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From the President

Legislators are working hard in the Statehouse for the 2009 Legislative Session. This is the longer session (every other year) meaning that their work must be completed by April 30th. This is also the session that develops and passes a new two year state budget. The national economy continues to affect Hoosiers and makes the budgeting process very difficult.

As local citizens we have the "right" and "responsibility" to keep up to date on the issues and to give our thoughtful opinions to our legislators on the issues we are knowledgeable and passionate about. This can be done in several ways but through our sponsorship of the four Meet Your Legislators sessions you have the opportunity to see them in person.

If you have issues to discuss, it would be valuable to put them in writing and hand to the legislator in person. Solid information with research and facts is helpful to the legislator. Emotional taunts and outbreaks only "kills" your effort to make a difference. It takes up your energy and the time of others for naught!

The House of Representatives offers several informative publications available at no charge. Complete publications can be downloaded at www.in.gov/H75 or the office of Dennis Avery at 1-800-382-9842 if you would like receive copies from the title list.

Publications: * Indiana: The Hoosier State – Fun Facts & Games
* Healthy Women
* Relax: An Information Guide for Senior Citizens
* In Case of an Emergency
* The Indiana Guide to State Agencies

As spring approaches so does the urge to beautify the areas we live in. We should take advantage of the efforts made and the training that is available to us from Keep Evansville Beautiful and the Master Gardener's Association. We can all pitch in and do a small part so no one person carries the full load.

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
- ❖ Keep Evansville Beautiful
- ❖ Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage
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ZONING AND REZONING, Part IX

by Fred Padget

Today we'll look at some aspects of the Area Plan Commission that may seem a little unusual for a planning group but are still an important part of what the group does and should be understood.

A couple of these functions is approving a change of use and granting occupancy permits. All businesses that first occupy a commercial location are required to obtain an occupancy permit from the APC. When a commercial use on a property is changed to a use different from a previous use, a change of use permit is required and must be filed for review by the Commercial Review Committee. Commercial permits are also required for any new construction, change of use, commercial occupancy, parking lot, change of access, etc. These plans are reviewed by the Commercial Review Committee (except for occupancy permits) and also require a site plan. Also, if you get into dividing up large tracts of land into parcels, there are parcelization guidelines which must be followed. Likewise, if you want to adjust your lot lines, maybe in conjunction with a neighbor, there are also procedures for that process. All of these processes and permitting procedures required by the APC should not be confused with requirements of the Building Commission who have their own permitting requirements and procedures.

I also want to mention a little about the APC's enforcement powers. Basically, anyone who fails to comply with the zoning ordinance by conduct or activity, or erection, construction, enlargement, conversion, moving or maintenance of a building or structure is in violation. Actions taken can include injunctions, abatements or any other action to prevent, enjoin, abate or remove the violation. The APC has two Zoning Enforcement Officers and one Zoning Investigator. If you are aware of zoning violations or feel something might be a violation, don't hesitate to contact the APC. They will investigate.

Before we leave the subject of zoning, I do want to mention that on their web site an agenda of upcoming rezonings is available within the time limits they must adhere to along with text and audio of previous meetings. Also, from the agenda you can access their Staff Report concerning each rezoning by clicking on the docket number. The Staff Report contains a great deal of information pertinent to the specific rezoning request along with a map of the area being rezoned. They are very informative and useful.

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. Agendas and minutes for both the APC and BZA including Staff Reports can be viewed at www.evansvilleapc.com.

This is the end of our series on Zoning and Rezoning. Next month, I hope to start a new series titled Land Use Planning and we'll begin by looking at the City/County Comprehensive Plan. If you have comments or questions, never hesitate to contact me at fcpadget@aol.com or 428-2529.

Citizen's



Academy

Who? Anyone that is interested in learning more about the Evansville Police Department.

What? A free of charge, seven week program to build citizen's awareness on police procedures and policies.

When? Spring and Fall of each year.
Held from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for seven weeks.

Spring Session: April 7—May 19, 2009

Where? Evansville Police Department, 15 NW Martin Luther King Jr., Boulevard, 47708.

Why? The goal of the Citizen's Academy is to give members of the community an inside look at the various units of the police department and to create better understanding and communication between citizens and the police through education. The Citizen's Academy provides an opportunity for the citizens of Evansville to know more about the men and women who are protecting their community.

-- PRESENTATIONS --

- Address by Chief of Police
- Hostage Negotiations
- S.W.A.T. Team
- Fire Arms Program
- Criminal Investigations
- Sex Crimes Unit
- Narcotics Unit
- Juvenile Investigations
- Internal Affairs
- Motorcycle Unit
- K-9 Demonstration
- Optional Ride-Along with Motor Patrol
- Crime Scene Unit

All presentations are given by officers specializing in each area.

**For more information or to register call:
436-4948**



**2008
"Neighborhood Sparkplugs
of the year"**



Officer Jeffrey Hales (West Sector) from Business 41 Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"Jeff has been our CPO for three years. He comes to all of our meetings and presents a comprehensive crime report which is informative and useful to all of us, business and homeowners alike.

He is involved in community projects such as National Night Out and is accessible to anyone needing the kind of services offered by the Evansville Police Department."

~Greg Stilwell, Business 41 Neighborhood

Do You Have Work To Be Done Around The House, But Don't Know Who To Call?

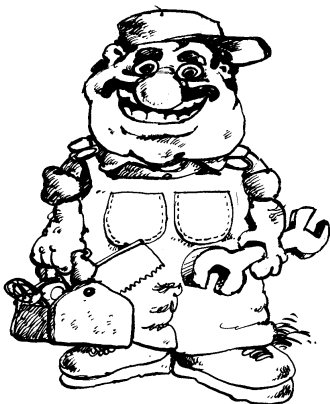


We may have the answer you're looking for!

From June 8-12, 2009, youth (ages 13-19) and adults from various locations around the state & tri-state will descend upon the Evansville area to participate in a Christian work camp called A.C.T.S. (**Answering the Call To Serve**), sponsored by Blue Grass United Methodist Church of Evansville.

Teams, comprised of 4-5 youth and at least one adult leader, will go into local homes to do yard work, paint, clean (Yes, we do windows, and other minor home repairs and projects.

If you are interested in how A.C.T.S. can work for you, please turn this sheet over!



Please take a moment to fill out this application. (Please fill out ALL of the information)

Applicant(s) name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

1. Do you own your own house? **(Circle one)**

YES NO (we are unable to accept rental properties due to liability reasons)

2. We will need to send a couple of adults from Blue Grass United Methodist Church to come and talk with you about your project prior to the week of the work camp to determine what needs to be done, what supplies will be required, and whether we can be of assistance. Are you willing to have them come and discuss the project with you?

(Circle one) YES NO

If yes, when would be a good time of day to contact you? _____

3. Would you be willing to have a team of four or five youth (ages 13-19) and at least one adult spend one day (from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) or two days, depending on the size of your project, with you during the week of June 8-12, 2009?

(Circle one) YES NO

If you are physically able, would you be willing to help the team with your project?

(Circle one) YES NO

4. What type of work do you need assistance with? (yard work, cleaning, painting, small building projects (no decks or access ramps), or minor home repairs) **PLEASE BE VERY SPECIFIC.**

5. If supplies or tools are needed for your project, what can you provide? (example: 3 gallons white exterior paint, cleaning supplies, lawn equipment, etc.) **PLEASE BE VERY SPECIFIC.**

6. Is there any other helpful information that you want to share with us? (health, financial, mobility, etc.)

Please send this form by May 1, 2009 to:
A.C.T.S.
Blue Grass United Methodist Church
14240 Petersburg Road
Evansville, IN 47715
Attn: Worksite Coordinator

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Public Health Subcommittee, Chair

Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs

Public Safety Subcommittee

Natural Resources

Announcements

- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, March 5th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, March 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, March 9th, 9:30am 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.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, March 18th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, March 19th, 6:00 p.m. located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Meet Your Legislators**— Saturday, March 21st, 9:30am in the Browning Room at Central Library.
- **Recycle Day** — Saturday, March 21st, 8a.m.—12 p.m. at 4-H Center Fairgrounds. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, March 26th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **Great American Cleanup**—Saturday, March 28th (U of E Giveback). For more information, call Keep Evansville Beautiful at 425-4461.
- **Great American Cleanup Picnic**—Saturday, April 4th at Wesselman Woods from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy lunch and pick up bags and gloves, etc. for neighborhood cleanup.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Banquet**—Friday, November 6th at 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center. Mark your calendars!!!



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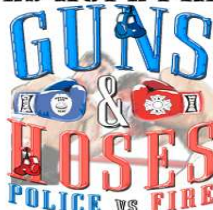
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911 GIVES HOPE PRESENTS



Guns & Hoses is a charitable fundraiser that consists of exhibition boxing matches between police officers and firefighters. On March 8th, 2008,

Evansville had it's first Guns & Hoses event at the Coliseum in front of a sold out crowd. The response was overwhelming and the next Guns & Hoses event will be held on **March 7th, 2009** starting at 7:00 P.M. Guns & Hoses started as a fundraiser to help fund research for Prader-Willi Syndrome and to help maintain Kids Kingdom Playground in Evansville. \$20,000.00 was received the first year. \$5,000.00 was donated to Prader-Willi United States of America, \$5,000.00 was donated to Youth Resources Teen Advisory Council for the maintenance of Kids Kingdom Playground and \$500.00 was donated to Holly's House. The remaining funds were used to establish a boxing gym for both police officers and fire fighters to train in and to secure Roberts Stadium for this years event. A foundation called 911 Gives Hope has been established and will be overseen by a group of three police officers and three firefighters. The goal of the 911 Gives Hope Foundation for 2009 is to raise \$100,000.00, all of which will be donated back to the community with the exception of expenses. Tickets for the March 7th, 2009 Guns & Hoses can be purchased at the Roberts Stadium Box Office or through any TicketMaster outlet. Ticket prices are \$15, \$20 and \$25.

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"Partners in Preparedness" Award Nominations

The Southwestern Indiana Disaster Resistance Community Corp. (DRC) is seeking nominees for their "Partners in Preparedness" awards. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize and honor those who have raised the bar and set standards through preparedness initiatives for others to replicate. The awards will be presented at a dinner the evening of April 16th 2009, at the Paradise Pavilion, 6299 Oak Grove Road in Newburgh.

The awards acknowledge initiatives related to operations which address preparedness for major incidents such as natural, man made disasters, pandemic flu, or major infrastructure failures. They recognize individuals, organizations, or groups who have made a lasting contribution in the field of preparedness in at least one of the following areas: Prevention or Mitigation Awareness or training Outreach Awards will be presented in each of the following categories:

*Individuals *Business *Government *Schools
*Health Care *Non-profits Agencies, Volunteer Group and/or Neighborhood Associations

If you are involved in any of these categories and need an application packet call the UNOE office and we will send you one or visit drc@swidrc.org to obtain one. As neighborhood associations you may have individuals who would qualify and many of the neighborhood associations have as an organization CERT teams, Disaster Preparedness workshops for seniors, and others. If you are a neighborhood association, the office will assist you in completing the application. The application deadline is noon on March 25, 2009.

This is an excellent opportunity to "show off" one of your neighborhood association projects!



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 26, 2009

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: *EVIE and Keep Evansville Beautiful*

