

# THE Volker News

January-February 2017

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

## Neighborhood Meetings

January 12 - Neighborhood Safety AND Chili Night!...

February 9 - Money saving Home Maintenance for Owners, Renters, and Landlords - from the Experts!

6:30 pm Social; 7 pm Program

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

## *Help Make Volker a Better Place to Live! (p. 3)*

### **NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR**

#### **Jan. 12 - Neighborhood Safety and Chili Night**

6:30 pm chili/7:00 pm program. Warm yourself with a bowl of chili, and join us for a discussion of safety and security issues. Info will be presented on resources to enhance your safety. KCPD has been invited. If you feel moved to bring your own special chili, it would be most welcome! Get there early if you want a bowl. It went fast last year!



**Feb. 9 - For Renters, Homeowners, and Landlords** 6:30 pm social/7:00pm program. How to save money on home maintenance...or... the virtues of keeping up rental property. Hear from two Volker experts: John Konzak, master plumber, electrician and more.. and Kathleen Brock, real estate agent, homeowner, and rental property owner; both with decades of experience in midtown. Can you beat the experts on Trivia questions about home maintenance? Bring questions and your own tips! *You don't know what you don't know. Come to learn and share!*

### **Is Your Membership Expired?**

*Unless you've paid dues since September 1st of last year, your membership expired on December 31st. Please renew!*

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.

*We appreciate your support!*

**Resident Permit Parking** Additional parking spaces will soon open up during weekday work hours as the process to limit KU commuter parking winds up on the 3900 to 4100 blocks of Terrace and Wyoming.

The City held a routine hearing on December 12 at Immanuel Lutheran as a last chance for anyone residing in the 39th to 42nd Street Terrace and Wyoming petition area to voice objections. Everyone who showed up was in favor.

Approval by City Council is expected in the near future. If you can, please contact Councilwomen Justus and Shields to urge their support.

*AFTER THE SIGNS ARE IN PLACE, resident applications for parking stickers will be accepted. Please DO NOT submit applications until then!*

*TO STAY INFORMED, please “like” “Volker Neighborhood Association” on Facebook, or sign up for email notices at our website [www.volkerkcmo.org](http://www.volkerkcmo.org). Info and permit applications will be available at upcoming meetings, and online at [www.VolkerKCMO.org](http://www.VolkerKCMO.org) or contact Patrick or Susan (info on back page of this newsletter).*

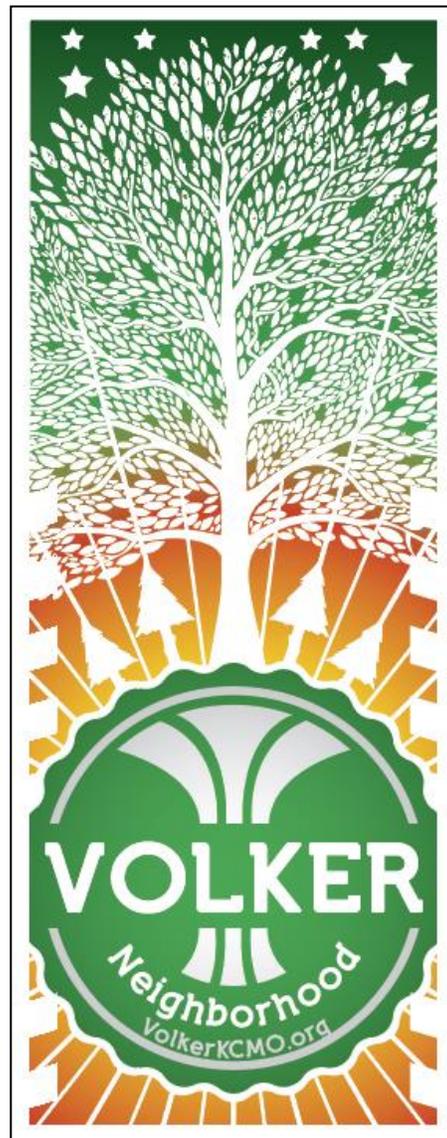
*See page 4 for info on parking sticker applications.*

**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 have participated, 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! Having participated, 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.

At least one Volkerite is already planning to attend the next class when it begins in early 2017, and you can too. You’ll have more fun and get more out of it together! For info contact [neighborhoods@umkc.edu/CFN](mailto:neighborhoods@umkc.edu/CFN) or Dina Newman 816 235-6931. -Susan Kysela

**Volker Banners** The design shown below by Kyle Gray was selected by members present at the November 10th Neighborhood Meeting.

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: [john.pearse@live.com](mailto:john.pearse@live.com) or 816 547-6669.



## Vintage Volker



Velvet Freeze - a name familiar to anyone who's been around a while! This 1940 tax photo is of 1624 Westport Road at Genessee, the location of one of many Velvet Freeze ice cream "emporiums" in earlier days. Notice all the bicycles near the entrance! Another Velvet Freeze was at the current Eric N Frac location (featured in a 2012 Vintage Volker article). The Velvet Freeze from my childhood was at Linwood and Gilham. Anybody remember the flavor Frozanne? Currently, Supernatural Body Piercing and Flaunt Aesthetics is located in this wide wrap-around brick storefront. -Diane Capps

### Now That Was Sledding!

When my father was a high school freshman, his family moved into the Volker neighborhood. They lived at 1221 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street (at the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> and Mercier). Later in life he wrote out some of his memories. Following is an excerpt describing winter in Volker in the mid 1930's.



*One activity that comes to mind first when I think of 38<sup>th</sup> Street was the sledding. Take a drive*

*– go down Roanoke Road from 39<sup>th</sup> to Southwest Blvd. Come back up 31<sup>st</sup> Street to Karnes. Go down Karnes to Roanoke. That was full circle- which one made only if one negotiated the "S" curve on Roanoke before Karnes. From there, one could either walk back up Roanoke to 39<sup>th</sup> (the preferred route) or go up Wyoming to 36<sup>th</sup>.*

*The neighborhood gang used to spend the night sledding. Some of the girls naturally wanted to participate and would occasionally be allowed to take a shot at it. Most demurred at lying on top of the male sledder and were automatically eliminated. Sitting up was a no-no.*

*The ones who would give you a shove and hop on could go, but we had one favorite.*

*"Frankie" was a short stocky blonde who would walk down the hill several yards. When you started running with your sled, she started running, and when you had hit your sled and caught up, she lit on your back in a flying leap which increased your*



*velocity considerable. I can remember turning my sled broadside and Frankie and I rolling half a block to keep from going out into Southwest Blvd. I often wonder what happened to her – she was quite a gal – and good looking, too. We would then walk up 31<sup>st</sup> Street dodging the sledders coming down, and make the Karnes run. And finally, walk back up Roanoke and start over. About three runs took most of the night.*

-John Pearse

### Help Make Volker a Better Place to Live

This is a partial list of concerns Volker residents have voiced and areas where the VNA Board could use help. Please come to a meeting and talk to us if you can help out.

1. Take the Center for Neighborhoods Class (article on p. 2) and consider running for the VNA board in June.
2. Serve on a VNA committee to deal with the impacts of KU Med/Hospital on quality of life in Volker Neighborhood.
3. Work together on traffic, curb, or sidewalk issues.
4. Concerned about safety and security? Attend the January 12th neighborhood meeting. Learn about block watch training and more.
5. Help bring new banners to Volker!
6. Offer your technical help. Get the word out about neighborhood news on social media, and occasional upgrades to the website.
7. Food Committee. Organize/provide food for neighborhood meetings and events.
8. Meeting programming. Brainstorm ideas, logistics, and implementation.

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

**Application for Resident Parking Stickers** *AFTER THE SIGNS GO UP*, you can apply either in person (preferred) on the 5th floor of City Hall, 414 East 12th Street or by mail. Either way you must supply a self-addressed stamped envelope with a copy of your driver's license, check or money order for \$10, and the completed application form, signed and including the vehicle identification number (VIN) and license plate number. Renters/tenants need to supply a copy of their lease or other proof of residency, such as a utility bill. Please make sure your self-addressed envelope is large enough. Resident stickers are 3"x4" and temporary passes are 5 1/2"x8 1/2". Applications at [www.VolkerKCMO.org](http://www.VolkerKCMO.org) under Re-

**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**  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

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

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

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

I AM INTERESTED IN WORKING ON VOLKER PROJECTS

**MAIL TO:**  
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*All are volunteers!*