

# THE Volker News

September-October 2015

## Volker General Meetings

Sept. 10 - Volker History

Oct. 8 - Housing Issues

Nov. 12 - Thanksgiving Potluck

*Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
6:30 pm Social; 7 pm Program*

## Happy Hour

Oct. 1 - Thomas Restaurant,  
1815 W. 39th St. 5:30-7:30 pm

## Special Events

See below.

## Information and Opportunities for Volker Residents!



**17th Annual Dance in the Park**  
Saturday, September 12th, 7:00 pm  
Roanoke Park

*(New Location near Roanoke Road & Karnes)*

This neighborhood event is for families, friends, or date night, with a kids' lesson at 6:30 pm. Everyone loves it!

Bring your blanket or chairs - maybe even a picnic. Then sit back and enjoy performances of Modern, Ballet, Swing, Salsa, Irish, Mexican, and a Vietnamese Lion dance.

*Rain date is the next night (Sunday).*

## NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

**September 10** - Volker History,  
6:30/7:00 pm Mary Jo Draper discusses her new book, Kansas City's Historic Midtown Neighborhoods. Then we hear from you! Share a story about old Volker or something interesting about your own house. Be ready enjoy.

**October 8** - Housing Issues,  
6:30/7:00 pm Homeowners, renters, landlords, residential developers. Tell us about your concerns. Be part of the solution with Kathleen Brock and VNA.

**October 10th** - Fall Dumpster Day  
8 am - noon (or until dumpsters are full) Dumpsters for trash and yard waste. Surplus Exchange will be there to take your electronics, anything with a plug, metal and batteries.

**November 12** - Neighborhood  
*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.

## First Ever Volkerfest a Success!

On a perfect day in late June, locals enjoyed six bands of talented Volker musicians, artist and local vendor booths, and great food! Melissa Martin spearheaded the event in Roanoke Park with help from many wonderful volunteers. KCMO Parks and Recreation partnered with VNA, Google Fiber provided sponsorship and Andy's donated Frozen Custard.



Watch for Volkerfest II next year!



Photos by Donnie Morehouse

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Low-hanging Tree Branches?

Have you ever gone for a walk only to be grabbed by low-hanging tree branches over the sidewalk? Are you tired of having to duck and dodge those branches?

Perhaps you're thinking that because these trees are on city property you shouldn't be whacking at them. But the City would be thrilled if everyone just maintained the trees that are in front of their property. (If you have elderly or disabled neighbors it would be nice to tend to those trees, too - with your neighbor's permission.)

Low-hanging branches and overgrown bushes look sloppy, and they can block drivers' views, obscure stop signs., or even be a safety hazard.

Troy Schulte, KCMO City Manager, is eager to start a campaign with Volker possibly being the first neighborhood to address this problem. He said the City would provide training for the volunteers.

If you are interested, please email me at rep2-N@volkerna.org, and I will get in touch with you in late September with more information. -Diane Capps

### PUBLIC NOTICE Possible Traffic and Noise Event

The **University of Kansas Medical Center Emergency Management**, KU Police, KCK Police, KCK Fire and other emergency responders will be conducting a full-scale exercise to test emergency preparedness and procedures on **Thursday, September 24, 7 a.m.—1 p.m.**

**Where:** On the University of Kansas Medical Center campus (39th Street)

**What to Expect:** Lights, sirens, media, crowded roads, possible traffic delays or questions from patrons

Please let your neighbors know about this exercise in advance so they are not alarmed the day of the event.

## Vintage Volker



Evidently, there was no shortage of places to fill up "back in the day" on West 39th Street! This 1940 tax photo shows a Conoco station at 3901 Wyoming-- currently Aladdin Cafe (3903 Wyoming).

Kitty-corner across the street, where Mr. Z's is now located, there was a Mobil station (May-June 2013 Volker News). And one block west at 39th and Genessee there was a William P. Duffy filling station (Nov.-Dec. 2012).

In the next issue: See what was located where Vinyl Renaissance currently resides.

--Diane Capps

### New Destinations for Volker Residents

Roanoke Park will soon have an ADA accessible sidewalk starting at Valentine and Terrace. Construction is progressing quickly.

*Get out and enjoy your neighborhood!*



### New KU Construction Project

Groundbreaking for the KU Medical Center's new state-of-the-art **Health Education Building** at 39th Street and Rainbow is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 27, with construction to begin Sept. 14. Construction is expected to last through June 2017.

The following website highlights the construction timeline along with anticipated disruptions:

[www.kumc.edu/kumc-leadership/health-education-building.html](http://www.kumc.edu/kumc-leadership/health-education-building.html)

A Scale Model of the **Hospital Tower** *already* under construction at 39th Street and State Line can be viewed in the main lobby of KU Hospital on Cambridge.

### VNA Milestone

Volker Neighborhood Association is now a 501c3 tax exempt organization. That means your donations, but not membership dues, can be deducted on Federal Tax returns.

Thanks to Steve Davis for making this happen, and to Pam Gilford and Rick Leidig whose previous due diligence made it easier.

### *Are you a VNA Member?*

Joining or renewing VNA members can pay dues anytime after September 1st for membership good to the end of 2016. VNA members are eligible for gift certificate drawings at VNA meetings.

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

*We appreciate your support!*

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

## VOLKER WATCH NEWS

“Community Watch” signs will soon be appearing on Volker streets. One hundred street signs will be posted around the neighborhood to encourage residents to call the police. Please use 911 for all reports.

Kara Werner, administrator of Volker Watch Facebook page, is the hard-working force behind this effort. For as-it-happens information about crime in the area, join Volker Watch Facebook page.



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

**VNA Web Site**  
[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:

**Scott Burnett**

1st District Jackson County Legislator

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

[burnett.scott@gmail.com](mailto:burnett.scott@gmail.com)

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*All VNA Board members are volunteers. Be nice to them!*

## VNA Membership Application

⇒ Membership is based on the calendar year ⇐

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

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\*EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\*PLEASE ADD ME TO THE VNA E-BLAST LIST

I AM INTERESTED IN WORKING ON VOLKER PROJECTS

**MAIL TO: DIANE CAPPS, 3535 GENESSEE ST., KC 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.