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From the President.....

Hello Neighborhoods!

Time is running out for completing your spring neighborhood projects. Money is still available for the neighborhood youth litter program. This is an excellent opportunity to take on that special project that you just did not quite have the funding for.

June is also time for the City of Evansville to host the 30th annual Freedom Festival. For information and schedule go to www.evansvillefreedomfestival.org. This is always a good time and don't forget to come to the parade on June 28th @ 6:30 pm. Several neighborhoods work together on a float to help promote National Night Out.

We want to congratulate the efforts being made on restoring the Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse. I attended the historic preservation banquet and was awed by the beauty of this grand building. Dennis Au did a splendid job on working on this banquet and had an excellent choice in having as guest speaker, David Knoll.

Let us all be watchful of our neighbors and our own property as many burglaries are being reported. As the price of gas goes up people are being more aggressive in their means to supplement their income. The Police Department has had many complaints on scamming of neighbors also. This is done in many different forms, one common way is to call an individual and act like an old neighbor that has moved out of the area, then ask for money for gas or a child's prescription. Be aware of this situation and prevent it from happening to you or a neighbor. Call the police and report any suspicious activity right away. The more information the police can get on these individuals, the better chance they have of apprehending them.

David Ballew, President United Neighborhoods of Evansville

LITTER PATROL HOTLINE

Put 453-9876 on your speed dial. If you see anyone littering, get the location, car model and license number. Call 453-9876 and it will go directly to Sheriff Eric Williams e-mail and a letter will go out the same day. DO IT! JUST DO IT!!!

WWW.UNOEVANSVILLE.ORG Website

Community Resource Links

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

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June 18th—UNOE Board Meeting

June 21st—Great American Cleanup

June 26th—UNOE General Membership Meeting

Tree Inventory & Valuation

No management plan can exist without knowledge of what resources exist. Therefore, we must know what resources in trees we have before we can successfully manage our resources. In 2003, the city conducted an inventory of 10,088 public and street trees. The inventory can be used to see where trees should be planted, what the general condition of our trees are, and show areas that may have specific tree related issues. The 2003 inventory information has been placed on the City's GIS web site (www.evansville.com). Viewers are able to look at the tree inventory from an aerial view, and will be able to see points where trees are located, forested areas, canopy cover for the trees inventoried, local, state and national champion trees, other significant trees, nature areas, park boundaries, and woodland trials.

During the process of budget meetings and program reviews we may lose sight of the importance of some of our resources and their value to the community. The following has been composed to help us better understand the resources that we have in trees. With this information we can advertise the importance of our urban forestry program to the public, therefore gaining necessary support for the urban forestry program and future projects.

The following valuation of trees was computed using i-Tree software developed by USDA.

Total Annual Benefits of Public Trees by Zone (\$)

			Aesthetic/			
Zone	Energy	CO2	Air Quality	Storm water	Other	<u>Total (\$)</u>
Parks	40,106.64	10,189.72	3,389.17	130,425.01	137,507.34	321,617.87
Street trees				119,924.03		119,924.03
Boulevards*				22,779.05		22,779.05
Cemeteries	25,232.68	6,056.45	5,863.52	86,944.97	67,951.22	192,048.83
Downtown	,	,	,	36,537.11	•	36,537.11
Citywide total	65,339.32	16,246.16	9,252.69	396,610.16	205,458.56	692,906.89

^{*} Boulevard trees were separated from park trees for the purpose of this valuation.

This valuation does not include trees in forested areas. Our department has estimated, from aerial photographs, over 3000 acres of forested areas exist within the city limits on both public and private property. Forested areas require minimal management, therefore, benefits gained from forested areas have few cost. In addition, this valuation does not include trees on private property, which would be impossible to estimate. A majority of the trees in Evansville are on private property, therefore the valuation of our trees as a whole in the community would be more than the estimates given above.

Most importantly, we must realize that without a board and department to manage the urban forestry programs, these benefits would diminish greatly. The Department of Urban Forestry and Tree Advisory board is currently working towards the proper pruning of such trees, protection/preservation of trees/greenspace where appropriate, and education of public concerning these issues.

Unlicensed Arborist Alert!

The Department of Urban Forestry office has been told that there is a person(s) going around the tri-state area (Mainly Newburgh), and offering to cut trees down or prune them for homeowners at a low price. They have been known to leave the tree debris at the curb, and telling the home owner that the 'city' will come pick up the debris, free of charge. The City of Evansville, nor allied waste, nor any other city that I know of in the tri-state, will pick up tree debris from an entire tree removal, free of charge. This is a very deceptive practice.

We advise all homeowners to beware of persons going door-to-door who offer tree services of any type. There is a very good chance that such persons are not licensed to do tree work in Evansville, and probably do not have insurance.

What to do if someone comes to your door to offer tree services:

- 1) Ask for a business card, or name and number if they do not have one.
- 2) Ask if they are licensed by the City of Evansville
- 3) Call the Department of Urban Forestry 475-1426, even if they say they are licensed. We will confirm if they are licensed or not.

If you would like more information about "How to hire an Arborist", please call our office, or go to www.Evansvillegov.org/urbanforestry.

Shawn Dickerson, City Arborist

Announcements

- Recycle Day—Saturday, June 7th, 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.
- UNOE Board Meeting—Wednesday, June 18th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- West Sector Citizens Meeting—Thursday, June 19th at 6 p.m. located at St. Lucas UCC, 33 W. Virginia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- Great American Cleanup—Saturday, June 21st. For more information, call KEB at 425-4461.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, June 26th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **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.
- 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.
- **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.
- United Neighborhoods of Evansville 13th Annual Sparkplug Banquet—Friday, November 14th, 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Akin Park Neighborhood Rummage Sale Saturday, June 21st

8 a.m.—2 p.m.

Space available for \$10 (due on day of sale).

Must bring own tables. Selling food and drinks.

Rain date: June 28th.

For questions/information,
call Jeanette Scheller at 425-6031.

Goosetown Festival 2008 June 14th

9 a.m.—7 p.m.

Location: At the Fountain on Haynie's Corner (Downtown Evansville at the intersection of 2nd, Washington, and Adams Streets).

The Goosetown Festival is a vital tool for arts proliferation, downtown revitalization and fundraising. Become a part of the effort to make a real difference. Give back and have fun and enjoy some of the finest arts, food and family friendly entertainment in our region!

For Vendor Applications or information call the Art Colony Gallery at 812-428-799 or e-mail thatsright7@hotmail.com.

HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IS HAVING A NEIGHBORHOOD RUMMAGE SALE

Convert your extra 'stuff' to cash. Rent a spot for only \$10.

Location: Pine Haven Rehab's parking lot at 3400 Stocker Drive.

When: Saturday, June 14, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

(June 21 – rain date)

Contacts: Brenda Carrigan at 401-4992 or

Betty Trout at 424-8042 for reservations.

Pine Haven will have refreshments for sale:

Food from the grill & drinks

An ad will be in the Courier & Press and signs will be displayed. Call and reserve your spot today and/or plan on checking out the items for sale June 14.

Alvord Blvd. Neighborhood Annual Sale Saturday, June 7th

7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Alvord Blvd. from the Lloyd Expressway
to Washington Avenue.

Goosetown Neighborhood Association Annual Yard Sale and Fundraiser

June 20th and 21st 806 Line Street 8:00 a.m. both days

Many items for sale plus barbeque rib tips, polish sausage with peppers and onions, smoked pork steak sandwiches, and lemonade shake-ups.

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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

