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From the President—Elect.....

Greetings Neighbors!

The month of October marks one of the most exciting times of the year to be involved in an UNOE member neighborhood association. We are a month away from our annual celebration, the **Sparkplug Banquet**. I would like to thank all the members of the Sparkplug Banquet Planning Committee for their hard work and leadership over the past several months to make this a special night for all who attend. **We will be presenting UNOE's Annual Sparkplug Banquet on Friday, November 6th, 2009. This year's theme will be "Come on Board".** Our speaker will be Evansville's own Jeff Lyons from WFIE 14. This will mark the second year that our banquet will be held at the Scottish Rite Community Center in downtown Evansville. We hope to have over 350 neighbors and neighborhood supporters in attendance. For us to reach such a goal, we need to encourage reservations. We will not be able to achieve it without your help! Now is the time for you to approach your members and neighbors regarding this event. It is my opinion that this banquet is a great tool for recruiting new members and leaders for your association.

The registration and payment deadline is Friday, October 30th.

Additionally, we are selling ads in the banquet program. Advertisements start at \$20 each and all funds generated from their sales will go back to the membership in the form of additional neighborhood grants that are given out throughout the evening. If you would like to help us sell or would like to purchase an advertisement for yourself, neighborhood association, or business, please contact the UNOE office.

Furthermore, we are actively seeking donations for attendance prizes to be given out at the banquet. If you know of or have a donation, please contact the UNOE office for the form. Return the form to the office with any donation you receive. As always, contact any UNOE staff member with questions that you may have.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone in advance for their help in making this annual event a continued success. Without you, we would never be able to reach such lofty goals for 2009 and beyond.

Remember that the strength of UNOE and your NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION lies within each individual member, while the strength of each MEMBER is within the neighborhood association! One can't survive without the other!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY! I look forward to seeing everyone on the 6th of November!

Chris Cooke, President-Elect
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
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity of Evansville
- ❖ Keep Evansville Beautiful
- ❖ Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage
- ❖ Vanderburgh County Assessor

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Upcoming Dates.....

- October 3rd—Recycle Day**
- October 15th—West Sector Mtg.**
- October 17th—Recycle Day**
- October 21st—UNOE Board Mtg.**
- October 22nd—UNOE General Membership Mtg.**
- November 6th—UNOE Sparkplug Banquet**



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Michael Reed from Glenwood Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"Glenwood Neighborhood Association is very fortunate to have Michael Reed as a member of our group. Michael seems to radiate warmth in his own special way. He is mannerly, polite, helpful, willing to listen, offers to help suggestions and shares his knowledge in ways to get help with neighborhood problems. Also, at times he has taken complaints to proper authorities for us. Mike, as called by many, is also Vice-President of our Glenwood Neighborhood Association. He is very active in our association and we are proud to recommend him for the 2008 UNOE Sparkplug Award."

Lucy Williams,
 Glenwood Neighborhood Association



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Mrs. Betty Frieson from Goosetown Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"The Goosetown nominee is Mrs. Betty Frieson, even though she has several health problems, she continues to be a very positive force in the Neighborhood Association. She never says no when we call on her for her services. She even attends meetings when her health problems tell her she needs to be at home. For this dedication, the Sparkplug Award from Goosetown Neighborhood Association goes to Mrs. Betty Frieson."

Portia Cook,
 Goosetown Neighborhood Association



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Officer Nick Sandullo from CCIA and Goosetown Neighborhood Associations was recognized as the Sparkplug from these neighborhoods.

"A pleasing personality, firm but fair, and always willing to listen to our concerns and issues; has caused this young man to form a positive rapport with members of the Neighborhood Associations. When we point out situations that need attention, he is right on it. His stats are very informative and detailed. He has helped out at our Christmas in the Hood and is just a good person and CPO. This award goes to Evansville Police Officer, Mr. Nick Sandullo."

Fred Cook,
 CCIA and Goosetown Neighborhood Associations



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Kim Merkel from Helfrich Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from her neighborhood.

This person was one of the first neighbors to help form the Helfrich Neighborhood Association. She stepped up right away and offered to be an officer. She is one of those people who is involved within the community. She led as Chairperson for the 1st Annual Neighborhood Rummage Sale and is a Block Captain. She is very instrumental in bringing new ideas to the group and is a very good team player.

Kim is one of those people who is hard working throughout the community and continues to give it her all. We thank UNOE for this opportunity to say thank you to one of our own. Helfrich Neighborhood is grateful to give our 2008 Sparkplug Award to Kim Merkel."

Bob Head,
 Helfrich Neighborhood Association



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Joe Reis from Hilltop Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"The Hilltop Neighborhood Sparkplug Committee selected the following person to receive the recognition for 2008. His name is Joe Reis (Yogi). He has been involved in our neighborhood activities for several years. He is a "behind the scenes type of person". He waters and works in our Adopt-A-Spot, used his pickup truck to haul mulch and live plants from Lowes to our Adopt-A-Spot for several years, donated items to be sold at our annual rummage sale with proceeds going to our neighborhood. Yogi has helped with the Great American Cleanup for several years, he helps pickup trash, and disposes of old tires also. He also brought donuts. At our Christmas Party, he picked up the tab for all eating that night; he donated enough beanie babies to give out for two years at the Annual Night Out activities at Garvin Park. Joe also donated large stuffed animals for two years' Christmas parties at two different nursing homes. He is very shy person, but truly deserves to be recognized. He is a gem to behold. Thanks Yogi....

Carolyn Stagg,
Hilltop Neighborhood Association



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Bob Ebinger from Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"Lorraine Park Neighborhood would like to recognize Bob Ebinger for his years of service to our association. Bob has been a devout and insightful member, always willing to support and help out in all of our neighborhood projects. For the last three and a half years Bob has served as Secretary, keeping detailed records of our meetings. Our members have also enjoyed the delicious cookies his wife, Marie, brings to our meetings. With gratitude, we salute Bob as he passes the torch of secretary to another member. We are pleased to honor Bob as our 2008 Neighborhood Sparkplug of the Year and we thank you, Bob, for all your time and talent you have so graciously shared with our neighborhood association."

Delores Mason,
Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association



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Jim and Ruby Morgan from Jacobsville Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplugs from their neighborhood.

"Jim and Ruby Morgan are the unsung heroes of the Jacobsville Neighborhood Association. This team has seen the Jacobsville Neighborhood Association through many years of ups and downs. Jim and Ruby have contributed over the years countless hours in both official and serving capacities and they remain very active. Jim now serves as "President Emeritus". At a time when most people are hanging it up, they say they are just getting started.

Rick Barter,
Jacobsville Neighborhood Association



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Evadean Gordon from Mt. Auburn Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from her neighborhood.

"Evadean has lived in the neighborhood for more than 40 years. She was a charter member of the neighborhood association and has been on the Board of Directors since the beginning of the association's existence. She knows everyone in the neighborhood, who's sick, who's moving, who's having grandchildren, and who's in need of help or assistance. She rarely misses a meeting and cares deeply about her neighbors and her neighborhood. There is no one more deserving of this award than everyone's good friend on Mt. Auburn, Evadean Gordon."

Rick Davis,
Mt Auburn Neighborhood Association



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Jim Bannister from North Country Club Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"Jim Bannister was a core member, assisting the start of the association. He has been our treasurer since 1999. Jim has only missed 3 or 4 meetings. He has attended and worked at all events, Adopt-A-Spot, Picnics, Clean-ups, Halloween on the Blvd., Christmas dinners and Night Outs. Although sick at times, he was still there never complaining and always smiling."

Bob Mangold,
North Country Club Neighborhood Association



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Roger Dixon from Oak Hill Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"Roger volunteered to design a website for Oak Hill Neighborhood Association. He handled the process from acquiring the domain to becoming our webmaster. Our neighbors make a positive comment each meeting on how convenient it is to look up minutes from previous months or check on special dates via this site. This website has also made it much easier for new neighbors and outside agencies to contact us regarding neighborhood questions or issues. Thank you and congratulations to Roger Dixon! You are Oak Hill's 2008 Spark Plug Winner!"

Susan Harp,
Oak Hill Neighborhood Association



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Mark Miller from South Lincoln Park Drive Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"Mark's dry wit and no-nonsense approach to getting the job done characterize his neighborhood volunteer efforts. Mark also supplies us with the paper to print our newsletters. He is always ready to help no matter what the task. Our neighborhood has a genuine asset in Mark Miller. Thank you."

Cindy Witmeier,
South Lincoln Park Dr. Neighborhood Association



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Kenneth Wire from STAR Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

"Ken is active in the association. He attends the meetings, works on projects such as Neighborhood Clean-ups, Tire Amnesty Day, and National Night Out. He is also the Neighborhood Association Treasurer. Ken is very deserving of this award."

William Goodsen,
STAR Neighborhood Association

FDP Initiative Phase II Focus Area: Neighborhood Revitalization Tools:

- ② Create TIF District to capitalize incentive package & infrastructure improvements over time
- ② Incentive package to attract market rate re-investment:
 - ▣ Local lenders:??—below market financing (bank's cost of \$ plus 1 point); fixed rate long-term loans equal to cost of construction vs. appraised value
- ② CDFI Community Development Financial Organization
- ② Cash incentives to help overcome appraisal differential
- ② Interest rate buy downs
- ② Free/reduced cost property—vacant lots & rehab structures
- ② Brownfield board continues to buy property--land bank

DMD Project Funding Needs & Potential Funding Sources (Estimates only)

- ② \$50 Million in loan funds over 5-7 years (local lenders)
- ② \$3 million in direct incentives for Neighborhood Revitalization/yr
- ② \$1 million public infrastructure improvements: streets, curbs, gutters, lighting, signage, parks, etc
- ② Connectivity between the focus area and downtown, greenway trails, riverfront, and all other activities, festivals, etc.

FDP-Neighborhood Pride Project DMD Funding Sources LMI

- \$2,500,000 (CDBG Prior years Funds 1-time)
- \$1,500,000 (HOME Prior years Funds 1-time)
- \$2,000,000 (NSP direct allocation 1-time)
- \$1,000,000 (INTR State grant 1-time)
- \$950,000 (CDBG Loan 1-time)
- \$500,000 (CDBG yearly)
- \$400,000 (HOME yearly)
- 8,850,000. Total for LMI families

Neighborhood Pride Newly Constructed Homes



1211 Judson



39 Jefferson

For additional information, contact
the Department of Metropolitan Development at 812-436-7823

Or visit the City's Website at
<http://www.evansvillegov.org/Index.aspx?page=47>

Announcements

- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, October 3rd, 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the old Wal-Mart west. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, October 15th, 6:00 p.m. located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, October 17th, 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the 4-H Center Fairgrounds. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, October 21st, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, October 22nd from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Banquet**—Friday, November 6th at 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center. Mark your calendars!!!
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**— Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00pm located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Suite 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, November 18th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.



Bank on Evansville—An opportunity for everyone to secure a bank account, even if you have had problems in the past. Seventeen local banks and credit unions are participating. Find out how you can start depositing in **your own bank account**. For more information, simply dial 2-1-1 and we will connect you.



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Amy Brown from University South Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from her neighborhood.

"Amy and her family worked tirelessly organizing our neighborhood yard sale this summer. With over 400 homes in our area, this is no small accomplishment.

We appreciate her efforts as well as Esther Wilson who co-chaired this event. We are thankful to have so many wonderful people with their unique God-given skills and talents in our neighborhood."

*Therese Finn,
University South Neighborhood Association*



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Mary Ann Schapker from Western Terrace Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug from her neighborhood.

"Mary Ann has always been a supporter of our neighborhood. She has been a Block Captain for several years. She voluntarily fills in for Block Captains unable to deliver their newsletters. She has hosted the "Great American Cleanup" at her home. Mary Ann and her husband, Ollie, always help at the "National Night Out" picnic.

We consider her an excellent neighbor and valued member of Western Terrace Neighborhood Association.

*Sam Wentzel,
Western Terrace Neighborhood Association*

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14th Annual United Neighborhoods of Evansville Sparkplug Dinner



The 14th Annual Sparkplug Dinner will be held on November 6, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center downtown. The theme for this year's banquet will be **"Come On Board"**.

The dinner menu will include grilled ginger chicken breast, baked potato, green beans, dinner salad, rolls, and a variety of pies and cheesecake for dessert. The entertainment for the evening will include a neighborhood activity slideshow, musical entertainment, keynote speaker, and the presentation of the individual Neighborhood "Sparkplug" Award winners.

The true cost of the dinner is \$21.00 per person. United Neighborhood Association member's cost is \$10.00 per person and **MUST** be paid in advance. **The registration and payment deadline is Friday, October 30th.** If your neighborhood has pictures you would like to include in the neighborhood slideshow, please bring or mail them to the UNOE office by Monday, October 26th. The Neighborhood "Sparkplug" Nominee forms are to be returned by Monday, October 26th as well. Remember to nominate a deserving neighbor, business, or group for the "Sparkplug" Award.

Don't forget to extend an invitation to Evansville Police, CPO's, Sheriff's Department, and Firefighters to be your guest at the banquet. The cost will be \$10.00 paid in advance.

Plan now to attend and participate in this evening of good cheer, great fellowship, celebration, and recognition! For more information or to make reservations, please call the UNOE office at 428-4243.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 22nd, 2009

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: Election of Regional Vice-Presidents @ 6:00 p.m. &

"Keeping your Neighborhood Association viable, successful, and out of trouble"

