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From the President

Greetings Neighbors!

Once a year we all get together to celebrate and reflect on our accomplishments over the past year's hard work. That is, of course, the United Neighborhoods of Evansville's Annual Sparkplug Banquet. The Banquet this year will take place at 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center located at 203 Chestnut Street, Evansville, IN 47708.

I always get a kick out of seeing the expressions on the recipient's face when their name is announced or the story is told of how that person did such a great job. It may be an alley cleanup in a downtown neighborhood or a special effort made in the Howell wetlands. The one thing all neighborhoods have in common is that we do not have to look very far to find something to do. Make sure you submit your Sparkplug nominees and dinner reservations into the office before the October 30th deadline.

This is an important election year at every level. Included in this edition to Neighbor to Neighbor is a listing of the candidates as they will appear on the ballot. The letter "R" means Republican, "D" means Democratic, "L" means Libertarian, and "I" indicates the Incumbent. In addition, at the end of the Candidate's listing are Judge or Justice retention issues. This year the EVSC has an important issue to be considered and the Township Assessor's changes also have a major implication for the future. See and read the insert to learn more details. The challenges are many and your vote counts!

David Ballew, President
United Neighborhoods of Evansville



Thank you Candidates!!

Thanks to all the candidates who attended the United Neighborhoods of Evansville Candidate's Night on Thursday, September 25th. We truly appreciate your time and willingness to let us get to know you and ask questions.

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
- ❖ Keep Evansville Beautiful
- ❖ Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage
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- October 15th**—UNOE Board Meeting
- October 23rd**—UNOE General Membership Meeting
- November 14th**—13th Annual UNOE Sparkplug Banquet

ZONING AND REZONING, Part IV

by Fred Padget

In the first three parts of this series, we've looked at functions generally recognized and associated with the APC. Today, we are going to look at some areas of responsibility for the group but maybe not always thought of as APC functions.

For example, we know a single family home would be zoned R-1, Residential. But do we know the maximum height is limited to 35 feet with a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet? In fact the code not only sets standards for building height and minimum lot size but also the minimum lot width, minimum front, side and rear yard as well as lot coverage (size of the foot print) and the green space required. An apartment, R-5, can be 150 feet tall on a 5,000 square foot lot while a Commercial, C-3 has no maximum height restriction and no minimum lot size. Of course a site review committee reviews all site plans associated with rezonings and must approve the plan in conjunction with the code.

The zoning code also provides requirements for off-street parking and loading, signage, both on-premise and off-premise as well as some thoroughfare regulations. The regulations for off-street parking include, among other things, the location, type and size, amount of off-street parking and, access and service drives. For example, a parking space must be a minimum of 9 feet wide and 18 feet long. Restaurants and cafeterias require one parking space for each three customer seats while theaters require one parking space for each four seats, plus one space for each employee of the largest working shift and shopping centers over 25,000 square feet in size require 5 spaces for each 1000 square feet of gross lease area while shopping centers less than 25000 square feet in size require 1 space for each 200 square feet of gross floor area.

Signage, for example, prohibits signs or posters affixed to telephone and utility poles, trees or other structures on public right-of-way or placed over or in a public street or highway right-of-way. A Commercial, C-4 zoning would allow 3 signs with a total of 500 sq. feet. The Thoroughfare Regulations were established to promote public safety. These Thoroughfare Regulations are applied during the development review process including all rezoning petitions, applications for zoning use permits, and proposed plats submitted to the Area Plan Commission. All development proposals shall allocate adequate access for streets in conformity with the Thoroughfare Plan and shall designate and label all such streets in accordance with the specified definitions, specifications, and requirements regarding control of access, platted width, and setback requirements. The code goes into great detail about road classifications such as controlled access, major or minor arterial, and collector designations.

This article is not intended to be a definitive study of the code but rather create an awareness on the part of the reader that these subjects are covered in great detail in the zoning code and to seek advice from the APC or other professionals if involved in any of these or other areas of zoning.

Next month we'll continue this series looking at some additional aspects of the APC and other thoughts about appropriate land use. There is much more to the complete process and you can find additional detail at the APC web site www.evansvilleapc.com.

In the meantime, if you have any aspect of the rezoning process you would like me to address, please let me know.

Churches Embracing Offenders Program Goals

Churches Embracing Offenders (CEO) goal is to offer non-violent offenders an alternative to incarceration by providing a program that helps them re-enter society permanently and successfully. This is accomplished through matching offenders with selected, trained church committees. The CEO program emphasizes the importance of placing the spiritual dimension of life as the center of their lives. The church committee acts as a mentoring and discipling support system to help meet the special and varied needs and concerns of the offender.

With the support of juvenile judges and the Juvenile Probation Department, CEO has also successfully begun a program for juvenile offenders. The same requirements and goals are in place for juvenile offenders as those for adult offenders.

Combined within CEO are two other programs for our clients or others who are eligible:

- Thinking For a Change – 12-week cognitive behavior class, Clients learn more effective ways of thinking and solving problems
- Strengthening Families – 14-week skills building program for families with children ages 12-17, Clients learn how to communicate and solve problems more effectively in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere with their peers.

For more information contact:

Churches Embracing Offenders

304 South Kentucky Avenue

Evansville, IN 47714

Phone: 812-422-2226

Fax: 812-422-2226 (Call before faxing)

E-mail: chs_embr_off@sigecom.net

Our Freedoms and Quality of Life Depend Upon Your Vote!

Hopefully everyone in your neighborhood has registered to vote on Tuesday, November 4th! This election year at the National, State, and Local levels is the most important one we have had in many years.

Nationally, we will have a new president; one that will have awesome responsibilities. New ideas are needed, solid thinking with non-partisan decisions regarding our economy, our foreign policy being made, and more! The future of our country is at stake. Our youth must be heard because the world we hand them will depend upon their ideals and judgment. Encourage the youth you know and encounter to study the issues and vote. Both presidential candidates must be able and willing to lead in new ways.

The direction of the State of Indiana and how its future will dovetail into the national scene will also be determined by the election of a Governor and Legislators.

Local issues are very important. Our future may be tight financially and adjustments may need to be made. As we grow regionally visions must expand and attitudes become open to make those visions come true. The County Commissioner's election will determine the party that will be in control of our county. The members of the County Council have the important responsibility to make the county's income cover the areas necessary to guarantee the maintenance of the community's quality of life. Many of the other offices this year will have new faces. This is an exciting time and we need to be proud that we have people who are willing to give of their time, effort, and expertise to provide quality services to the citizens.

The most important decisions to be made deals with the future of our current and unknown children and youth. The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation has put forward a major plan to update our school buildings, technology, curriculum offerings, smaller classrooms, elimination of the "portable classrooms", and more.

Please study the details of the school referendum and carefully and thoughtfully determine your response to the future of our young people and their community. You will be voting "Yes" or "No" on this issue. The school issue is the on the ballot following the political candidates.

If you vote a straight party line or not, go to the end of the ballot and cast your vote for the Justice and Judge retentions, the school referendum, and the Township Assessor issue.

Tough decisions, but the lives and livelihoods and the future generation lives and livelihoods are at stake and in the hands of the voters of Vanderburgh County.

Paul Farmer,
Neighborhood Associations Services Coordinator

STATE OF INDIANA

2008 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

<u>U.S. President</u>	D	Barack Obama	<u>County Commissioner</u>	D	No Candidate
	R	John McCain	<u>District One</u>	R	Lloyd W. Winnecke
	L	Bob Barr			
		Wayne Root	<u>County Commissioner</u>	D	Stephen R. Melcher
<u>Governor</u>	D	Jill Long Thompson	<u>District Three</u>	R	Jeff Korb
Lt. Governor	D	Dennie Oxley	<u>County Council</u>	D	Tammy R. Barnett
	R	Mitch Daniels (I)	<u>At Large</u>	D	Ed Bassemier
Lt. Governor	R	Becky Skillman (I)	(elect three)	D	Mike Goebel
	L	Andy Horning		R	Marsha Abell
Lt. Governor	L	Lisa Kelly		R	Eric Cake
				R	Joe Kiefer
<u>Attorney General</u>	D	Linda Pence	<u>School Board Dist. One</u>	NP	Karen Ragland (I)
	R	Greg Zoeller (I)			
<u>Superintendent of</u>	D	Richard Wood	<u>School Board Dist. Three</u>	NP	Bix Branson
<u>Public Instruction</u>	R	Tony Bennett		NP	Terry Gamblin (I)
<u>U.S. Representative</u>	D	Brad Ellsworth (I)	<u>Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana</u>		
<u>District 8</u>	R	Greg Goode			
<u>State Senator</u>	D	No Candidate	Shall Justice <u>Randall T. Shepard</u> be retained in office?		
<u>District 50</u>	R	Vaneta Becker (I)	Yes or No		
<u>State Representative</u>	D	Dennis T. Avery (I)	Shall Justice <u>Theodore R. Boehm</u> be retained in office?		
<u>District 75</u>	R	J. D. Strouth	Yes or No		
<u>State Representative</u>	D	W. Trent Van Haaften (I)	Shall Justice <u>Brent E. Dickson</u> be retained in office?		
<u>District 76</u>	R	No Candidate	Yes or No		
<u>State Representative</u>	D	Gail Riecken	<u>Judge of the Court of Appeals</u>		
<u>District 77</u>	R	No Candidate			
<u>State Representative</u>	D	James Pete Rapp	Shall Judge Carr L. Darden be retained in office?		
<u>District 78</u>	R	Suzanne Crouch (I)	Yes or No		
<u>Vanderburgh Co.</u>	NP	David D. Kiely	<u>Judge of the Indiana Tax Court</u>		
<u>Superior Court</u>	NP	Jill R. Marcum			
<u>Judge</u>	NP	Michael J. Perry	Shall Judge Thomas G. Fisher be retained in office?		
			Yes or No		
<u>Clerk of the</u>	D	No Candidate	Shall the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation issue		
<u>Circuit Court</u>	R	Susan R. Kirk (I)	bonds or enter into a lease to finance the construction of a		
<u>County Recorder</u>	D	Z. Tuley	new high school and new middle school on the north side		
	R	Heather Williams	of the school district, including the purchase of real estate;		
<u>County Treasurer</u>	D	Rick A. Davis	the renovation of Glenwood Middle School, Lincoln Element-		
	R	Ken (KC) Cox	ary School, Lodge Elementary School, North High School,		
<u>County Coroner</u>	D	Annie Eickhoff Groves	Oak Hill Middle School, Evans Middle School, Plaza Park		
	R	Max Kremzar	Middle School, Highland Elementary School, Stockwell		
<u>County Surveyor</u>	D	Bill Jeffers (I)	Elementary School; the renovations and improvements to		
	R	Rich Jobe	Cedar Hall Elementary School or in the alternative, the		
			construction of a new K-8 building; and the renovation or		
			construction of facilities to be used as an alternative education		
			facility and an information systems building?		
			Yes or No		
			Should the assessing duties of the elected township assessor		
			in the township be transferred to the Count Assessor?		
			Yes or No		

Announcements

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, October 4th, 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.
- **Tire Amnesty Day**—Saturday, October 4th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at the Civic Center Parking Lot.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, October 15th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, October 16th at 6 p.m. located at St. Lucas UCC, 33 W. Virginia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Electronics Recycling Day**—Saturday, October 18th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at the Civic Center Parking Lot. Materials to bring include: Computers, printers, CD/DVD Players, Stereos, Pagers, TVs, Cell Phones, Cameras, and Tape/Cassette Players. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, October 23rd from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road and will include EVSC Superintendent Dr. Vince Bertram.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, November 1st, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at 4-H Center. For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Daylight Savings Time Ends**—Sunday, November 2nd. Fall back an hour!
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, November 11th, 9:30 a.m. at the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, November 13th at 6 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **United Neighborhoods of Evansville 13th Annual Sparkplug Banquet**—Friday, November 14th, 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, November 18th at 6 p.m. located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Ste. 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.



2007

**“Neighborhood Sparkplugs
of the year”**



Keep Evansville Beautiful (KEB) was recognized as the Sparkplug from **Tepe Park Neighborhood Association**. *“Change Makers! That’s Keep Evansville Beautiful! This is a non-profit agency who raises their own funds and diligence work to find sponsors for their programs. KEB’s program “Great American Cleanup” is making our City cleaner and they also brighten our City with beauty with the Adopt-A-Spot program. This was an easy “Sparkplug” choice for Tepe Park Neighborhood as they are our unsung champions.”*

Mary C. Kixmiller ~ Tepe Park Neighborhood

Linda Wentzel from Western Terrace Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from her neighborhood.

“Linda has been our Secretary for the last 6 years. She has often hosted and made cookies or other snacks for our meetings. Linda also volunteers and provides food for the Great American Cleanup in our neighborhood. She also helps with our Annual Picnic. Linda is always positive and most of all keeps me straightened up!”

Sam Wentzel ~ Western Terrace Neighborhood



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville seeks a volunteer to help collect aluminum cans at two sites twice a month. The volunteer will pick up the cans using his or her own vehicle and take them to be recycled. For more information, contact Aimee Haas, community resource coordinator, at (812) 423-5623, ext. 33, or visit the agency’s web site at www.evansvillehabitat.org.

Vectren Presentations

The Farmer’s Almanac is calling for a colder and wet than normal winter this year. Chase Kelly with Vectren has spoke to our General Membership about ways to save money this year on heating bills. She has also offered to speak at your Neighborhood Association Meetings. For more information on scheduling a presentation, please contact the Vectren Speakers Bureau at (865) 982-6626 or vectren@marybethwest.com.

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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

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

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 23, 2008

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: EVSC Superintendent, Dr. Vince Bertram

