

THE Volker News

May-June 2016

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Volker Neighborhood Meetings

May 12 - Going Solar!
6:30 pm Social; 7 pm Program
Immanuel Lutheran Church
1700 Westport Road
(Enter from Bell Street)

June 9 - Future of The Loretto
6:30 pm Social; 7 pm Program
Meeting Location
TO BE ANNOUNCED

Information and Opportunities for Volker Residents



June 25 - Volkerfest - Roanoke Park

3-9 pm - Bigger and better in it's second year! Showcasing Volker and midtown musicians, artists, great food and more! This is a kid-friendly event. Walk or ride your bike if you can. Info at www.Volkerfest.com. Volunteers are needed! Please mail Melissa Martin: KCVolkerfest@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

May 12 - Going Solar! 6:30/7:00 pm
Hear from Volker residents who have gone solar. Is it worth it? How does it work? See demo of energy use live feed. Energy efficiency upgrades go hand in hand. Talk to solar company reps.

June 9 - Future of The Loretto The Behringer Lodging Group and Hufft will discuss plans to develop The Loretto into a boutique hotel, retaining the historic exterior and front lawn. They are seeking neighborhood approval. Location to be announced. Check VNA website. Facebook or phone any board member (info on page 4.)

We are sorry there will be no picnic in June.

July and August - There will be no Volker Neighborhood meetings in July or August. Next meeting September 8th! Enjoy the summer!

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

May 7 - Spring 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.

Westport-Roanoke Community Center Parking Lot, 3601 Roanoke Road.

May 22 - Neighborhood Cleanup, 1pm Guardian Angels Parking Lot (on Terrace Street)

Help make Volker a neighborhood you can be proud of! We'll pick up trash and yard waste from streets, gutters and sidewalk areas. Join your neighbors in this effort.. Bring work gloves if you have them. Treats after.

FOLLOWUP

On Street Parking

The increasing popularity of businesses along 39th and 43rd Streets combined with a daily influx of KU employees looking for free parking has led to a squeeze on available spots for residents. Fortunately there is an easy solution: permit restricted parking.

Some areas of Volker already restrict non-residents from parking beyond a specified length of time (e.g. two hours) during certain days/hours of the week (e.g. 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday). This is an effective way to stop all-day parking by commuters. The first step to establishing permit parking requires a petition with resident signatures of at least 50% of the homes in the block/area to be included.

Based on resident input at the February VNA meeting, our current focus is the area bounded by Wyoming and Terrace Streets from 39th to 43rd Street with other blocks in the works as well.

The VNA is soliciting help in collecting the needed signatures. We hope you'll consider volunteering to canvass your own block and rally the support of neighbors.

If you are willing to help, please reply to Patrick Faltico by email: repl-sw@volkerna.org or phone: 816 379-6119.

For more info see the Resources page of the VNA website. www.volkerkcmo.org --Patrick Faltico

Speeding Traffic

Volker resident John Pearse is continuing efforts to start action on the process for installing speed humps near 40th and Roanoke. It is not clear how receptive the city is to this solution although they offer no other. Speed humps have been recommended by a knowledgeable city employee as the "most effective" means to slow traffic.

Please use the KCPD online reporting form to report speeding and other traffic violations you observe. It helps focus enforcement resources where needed. <http://kcmo.gov/police/traffic-complaints>.

VOLLEYBALL IN THE PARK

You've likely observed the Sunday Funday 39th Street Volleyball Crew "getting their game on" in Roanoke Park on warm weather Sunday afternoons, kicking up sand, sweat and good cheer. Now in its 10th year and going strong, the tradition began with a group of neighborhood friends making use of a typically vacant volleyball court to have some fun.

Volker resident (and one of the founding organizers), Arthur Banks recalled, "Most of us didn't even know how to play volleyball when we started 10 years ago, we just wanted to be around our friends and neighbors... We figured out the rest along the way!"

Sunday Funday is open to all, dedicated to goodwill in the community, good sportsmanship amongst players, and great cheer all around. Although the occasional game gets a bit competitive, the court is open to any player regardless of ability. There are organized leagues using the court on other days, but the Sunday Funday Crew has no predetermined teams -- people just jump in and begin a new game when the last one finishes.

So come out and join us on any warm weather Sunday of the year. We frequently play on Monday as well as Sunday during three-day holiday weekends. The unofficial captain and resident BBQ master of the squad, Arthur, will usually get things going between 12 and 2 with games continuing until twilight.

"39th Street Volleyball" on Facebook. --Patrick Faltico

KU LANDSCAPING ON STATE LINE

April Meeting

At our annual update on KU construction projects, Dennis McCulloch, Director of Governmental and Public Relations for KU Hospital, brought with him the landscape architect for the project, Brian Roth.

Roth reported that the landscaping being considered for the State Line side of the new tower is a line of trees along the street, which he said together with existing

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Month of May

Volker Yard of the Month

The very first Volker Yard of the Month award goes to Rebecca Reynolds, owner and designer of the truly amazing yard at 4230 Terrace. Rebecca is a Kansas City firefighter and part time professional landscaper. She includes unusual plants and trees and does all the work herself. Be sure to take a look at the night time view!

Congratulations, Rebecca!

To nominate a yard, please submit address and resident info to info@volkerna.org.



Photo by Pam Gilford

🏡 Vintage Volker 🏡



These 1940 tax photos are not the usual businesseswe showcase on West 39th St., but former residences in various stages of their lives (one of them is history). First of all, imagine the three photos in reverse order. The one on the right is 1208 West 39th St. which is currently Meshuggah Bagels (note the recessed entrance on the right where customers enter). Until recently, Zebedee's Record Store was there. The middle photo, 1206 West 39th St. ,which is currently empty, is for sale. The photo on the left is 1204. This house no longer exists; there is a small parking lot in its place which serves the two businesses in the bright aquamarine house at 1200 West 39th St. (not pictured above): Simply Grooming by Gia (downstairs) and Downbeat Coffeehouse (upstairs).

--Diane Capps

New Destinations for Volker Residents

Karnes Playground in Roanoke Park, Karnes Blvd and Madison Ave. Playground of the future here now!

KC Kitchen and Pizzeria, 3908 Waddell Ave. Brick-oven pizza, quality ingredients. Late night hours.

Get out and enjoy your neighborhood!

KU LANDSCAPING continued:

trees along the east (residential) side, would give the street a "boulevard-like" look. These would be tall but not huge trees. No decision has been made about a tree species. No other landscaping for this area was mentioned other than evergreens to be planted around a small service parking area on the State Line side.

The area behind the existing Cambridge South Parking Garage has been paved between the garage and the chain-link fence. KU feels they need all the parking space and could not spare any for landscaping in this area. They have not determined what to do with the chain-link fence, nor with the area between the side-

walk and curb where there are overhead lines

In other news, due to a continuing shortage of beds, the decision has been made to expand the hospital tower now under construction by another 4 stories up to a total of 11 stories as soon as the construction is completed on the first 7 stories.

Weekend closing of 39th Street between Cambridge and State Line will continue at least through May 13-16.

If you would like to meet periodically with KU to give input, please contact Susan (info on back of newsletter). Landscapers would be especially welcome.

90th Birthday Open House

Longtime Volker resident, Louise Humfeld, is turning 90 years old this year. Louise lived at the SE corner of 36th & Bell from about 1951 to 2000--when she moved to Florida. Her son Jeff is having an open house for her at Westport-Roanoke Community Center on Sat. June 11th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Are you a VNA Member?

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

We appreciate your support!

Please turn the page for more news!

VOLKER SECURITY

For timely information and safety tips, subscribe to KCPD Officer Andrew Hamil's email list, Andrew.Hamil@kcpd.org

The KCPD recommends using 911 for all reports of suspicious or criminal activity underway even if it is not "an emergency." The 911 call center prioritizes calls.

For as-it-happens information about crime in the area, join Volker Watch Facebook group.

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

VNA Web Site

www.volkerkcmo.org

Check the VNA website for membership info, to join online, read the newsletter, and more. SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

VNA on Facebook

Friend us for frequent updates and reminders!
"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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816-365-6664 (cell)
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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:
\$ _____

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