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the Evansville neighborhoods*

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From the President-Elect

Welcome to 2010 and the start of a new era for the United Neighborhoods of Evansville. As the incoming President of our organization, let me first start by saying how much I look forward to working with each and everyone of you! Together we will help to promote the positive growth of UNOE and educate the local citizens on neighborhood associations in general. I have set a personal goal in 2010 to try and attend at least one meeting or event sponsored by each of our member neighborhood associations.

I am honored to be President of this organization and will do my very best to fill the shoes of everyone who has held this office prior to me. Only by working as a team will we continue to make positive momentum for our goals in the next two years. I want to make clear that I am accessible and encourage feedback at all times. Please feel free to contact me anytime!

I would like to give a "Thank You" to Dave Ballew for his leadership and guidance over the past two years. I know that he will continue to be an asset to our organization as the Past President member of our board. I would also like to thank the current officers and members of our board of directors. Additionally, I would thank our office staff for everything that they do for us in our mission. Everyone mentioned above helps to create the solid foundation that our house is built upon.

As we start our journey over the next two years of my presidency, I will be the first to admit that I don't have all the answers. However, we will work as a team to find the answers as issues arise. Our focus will be on doing the small things well in an efficient manner. By doing the small things right daily, we will be better prepared for the tough challenges that our member associations will face in the coming months. This is my promise to you; we will be ready to assist you and your members.

In the coming newsletters, I will lay out our 2010 goals and plans for reaching them. But in the meantime, I ask that you attend our general membership meetings each month. Also, I ask that you invite your membership out to our meetings as well. Furthermore, I want to remind you that our board meetings are open if you would like to come out and address us; I ask that you notify the office so we can get you on the agenda and ensure you a seat in the meeting room. The board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4pm in room 305 of the Hulman Building.

In closing, 2010 will be packed full of new opportunities for our member neighborhood associations. I ask that you step forward and answer the call to make your neighborhood the best that it can be! The UNOE Officers, Board Members, and Staff are here to assist you!

Chris Cooke, President-Elect
United Neighborhoods of Evansville

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
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity of Evansville
- ❖ Keep Evansville Beautiful
- ❖ Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage
- ❖ Vanderburgh County Assessor

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- January 9th—UNOE Board Retreat
- January 14th—South Sector Mtg.
- January 19th—East Sector Mtg.
- January 20th—UNOE Board Mtg.
- January 21st—West Sector Mtg.
- January 25th—UNOE General Membership Mtg.

Land Use Planning, Part IX

By Fred Padget

Last month we looked at how interdependent the Comprehensive Plan and good economic development are to each other. The Comp Plan is also supported by many other community attributes such as the education and cultural environment, environmental quality, parks and recreation, public safety and health, transportation and other community characteristics. We'll look at some of those today.

Evansville and Vanderburgh County is fortunate to have many high quality and diverse educational opportunities and facilities for its' residents. The Comp Plan recognized the trend of shifting populations and growth within the city and county and we've seen recent reaction to that by the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation with announcement of changes within the system as well as new schools. At the time the Comp Plan was put together, EVSC operated 20 elementary, 10 middle, 5 high and 4 alternative schools. Additionally, at the time, the Catholic Diocese of Evansville operated 12 elementary and 2 secondary schools within the county while 2 charter schools were sponsored by the EVSC School Board.

And, for a community our size, it's outstanding to have 3 crown jewels of higher education; the University of Southern Indiana, the University of Evansville and Ivy Tech State College. For the fall semester of 2009, USI's enrollment was well over 10,000 with students from 91 of the 92 Indiana counties, from 41 other states and 63 other countries. USI confers both Bachelors and Master degrees in many different disciplines. University of Evansville has been around since 1854 and currently enrolls slightly more than 2,700 students from 40 states and 50 countries. U of E offers more than 80 areas of study. Ivy Tech State College has 23 campuses around the state and offers classes in 75 different communities performing as a community college. The local Ivy Tech campus located on North First Avenue has current enrollment of over 5,700 students. Additionally, educational opportunities are offered by many local business and trade schools. This vast array of quality educational opportunities helps to serve the community welfare, support good economic development and help to support the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Just as important, with all of the different geographical areas represented including many different countries, it is incumbent for the Evansville/Vanderburgh County area to make good impressions on those students coming into our region as well as those from this area to assure success for the region. It makes us visible throughout the world.

Along with our great educational opportunities, we also have a rich cultural environment much of which falls under the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana. The Arts Council serves as an umbrella for more than 50 cultural organizations including theater, dance and music. With such a long list of involvement, I'll not try to list them for fear of missing some but suffice it to say, the Arts Council is a major contributor to our cultural environment. So too are our museums. The Evansville Museum of Arts and Science was founded in 1906. The museum has an extensive collection of art, history, anthropology and science and also houses the Koch Planetarium. The Reitz Home Museum, Angel Mounds, Audubon State Park and Historic New Harmony all add to the areas cultural environment.

Likewise the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library System formed in 1911 with 8 locations contributes greatly to the cultural environment of the area. From its' web site, in 2006 it had a collection of 948,000 items with an additional nearly 6,000 titles in their electronics collection. Over half of Vanderburgh County residents have library cards and in 2006 they had nearly 1.7 million visits.

Certainly, we can't ignore Willard Library opened in 1885 and is the oldest public library building in Indiana. Their major resources include the Thrall Art Book Collection, local government archives, much regional history and a strong emphasis on genealogy. And, they have the Grey Lady Ghost since at least the late 1930's.

Why is all this important to the Comprehensive Plan? Goals of the Comp Plan want to foster an educational system that provides all citizens opportunities for quality, life-long learning as a means of preparing to build a marketable workforce with adaptable skills and foster a healthy environment in which the cultural arts are supported by the community and enhance the quality of life. This is all part of serving and growing a great community.

Next month we'll look at some additional community characteristics contained in the Comp Plan. The complete version of the Comprehensive Plan can be viewed at www.evansvilleapc.com and at most local libraries. You can view all parts of this series of articles at <http://westsideimprovement.org/landuse.htm> and my previous series on our Zoning Ordinances at http://westsideimprovement.org/zoning_101.htm. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at fcpadget@aol.com or 428-2529.

2010 RECYCLE DAYS

8:00 am – 12:00 noon

January 9	- Civic Center
February 6	- old Wal-Mart west
February 20	- 4-H Center Fairgrounds
March 6	- old Wal-Mart west
March 13	- Evansville Day School
April 10	- 4-H Center Fairgrounds
April 17	- old Wal-Mart west
May 1	- old Wal-Mart west
May 15	- Evansville Day School
June 5	- old Wal-Mart west
June 19	- 4-H Center Fairgrounds
July 17	- old Wal-Mart west
August 7	- old Wal-Mart west
August 21	- 4-H Center Fairgrounds
September 11	- old Wal-Mart west
September 25	- Evansville Day School
October 2	- old Wal-Mart west
October 16	- 4-H Center Fairgrounds
November 6	- old Wal-Mart west
November 20	- Evansville Day School
December 4	- old Wal-Mart west

ITEMS TO BRING:

(Please be sure items are clean and sorted.)

Aluminum cans	Metal food cans	Glass containers
Cardboard	Catalogs/magazines	Newspaper
Mixed paper	#1 & #2 plastic bottles	

Vanderburgh County Residents Only

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exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

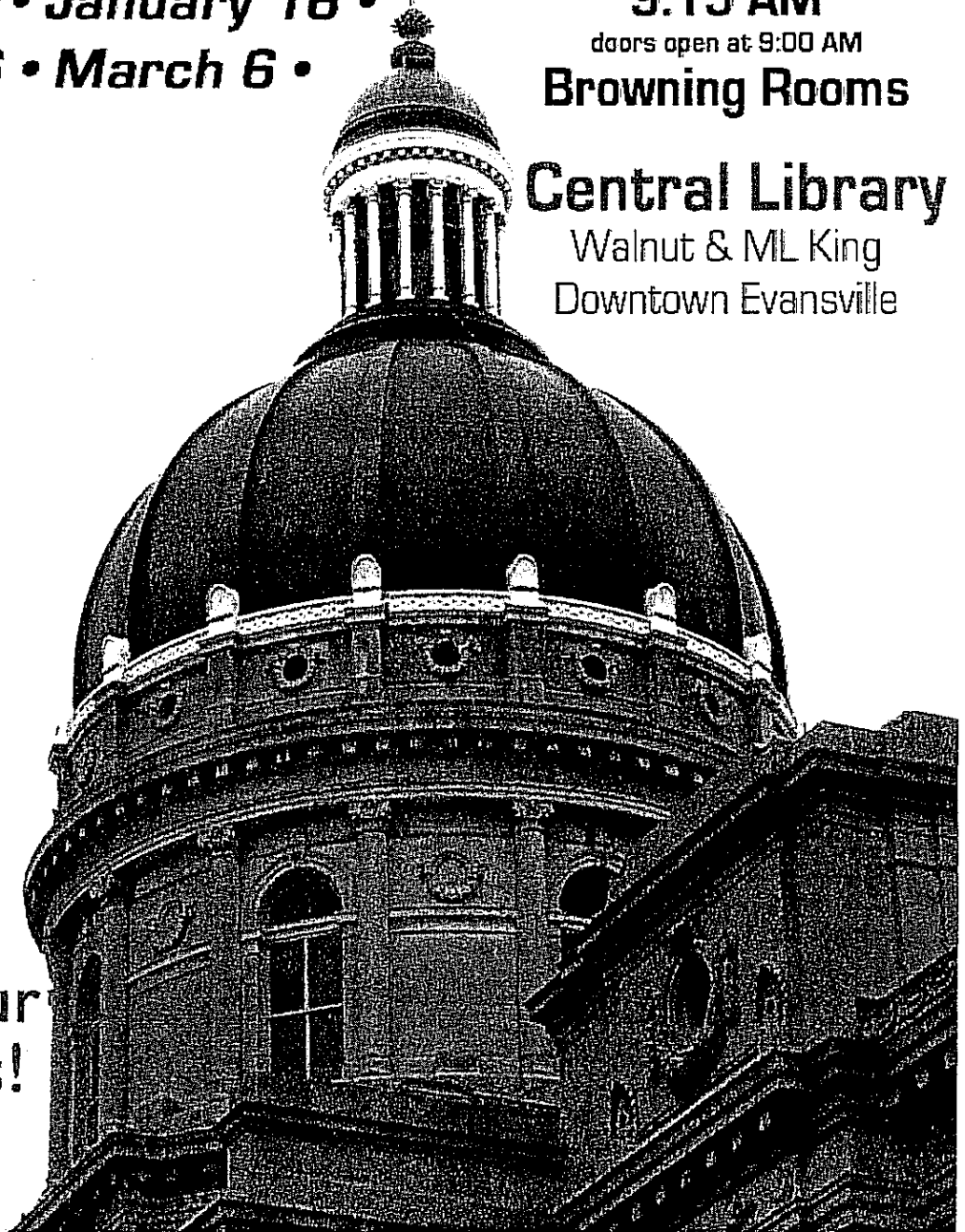
Meet *your* **Legislators**

• *November 21 • January 16 •*
• *February 6 • March 6 •*

9:15 AM
doors open at 9:00 AM
Browsing Rooms

Central Library
Walnut & ML King
Downtown Evansville

4 chances to
influence your
state officials!



Announcements

- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, January 9th from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the Civic Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Retreat**—Saturday, January 9th from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room of the Hulman Building.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, January 12th, 9:30am at the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**— Thursday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, January 19th at 6:00pm located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Suite 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, January 20th at 4:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, January 21st, 6:00 p.m. located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, January 28th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, February 17th at 4:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room of the Hulman Building.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, February 25th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.

Testing for Census Workers

The U.S. Census has begun a targeted effort in Southern Indiana to recruit workers to take the census next spring. Census takers (also known as enumerators) are hired to make sure our Southern Indiana cities, towns and counties are represented as accurately as possible. Their primary responsibility is to collect census information from residents that have not sent back their 2010 census form. They also explain the purpose of the census and record their responses.

Census takers will be placed in their own communities. These temporary jobs have flexible schedules and will not exceed 40 hours per week. Census takers will be paid for training and reimbursed for work-related travel.

Testing to become a census taker is in progress now. To apply, call **1-866-861-2010** to find out where and when the census test can be taken. For more information, including a practice test, go to the jobs@census.gov link at www.census.gov.

All census takers must pass a security background check. To qualify for a job with the census, applicants must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Have a valid Driver's License

Bring 2 forms of approved ID to testing site.



2009
"Neighborhood
Sparkplugs
of the year"



Jan Rhodes and Stan Wheeler from Akin Park Neighborhood Association were recognized as the Sparkplugs from their neighborhood.

Jan and Stan each have small businesses in the Akin Park Neighborhood. Their properties are adjacent to public property along Highway 41. The property has not been well maintained by the City for many years and has become an eyesore with a lot of trash being dumped there. Stan has taken on the responsibility for cutting grass, killing weeds, and trimming. While Jan has taken on the job of picking up and disposing of trash that is thrown there on a daily basis. What you now see when you cross Washington Avenue and Highway 41 is almost a park like vista, rather than the previous eyesore. We very much appreciate these two business owners who have joined together to improve the appearance of our neighborhood.

~ Nancy Currie, Akin Park Neighborhood

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Did U.N.O.E.?

PUPPY SELECTION by Marlin Beck

Question: Where do I start?

Answer: Call your local veterinarian ask if they can recommend a good local shelter. Vets will be a good resource in your community for a referral, since they will most probably know what diseases may be prevalent in your area that you should watch out for, as well as which shelters have adopted out the least (and most) aggressive dogs.

Question: Where does your puppy start?

Answer: Depends on its destination. My policy is --"Kitchen-to-Kitchen." If your puppy will live life in your house--it needs to be raised inside a breeder's house.

Question: What's the big deal about puppies remaining with litter-mates through 8 weeks?

Answer: "ABI." "Acquired Bite Inhibition" is without a doubt the most important thing to teach a dog to save his life and your family's safety. A dog with good bite inhibition is no threat to you, children or the community. A dog with poor bite inhibition is a threat to you, children and community. ABI is taught by litter-mates especially during weeks 3 through 7 in the litter. Do not remove from litter prior to 8 weeks.

Question: What two things do you not take with you on the first visit to a shelter, breeder, or rescue group?

Answer: Your check book and your children. This must be an intelligent not an emotional decision. If you don't have the means to purchase (your check book)---you cannot. If children are absent--so is their influence. You are making a decision that will impact your lifestyle and family for 12-15 years or longer. Take your time.

Question: What are the two most important things I can do upon bringing a puppy home to assure success and family sanity?

Answer: Socialize and provide for his "Behavioral Needs." The four weeks following your acquisition at 8 weeks of age will impact and form the adult individual more than anything else you may do during your animal's life. This is the "Socialization Period." This socialization window closes at about 12 Weeks of age. Expose your new member to as many non-traumatic experiences that he will have as an adult. Establish house rules for puppy and DO NOT ISOLATE.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 28, 2010

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: Election of Officers & Census Information

