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to preserve, enhance, and promote  
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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

Happy Summer Neighbors!

I hope your summer is full of joy and some relaxation. This is a good time to clear our heads and look forward to fall. Our city and county is buzzing with activity and planning. Our property tax may seem a little high and there is concern about the arena and Front Door Pride, but our community is continuing to readying itself for the great future as the center of a large and productive region. It is great to know that our neighborhoods are working hard to do their part in improving the livability of their space.

**UNOE** continues to try to keep you informed of the opportunities available to assist each neighborhood. We also have many organizations with which we collaborate. By working together with public and private entities, we continue to make a difference.

The **Bank on Evansville** program is progressing with many persons learning how to save money and more effectively manage their resources. The financial institutions are making it possible for everyone to have a savings and/or checking account. Our goal is to reach every neighborhood association with the pertinent information. Regardless of the neighborhood we are able to reach someone who needs this service. Grandchildren, young couples just starting out, and others may be in need of this service.

Personal and family **Disaster Preparation** is crucial for everyone's well being. We have the resources to provide instruction to your neighbors at no cost. We have provided several groups with this life saving instruction.

The **Master Gardener** fall training sessions are scheduled and speakers are available for your meetings. Scholarships are available.

The fall schedule of the **Police Academy** has been established for the citizens of Evansville.

A new program is being launched in the near future to develop **Walking Paths and Bike Paths** in each neighborhood. Neighborhood associations will be instrumental in the development of this grass roots program.

The Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Orleans Township, Orange County Indiana, which puts the pest within 75 miles of Evansville. When it reaches Evansville it will kill all Ash trees, except those that are properly treated with chemicals that can protect the trees. (See the article in the insert page)

David Ballew, President  
United Neighborhoods of Evansville

[WWW.UNOEVANSVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.UNOEVANSVILLE.ORG) Website

### Community Resource Links

- ❖ American Red Cross
- ❖ City of Evansville
- ❖ Courier & Press
- ❖ Disaster Resistant Community Corp (DRC)
- ❖ Evansville City Clerk
- ❖ Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development
- ❖ Evansville Parks and Recreation Department
- ❖ Evansville Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- ❖ Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity of Evansville
- ❖ Keep Evansville Beautiful
- ❖ Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage
- ❖ Vanderburgh County Assessor

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## ***Upcoming Dates.....***

- August 4th— National Night Out**
- August 12th—Back to School**
- August 19th— UNOE Board Mtg.**
- August 24th—Recycle Day**
- August 27th— UNOE General Membership Mtg.**

## Land Use Planning, Part V

By Fred Padget

Last month we looked at residential development and related concerns as contained in Evansville/Vanderburgh County Comprehensive Plan. Today we'll concentrate on the commercial development aspects of the plan.

The basic intent of the plan for commercial development is to strike a balance between appropriate and necessary commercial development while not being unduly obtrusive to neighborhoods and residential areas. "The focus of the commercial plan is to identify appropriate areas that are convenient and functional for commercial activities while protecting residential areas." Obviously, this is a tough task and quite often very judgmental.

At the time the plan was put together during 2004, there were many existing commercial areas with the core being the Central Business District, basically the downtown area. Additionally, there were several commercial corridors such as Green River Road including Eastland Mall, Lawndale and Washington Square; the East Lloyd Expressway with the Super Wal-Mart and Target Greatland and the recently developed Evansville Pavilion and the Cross Pointe Boulevard area; the North First Avenue area with the North Park Shopping Center and Target; the West Lloyd Expressway between Rosenberger and Boehne Camp; and Diamond Avenue with the Town Center Mall. There were also many neighborhood centers such as West Franklin Street, North Main and others. And, you know from our reporting about the potential for a large commercial project being proposed for the west side of the University Parkway near USI.

Probably the biggest problem associated with commercial development is traffic congestion. Piecemeal commercial development accumulates transportation system problems overtime. These problems than are addressed incrementally with the closing of median crossovers, traffic lights, restriction of curb cuts and other usually unpopular solutions but necessary for traffic safety.

Parking is usually not a problem with most large commercial developments but in redeveloping commercial areas such as older residential areas becoming commercial or where current low volume commercial changes use to high volume commercial, it easily becomes a nightmare.

However, large parking lots and roofs associated with the large commercial buildings do create a large impervious surface causing significant increases to storm water runoff. Many areas of Vanderburgh County have drainage limitations due to hilly terrain, slopes and adverse soil types. City and county policy requires that the post development water run-off rate cannot exceed the pre-development run-off rate. Larger developments are required to submit drainage plans to either the Board of Public Works or the County Drainage Board while the Site Review Committee reviews plans for smaller developments. Additional, the large impervious areas limit ground water recharge, our water table and aquifers, and hold or release more solar heat than natural areas.

Another concern is encroachment on residential areas and neighborhoods along with the associated problems of traffic congestion, detracting from the character of the neighborhood, noise, lighting and unsightly rooftops with air conditioners and other equipment especially in areas with hilly terrain. And, the recent trend of businesses moving to new outlying areas leaving large vacant buildings to stand vacant and ultimately fall into disrepair is also a major concern.

The objective of the Comprehensive Plan is to "Ensure efficient and appealing commercial development in the appropriate areas that minimizes adverse impacts on surrounding property, the road network and utility systems". The plan contains several policies to support this objective.

- Encourage stabilization and upgrading of existing commercial areas and direct new development into those areas before rezoning new land.
- Support revitalization of older commercial areas that serve residential needs and encourage those commercial uses into or adjacent to residential neighborhoods that primarily serve neighborhood residents.
- Encourage compact commercial areas avoiding new or expanded inefficient strip development and discourage spot zonings.
- Encourage landscaped buffers that exceed minimum setback requirements for areas being developed near residential areas, develop standards that require landscaped strips or islands in large parking lots and encourage sidewalks in commercial developments.
- Encourage small commercial uses at major intersections and develop incentives so that small retail businesses can share in redeveloping larger vacant commercial buildings.

Next month we'll look at some considerations for the Central Business District addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. The complete version of the Comprehensive Plan can be viewed at [www.evansvilleapc.com](http://www.evansvilleapc.com) and at most local libraries. And, if you have any comments or questions, please contact me at [fcpadget@aol.com](mailto:fcpadget@aol.com) or 428-2529.

# STOP THE EMERALD ASH BORER BEFORE IT INVADES VANDERBURGH COUNTY

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect that has proven to kill 100% of the untreated native ash trees that it attacks. Millions of ash trees have already been killed in several states in the Midwest, including Indiana. All species of ash trees account for about six percent (6%) of Indiana's forest canopy.

## **What is EAB?**

It is a metallic green colored wood boring beetle that attacks native ash trees. The larvae is the "borer" and burrows under the bark.

## **Where did EAB come from?**

The EAB came from Asia over twelve years ago into the Detroit area in untreated wooden shipping crates from ocean-going vessels. It was first identified in Detroit in 2002, and was found in Indiana in 2004.

## **What does EAB do?**

EAB larvae feed just under the bark of our native ash trees. Their feeding tunnels cut the tissues necessary to transport nutrients in the tree, thus starving it to death. The adult emerges and lays eggs for another generation.

## **Look for these EAB Symptoms in Ash Trees:**

- Small D-shaped exit holes in the bark.
- S-shaped tunnels just beneath the bark. (Do not remove healthy bark to check!)
- Bushy, healthy-looking shoots growing from the lower trunk.
- Woodpecker activity.
- Thinning of the leaves in the upper one-third of the canopy, or more.
- Vertical splits in the bark.

## **How does it spread?**

The EAB will naturally spread only about one-half mile per year. People moving infested ash products are the major source of spread.

## **The EAB Quarantine in Indiana, both State and Federal:**

Restricted movement of the following ash products apply in *quarantined* areas:

- **Cut firewood of any hardwood (deciduous) species!**
- Living EAB insects of any life stage.
- Whole ash trees and nursery stock.
- Ash logs, limbs, wood chips over 1", or other recently living ash products.

## **Does the EAB Quarantine affect Vanderburgh County?**

Not yet. However, DO NOT transport cut firewood across state lines! Such action may violate the Federal Quarantine.

## **How close is the EAB to Vanderburgh County?**

The closest known infestations are near Mitchell, Orleans, Floyds Knob, and Lake Monroe.

## **What can you do to help prevent the spread of EAB?**

Do not take your firewood for camping. Buy it at the campgrounds. Obey the quarantine regulations. Learn more at <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/EAB/>.

This article was prepared by Tom Nicksch, Certified Arborist and SWCD Associate Supervisor. Information from Purdue University, Indiana DNR, and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) was used.

# Evansville Police Department Citizen's Academy

**Who?** Anyone that is interested in learning more about the Evansville Police Department.

**What?** A **free of charge**, seven week program to build citizen's awareness on police procedures and policies.

**When?** Spring and Fall of each year. Held from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for seven weeks.

Fall Session: September 15—October 27, 2009

**Where?** Evansville Police Department, 15 NW Martin Luther King Jr., Boulevard, 47708.

**Why?** The goal of the Citizen's Academy is to give members of the community an inside look at the various units of the police department and to create better understanding and communication between citizens and the police through education.

The Citizen's Academy provides an opportunity for the citizens of Evansville to know more about the men and women who are protecting their community.

## -- PRESENTATIONS --

- Address by Chief of Police
- Hostage Negotiations
- S.W.A.T. Team
- Fire Arms Program
- Criminal Investigations
- Sex Crimes Unit
- Narcotics Unit
- Juvenile Investigations
- Internal Affairs
- Motorcycle Unit
- K-9 Demonstration
- Optional Ride-Along with Motor Patrol
- Crime Scene Unit

All presentations are given by officers specializing in each area.

To register or for more information, please contact Debbie Baird with the Police Training Unit at 436-4948.



## -- REGISTRATION --

(Please Print)

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(Last)

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Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ:** Your signature on this form indicates you are granting permission for the EPD to conduct a criminal history check on you, prior to your participation in the Citizen's Academy. If the criminal history check reveals any convictions of a criminal nature, the EPD may, at their discretion, disallow your participation in this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Form to:

**Evansville Police Department**

15 NW MLK, Jr. Blvd, Rm 129 Evansville, IN 47708

Phone: 436-4948 Fax: 436-4957

# Money Saving Tip of the Month – Bank on Evansville

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## Financial Goal Setting - Four Steps

There are no hard and fast rules for implementing a financial goal setting plan. The important thing is to at least do something as opposed to nothing, and to start NOW.

Here are four steps you can apply to any financial goal setting exercise:

**Step 1:** Identify and write down your financial goals, whether they are saving to send your kids to college or University, buying a new car, saving for a down payment on a house, going on vacation, paying off credit card debt, or planning for you and your spouse's retirement.

**Step 2:** Break each financial goal down into several short-term (less than 1 year), medium-term (1 to 3 years) and long-term (5 years or more) goals, which will make this process easier.

**Step 3:** Educate yourself and do your research. Read *Money* magazine or a book about investing, or surf the Internet's investment Web sites.

**Step 4:** Evaluate your progress as often as needed. Review your progress monthly, quarterly, or at any other interval you feel comfortable with, but at least semi-annually, to determine if your program is working.

If you're not making a satisfactory amount of progress on a particular goal, re-evaluate your approach and make changes as necessary.

Sometimes when people write down their goals, they discover that some of the goals are too broad in meaning and nearly impossible to reach, while others may seem smaller in scope and easier to achieve.

Break your goals down into three separate time categories. By placing a time frame on your goals you are motivating yourself to get started and helping to allow you the chance to succeed. Just remember that you can adjust the time frame whenever you want to.

Long-term goals (over 5 years) are those things that won't happen overnight, no matter how hard you work to achieve them.

They make take a long time to accomplish (hence the reason they are called long term goals), so give yourself a reasonable amount of time, that are based on your best estimates of what it will take to achieve them.

Examples of long-term goals might include college education for a child, retirement plan or purchasing a home. Whatever the case, these goals generally require longer commitments and often more money in the end.

Intermediate-term goals (1 - 5 years) are the type of goals that can't be executed overnight but might not take many years to accomplish. Examples might include purchasing/replacing a car, getting an education or certification, or paying off your debts like credit cards etc. (depending on the amount).

Short-term goals (within one year) generally take one year or less to achieve, based on the date the task is needed, the total estimated cost, and the required savings.

What are your goals? To find out, you need to make up a list, decide which timeline your goal fits into, detail the steps necessary to achieve your goals, then take action toward reaching those goals. It's that simple.

You might be wondering where to start with your financial goal plan. These are some basic tips to help you in making the best choices for you.

After looking at these tips, it is best for you to go out and do some research to find the method(s) that suit you best.

- Begin by taking 5%-10% out of each pay check and put it in a savings account.
- Look into different investment strategies such as IRA's, stocks, RRSP's, Mutual Funds, personal investments, etc. There are many more and all can assist you in short and long term goals.
- Start making a budget for yourself that leaves you with some extra money and follow it.
- Use your coupons that is why they are there. It seems like small savings, but add together you could save \$20 to \$30 at each trip to the market.
- Shop around for bargains.
- Do not live outside of your means.
- Work with a credit counselor to get help in lowering your monthly expenses and get rid of your debt.

These are just some of the things that you can do when beginning your financial goal setting plan.

The steps to setting goals successfully don't change, only the methods that you use to go about it.

For example, when it is career wise, work to get noticed; for relationships, work on maintaining your intimacy or getting it back; in financial goal setting, work to save and invest money.

It really is that easy.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **National Night Out**—Tuesday, August 4th from 6—9 p.m. at Akin, Garvin, and Lorraine Parks.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, August 19th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, August 20th, 6:00 p.m. located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, August 22nd, 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the 4-H Center Fairgrounds. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, August 27th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, September 3rd, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, September 8th, 9:30am at the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**— Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, September 12th, 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the old Wal-Mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00pm located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Suite 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, September 16th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, September 24th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **RNNC**—September 17th—19th in Decatur, IL, Call the UNOE office for more details.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Banquet**—Friday, November 6th at 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center. Mark your calendars!!!

## Southwestern Indiana Master Gardeners Association

The Southwestern Indiana Master Gardeners are active volunteers who share their gardening knowledge with others in the community. Master Gardeners Association are involved with many projects and activities. Some recent projects and activities you may have seen include: Annual Plant Sale at the 4-H Center; Garden Walk; Fall Garden Symposium; and the MG Display Garden on the Evansville State Hospital grounds.

If you would like to be part of this exciting group, there are training opportunities coming in the next several months:

Vanderburgh County: Starting September 3rd and 4th, continuing through mid-December, at Ivy Tech on Evansville's First Avenue. Your choice of Thursday evenings (6—9 p.m.) or Friday mornings (9 a.m.—noon). Contact Larry Caplan at 812-435-5287 or LCaplan@purdue.edu.



**2008**  
**"Neighborhood  
 Sparkplugs  
 of the year"**



**Chris Cooke from Eastview Neighborhood Association** was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

*"Chris Cooke has been involved in our association from shortly after he moved into the neighborhood. He has served as President, Vice-President, as is currently serving President again. He is our "go to guy". He has often volunteered to take charge of cleanups, Christmas parties, and writing and distribution of our newsletter. He represents our neighborhood at East Sector, UNOE, and National Night Out. He is currently President-Elect of UNOE. If something needs to be done, Chris is always the first to volunteer. Thanks Chris for all that you do!"*

*John Estes,  
 Eastview Neighborhood Association*

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



In Evansville, according to city code, yard signs used to advertise businesses are illegal. These are the type of signs that are typically 1.5 x 2 foot dimension. The signs are also prohibited on utility poles.

Yard signs that are prohibited will be pulled, and businesses/persons that put them up may be subject to fines.

## Learn life-saving skills on-line



All you have to do to learn life-saving skills online is to log on to the Red Cross website, [evansvilleredcross.org](http://evansvilleredcross.org), and sign up to take one of the many health and safety classes available.

The goal of Red Cross is to have one person in every household to be able to respond to an emergency situation.

### American Red Cross

Southwestern Indiana Chapter

Once a person signs up to take a course, he or she must complete the online training and print out the verification form that is proof of completion. Then the student will schedule to attend a skill assessment and come to the Red Cross office to test skills they learned.

26 courses are available online including: Adult CPR, Child CPR, Infant CPR, First Aid, Adult AED, Child AED, etc.

For more information log on to [evansvilleredcross.org](http://evansvilleredcross.org) or phone 812-471-7200.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 27th, 2009

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: "Front Door Pride Program"

Tom Barnett, Department of Metropolitan Development

