

THE Volker News

September October 2017 -- Volker Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Meetings

September 14 - All Neighborhood Meeting (see below)

October 12 - Neighborhood Meeting (see below)

6:30 pm Social; 7 pm Program
Immanuel Lutheran Church
1700 Westport Road

Neighborhood Events

September 9 - Dance in the Park - Roanoke Park

October 7 - Dumpster Day - Westport Roanoke Communi-

Neighbors Helping Neighbors *Annual Food Drive (p. 2)*

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

September 9 - Dance in the Park
6:30 PM Dance Class-7:00 PM Performance
Look for it in Roanoke Park on Karnes.



See ballet, hip-hop, Hawaiian, aerial dance and more. Bring the kids, bring friends, bring a picnic. Enjoy the community spirit! Sponsored by Volker, surrounding neighborhoods, and City in Motion. Please walk to the park if possible. To volunteer, contact Roxanne at roxtrox12@gmail.com or 816 665-0869. *Rain date is Sunday.*

September 14 - All Neighborhood Meeting 6:30 pm social/7:00pm program. Developer presentation on major rehab at Woodbridge Apartments. Porch party reports and neighborhood news. *Bring your food drive donations!*

October 7 - Dumpster Day
Dumpsters for trash and yard waste. 8 am to 11:00 am or whenever dumpsters are full. Westport Roanoke Community Center parking lot.

October 12 - Neighborhood Meeting 6:30 pm social/7:00pm program. Ongoing projects and new ideas. We want to hear from you!

November 9 - Thanksgiving Potluck A great potluck is hard to beat! Put it on the calendar!

Food Pantry Drive - A Chance to Help!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive Invitation from Immanuel Lutheran Church:

Last year's food drive was a huge success! Volker neighbors like you contributed over 130 grocery bags filled with food for this campaign. Help us beat that record this year!

This year's donations go to Metro Lutheran Ministry food pantries in Kansas City, MO. With three locations across the Metro area, they feed 750,000 meals to hungry Kansas Citizens each year.

Please place your items in the grocery bag delivered with this newsletter, or provide your own bag if you received only the flyer. Then bring it to the Volker General Meeting on September 14th (6:30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran) OR place it ready to go on your door step in plain view by 9 am on Sunday, September 10th. If you are providing your own bag, please attach the flyer to your bag before placing the bag on your porch for pick-up. You can also take your bag to the church M-F, 9 am - noon before September 15th. You can leave it at the office door on Bell.

See the flyer enclosed in this newsletter or attached to the grocery bag for items needed.

Thanks for your help!

Short-Term Rental Ordinance Coming

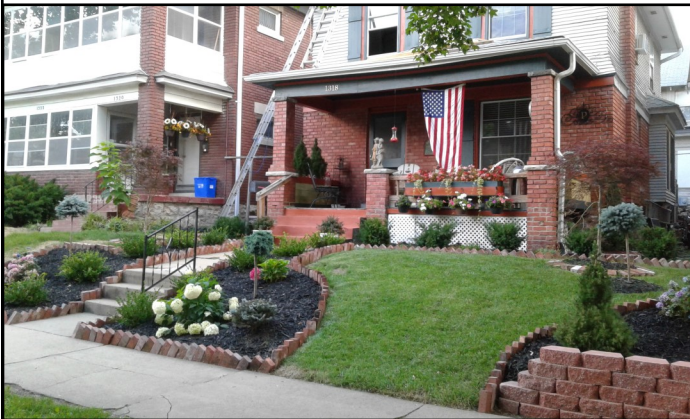
The new KCMO ordinance on short-term rentals (Air BnB) is still in the approval process. The Planning, Zoning and Economic Development

Committee will hear it in late September and early October. The hearing dates have not been set. Citizens will have the chance for input at both hearings before the ordinance is presented to the full city council. The ordinance seeks to balance the concerns of nearby residents with those running Air BnBs.

Residential Volker Zoning Some of you remember that just a very few years ago, North Volker down-zoned to the R-5 classification. Residents were concerned that the single family character of the neighborhood would be lost, so this change was made to prevent new construction of buildings larger than a duplex. Now all parts of Volker are zoned R-5 except for commercial corridors on 39th Street and Westport Road, and existing apartment buildings that were grandfathered in.

The "R" stands for Residential District, and it means that in general, residential use is approved and most commercial uses are not permitted. If you are considering commercial use of your residential property, please check with KCMO City Planning. Some commercial uses, for example a bed and breakfast, are allowed with a special use permit, and in-home offices are allowed with some restrictions. Most home offices would not be affected by the restrictions.

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July Yard of the Month

The July winner was 1318 West 40th Street. With work still in progress on the house itself, owner David Patterson has taken time out to landscape his yard. One of the cool things he has done was to match the hardscape with his neighbor's yard to the east. He said that he owes all of his interest and talent in gardening to his mom. He is proudest of his rooster weathervane. Look up to the peak of his roof and check it out!

To nominate a yard email yards@volkerna.org

Vintage Volker



This 1940 tax photo shows a two-in-one building at 1414 and 1416 Westport Road. The single story west side (on the left) may have been an automobile repair garage. The only legible signage on the east (right) side reads: LIQUOR & WINES with Coca-Cola signs below. On the far right is a small stone structure at the back of the lot. Today, Hudson Hawk Barber Shop occupies the single story west side at 1416 Westport Road. Signs in the windows at 1414 currently offer employment for the future Mana Bar - Exotic Beverage Lounge/Kava Bar/ Artisan Tea and Coffee. The second level is available for lease.

-Diane Capps

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For more info see City Code Sections: 88-100 including Table 110-1 Residential District Use Table; also 88-305 (esp. 88-305-04 Home Occupations) at <http://online.encodeplus.com/regs/kansascity-mo/>

Talk with a City Planner at: 816 513-1511.

Jacob's Well Update

Work is progressing on the building and we have nearly completed the storm water work on Wyoming. Rains have delayed getting it all buttoned up. We are looking towards a completion date of next January. We have finished painting City Church, matching the paint colors to Julian's house across the street. It turned out nicely. We currently have two counseling offices in City Church and hope to add two more by January.

-Jim Gum, Executive Pastor, Jacob's Well

Thanks to JW for keeping the construction zone contained & safe!

All That Rain...Don't Want Mosquitos?

Please help prevent mosquitoes by emptying out standing water in planters, buckets, wheelbarrows, clogged gutters or even puddles.

Thanks!

Now is the Best Time Join!

VNA memberships received after September 1st are good to the end of 2018, so new members get an extra 4 months free!

The Volker Neighborhood Association's all-volunteer board organizes programs and projects contributing to quality of life in Volker and keeping you informed.

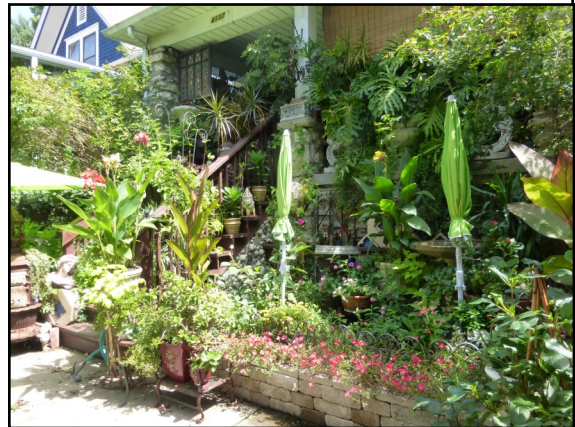
Please join or renew online, at a meeting, or mail the membership application on the back of this newsletter.

We appreciate your support!

August Yard of the Month

The August Yard of the Month award goes to Tia Legrotte at 4137 Wyoming. She was very excited to receive this recognition and said it had always been one of her goals. Tia has lived in her house for 24 years, working on her yard for nearly 20 of them. One of the things she likes best about Volker is the way it accommodates a wide variety of tastes and individuals. Tia's yard is a bit different from previous winners as there is a relatively small area available for landscaping. But in the remaining space she has managed to include a wide-ranging variety of plants and artifacts. Take a stroll by 4137 Wyoming soon. You will not be disappointed.

-Wayne Copple



Please turn the page for more news!

New Destinations for Volker Residents

Anamarina's Café, 809 W. 39th St. Desserts, artisan chocolates, coffee, lunch.
All Roads Imports, 1004 Westport Rd. Hippy-Boho clothing, incense, and more.
Natural Grocery, 1020 Westport Rd. Opening Fall 2017.

Get out and enjoy your neighborhood!

Give Back to Volker!

Contact us if you can help out or have an idea!

- Food Help! - Bring cookies/munchies (Sept. 14) ; pumpkin desserts (Oct. 12)
- Neighborhood Photographer
- Newsletter and Social Media Committee
- Zoning and Overlay issues
- Housing Committee

How Well-Informed Are You?

There's a lot going on that impacts your life in Volker Neighborhood. Between bi-monthly newsletters, things happen that you may want to know right away. For timely updates try one or more of the options below.

- Join Nextdoor at <http://Nextdoor.com> OR
- Like us on Facebook: VOLKER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
(You'll get the most information and most timely updates either way.)
- Sign Up at the VNA website for email Shoutouts:

*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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All volunteers!

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., KC MO 64111

Or join online > www.VolkerKCMO.org

PLEASE SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:
\$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO V. N. A.