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the Evansville neighborhoods*

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## **From the President.....**

Hello Neighborhoods!

The 2004 –2025 Comprehensive Plan was developed as a guideline to future land use development and its related considerations. UNOE had a hand in the development of the plan and monitors its use in development issues as they arise. The Area Plan Commission is responsible to study land use requests and to make recommendations to the County Commissioners or City Council whoever has the jurisdiction over the land issue. The State of Indiana requires that a local plan is to be developed but does not mandate enforcement.

The Vision Statement for the plan is as follows:

*"We envision Evansville and Vanderburgh County as a prominent regional center that offers prosperity, growth and a quality place to live, learn, work, invest and live."*

Copies of the Comprehensive Plan are available in the public libraries, the Plan Commission Office and the UNOE office several neighborhood associations have copies so check with your leadership.

The Comprehensive Plan is mandated by the State of Indiana. The enforcement of the plan is encouraged but not mandated. The local communities develop and monitor their own adopted plans. In Vanderburgh County open citizen forums were held throughout the city/county before being adopted. **Once again it is important to attend these types of citizen sessions in order to have input and be knowledgeable.**

**Fred Padgett**, the past president of the Westside Improvement Association and currently our "Land Use" expert, has volunteered to write a series of articles explaining the Zoning aspects of the Comprehensive Plan. What does a "R2" or "C4" really mean when zoning of areas is being ask for? He will address other very important issues of land use that every citizen should be knowledgeable about. These will appear inside the front page of the newsletter in the months to come. We thank him for this important service.

Plans for **National Night Out** are being finalized and I hope every neighborhood association is participating in the Park nearest to them (**Akin Park; Garvin Park; Lorraine Park**) **August 5<sup>th</sup> 2008**. Evansville has received high ratings for the past celebrations. **Food, Fun and Fellowship** is the essence of this night where neighbors meet neighbors!

**Litter Patrol Grant** deadlines have been opened and projects must be completed by Thanksgiving. Put on your thinking caps, make a plan, and apply! If you need a new application, call the UNOE office at 428-4243

I hope all of you are having a productive and exciting summer in you neighborhood work!

David Ballew, President  
United Neighborhoods of Evansville

## **WWW.UNOEVANSVILLE.ORG Website**

### **Community Resource Links**

- ❖ American Red Cross
- ❖ City of Evansville
- ❖ Courier & Press
- ❖ Evansville City Clerk
- ❖ Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development
- ❖ Evansville Parks and Recreation Department
- ❖ Evansville Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- ❖ Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library
- ❖ Keep Evansville Beautiful
- ❖ Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage
- ❖ Step Ahead of Vanderburgh County
- ❖ Vanderburgh County Assessor

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- July 12th**—Recycle Day
- July 16th**—UNOE Board Meeting
- August 2nd**—Great American Cleanup
- July 24th**— UNOE General Membership Meeting

## ZONING AND REZONING, PART I

by Fred Padget

On occasion, I've been asked about zoning and rezoning, what's involved, how we know when rezoning occurs and many other questions involving the process and procedure. I'm certainly no expert on this subject and don't profess to be one, I'm hardly proficient. But I felt maybe an occasional article dealing with the Zoning Ordinance, the Area Plan Commission and related aspects of land use might be beneficial to some of our readers and I know I'll learn from the effort.

The Area Plan Commission is a joint city/county organization with the Area Plan Commission Board making decisions concerning rezoning requests and sub-division approval while the Board of Zoning Appeals make decisions concerning variances to the Zoning Code and Special Uses. We'll get in to more of the workings of these groups in future articles. Today I want to look at the various types of zoning and some aspects that you might not be aware.

First, there are two separate ordinances; one for the county and one for the city. Although they are identical for all practical purposes, our comments are based off the city version.

There are 20 zoning classifications including those we are familiar with such as various Residential, Commercial, Agriculture and Manufacturing (Industrial) Districts but also Floodway, Airport, Conservancy, Waterfront Industrial and Waterfront Recreational/Residential Districts are included.

In addition to the zoning classifications, there are sub-classifications called Use Groups consisting of one or more uses generally somewhat related to each other. There are 20 Use Groups. Each zoning district specifies which Use Group(s) are allowed within that zoning district. For example, we think of Residential, R-1, as single family dwellings (Use Group 1) but it also allows Use Group 2 which includes 15 types of home occupations if certain other requirements are met. A Residential, R-5, is still residential but would allow 5 different Use Groups including supervised group homes, sororities and fraternities.

Another example is Commercial, C-1, which allows 5 Use Groups and includes 59 different types of businesses while Commercial, C-4, allows 7 Use Groups including 182 types of business, at least by my count. In working with the code, it becomes increasing clear that not only is an understanding of the Zoning Districts important but it is critical to have an understanding of the Use Groups.

What if it makes sense to zone an area C-4 but some of the allowed businesses might not be appropriate for the area? If there is a request to rezone an area next to me, how do I know? If I'm opposed or supportive of it, what can I do? At this point, you may need a break. I know I do. But these are some questions we'll examine in the next article along with other aspects of the zoning process. In the meantime, all of this information along with the zoning code, procedures and much more are available at [www.evansvilleapc.com](http://www.evansvilleapc.com).



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

On Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, citizens throughout Evansville are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. Over 34 million people from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world are expected to participate. NNO is supported by the National Association of Town Watch, Target, and the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

National Night Out is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6 to 9 p.m. on August 5<sup>th</sup>, residents in neighborhoods throughout Evansville and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

In Evansville, three police sectors work with neighborhood and business leaders to put on this event in three local parks in our community. The locations are Akin Park, Garvin Park, and Lorraine Park. Each site will have free food, entertainment, games and anti-crime educational materials to share with the community. This is truly a community effort to let the criminals know that crime is not welcome here.

### *Is there Dog Fighting in your Neighborhood?*

*How to recognize the signs!*

- An inordinate number of dogs, often Pit Bull type, kept in one location.
- Signs of or the obvious presence of a fighting pit.
- Dogs with scars on their faces, front legs and stifle area (hind end and thighs).
- Dog fighting training equipment such as rawhide or tires hanging from trees that the dogs jump up and grabs) or treadmills.
- The remains of dead fighting animals outside a suspicious location.
- A large number of missing pets. individuals involved in dog fighting are known to steal cats and smaller dogs for using as bait in training.
- Unusual foot traffic coming and going from a location at odd hours.

Should you become aware of any of the above please pick up your phone and call Animal Control at 435-6015 it is your civic duty to do so.

Marlin Beck, CPDT  
President Animal Care and Control Commission

# Announcements

- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, July 8th, 9:30 a.m. at the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, July 10th at 6 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, July 12th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at the 4-H Center Fairgrounds (by Small Animal Barn). For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, July 15th at 6 p.m. located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Ste. 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, July 16th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, July 17th at 6 p.m. located at St. Lucas UCC, 33 W. Virginia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, July 24th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, August 2nd, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at Old Wal-Mart West. For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, August 20th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, August 28th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **Tox-Away Day**—Saturday, September 6th, 9 a.m.—3 p.m., Roberts Stadium Parking Lot. For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **United Neighborhoods of Evansville 13th Annual Sparkplug Banquet**—Friday, November 14th, 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

2007

**“Neighborhood Sparkplugs  
of the year”**



**Lois Maxine Schuler from Jacobsville Neighborhood Association** was recognized as the Sparkplug from her neighborhood.

*“Ms. Schuler is an Evansville native, raised in Jacobsville. She is our representative for the Komen Foundation at Deaconess Hospital. She gave educational classes on cancer for different groups and had literature available at the Health Fair and National Nite Out. She is much appreciated in our neighborhood association. Thank you Lois!”*

*Jim Morgan ~ Jacobsville Neighborhood*

**Delaine Bourne from North Country Club Neighborhood Association** was recognized as the Sparkplug from her neighborhood. *“She is a core member of the association from the start. Delaine is always there to help with all events: clean-up, Adopt-A-Spot, Halloween on the Boulevard, and the Christmas get together. Each meeting she assists with snacks and drinks and helps deliver flyers announcing the meetings. Thank you Delaine!”*

*Dick McKasson ~ North Country Club Neighborhood*

## Traveling City Hall Program

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The next Traveling City Hall Program will be on Tuesday, July 22nd from 5:30-7:30 pm at VFW, 1800 Pollack Avenue, 47714. All City residents are welcome at each TCHP.

As a reminder, Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel holds a Traveling City Hall Program in a different neighborhood each month. The meetings give the public the chance to ask questions and voice concerns, in person and one-on-one outside of normal business hours, to the Mayor and City Department Heads.

**Timber Park Neighborhood Annual Sale**  
**Saturday, August 2nd**  
**7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**  
**Between Stockwell Rd., Seasons Pointe,**  
**Park Ridge Dr., and Timber View Dr.**

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## Did U.N.O.E.?

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Secretary:	Linda Jones	CHAIN Neighborhood
Treasurer:	Dick Tredway	Alvord Blvd. Neighborhood
Past-President:	Jayne Buthod	Westside Improvement

### At-Large Board Members

Barbara Boatright	Ballard Neighborhood
Fred Cook	Goosetown/C.O.I.N. Neighborhood
Rene McCormick	South Lincoln Park Dr.
Sam Wentzel	Western Terrace Neighborhood
Lucy Williams	Glenwood Neighborhood

### Committee Chairs

Marlin Beck	Animal Control	Oak Hill Neighborhood
Jayne Buthod	By-Laws/Long Range Planning	Westside Improvement Neighborhood
Susan Harp	Parks/Trees/Beautification	Oak Hill Neighborhood
Delores Mason	Marketing	Lorraine Park Neighborhood
Dick McKasson	Personnel	North Country Club Neighborhood
Jim Morgan	Safe Neighborhoods	Jacobsville Neighborhood
Fred Padget	Finance	Westside Improvement Neighborhood
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### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 22, 2008

Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: TBA

