

# THE Volker News

Nov-Dec 2018 -- Volker Neighborhood Association—volkerKCMO.org

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS/EVENTS

Nov 8 -Thanksgiving Potluck

December No Meeting!

*Happy Holidays!*

Jan 10-KCPD & Chili Night

Feb 14-TBA

*Meetings are at  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Bell & Westport Road  
(Enter from Bell Street.)*

*Details below. Please join us!*

## **VNA Membership Renewals...It's that Time Again! (p. 4)**



**Thursday, November 8**

### **Volker's Annual Thanksgiving Potluck**

6:00 pm Setup and Social/ 6:30 pm Potluck

Join us for good food and good neighbors! There is always a good turnout. *The Volker Neighborhood Association provides turkey, tableware and water. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert and whatever you want to drink.* We will have at least one special guest, neighborhood updates and recognition of volunteers who contributed to a better Volker over the past year. Be there!

*To help with the potluck, email or text Amy Cook:  
abcook2002@yahoo.com or 913-306-4334.*

*If you know someone who deserves recognition as a Volker Neighborhood volunteer, please email us : info@volkerna.org.*

### **Neighborhood Meeting: January 10 KCPD's Holly Sticken & Chili Night**

6:30 pm Social & Chili / 7:00 pm Program

Sample a variety of chilis on what may be VNA's coldest meeting day of the year. Meet Officer Holly Sticken, newest Community Interaction Officer in the Central Patrol District. Discuss neighborhood safety and security issues. Plus Traffic, Zoning overlay and Neighborhood updates.

*If you make a killer chili or just a darn good one, please consider bringing a pot of your best, or something to go with...Questions? Email or text Amy Cook:  
abcook2002@yahoo.com or 913-306-4334.*



### **Neighborhood Meeting: February 14**

6:30 pm Social / 7:00 pm Program

Valentine treats and program TBA.

*Contributions of brownies or cookies welcome!*

From the September General VNA Meeting:  
**City Sidewalk Repair Program**

In April 2017 Kansas City voters approved the \$800 million GO Bond to address a variety of infrastructure needs including repairs to roads and public buildings. The general obligation bond also removed the property owner's financial responsibility for sidewalk maintenance/repair. The City is currently working through a backlog of repair requests that had been received prior to the GO Bond approval and will soon begin the systematic inspection process for all sidewalks. The goal is to perform two rounds of citywide inspections over the 20 year timespan of the GO Bond.

The inspection program will be based on a data-driven points system developed through a working group of City staff, neighborhood representatives and the pedestrian advocacy community. Thirteen criteria were used to identify priority locations for inspection including proximity to schools, parks, and transit stops.

One common cause of sidewalk damage in Volker are the old growth trees that line many of our streets. The Public Works Department is working with the City Forester to determine the health of trees in right-of-way and options to avoid removal before any repairs are made. For those instances where removal is the only option the Parks and Recreation Department has a tree re-planting program to replace trees at a 2-1 ratio.

Volker residents can see progress along Genessee St. from 42nd St. to Westport Rd. and from 35th Terr. to 36th St. Residents are still encouraged to report damaged and unsafe sidewalks through the City's 311 service. For more information about the sidewalk program, to view upcoming sidewalk repair projects, and to view the results of the inspection program analysis please visit the website <http://kcmo.gov/publicworks/sidewalks/>.

-Brian Jackson, Volker SW Area Rep

From the October VNA General Meeting:

**Banner Project Completion Celebrated**

With cake and sparkling lemonade, a full-size new banner on display and a slide presentation showed banners at locations throughout Volker.

The winning banner design by Kyle Gray was selected two years ago by a vote of neighborhood residents. At the time, Kyle and his wife were

hoping to open a brewery in the Volker neighborhood. That didn't work out, but Kyle and his wife now own Casual Animal Brewery at 1725 McGee. The previous banner was designed by Mike Pinnell, former neighbor of Dana and Alan Perry.

John Pearse spearheaded the banner replacement project with help from Lindsay Hummer. He worked with the City on permits and banner locations, with KC Banner for printing and installation, and on fundraising. The banners are expected to last from 5 to 10 years and will eventually need to be replaced. Additionally, the City requires a fee annually to renew the permit, so fundraising will be ongoing.

Also mentioned for special thanks: Lisa Magierowski, Lindsay Hummer, and Jim Peters who staffed a sidewalk table on a cold and blustery St. Patrick's Day (2018) raising funds in exchange for green beads. Additional thanks went to everyone who contributed to the banner fund! -M.J. Pochler

**Ballot Issues** Judy Morgan, Volker's Representative in the Missouri Legislature, and Coach Comstock, Southeast Area Volker Rep, discussed Ballot Issues appearing on the Nov. 6th ballot. It's a long ballot, and issues are not always what they seem. Check our website for election resources before going to the polls. Be an informed voter! Vote early if you can. <http://www.volkerkcmo.org/november-2018-election>

**Dance in the Park Sept. 9, 2018**



**KCPD Offers Neighborhood Block Watch Training**

Want to learn more about how to keep your neighborhood safe? KCPD is offering a one-session free class. Learn how to prevent crime, report crime, and maintain a safe environment for your family.

~ ~ ~ Vintage Volker ~ ~ ~



Where is PRINCETON AVE, and what does it have to do with Volker neighborhood? Read on...

If you head north to the end of Genessee St.—specifically the 34th Terrace & Genessee St. intersection—you'll see blue and white tiles imbedded in the sidewalk—on both sides of the street.

According to the KC Times' (the Star's former morning edition) April 4, 1933 issue: "One hundred and forty-nine streets were renamed last night by the city council preparatory to the installation of new street signs throughout the city under the "Ten Year Plan". Among the streets in Volker (then part of Roanoke) that were affected:

*Bellevue (from 39th to 43rd St.) became Clark Ave.; Christine Ave. (State Line to Terrace) became 35th Terr.; Pearl St. (from Holly to Roanoke) became 41st Terr.; Princeton Ave. (Bell to Genessee) became 34th Terr.; Roanoke Pky. (Genessee to Mercier) became Westport Rd.; Sidney St. (Bell to Roanoke Rd.) became 32nd Terr.; Summit St. (39th to 41st St.) became Waddell Ave. Park Ct. (between 35th Terr. And 36th St.) was to have become 35th Terr. But the street sign—right off Wyoming—still reflects the original name.*

Note: If you know the location of any of the old blue tiles still in Volker, please contact me at the email on p. 4.

-Diane Capps

Although Volker already has a Facebook Volker Watch we do not have a Block Watch program. This presentation offers many tips on proven methods for increasing safety whether or not there is a block watch in the neighborhood. Volker board member Diane Capps attended the class on October 22, and reported that KCPD intends to offer the class once a month. KCPD CIO Holly Sticken says they will offer a repeat of the presentation in January and a holiday training session in December. *If you are interested please contact Holly: holly.sticken@KCPD.org.*

### Liquor License Applications

This information is offered to keep you informed. We are not advocating for any particular action. These applications do not appear to be problematic.

Hi Dive has applied for an expansion into the space next door at 1413 West 39th Street (adding 1,000 interior square footage) and to create a sidewalk cafe. In accordance with city regulations, nearby residents are sent a letter notifying them of the application for expansion. Anyone who receives the letter has the option of signing a statement of consent (approval) or declining. According to state regulations, there is supposed to be a barrier between a sidewalk café and the sidewalk passage for pedestrians; in some cases

the 'barrier' is a painted line on the sidewalk such as the one at MO Brew and Drunken Worm, or none is evident. Alcoholic beverages are not legal outside the barrier. Anyone with questions can call Lindsay Grindel at KCMO Regulated Industries at 816-513-4583.

Black Sheep + Market has applied for a Sunday License to be added to the existing Restaurant/Bar License (formerly held by Thomas and subsequent restaurants at that location). Again, City ordinance requires the applicant to obtain consents from a majority of the property owners within a certain radius.

### Cambridge North Tower Liaison

State Line resident, Mark Jackson has volunteered to act as a liaison between Volker residents across the street from KU's new Cambridge Hospital Tower and KU representatives. It should be noted that KU has already taken action, and there are fewer employees from the smoke-free campus still taking breaks on the property of Volker residents.

*If you still have concerns, please contact Mark at markjackson4614@yahoo.com or 785-218-7736.*

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

**Join NOW—Get Two Months Free!**



*Did you know?* Membership in the *Volker Neighborhood Association* (VNA) is based on the calendar year. However, any membership paid after September 1st is good to the end of 2019. If you are a new member, that means you get the last months of this year free! Existing members can renew now (while you are thinking about it!) or wait until the first of the year.

VNA provides services for residents whether they are members or not. These include our annual Thanksgiving Potluck, Dumpster Day twice a year, informative monthly meetings and fun events, a newsletter, projects to improve quality of life in Volker and more.

Dues are very affordable! Mail the application below, join at a meeting or join online: [www.VolkerKCMO.org](http://www.VolkerKCMO.org). *-Diane Capps*

**Support your neighborhood!**

*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**  
 1st District Jackson County Legislator  
**816-365-6664 (cell)**  
[burnett.scott@gmail.com](mailto:burnett.scott@gmail.com)

**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.**

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*We're All Volunteers!*

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