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to preserve, enhance, and promote
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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From the President

Hello Neighborhoods!

Don't let check cashers take a penny of your hard-earned money. Even if you've had problems with an account in the past or have never had an account before, you can open a bank account in Evansville. Your Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter this month has the details!

Bank on Evansville

On February 11th 2009, Evansville launched a unique and significant program called **Bank on Evansville**. The program is based on a major initiative developed by the City of San Francisco. Evansville is the only city in Indiana so far that has the program developed and launched. Indianapolis is in the process of developing the program with the help of Evansville's experience.

In November at the UNOE Board retreat we decided to endorse the program and encourage our neighborhoods to learn about the program and support the local efforts. Goosetown Neighborhood Association has had an initial program and Glenwood Neighborhood Association is scheduled for next month. We are just beginning and hope that each neighborhood association will learn about the program and sponsor workshops for your neighbors. This can be at your meetings initially and expand as you see fit. Paul Farmer has been the UNOE representative to this community-wide effort and is available to speak to all UNOE groups and help you plan any next steps.

A financial curriculum has been developed as part of Bank on Evansville and Paul has been trained to conduct the classes and is available for you. Just call the UNOE office to schedule these services.

Over the year there have been many "runs", "bicycle rides", and "walks" in many of our neighborhoods. These are events that are great and support excellent causes but play havoc with neighborhoods because of traffic problems. There is difficulty getting to church when they are on Sundays and in general confusion for the citizens. We are requesting that organizations please contact the neighborhoods with dates and information, so that they can look forward to participating and at least planning their family activities around the outside event. A call to the UNOE office with this information would allow UNOE to share the information with the neighborhoods involved and in return UNOE will give publicity to the organization planning the event.

A great example is the fall **Komen Race for the Cure** that will be downtown for the first time. The neighborhoods have been notified and some are planning little events along the race sites and for those who are visitors and spectators.

This is one way that United Neighborhoods of Evansville can assist agencies and organizations with these types of "special" events and the neighborhoods.

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
- ❖ Step Ahead of Vanderburgh County
- ❖ Vanderburgh County Assessor

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Upcoming Dates.....

- April 4th —** GAC Picnic
- April 15th—** UNOE Board Meeting
- April 14&16th—** FREE First Aid & CPR Training
- April 23rd—** UNOE General Membership Mtg

Fred Padget on Land Use Planning, Part I

Last month we finished our series on Zoning and Rezoning but they can still be viewed at the Westside Improvement web site http://westsideimprovement.org/zoning_101.htm or in the United Neighborhoods of Evansville newsletter at <http://unoevansville.org/Newsletter.htm>.

This new series is going to expand into the area of land use planning. Land use planning and the ultimate use of our land is a wide, varied, interesting and important subject with no lack of opinion. I'm certainly not an expert in land use planning but if I can encourage you to think about it enough to be concerned and, better yet, become involved with land use decisions than I'll feel my time in doing this series will be worthwhile.

I've been involved in land use issues in Evansville and Vanderburgh County as it involves the WIA for several years. A comment I hear very often is "why do we allow that specific land use to happen, why don't we have a plan"? Well, we do and it's a very good one. Its 251 pages long with many additional pages of tables and exhibits. It's called the Evansville/Vanderburgh County Comprehensive Plan and covers most every area of land use planning. It can be viewed at www.evansvilleapc.com/compplan.htm, at the UNOE office, or is available at most libraries. We'll discuss it at length in our forthcoming articles.

Indiana Code does not require that a county or city have a zoning code but they may chose to do so as contained in IC 36-7-4-202. And, if a jurisdiction has decided to have a zoning code, which we have, they must have a Comprehensive Plan as contained in IC 36-7-4-501 and adopted by the appropriate legislative body. In our case, the Comprehensive Plan has been adopted by resolution by Evansville, Vanderburgh County and the Town of Darmstadt. Sounds good so far but then IC 36-7-4-603 says **"the plan commission and the legislative body shall pay reasonable regard to: (1) the comprehensive plan"**. With an emphasis on "pay reasonable regard to" the result is that neither the APC nor the legislative bodies are required to follow the Comprehensive Plan. It boggles my mind. But, it is an important document and provides guidance for good land use planning if, as a community, we have the will and desire to use it.

We'll leave the subject for today and let you ponder about it. In the next few articles, we'll look in-depth at the Comprehensive Plan with an eye to strengthening the term "pay reasonable regard to" and later we'll get into other philosophies of land use planning, and what other communities are doing about it.

Recently, I've received many references and research material dealing with land use and we'll reference them in the articles as appropriate for your use. And, if you have any comments you'd like to provide me, please do so at fcpadget@aol.com or 428-2529.



Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

The Komen Race for the Cure, the major fund raising event for breast cancer awareness and cure, will be held on **SATURDAY, September 19th 2009**. This is a return to Saturday from Sunday and it will be held in a new location. For the past 11 years it was held at Eastland Mall. The new location will be Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. Neighborhood association persons that would like to be a part of the event may register to volunteer (many are needed). If you have a local singing group or instrumental group that would like to perform they are welcome also.

The time of the event is 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Contact Julie Blevins, Race for the Cure (812) 459- 0723 or www.komenevansville.org

The route is: Veterans Memorial Parkway – Shawnee Drive –SE Riverside- Monroe- Second-Main-Martin Luther King-Sycamore –Fourth- Court-First Street- Goodsell-Riverside Drive- Finish at the Riverfront Esplanade!

The route is beautiful and you are encouraged to walk the route before the Race just for fun and exercise. Maybe this will inspire all of us to get in shape!? There will be walkers and runners at the event so you can practice either one.

Disaster Preparedness Information

The new AT&T phone books have started to be delivered and DRC has 2 pages of Disaster Preparedness Information starting on page 27, right after the zip codes, which is excellent placement for visibility. Please inform your family, friends and others of the location of this information in the phone book to help them be more prepared at home.



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



Miss Anita Glover from C.C.I.A. Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from her neighborhood.

"This lady who has worked at Willard Library for over 30 years and works many different shifts, finds the time to attend all of the neighborhood association's meetings acting as secretary for both C.C.I.A. and Goosetown Neighborhoods. She has went into schools and neighborhood functions reading stories to the children and is always ready to help out when needed. Thank you for your dedication!"

~Rickquia Davis, C.C.I.A Neighborhood Association



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YES, YOU CAN OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT – HERE'S HOW!

Why spend hundreds of dollars a year at a check cashing company when you can deposit your own checks and pay your bills at no additional cost? Today in Evansville **EVERYONE** can get a bank account!

Bank on Evansville partners are here for you and ready to help. Bank on Evansville has partnered with 15 banks and credit unions all over the city to help **you open your own bank account**: The partners are: (all branches are participating)

Bank of Evansville

Evansville Commerce Bank

Farmers State Bank

Fifth Third Bank

First Security Bank

Integra Bank

United Bank

Diamond Valley Federal Credit Union

Evansville Federal Credit Union

Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union

First Federal Savings Bank

Heritage Federal Credit Union

Old National Bank

Sterling United Federal Credit Union

To find a participating branch near you, look for the Bank on Evansville sign:



Here are the ways participating banks and credit unions have agreed to help you:

- **Open a free or low-cost checking account**

Our partners are offering special free or low-cost products to help you keep more of your money

- **Keep an account open with no minimum**

The partners will keep your account open even if you need to spend all of your money each month

- **Open an account even if you had trouble with an account before**

Talk to a representative at a partner bank or credit union about your options.

Learn to make the most of your money

Bank on Evansville has programs to help you learn to manage your money. Visit www.BankOnEvansville.org to find out how the partners can help you:

Stay on Budget

Pay off debt

Manage a checking account

Improve a credit rating

The city of Evansville and participating bank and credit unions are working together to make opening a bank account as easy and stress-free as possible. If you have any questions, problems, or comments please contact Bank on Evansville by calling 2-1-1 or visit www.BankOnEvansville.org.

Announcements

- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, April 2nd, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, April 4th, 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the old Wal-Mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **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.
- **FREE First Aid & CPR Training**—April 14th & 16th, 6 p.m.—10 p.m. at the Red Cross Center. Call the UNOE office to register, 428-4243.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, April 15th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, April 16th, 6:00 p.m. located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Meet Your Legislators**— Saturday, April 18th, 9:30am in the Browning Room at Central Library.
- **Recycle Day** — Saturday, April 18th, 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, April 23rd from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, May 12th, 9:30am at the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, May 14th at 6:00pm located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00pm located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Suite 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Banquet**—Friday, November 6th at 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center. Mark your calendars!!!

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**

Master Gardener Plant Sale

Who: SWIMGA Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association, a non-profit organization of approximately 300 active area members trained thru Purdue Extension Service.

What: Annual Spring Plant Sale. There will be 12,000 plants, 40 varieties of tomatoes, Mother's Day gifts, garden crafts, as well as a large selection of annuals and perennial for both sun and shade raised locally by Master Gardeners.

When: Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 8:a.m. until 5:00p.m. and Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 10:00a.m. Until 2: 00 p.m.

Where: Vanderburgh County 4-H Center, Boonville-New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN

Why: All proceeds go directly back into varied projects including more than twenty-two gardens cared for by volunteer Master Gardeners throughout the Evansville area. These gardens include the Reitz Home Garden, University of Evansville Rose Garden, Mesker Zoo Gardens, Newburgh Park Gardens, and the Master Gardener Display Gardens.

Additional Information: The theme for this year's sale is Native Indiana Plants. Several varieties will be available to purchase. The sales area has been expanded this year to offer more veggies, a larger varieties of ferns, heirloom iris, and to make shopping easier. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Master Gardeners will make hourly presentations on a variety of topics including Medicinal Herbs, Sedum Container Gardening, Weatheriore and Gardening, Tomatoes 101, Gardens To Go (container with tomato, pepper, and herb plants), Native Plants and Trees After the Storm.

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The Evansville African American Museum

The Evansville African American Museum is to be open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed on Sunday and Monday and Holidays. Adults \$5.00 and children ages 3-17 \$2.50. Call for group tours and rates. Individual adult membership is \$25.00 and Students \$15.00. This museum is truly a community treasure. Watch for and take advantage of many interesting and educational events in addition to regular visitations.

The museum is located at 534-579 South Garvin Street. The phone number is 423-5188.

Postage Increase On May 11th

Just a reminder that the cost of mailing a letter will increase by 2 cents on Monday, May 11th. The new 44 cent stamp will be available on that date. For First Class mail there will be no increase in the current additional 17 cents per ounce.

Post Office customers can continue to mail letters for today's price of 42 – cents by purchasing the "Forever Stamps" before May 11th. The "Forever Stamp" is always the First Class single-piece 1 ounce letter price effective on the day it is used.

The first class price change represents an additional \$3.00 over the course of the year for the average household. **All new prices are available at usps.com/prices.**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 23rd, 2009

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: Internet Safety

Matt Hill, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department

