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to preserve, enhance, and promote  
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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## **From the President .....**

Greetings Neighborhoods— Odds and Ends

A reminder to those neighborhood associations with a "Litter Patrol" grant, that your reports including the financial report with original receipts are due on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Helfrich and Ballard Neighborhoods for their media coverage.

We get neighborhood association requests for program ideas. Most of the time the program should be timely to the specific neighborhood association. However, there are some that would be beneficial to everyone and would benefit the larger community. Here are two that are co-sponsored and developed by UNOE and one that is association specific.

- **Bank on Evansville project** developed by the local financial institutions, the city and community service agencies including UNOE. This is a 30 minute program scheduled through the UNOE office.
- **Personal and Family Preparation** for survival from a natural or man-made disaster. This is a one hour workshop for everyone and can be scheduled through the UNOE office.
- **Association member training** about the function and success of an active neighborhood association. A 30-45 minute program scheduled through the UNOE office.



## **2009 REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CONFERENCE (RNNC)**

THIS YEAR'S RNNC WILL BE THE 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN DECATUR, IL FROM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNOE OFFICE AT 428-4243 OR DOUG OHNING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AT 436-7823.

## **UNOE Services**

The UNOE office wants to remind member neighborhoods about the services we provide to help you grow and reach your goals!

- Technical Assistance
- Grant writing assistance
- Help with research, program ideas & development
- Computer and work station for individual neighborhood use
- Discounted copy rate and use of UNOE's Bulk Mailing Permit

We encourage all neighborhoods to take advantage of these great services *and many more!* That's what we are here for! Call the UNOE office for more information at 428-4243.

**[WWW.UNOEYANSVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.UNOEYANSVILLE.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.....***

- June 17<sup>th</sup>— UNOE Board Mtg.
- June 25<sup>th</sup>— UNOE General Membership Mtg

## Fred Padget on Land Use Planning, Part III

Last month we looked at some of the general guiding principles for the Evansville/Vanderburgh County Comprehensive Plan. Today, we'll start to look at the desired land use pattern and the development goals, objectives and policies that provide guidance for land use decisions.

As stated in the plan "The underlying principal of the land use plan is to assure that Evansville and Vanderburgh County can reasonably accommodate the expected and desired changes in an orderly manner that meets the needs and vision of the community". The plan also considers transportation factors, parks, environmental quality, urban design and a host of other factors associated with good, sound land use.

The plan is based on the following general themes:

- the need for responsible and orderly growth and economic development;
- the need to maintain and revitalize the Central Business District and Urban Core areas;
- the conservation of natural, cultural, and historic resources; public and private investments; and other unique community assets;
- the need to maintain, protect, and where necessary revitalize Evansville's existing neighborhoods since they are a vital community resource; and,
- the need to maximize the use of the existing infrastructure and undeveloped or underutilized land within the City through infill development.

One of the major objectives in the plan for general land use is that growth should grow outwardly from the central business district and other major activity centers into areas with lower density development. Growth first should occur as infill development which might mean using vacant lots, existing buildings or replacing deteriorated buildings. It may also include changing a properties use from a low intensity use such as a parking lot to a higher intensity use such as offices or stores. Where this is not existent or possible, the growth should be contiguous to existing built up areas and not leapfrog into rural or sparsely developed areas. This is commonly referred to as spot zoning if it occurs.

Additionally, the transportation network, traffic congestion, alternative transportation modes, storm water runoff, available utilities and other supporting infrastructure should be carefully considered to prevent unnecessary public or private expense. If new development occurs, the new development should incur the full cost or participate in the cost of the public infrastructure (e.g. roads, water and sewer) needed to serve these developments through dedication of easements, and construction of infrastructure improvements. Some items of particular interest included in the plan regarding these items are that impact analyses should be used to determine the effect of new developments on the environment, road network, educational system, community services, and utilities; the Subdivision Ordinance should be amended to provide the APC with the authority to require special studies and to address off-site improvements to mitigate substantial development impacts on community infrastructure, services and flooding; and to establish the threshold criteria that would initiate traffic studies for new development.

Another objective of the general land use plan emphasizes development characteristics that enhance Evansville's vision through urban design and historic preservation. In regard to historic preservation, the plan promotes preservation and rehabilitation of historic sites for public and private use (think of the old post office or the old Greyhound station); defining elements of historic buildings should be preserved; and existing focal points should be strengthened and new focal points created to connect elements of historic and natural importance, creating interest and variety in the community landscape.

Other items concerning development characteristics and, I'm sure, of interest to the Smart Growth Group, include encouragement of natural resource corridor protection to improve and preserve the water quality of streams, wildlife habitat and rural character; acquisition of scenic or conservation easements to protect natural and man-made environmental resources; investigating a change for sign requirements in the zoning code in order to enhance and improve signage as a contributing element in the aesthetic quality of the community in general and particularly along major corridors and at I-69 interchanges; research the feasibility of placing overhead utility lines underground within new major subdivisions and redeveloped areas; evaluate establishing criteria for burying existing lines; and investigate changing the parking requirements in the zoning code to reduce the amount of impervious pavement required and establish criteria to allow for permeable surfaces.

Further the plan discourages rezonings that will require a variance to meet code requirements; and encourages progressive site design and compliance with all zoning code requirements to reduce the need for variances.

We covered a lot in this article and next month we'll look at some of the specifics contained in the Comprehensive Plan regarding residential development and related concerns. The complete version of the Comprehensive Plan can be viewed at [www.evansvilleapc.com](http://www.evansvilleapc.com) and at most local libraries. And, if you have any comments or questions, please contact me at [fcpadget@aol.com](mailto:fcpadget@aol.com) or 428-2529.

# **Suggested Flu Precautions**

Flu is passed from person to person via droplets from coughs or sneezes. The flu virus can also live for some time on environmental surfaces (e.g. doorknobs, light switches). A combination of personal precautions and workplace decontamination can help curtail the spread of the flu. Call the Vanderburgh County Health Department at 435-2400 with any questions or concerns.

## **Personal Precautions**

### **Practice social distancing**

- Follow Universal Precautions when dealing with EMS runs.
- Keep at least three feet distant from ill individuals if possible.
- Limit skin to skin contact such as hand shakes.

Avoid large gathering if possible.

### **Keep well hydrated**

Your body is more susceptible to the flu if you are dehydrated.

### **Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough**

Cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away. Cover your cough or sneeze if you do not have a tissue. Then, clean your hands, and do so every time you cough or sneeze.

### **Clean your hands often**

When available, wash your hands -- with soap and warm water -- then rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces. Wash for 15 to 20 seconds. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used.

### **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth**

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs can live for a long time (some can live for 2 hours or more) on surfaces like doorknobs, desks, and tables.

### **Stay home when you are sick and check with a health care provider when needed**

When you are sick or have flu symptoms, stay home, get plenty of rest, and check with a health care provider as needed. Your employer may need a doctor's note for an excused absence. Remember: Keeping your distance from others may protect them from getting sick. Common symptoms of the flu include:

- fever (usually high)
- headache
- extreme tiredness
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle aches, and
- nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, (much more common among children than adults).

# **Suggested Flu Precautions (continued)**

## **Home & Workplace Precautions**

### **Keep everyone's personal items separate.**

Everyone should avoid sharing pens, papers, clothes, towels, sheets, blankets, food or eating utensils unless cleaned between uses.

### **Disinfect the area.**

- Use an antiviral cleanser such as Lysol.
- Disinfect doorknobs, switches, handles, computers, telephones, toys and other surfaces that are commonly touched around the workplace.
- Wash everyone's dishes in the dishwasher or by hand using very hot water and soap.
- Wash everyone's clothes in a standard washing machine as you normally would.
- Use detergent and very hot water and wash your hands after handling dirty laundry.
- Wear disposable gloves when in contact with or cleaning up body fluids.
- Promote good ventilation of the area.

### **People with swine flu who are cared for at home should:**

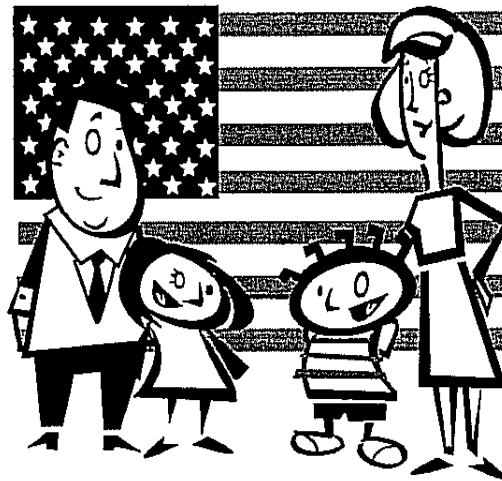
- Check with their health care provider about any special care they might need if they are pregnant or have a health condition such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma, or emphysema.
- Check with their health care provider about whether they should take antiviral medications.
- Stay home for 7 days after your symptoms begin or until you have been symptom-free for 24 hours, whichever is longer.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Drink clear fluids (such as water, broth, sports drinks, electrolyte beverages for infants) to keep from being dehydrated.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Clean hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub often and especially after using tissues and after coughing or sneezing into hands.
- Avoid close contact with others – do not go to work or school while ill.
- Be watchful for emergency warning signs (see below) that might indicate you need to seek medical attention.

### **Get medical care right away if the sick person at home:**

- Has difficulty breathing or chest pain.
- Has purple or blue discoloration of the lips.
- Is vomiting and unable to keep liquids down.
- Has signs of dehydration such as dizziness when standing, absence of urination, or infants, a lack of tears when they cry.
- Has seizures (for example, uncontrolled convulsions).
- Is less responsive than normal or becomes confused.

DRC is selling wristbands  
for \$15.00 with \$2.00  
going toward  
preparedness projects  
in the community.

Children 15 and under  
are **FREE** with an adult



Stop by the Disaster Resistant Community Booth  
at the **Evansville Freedom Festival**.

DRC will be selling:

- Water at \$1.00 each
- Cold wet cloths for 25 cents and
- **Raffle tickets** for a chance to win:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: a 5800 Watt Emergency Generator
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Emergency Supplies Bag

Tickets are **\$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00**

There will be displays and information to help  
you become more prepared.

Come by the DRC office at 318 Main St. Suit 207  
to purchase your wristbands.

Join us downtown and enjoy the fun  
**June 18th - 21st**

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## “READY or NOT”

- Are you and your family ready for disasters that are likely to happen here?
- Do you have a plan for reuniting your family following a disaster?
- Do you know what should be in a 72-hour kit?
- Not sure?...Take the “READY or NOT” disaster preparedness quiz and see how ready you and your family are.

Give yourself points for each question:

No               = 0  
Somewhat     = 5  
Yes             = 10

Points	Question
	I have a good idea of which disasters can happen where I live.
	All adults in my family have completed a first aid class during the last two (2) years.
	All adults in my family know when and how to shut off utilities such as water, electricity, and natural gas at our home.
	I know what to do during an earthquake whether I'm inside or outside and have taught all my family members.
	I involved my family in practicing safe responses to home fires, earthquakes, and tornadoes by hold drills.
	If a disaster occurs tonight, you would find these supplies in my home: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flashlight and extra batteries</li> <li>2. Portable, battery-powered radio and extra batteries</li> <li>3. First aid kit and reference book</li> <li>4. One-week supply of food and a non-electric can opener</li> <li>5. Two-week supply of bottled water (1 gal/person/day)</li> <li>6. A safe, alternate cooking stove, fuel, and matches</li> <li>7. One-week supply of essential prescription medications</li> <li>8. Fire extinguisher (A-B-C rated)</li> <li>9. Adjustable wrench for turning off gas and water</li> <li>10. Working smoke alarm</li> </ol>
	I know how to purify water if my usual source is contaminated.
	I have checked my smoke alarms within the last six (6) months and replaced the batteries if necessary.
	I have pre-identified an out-of-state friend or relative that family members know.
	I have a plan for maintaining my disaster preparedness status. I regularly update supplies, hold drills, and review what my family should do in different scenarios.

Add up the points and see if you are “Ready ... or Not”.

\_\_\_\_\_ My score

Scoring:

- 90-100 = Excellent! My family is ready for anything.  
80-89 = Good! My family is better prepared than most.  
60-79 = Okay. I need to do a few more things.  
40-59 = Not so good. I have lots of preparing to do.  
0-39 = How embarrassing. I will become better prepared.

# Announcements

- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, June 4th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, June 6th, 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the old Wal-Mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Recycle Day** — Saturday, June 20th, 8a.m.—12 p.m. at Evansville Day School. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, June 17th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, June 18th, 6:00 p.m. located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Jacobsville Neighborhood Soil Contamination Site Public Meetings**—Tuesday, June 23rd from 6:30—8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 24th from 10 a.m.—noon both held in the Browning Rooms of the Central Library downtown.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, June 25th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**— Thursday, July 9th at 6:00pm located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, July 14th, 9:30am at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, July 15th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, July 21st at 6:00pm located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Suite 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **National Night Out**—Tuesday, August 4th from 6—9 p.m. at Akin, Garvin, and Lorraine Parks.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Banquet**—Friday, November 6th at 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center. Mark your calendars!!!

## Hilltop Neighborhood Association— Annual Rummage Sale

*Convert your 'stuff' to cash! Rent a spot for \$10.*

**When: June 6; rain date June 13**

**Time: 7 am to 1 pm**

Where: Pine Haven Rehab's parking lot  
at 3400 Stocker Dr. (off of Harmony Way)

Contacts: Brenda at 401-4992 or Betty at 424-8042

A food booth with grilled items and drinks will be available.

## Habitat for Humanity of Evansville

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville seeks retirees to join our regular volunteer crew to help on construction sites. No experience is necessary. Construction managers and core volunteers are on hand to instruct new volunteers. Our core group of volunteers works from 7 to 11 a.m. and from noon to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. You can help as much or as little as you wish, whatever fits your schedule.

We also are seeking volunteers to help in the office with filing, answering the phone, etc., at various times.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please call Lydia Johnson, community relations director, at 423-5623, ext. 21.

## Goosetown Festival 2009

**June 19th & 20th**

**11 a.m.—7 p.m.**

Location: At the Fountain on Haynie's Corner  
(Downtown Evansville at the intersection of  
2nd, Washington, and Adams Streets).  
Proceeds go to the Culver & Lincoln PTA's.  
For more information, call the UNOE office.



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



**David Wiist from Diamond-Stringtown Neighborhood Association** was recognized as the **Sparkplug** from his neighborhood.

*"David has served on our Board for 3 years. He has been instrumental in planning and executing Neighborhood Cleanups and is the editor of our newsletter. We would like to present the Sparkplug Award to David for all his hard work."*

*~Bob Thomas, Diamond-Stringtown*

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- Open a Checking and/or Savings account even if you have had trouble with an account before!

Look for the Bank on Evansville logo at the financial institution nearest you or call 211 for more information.

***Money savings tip of the month:*** If you decide to make investments do your homework don't invest in something just because a friend or family said it was a good deal. Know what you are investing in. Get professional advice if you need it. You should have enough savings to pay for 3 to 6 months of expenses in case of an emergency. Make sure you have an emergency savings account before considering investing in non-deposit products.



### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 25th, 2009

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: *Evansville Arena Project – John Kish, Project Director*

