

THE Volker News

Jul-Aug 2018 -- Volker Neighborhood Association—volkerKCMO.org

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS/EVENTS

July 12 - Porch Parties

July 16 - Special Meeting -
Traffic Study Results

August - No meeting

Sept 8 - Dance in the Park

Sept 13 - Neighborhood Meet-
ing - Program TBA

Details below and on page 2.

Please join us!

Get Your Porch On—Porch Parties are Thurs, July 12!



Porch Parties: Thursday, July 12

Meet your nearest neighbors! Enjoy the best features of Volker Neighborhood - the porches and the people who live here! *Start times, locations and details inside on p. 2.*

**Traffic Study Results: Special Meeting
Monday, July 16** - 6:30 pm, Jacob's Well Church, 1617 W. 42nd St. Enter the new addition up the steps on Wyoming or use the Genessee parking lot for accessible entrance.

The Volker neighborhood traffic project is moving forward. The first phase of our traffic study has been completed and we are teaming with the Public Works Department, the traffic study consultant, and Better Block KC to compare results against the

trouble spots identified by Volker residents. Public Works, Better Block, and the traffic consultant will attend this meeting. Join us to discuss possible solutions and gather neighborhood feedback. *Questions? Contact Patrick Faltico: vice-president@volkerna.org*

20th Annual Dance in the Park: September 8 in Roanoke Park

One of the most enjoyable events of the year. Performances by local dance groups in a beautiful outdoor setting. Co-produced by City in Motion and 5 neighborhoods: Coleman Highlands, Roanoke, Valentine, Volker & West Plaza. Save the Date! Festivities will start at 6pm this year.

Volunteers are needed!

Fundraising/Marketing-Setup-Crew-Greeters-
Parking Control-Clean Up.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marina Vianello at marinasvianello@gmail.com

Neighborhood Meeting: September 13
6:30 pm social /7:00 pm program, Immanuel Lutheran Church (Enter from Bell St.)

Porch Party Slide Show, updates and program TBA. We want to hear about your porch party!

Send us your photos of porch parties and whatever you love best about summer in the Volker Neighborhood - to be included in a slide show. Email to: info@volkerna.org

Porch Parties 2018!

Our most anticipated event of the year is here—VOLKER PORCH PARTIES! If you missed the June picnic, Porch Parties are an excellent way to meet your neighbors and get all the good Volker goss! Please come—we can't wait to see you!!

CHAIRS and BEVERAGES: Bring your own if you wish unless otherwise indicated below.

PLEASE respect party ending times. Be courteous to your host.

North Volker

Diane Capps

3535 Genessee Street—6:30-8:00 pm
Come around back to the deck and patio. Lemonade provided or bring your own beverage. Bring a chair.

Dorothy Arneson, Ron Vuturo, Nancy and Wayne Copple

3701 Genessee Street—6:30-8:00 pm
Front porch and new back deck! Ice tea, soft drinks and light munchies provided. Bring your preferred beverage and chair.

Southeast Volker

Lisa Demaree

916 W. 42nd Street—6:30-8:30 pm
Iced tea will be provided. Feel free to bring other beverages and a chair.

Brandon and Christine Newton

829 W 40th Street—6:30-8:30pm
Come and enjoy time with neighbors. Homemade ice cream, chairs, music and a good time provided. Bring drinks or snacks if you want.

Matthew Merryman and Rachel Guthrie

4154 Mercier Street—6:30-8:30 pm
Snacks and beverages provided. Just bring yourself!

Southwest Volker

Melissa Zarda and Matt Cathlina

4215 Bell Street—6:30 - 8:30pm
Music provided but you are welcome to bring musical instruments if you want to play :-) Bring your own chairs and beverages.

Esther Swanson

4111 Genessee Street—6:00 - 8:00 pm
Water and light snacks provided—bring your own beverage and chair.

Brian Jackson and Arielle Zarr

3955 Wyoming Street—6:30-8:30 pm
Small selection of beverages provided or bring your own. Bring chairs.

Nominate a Volker Yard of the Month! (see page 4...)

🌿🌿🌿 Vintage Volker 🌿🌿🌿



The photo at left is of a hardware store located at 1704 West 39th St. around 1915. That address doesn't exist today. But back then—roughly 25 years before the 1940 tax photos were taken—a man named G. T. Neubert bought the existing hardware store at that address. According to *The West Side*, a publication produced around 1915 to promote the businesses on the west side of the city, Mr. Neubert rapidly made it "the leading hardware establishment in the Roanoke District". (At that time, the Roanoke District included what is now our Volker neighborhood.) Note the push-reel mowers in the photo!

The publication states "Mr. Neubert lived in the neighborhood—his home being at 4123 Wyoming—and is always working for the development of this part of the city". Today, Fric 'N' Frac at 1700 and Taj Palace Indian Cuisine at 1706 West 39th Street, flank the spot where the hardware store would have been. Fric 'N' Frac extends into what had been the 1704 storefront.

--Diane Capps

Needing Another Dumpster Day?

Dumpsters filled up early this year, partly because they were smaller than usual (30' instead of 40'). The next Dumpster Day is Oct 27, when we will have 4 dumpsters instead of 2! Until then, use the following options, available anytime:

Call 311 to schedule a bulky item pickup for large items such as sofas and recliners. It's easy and right at your curb!

Take TVs and other electronic equipment to Surplus Exchange for responsible recycling. *Please don't leave these items on the curb!* They will stay there for weeks and pollute the ground and water when they go to the landfill. There is a small charge for recycling some items, generally less than it is at Dumpster Day since it is by the pound. For more info, visit: surplusexchange.org

Residents Speak at Central Library

Volker residents and historians Diane Eickhoff & Aaron Barnhart explore why in the Civil War hundreds of women defied cultural norms to actively fight for the Union or Confederacy.

Hear them speak on Sunday, September 16th at 2pm at Central Library, 14 West 10th St. This is a FREE event. To RSVP and for more information: 816-701-3407 or kclibrary.org. This event is part of the library's Missouri Valley Sundays series.

They have authored *The Big Divide: A Travel Guide to Historic and Civil War Sites in the Missouri-Kansas Border Region*, and are now collaborating on a book about the 1856 Kansas Vegetarian & Octagon Settlement Company. For more info: historyispower.blog

Lots of Great Fun at the Volker Neighborhood Picnic 2018

Thanks to the volunteers and all who attended. With shade, a breeze and good neighbors –it was a great time!



What about all those Volker Facebook pages?

If you use Facebook, it's a great way to learn about what's happening in the neighborhood. Although there is some overlap, each page has a different focus. Join/like all three for well-rounded neighborhood info!

Volker Neighborhood Association: News about VNA community meetings, events, projects, opportunities, and city news of interest to residents. Public page. Like us.

Volker Watch: Addresses crime and criminal activity by sharing information on crimes in progress. Dialogue about how to keep our community safe. By request.

Volker Neighborhood Discussion: Discuss concerns, ideas and creative thoughts about living in the Volker community. By request.

Want to get involved? Volunteer!

Suggest topics for Neighborhood Meetings.

Help with Litter and Graffiti Cleanups.

Write articles for the Newsletter.

Give our Social Media a new Voice!

Help pick Yard of the Month winners

Familiar with Wix? Expand our website.

Revive newsletter ads and business members.

Got an idea? We'd like to hear it!

Contact us at info@volkerna.org for more info.

Please turn the page for more news!

Summer days mean... Volker Lawn of the Month!

If you've lived in Volker longer than a hot minute, you know the summer edition of The Volker News highlights the best *Lawn of the Month*.

If your neighbor has slaved and sweated as they planted, weeded and created a lawn-tastic work of art, NOMINATE THEM! Email the address and a picture (if you have it) to newsletter@volkerna.org.

New Destinations for Volker Residents

- Hair KCMO is now open at 1614 W. 39th Street (formerly Yum Bakery)
- 3&Me Boutique, offering trendy and contemporary clothing and accessories, is now open at 1609 W. 39th Street (formerly Noir)
- Muncheez Deli has closed it's location at 1607 W. 39th St. Now open inside MO Brew, serving lunch 7 days a week.

Which is YOUR Volker Area?

NORTH Volker is north of 39th St to 31st, between State Line and Roanoke Road

SOUTHEAST Volker is south of 39th St to Westport Road from the East side of Terrace to SW Trafficway

SOUTHWEST Volker is between 39th and Westport Road from the West side of Terrace to State Line.

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:

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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,
KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

PLEASE SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

\$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO V. N. A.