

*Neighborhood Associations working together
to preserve, enhance, and promote
the Evansville neighborhoods*

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

A Publication of United Neighborhoods of Evansville

Volume 8 Issue 2

20 N.W. Fourth Street, Suite 501, 47708

February 2008

Website: www.unoevansville.org

Email: unoe1@msn.com

Phone 812-428-4243

From the President.....

As incoming President, I am looking to forward to working with everyone and encouraging growth in the UNOE family.

One of the primary objectives is to encourage youth involvement within the neighborhoods. This can be done through working with the faith based communities who play an important role in our neighborhoods. Also, the youth services organization such as Patchwork Central, Impact Ministries, and others. We need to bridge the gap between all organizations. The closer the collaboration with other agencies the better the community can result in a greater chance of success for your projects, fundraisers, and special events.

We always need volunteers from our member neighborhoods to serve on our Standing and/or Special Committees. Please see me at our monthly meetings, phone the UNOE office, or tell an UNOE staff member if you are interested in participating.

We give a big "Thank You" to Jayne Buthod for her leadership the past two years. We wish her well in her "real life" and welcome her continued service as Immediate Past President! Kudos also go to Fred Mulfinger, Vice-President; Rene McCormick, Secretary; and Paul Farmer, Treasurer for their hard work and sharing their talents for the good of UNOE and the member neighborhood associations.

Congratulations to our new officers and At-Large Board members. Board meetings are open to any member to attend. If you would like to come and speak to the Board, just call the office and tell them. This will assure you a seat. Board meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in room 305 of the Hulman Building.

2008 Officers:

President – David Ballew

President-Elect – Chris Cooke

Vice-President – Bob Head

Secretary – Linda Jones

Treasurer – Dick Tredway

Culver Neighborhood

Eastview Neighborhood

Helfrich Neighborhood

CHAIN Neighborhood

Alvord Blvd. Neighborhood

Board Members At-Large:

Rene McCormick

Barbara Boatright

Sam Wentzel

Lucy Williams

South Lincoln Park Dr. Neighborhood

Ballard Neighborhood

Western Terrace Neighborhood

Glenwood Neighborhood

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

UNOE Board Officers:

David Ballew, **President**

Chris Cooke, **President-Elect**

Bob Head, **Vice-President**

Linda Jones, **Secretary**

Dick Tredway, **Treasurer**

UNOE Staff:

Paul Farmer,

Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Lori Gardner,

Operations Manager

Stephanie Caudle,

USI Intern

Eartha Thomas,

AARP Assistant

The Healthy Indiana Plan

*State accepting applications for
new health insurance program*

Local residents are now able to apply for a new health insurance program created by the legislature in 2007.

The Healthy Indiana Plan will provide health care to over 130,000 working adults and families. The plan is available for those who earn less than double the federal poverty rate—\$19,600 for a single person or \$40,000 for a family of four.

The five-page application is available online at www.Hip.in.gov, at local Family and Social Services Administration offices or by calling 877-438-4479. The state is currently processing applications on a first-come basis.

Participants in the plan will pay up to 5 percent of their income based on a sliding scale that begins at 32 percent for individuals who earn \$9,800 or less. They will have access to preventive care, such as mammograms and prostate exams, and receive a \$1,100 health savings account to cover doctor visits and other expenses.

The plan also includes tax credits to small businesses that offer wellness programs and to employers who offer health benefit plans for the first time.

Applications and additional information about the Healthy Indiana Plan are available:

In Person—Local Family and Social Services
Administration offices

By Phone—(877-438-4479)

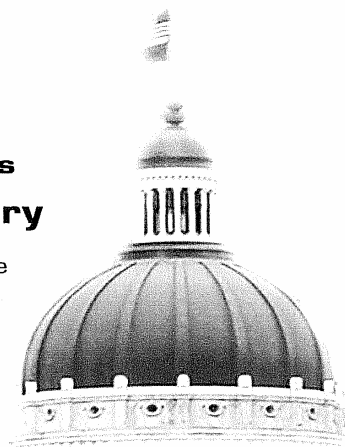
Online— www.hip.in.gov

The UNOE office has copies of the “Healthy Indiana Plan: Most Frequently Asked Questions”. This 9 page publication will answer most of your questions. For a copy, just call or e-mail the UNOE office and the staff will send you one. Association Presidents please share this information at your meetings.

**The last Meet Your Legislators session is
Saturday, February 23rd, 2008**

9:30 AM
doors open at 9:00 AM
Browning Rooms

Central Library
Walnut & ML King
Downtown Evansville



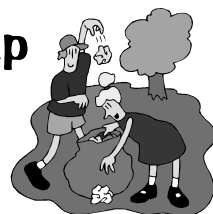
Meet *your* Legislators

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

*This is your opportunity to let the
Legislators hear your interest and concerns.
United Neighborhoods of Evansville is a
significant partner in this series.*

Great American Cleanup

The Great American Cleanup is a program presented by Keep America Beautiful. Keep America Beautiful is a nationwide non-profit organization of which Keep Evansville Beautiful is an affiliate. The goals of Keep America Beautiful and its affiliates are to educate individuals about litter prevention and ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.



Cleanup dates are April 19th, May 17th and June 21st. If you or your neighborhood would like to join Keep Evansville Beautiful and the GAC, please call Juliene West at 425-4461.



2007

**“Neighborhood
Sparkplugs
of the year”**



Culver Neighborhood Association recognized Lieutenant Gary Voegel as the Sparkplug for their neighborhood.

“We appreciate all Lieutenant Voegel has done for the South Sector. He has worked closely with the CPO’s, followed up on issues that were directed to the South Sector, and worked with us on National Night Out. We congratulate him on his new position.”

Dave Ballew~ Culver Neighborhood Association

State Senator Bob Deig ~ Session Highlights

Representing Senate District #49 including Gibson, Posey, and Vanderburgh counties.

The fast-paced atmosphere surrounding the Indiana General Assembly this week marked the arrival of crucial mid-session deadlines. Of the 368 bills and 22 joint resolutions introduced in the Senate in early January, 154 bills and 5 joint resolutions moved out of committee to the full Senate for consideration by the full body. Bills which gain approval in the first house will advance to the opposite chamber for its review throughout February. The following brief summary highlights some of the latest legislative activities.

Property tax reform

Property tax proposals continue to dominate activities in both chambers. The House recently approved **House Bill 1001**. Highlights of the comprehensive property tax reform measure include a cap on homeowner's property tax bills at one percent of a home's assessed value beginning in 2009, a two percent cap for rental properties and a three percent cap for businesses. The legislation calls for a state sales tax increase of one percent, creates additional spending limits for local governments and would eliminate township assessors. The Senate will spend the next few weeks considering HB 1001 where changes are expected. The bill will then go to a House-Senate conference committee where members from both chambers will negotiate compromises on different versions of the proposal.

Bills advanced by the Senate

Several bills which have passed the Senate and now proceed to the House for its consideration include:

Senate Bill 56 would require that the U.S. and state flags on the State Capitol be flown at half-staff for 24 consecutive hours not more than 30 days after the date of a service related death of a Hoosier who is a member of the armed forces or the Indiana National Guard.

Senate Bill 176 would create a 12 member courthouse preservation advisory commission to investigate the need for preservation, restoration and maintenance of historic courthouses.

Senate Bill 26 would make it a Class B infraction if a landlord fails to properly install a smoke detector at the time a tenant moves in to a unit or fails to repair an inoperative hard-wired smoke detector within seven days of receiving notice of the need for repair. The bill also provides that neither the landlord or the tenant may waive the requirement that a smoke detector be installed.

Senate Bill 91 would require the Department of Child Services to promote sibling visitation for every child who receives foster care.

Senate Bill 208 would allow a county to authorize all county taxpayers to pay property taxes by automatic deduction from a checking account on a date chosen by taxpayer. In addition, the bill provides that a county council may also authorize the payment of property taxes by a monthly installment plan.

Senate Bill 262 would allow a student who has resided in a school corporation for at least two consecutive years prior to moving to an adjacent school corporation to continue to attend school in the former school district without transfer tuition being charged.

Senate Bill 283 would authorize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules to allow for the renewal of certain driver's license by mail or by electronic service.

Upcoming deadlines

February 21—Committee report deadline

February 26—2nd Reading deadline

February 27—3rd Reading deadline

February 28—Conference committees begin

To stay informed about legislation moving through the Indiana General Assembly, log on to www.in.gov/legislative/. From this site, you can research bills, review committee calendars and legislative floor calendars, view full bill texts and watch Senate and House sessions as well as some committee hearing which are broadcast live.

In addition, citizens can stay informed on bills scheduled for action in the House and Senate chambers through a free on line program available at www.BillWatch.in.gov/. This program allows you to track up to ten bills. Email notifications are sent once per day if action is taken on tracked bills and /or resolutions. If no action is taken, e-mail notifications will not be sent.

10 Tips to Green Your Home While Maintaining It

1. Insulate the attic, basement and crawl space. About 20 percent of energy cost comes from heat lost in those areas.
2. Restore porches and awnings. Porches, awnings, and shutters were intended for shade and insulation. To save energy, draw shades on winter nights and summer days.
3. In summer open the windows and use fans and dehumidifiers, which consume less energy than air-condition. Many old houses were designed with good cross ventilation; take advantage of your homes layout.
4. Keep door airtight by weather stripping, caulking, and painting them regularly. Recent studies suggest that installing a storm door is not necessarily cost effective.
5. Install fireplace draft stoppers, attic door covers, and dryer vent seals that open only when your dryer is in use. An open damper in a fireplace can increase energy costs by 30 percent, and attic doors and dryer vent ducts are notorious energy sieves.
6. Reuse old material such as brick, stone, glass and slate when making home improvements. If you're rebuilding a staircase, for example use wood from the summer kitchen or shed that couldn't be saved.
7. Keep original windows intact. Studies show that older windows can perform as well as vinyl replacements. Weather-strip them so they can seal tightly caulking, exterior trim, and repair cracked glazing or putty around glass panels. You'll reduce landfill waste and the demand for vinyl, a non-biodegradable material that gives toxic byproducts when it's made.
8. Use light paint colors for your houses exterior. Lighter colors reflect heat better than darker ones.
9. Plant trees. Evergreen trees on the North and West sides of your house can block winter winds, and leafy trees on the South and West provide shade from the summer sun. Using old photos of your house, try to match the historic landscaping.
10. Have energy audit done by your local utility company, or visit Home Energy Saver (<http://hes.lbl.gov>). Audits can help pinpoint problem areas and measure energy savings after you improve your home's efficiency.

Announcements

- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, February 14th at 6 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **YMCA Pancake Days**—Friday, February 15th—Sunday, February 17th. All proceeds go to support sports programs for youth.
- **Solid Waste District Board Meeting**—Tuesday, February 19th, 2 p.m. in Room 301 of Civic Center.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, February 20th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, February 21st at 6 p.m. located at St. Lucas UCC, 33 W. Virginia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Meet Your Legislators**—Saturday, February 23rd, 9:30 a.m. in the Browning Rooms of the Central Library.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, February 28th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, March 1st, 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.
- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, March 6th, 4 p.m. held at the UNOE office.
- **Spring Forward**—Don't forget to set your clocks up an hour!
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, March 11th, 9:30 a.m. at the UNOE office.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, March 18th at 6 p.m. located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Ste. 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, March 27th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.

**Free Printing /Copying of
Neighborhood Newsletter or flyer
(Up to 500 Copies) when you return
your UNOE Membership Registration
Forms, dues, and City Registration by
March 1st, 2008**

FREE

United Neighborhoods of Evansville

20 NW Fourth Street, Suite 501

Tel: (812)428-4243

Expiration Date: 12/31/08

3rd Annual Evansville Police Department and Police Merit Commission Awards Banquet

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

The Centre, Ballrooms B, C, and D

11:00 a.m.

You are cordially invited to the 3rd Annual Evansville Police Department and Police Merit Commission Awards Banquet on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. The event will be held at The Centre, Ballrooms B, C, and D. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. with lunch beginning at approximately 11:15 a.m.

The Awards' Banquet will honor those officers receiving Merit Awards in 2007 as well as honoring the service of the 30 officers who retired or passed away in 2007.

Other department awards will be presented as well.

Tickets for the banquet are \$13.00 per person. Please see Jennifer in the Chief's Office to purchase your tickets.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, February 13th. If you wish to attend the awards' ceremony only, it will begin at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Neighbor to Neighbor
UNOE Office
20 N.W. Fourth Street
Suite 501
Evansville, IN 47708

Non-Profit Org.
POSTAGE
PAID
Evansville, IN
PERMIT NO. 1087

Return Service Requested

Did U.N.O.E.?

Early Childhood Development Coalition

The purpose of the coalition is to provide opportunities for families and communities to prepare all children for success in school, thereby setting the stage for high school graduation, post-secondary education and a vibrant economy.

The Early Childhood Development Coalition and the United Neighborhoods of Evansville are working together to assist each neighborhood association in providing the young parents and grandparents with specific training (free of charge) in working successfully with their young child.

Parent/family involvement is crucial to a young child's successful development. A research based early literacy program is provided to address the early needs, to provide training to parents on early literacy skills.

Several of our neighborhood associations have already signed up to facilitate parent sessions within their neighborhoods. I encourage each neighborhood association to participate in some way to assist in ensuring that our Evansville children enter school ready to learn and are given the opportunity to succeed.

For additional information, call the UNOE office at 428-4243, ask for Stephanie Caudle, the UNOE coordinator of the Early Childhood Development project.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 28, 2008

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: TBA

