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From the President

From the Mayors Office (2/2/09)~

Special Storm Debris Program

Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility and Allied Waste announce plans to help residents dispose of large debris that fell from trees during last week's ice storm. Starting Monday, February 16th, Allied Waste will conduct a special storm debris curbside collection program.

"Several city departments have been busy removing trees that have fallen on city streets and sidewalks," said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel. "We also realize that people have a lot of larger tree limbs on their own property and there needs to be a way to help them dispose of that debris."

Allied will follow the grid pattern normally used for Heavy Trash Pick Up to collect storm debris. Pick up will start on the east side and work its way west (please see insert map). Allied will collect storm debris from two grids each day, starting with grids 1 and 2 on Monday, February 16th; 3 and 4 on Tuesday, February 17th, etc. Debris pick up will not occur on Saturdays or Sundays.

Allied will pick up larger pieces of debris that are no longer than four feet long and six inches in diameter. Storm debris must be placed curbside and does not need to be in any specific container, but it should be stacked to minimize safety hazards. The storm debris should be separate from other waste.

WARNING: BEWARE OF UNLICENSED UNSCRUPULOUS TREE TRIMMERS—THEY ARE IN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY!

You are liable for any injury or property damage caused by unlicensed tree trimmers. Please note the following:

"It is illegal to trim trees within the City of Evansville without a tree trimming license. For this reason, it is best to ask to see a license before you hire anyone. Dishonest crews may damage your property. Many also do not carry insurance, so you will be liable for damage to your home or your neighbor's home or property. If one of these workers injures themselves on the job, you will be responsible for their bills. To find a list of licensed tree trimmers, go to:

www.evansvillegov.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=2921.

David Ballew, President
United Neighborhoods of Evansville

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
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ZONING AND REZONING, Part VIII

by Fred Padget

We've looked at many aspects of the Area Plan Commission and its staff. This group also serves as the staff for the Board of Zoning Appeals who rule on petitions for variance from the zoning ordinance requirements and Special Uses. Today, we are going to look more in-depth at the BZA.

Basically, the BZA hear and determine appeals concerning any order, requirement, decision, or determination made under the zoning ordinance or enforcement of an ordinance that requires obtaining an improvement location permit or occupancy permit except for decisions by the Evansville and Vanderburgh County APC. In other words, the BZA approve or deny variances from specific zoning requirements, Special Uses and appeals. The BZA has all the powers of the official, officer, board, or body from which the appeal was taken.

Looking at the board's activity over the past few months, most of the appeals they hear deal with set-back rules (how far from the street a building can set), lot coverage, type of parking surface and required parking, height of buildings and, the number and amount of signage as well as Special Uses.

Special Uses include approximately 36 different categories of land use and activities such as schools, churches, hospitals, parks, communication or other towers, massage parlors, some home occupations and many, many more uses. The APC web site has an excellent chart indicating all the Special Uses.

The procedure for requesting an appeal hearing is much the same as for a zoning hearing including notification of abutting neighbors and registered neighborhood associations. Following the public hearing on the requested variance, the BZA must either grant or deny the petition and no variance may be granted except on a finding of all the following factors:

- The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community.
- The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner.
- The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property.
- The variance is not a variance of the use of the property.
- The petitioner's property is not located in a Planned Unit Development.
- The need for the variance is not created by the applicant.

The Board may incorporate into the granting of a variance whatever conditions or limitations are necessary to protect adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

This series of articles are 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 cover a few miscellaneous items, look at the legal authority for our zoning laws and start a discussion on the Evansville/Vanderburgh County Comprehensive Plan. If you have any aspect of the rezoning process you would like me to address, please let me know at fcpadget@aol.com or 428-2529.

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REMEMBER: What goes into your storm drains also goes into your OHIO RIVER!

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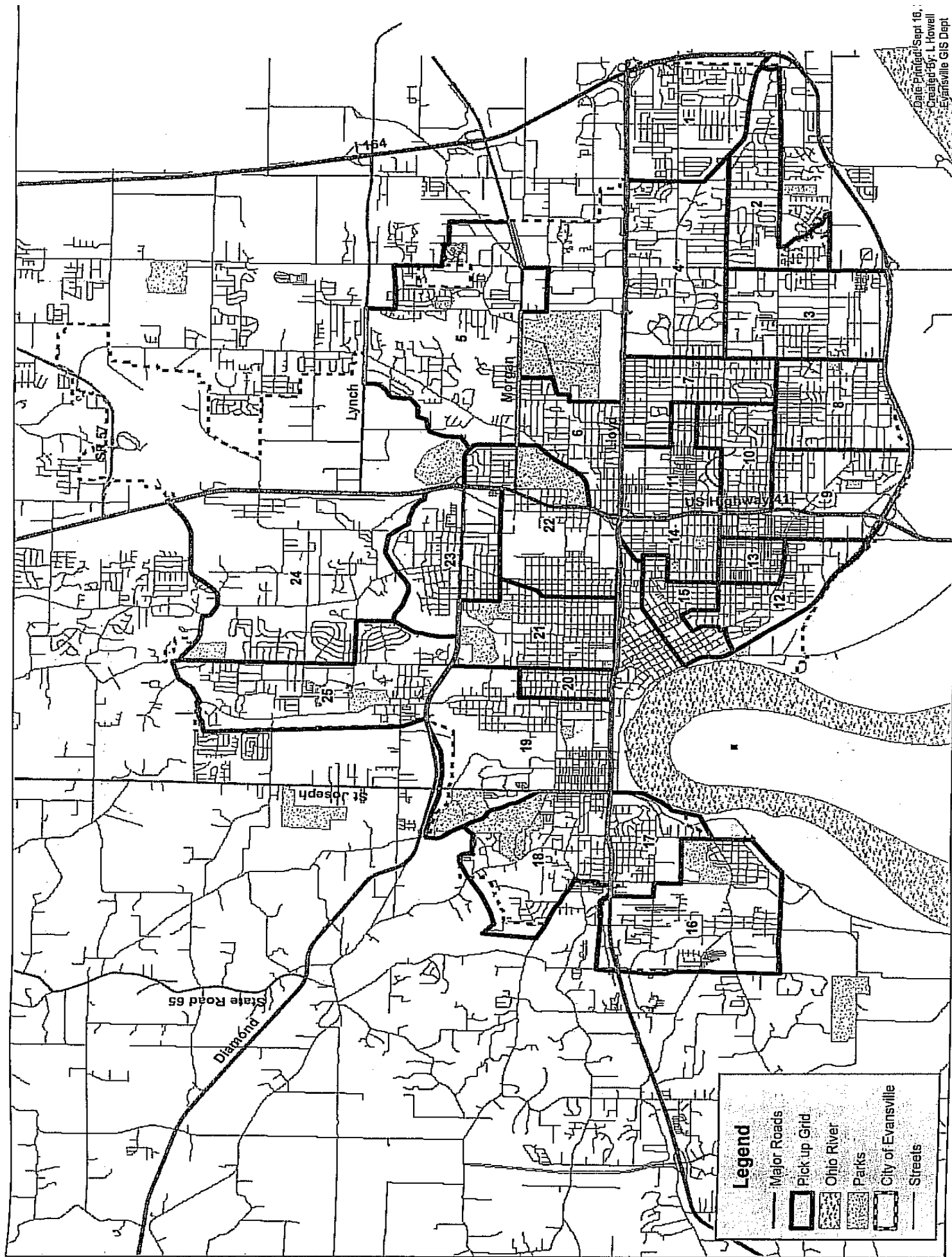
**"Neighborhood Sparkplugs
of the year"**



Tom Scheller from Akin Park Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"Tom Scheller is an unsung hero in Akin Park. For many years Tom has quietly provided his services to our neighborhood. Tom is always there for each park clean up, each tree planting, and rummage sale. Tom has been our chief cook for all occasions that called for grilling food. We all depend on Tom and want everyone to know what he has done for us through the years. Thank you, Tom."

~Nancy Currie, Akin Park Neighborhood



Keep Evansville Beautiful's EVIE program wins National Award



Keep Evansville Beautiful Executive Director Ann Ennis, Mary Scheller- KEB Program Coordinator-Beautification/Education, Steve & Susan Harp - Oak Hill Neighborhood, and EVIE (the Harp's dog and KEB mascot) attended the 2008 Keep America Beautiful National Conference in Washington, D.C. this past December. The Retrieving With EVIE Litter Program won the prestigious award of first place in the nation for Litter Prevention programs. KEB, Fifth/Third Bank, the Harps, Jon Siau (illustrator of the EVIE book) and EVIE were all credited with the success of this program. KEB and Vectren also won a second place award at the conference for their collaboration on the Welcome to Evansville sign/project located on Hwy. 41.

Over 300 people and representatives from 40 different states attended the national conference, but EVIE was truly the "hit" of the show. Ann and Susan presented a short overview of the program and watched in awe as Mary, Steve and EVIE entered the room on cue during the "Steal This" session. Keep America Beautiful wanted to keep it a secret that EVIE was a real dog until she walked into the room during the presentation. The crowd went wild! **EVIE took the entire Omni Shoreham Hotel by storm.** KEB heard several times from long-time KAB affiliates that the presentation of *Retrieving with EVIE* was the best session of the conference and one of the best, most memorable sessions of all KAB national conferences. EVIE showed off her talents at retrieving litter many times during the convention at KEB's booth in the Exhibitors' room. The Evansville group shared information about the program that entices children to civic pride through the hardback book, billboards, litter bags, bookmarks, and school visits (all made possible by Fifth Third sponsorship in 2007 and 2008.) There was a constant line at the EVIE table - she overshadowed all other exhibitors. She was so well behaved that EVIE was invited to attend the Award Luncheon where she received the most applause as she walked across the stage when the litter award winner was announced. She also received a huge piece of prime rib compliments of the director from Keep Smyrna Beautiful.

The idea of using a dog as a mascot to promote anti-litter in Evansville originated in 2004 after Steve and Susan attended the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference in Columbus, Ohio. They learned about the success of Ohio's anti-litter program and mascot, *Lucky the Ladybug* and they began thinking about what Susan could do to educate children in Vanderburgh County. The ideas grew and continue to grow with the help of KEB and sponsors. Mary, Steve and EVIE visited with over 2700 children in public, private and parochial schools in 2008. In addition, the group has shared the anti-litter message with 1000's of other children and adults by attending community events. They also, worked with Alcoa and WNIN to produce a DVD about EVIE and her anti-litter message. The Harps and Keep Evansville Beautiful believe we must teach the future generations why they should not litter and encourage them to help keep our community clean. If you would like to learn more about the Retrieving With EVIE program or have EVIE visit your neighborhood clean-up event or meeting, contact the KEB office @ 425-4461.



Announcements

- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, February 7th, 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the old Wal-Mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, February 10th, 9:30am at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, February 18th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, February 19th, 6:00 p.m. located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Meet Your Legislators**— Saturday, February 21st, 9:30am in the Browning Room at Central Library.
- **Recycle Day** — Saturday, February 21st, 8a.m.—12 p.m. at Evansville Day School. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, February 26th 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, March 5th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, March 18th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, March 12th at 6:00pm located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00pm located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Suite 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **Meet Your Legislators**— Saturday, March 21st, 9:30am in the Browning Room at Central Library.
- **Great American Cleanup**—Saturday, March 28th (U of E Giveback). For more information, call Keep Evansville Beautiful at 425-4461.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Banquet**—Friday, November 6th at 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center. Mark your calendars!!!

Stop Crooks Cold with Indiana's Security Freeze Law

Consumers can freeze third-party access to their credit reports until a consumer wants to “thaw” or release them. Since no legitimate business will issue or increase credit without reviewing an applicant’s credit report, the freeze stops criminals from falsely obtaining credit in your name. This makes it one of the most effective actions to take to protect yourself from financial fraud. By law, placing a security freeze won’t hurt your credit rating and the service is FREE. To obtain your AARP Security Freeze Kit containing background information, etc., call AARP toll free at 866-448-3618 or by e-mail at inaarp@aarp.org.

T **Traveling City Hall Program**

C The next Traveling City Hall Program will be on Thursday, February 26th from 5:30-7:30 pm at Helfrich Park Middle School, 2603 W. Maryland, 47712. All City residents are welcome at each TCHP.

H As 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.

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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.



The Great American Cleanup Picnic will be on April 4th at Wesselman Woods from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Everyone can enjoy lunch and pick up their bags and gloves, etc. for their clean up. Cleanup dates are March 28th (U of E Giveback), April 18th (Tire Recycling), and May 16th. More details to follow. If you or your neighborhood would like to join Keep Evansville Beautiful and the GAC, please call Juliene West at 425-4461.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 26, 2009

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: "Lifetime Care of Your Heart", Dr. Dan Adams

And Breast Cancer Screening Opportunity for Neighborhood Associations,

Lynn Herst, Deaconess Hospital

