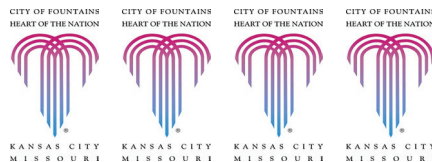
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## VNA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in working on volker projects Y N \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: DIANE CAPPS  
3535 GENESSEE ST

### PLEASE SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE

- INDIVIDUAL \$15
- BUSINESS \$25
- SENIOR ADULT \$10
- HOUSEHOLD \$20

### AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

Make checks payable to:  
VNA

