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to preserve, enhance, and promote
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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From the President.....

Hello Neighborhoods!

It is great to see the beautiful sunshine and to be anticipating the blooming of flowers and the leafage of the trees, the greening of the grass. These are truly the signs of **SPRING!**

The beauty of nature makes the trash in our neighborhoods look even worse! It is time for neighborhoods to organize your Great American Cleanup efforts. The goal of the GAC is to educate individuals about litter prevention and to find ways to **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle**. Some things are just trash and need to be disposed of.

This is an opportunity for the youth and adults to work together to increase the quality of life in the neighborhoods. The UNOE "Litter Patrol" projects can begin in April, May, and June so that your efforts can continue throughout the summer and fall. Once people see how good your area can look, the better the chance for long term cleanliness.

Talk with your neighbors on each side of your property and the three of you clean-up your own yards, sidewalks, and gutters. If each neighbor would ask their neighbor and so on down the street, this will give each person a chance to talk and work with their neighbor, whether they are a homeowner or a renter. If there is a vacant property perhaps together you and the neighbors can clean up the yard and street area.

Working and talking together is the only way to keep in touch with your neighbors and to integrate the renters and homeowners into your neighborhood and maybe, just maybe you will pick up a new member! Can you just imagine how much one person can make a significant difference in your neighborhood?!

Wouldn't it be great if you all happened to be outside at the same time and your whole neighborhood would come alive to clean up and beautify the area!

Anyone and everyone can do it! Will you??

By the way, how are you coming with your neighborhood goals and plans for 2008? We are already one-third of the way through the year. Remember if you need help and/or ideas call on the UNOE Staff, they are there to help.

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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.....and more!!

Construction Complete on First New Front Door Pride Homes

Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel is pleased to announce that the third phase of his Front Door Pride program has taken a big step forward. Construction is now complete on the first new Front Door Pride homes at 116 and 120 Madison Avenue. Work on the homes actually began ahead of schedule back on October 24th.

The one-story house at 116 Madison has been sold to a single buyer who is a veteran. Nathan Gogel is also a subcontractor who helped work on the home. The two-story house at 120 Madison is looking for a buyer. The price on the one-story home is \$83,500 and the price on the two-story is \$80,500. Construction was done by local professional home builders, and each home comes with a 10 year warranty, energy efficient construction and insulation.

“The completion of these homes signals that this new phase of the Front Door Pride program is moving ahead. Their presence will help revitalize this neighborhood and others,” said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel. “I hope people will see the progress being made, and want to check out the opportunities to buy a home for themselves.”

These lots are in what is called “Goosetown Redevelopment Project Areas One and Two” of the Front Door Pride program. They are bounded by Southeast 2nd, Madison, Garvin, and Washington Avenues. This section was chosen for the new homes because it has the greatest number of potential building lots available right now, and it is near the Alhambra Theatre which is the center of the Haynie’s Corner Arts District.

Building will be completed in two phases. These two homes comprise the first phase; the second provides for an additional eight to 10 single family homes within a one block radius of phase one. Additional properties for construction will become available as they are acquired.

Because of the subsidies involved, these homes cannot be sold for more than the appraised value, and only to individuals and families who have a verified annual gross income at or below 80% of area median income based upon household size. For a household of four, that amount is \$45,500; a household of three is \$40,950; a household of two is \$36,400; and for a single person the amount is \$31,850. Buyers must also have enough income and acceptable credit to secure a mortgage with a local lender, and make a minimum down payment of \$500. HOPE of Evansville will prepare and assist the potential buyers, who must also complete a pre-purchase class.

Six local banks have pledged \$50 million in mortgage loans for this program including Old National Bank, Integra Bank, Evansville Commerce Bank, First Federal Savings Bank, and the Bank of Evansville.

The City and Our Greater Community (OGC) are using a \$1 million grant from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority to provide subsidies of up to \$25,000 toward the construction cost of each new home. A Local Housing Trust Fund Grant is also being used to help offset the cost of development. People who are interested in purchasing one of these homes should contact OGC or HOPE of Evansville at 423-3169.

Front Door Pride is one of the top priorities of the Weinzapfel administration. The entire area is bounded by the Lloyd Expressway to the north, U.S. 41 to the east, Veterans Parkway to the south, and Cherry Street to the west. The program utilizes new construction, rehabilitation, and homeowner repair to revitalize some of the City’s oldest neighborhoods by reversing decades of decline and neglect.

2008 Preservation Week

Program Preservation Month in Evansville has two primary features. First, we are recognizing the 70th anniversary of the beginning of excavations at Angel Mounds. Second, we are highlighting the completion of the restoration of the former law library in the Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse.

Wednesday 14 May:

7:00p.m.— Lily Lecture at Angel Mounds:
Professor George Milner, Penn State Univ.:
“Questions Driving Mississippian Research:
Past, Present, and Future”

Saturday 17 May:

2:00p.m.— Baptisttown walking tour/
African American Museum tour

Sunday 18 May:

2:00p.m.— Angel Mounds hike

Monday 19 May:

6:30p.m.— Akin Park walking tour

Tuesday 20 May:

6:00p.m.— Banquet at Old Vanderburgh County
Courthouse. Featured speaker David Kroll,
restoration architect, Ratio Architects

Wednesday 21 May:

7:00p.m.— Lily Lecture at Angel Mounds:
Professor Kevin Smith, Middle
Tennessee State University:
“Ancient Chiefdoms of the Nashville Basin:
Crossroads of the Mississippian World?”

Thursday 22 May:

6:30p.m.— Bayard Park walking tour.

Saturday 24 May:

2:00p.m.— Riverside Sunset walking tour

Sunday 25 May:

2:00p.m.— Art and trees of Oak Hill Cemetery
walking tour

Wednesday 4 June:

7:00p.m.— Lily Lecture at Angel Mounds:
Professors Brian Butler and Paul Welch,
Southern Illinois University:
“A New Appreciation of the Kincaid Site”

For more information: Dennis M. Au, at the Department of Metropolitan Development, (812) 435-6030.

Traveling City Hall Program

The next Traveling City Hall Program will be on Thursday, April 24th from 5:30-7:30 pm at Indiana Business College, 4601 Theatre Dr., 47715. All City residents are welcome at each TCHP.

HAs 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.

KEB Agency Endowment Created

During 2006-07 fiscal year, the KEB Board of Directors worked, with help from the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, to create the Keep Evansville Beautiful Agency Endowment.

This fund will allow KEB to expand beautification efforts while building a solid fund for maintaining privately-funded public landscaping. Donors may honor their neighborhoods, parks, riverfront or the entire city by making a donation, bequest or gift of stock to this endowment.



2007

**“Neighborhood Sparkplugs
of the year”**



Bob Splittorff from Glenwood Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

“Bob is totally committed to the neighborhood and association. Thank you Bob!”

~Pastor Larry Sanders, Glenwood N.A.

Gordon Dingman from Helfrich Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

“Gordon and his wife, Carol, have lived in the neighborhood for many years. Living across from the Helfrich baseball fields, Gordon has volunteered to clean up the trash in the 4 block area for years. He’s the anchor on the North edge of our neighborhood. Gordon is an inspiration for us all.”

~Robert Head, Helfrich N.A.

To: UNOE Neighborhood Association Members

Re: Mini-Grant Opportunity – “Litter Patrol”

The “Litter Patrol project is truly a “teachable moment” with an adult giving time to a child to care for their property and the property of others. A time to learn pride in their home and their neighborhood while learning the concept of people working together for a common good! What greater gift can you give to a child?

UNOE member neighborhoods have made a concerted effort to promote neighborhood cleanliness. It is imperative that these efforts continue in each area. These “mini grants” are one way to try to accomplish your goal.



Steps for implementation:

- Carefully read through the distributed materials. Everything you need to apply is there.
- Look around you neighborhood for areas that need cleaning-up on a regular basis.
- Depending upon your neighborhood, select areas that are priorities and that are not too large or unsafe.
- Make a judgment of the available number of young people in your neighborhood and invite some and their parents to an informal meeting and invite them to participate (even those who are not members but live in the neighborhood).
- Select only the number of youth and advisors you can handle. (Parents and their kids can be neighborhood teams).
- Organize in groups of 4-8 youth with two adults.
- Select a convenient and consistent time for when the work will be done each day or twice a week whatever you and the youth determine together.
- Keep in mind our hot summer weather potential. Usually for youth late afternoon or early evening works well. When school is out the youth like to sleep in.
- The project may be best done in late spring, all summer and into early fall.
- Provide for “trash” containers, buckets, plastic bags, etc. Also, provide recycle containers for items that are determined recyclable.

How you respond to this great opportunity will affect the future of your neighborhood and our city. This project provides good public relations and will draw media coverage for your neighborhood.

Only 10 neighborhoods will get grants this year but a good showing to ALCOA may bring more grants in the future. Apply now!

Sincerely,

The UNOE Park/Trees/Beautification Committee

Susan Harp

Steve Harp

Delores Mason

Paul Farmer, Staff

Jim Morgan

Mary Scheller

Chuck Taylor

Meet Your Vanderburgh County Solid Waste Management District

“The major function of the Solid Waste District is public education. The implementation of a successful recycling and source reduction program depends upon changes in behavior on the part of the residents of the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County,” This is a direct quote from the **2007 Annual Report** of the Solid Waste District.

In 2007, the Solid Waste District continued a number of programs and activities that have been successful. These include the annual Tox-Away Day, twelve drop-off recycle days (Old Wal-Mart West, Day School Campus and the 4-H Center), two Tire Amnesty Days and two Electronic and Computer Recycling Days. The District’s education and promotion programs, which included sponsoring a billboard contest and the distribution of the publications of **Trash Talk**. This publication is distributed, four times per year to students in grades 4 and 5 in all schools. “**One Man’s Trash...**” is distributed four times per year in the Sunday Edition of the Courier and Press. The latest publication is in the Sunday paper, March 30, 2008. In 2008 it will be distributed to an additional 30,000 residents by direct mail, by the Courier and Press. Both publications inform the public and businesses about waste reduction, recycling, and household hazardous waste.

The Solid Waste Management District Board Members:

Bill Nix, Chair	Vanderburgh County Commissioner
Troy Tornatta	Vanderburgh County Commissioner
Jeff Korb	Vanderburgh County Commissioner
Jonathan Weinzapfel	Mayor of the City of Evansville
Keith Jarboe	Evansville City Council
Tom Shetler, Jr.	Vanderburgh County Council
Kenneth Temme	Darmstadt Town Council

The Board Membership is determined by state law.

The Board meets on the third Tuesday at 4:00pm in room 301 of the Civic Center.

The Citizen’s Advisory Committee Members (local appointments)

This council meets four times per year and two additional joint Board/CAC meetings.

Cedric Hustace	Artist
Paul Bienhaus	Southwestern Indiana Master Gardeners
Todd Chamberlain	Allied Waste
Dan Elpers	Veolia Environmental Services
Stephanie Sanderson	Mesker Park Zoo
Eric Rausch	North Country Club Neighborhood Association
Paul Farmer, Chair	Westside Improvement Association



Parks and Recreation Public Workshop

The Department of Parks and Recreation is asking for your help to improve our parks and recreational programs by attending a public workshop on our Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. The Master Plan will guide us in preparing new opportunities in the future that the public supports. It is also a requirement to be eligible for State and Federal grants.

There will be two workshops on April 16th, at 3:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. at Roberts Stadium. Please enter the main office at Gate One. Our consultant, Claire Bennett Associates, Inc. (CBA), will share observations on parks and recreation in Evansville and listen to your comments. You will have an opportunity to voice your opinion on the current status and future Parks & Recreation programs.

Please make time to attend one of the two public workshops. Your input is critical to our planning process. If you are unable to attend, you may contact Glenn Boberg, Parks Planner, for a questionnaire at gboberg@evansvillegov.org or by calling him at 435-6141.

Thanks so much for your support of the Department of Parks and Recreation's programs.

Glenn Boberg
Department of Parks and Recreation

Looking for Work?

If you are 55 years or older, currently not working but seriously looking for work, the AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment Program may be able to help you move towards full-time or part-time employment by starting with a paid community service assignment.

Paid Assignment Opportunities:

Food Service; Office/Clerical; Retail; Custodial; Reception; Childcare; Social Services; & Others.

We offer paid temporary part-time training assignments. You must be currently unemployed and certain income limitations apply.

**Call AARP for an appointment
(8 a.m.—3 p.m.)**

422-3910



Destination: Home—A Ten Year Journey to End Homelessness in Evansville and Vanderburgh County is a comprehensive, community-developed concept that challenges the previously accepted idea that homelessness will always exist in our community. As long as we continue to do what we have always done, we will continue to get the same results.

If we continue to work together to shelter and care for individuals and families who face homelessness and commit to the development and implementation of models that have been proven to bridge them into permanent housing, and equip them with the skills and understanding to build stable lives in Evansville and Vanderburgh County, we will eliminate homelessness as we know it today.

Luzada Hayes, Executive Director of Auroa, spoke at the recent General Meeting of UNOE and explained in detail the history of the "Destination Home" initiative. Auroa is the new name of the former "ECHO" Homeless Agency. This would make an excellent program for one of your association meetings. We are in the third year of the 10 year program. The entire ten-year plan is



Announcements

- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, April 3rd, 4 p.m. held at the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, April 5th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at Old Wal-Mart West (University Drive). For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Traveling City Hall Program**—Thursday, April 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Indiana Business College, 4601 Theatre Dr., 47715. The meeting is open to the public.
- **Solid Waste District Board Meeting**—Tuesday, April 15th, 4 p.m. in Room 301 of Civic Center.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, April 16th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, April 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, April 24th 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, May 1st, 4 p.m. held at the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, May 3rd, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at Evansville Day School. For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, May 8th at 6 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, May 13th, 9:30 a.m. at the UNOE office.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, May 20th 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, May 22nd from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.

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.



RECYCLE DAYS

8:00—12:00 noon

May 3rd
Evansville Day School

ITEMS TO BRING:

(Please be sure items are cleaned and sorted).

Aluminum Cans	Metal food cans
Cardboard	Catalogs/Magazines
Newspaper	Mixed paper
Glass containers	#1 & #2 plastic bottles

(Vanderburgh County Residents Only)

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL THE SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
436-7800



Tire Amnesty Day

Saturday April 19, 2008
8:00—12:00 Noon
Civic Center Parking Lot

- The first four tires will be accepted for recycling free of charge. A \$1.00 fee per tire will be charged thereafter.
 - Car and light truck tires only
 - We prefer that rims be removed from tires
 - Water and mud must be removed from tires
 - Tires from businesses will not be accepted.
 - No commercial vehicles allowed.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



The Chronic Disease Program of the Vanderburgh County Health Department offers free blood pressure screenings at different locations throughout every month. Please contact their office for dates, times, or more information at 435-5015.

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UNOE Officers and Board Members

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President-Elect:	Chris Cooke	Eastview Neighborhood
Vice-President:	Robert Head	Helfrich Neighborhood
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 Padgett	Finance	Westside Improvement Neighborhood
Carolyn Staggs	Education	Hilltop Neighborhood
Brenda White	Education	Lincoln/Bellemeade Neighborhood

UNOE Staff:

Paul Farmer,
Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Lori Gardner,
Operations Manager

Stephanie Caudle,
USI Intern

Eartha Thomas,
AARP Assistant



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 24th, 2008
 Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road
 Program: TBA

