

Neighborhood Associations working together to preserve, enhance, and promote the Evansville neighborhoods

# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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### From the President.....

Greetings neighbors,

I want to use my time this month to update everyone on a very important program that is available for Neighborhood Associations to participate in. This important program is Keep

Evansville Beautiful's Great American Clean Up. During the last three years, the local event has been recognized by Keep America Beautiful in Washington, D.C. for the work accomplished within our community. During 2009 alone, the local event had over 1,500 volunteers remove over 168,000 pounds of trash from the Evansville area. I know that many of our member neighborhood associations participated in helping the 2009 event to reach these numbers. Going forward, I challenge all of our member associations to participate in the 2010 event so that Keep Evansville Beautiful can have more volunteers and remove even more pounds of trash from our neighborhoods! Neighborhood Associations can schedule a cleanup during anytime between March 1<sup>st</sup> and June 20th, 2010. Your cleanup supplies and tracking forms will be provided to you by the Keep Evansville Beautiful Office.

Here are some important dates to remember regarding this event:

Sunday, March 15- Registration Forms are Due to KEB Office

Saturday, April 10- Picnic/Supply Pick Up from 11-1pm Shelter across from Mesker Zoo

#### Saturday, April 17- Great American Cleanup Tire Recycling at Civic Center 8-12pm

### Saturday, May 15- Great American Cleanup

If you want to register for this program, contact Juliene West, Program Coordinator at 812-425-4461 or via email at julienewest@sbcglobal.net. Additionally, you can contact the United Neighborhoods office or visit Keep Evansville Beautiful's website at www.keepevansvillebeautiful.org. for additional information. By all of our members working together and participating in this event, it will help us to continue to preserve, enhance, and promote the Evansville neighborhoods!

Chris Cooke, 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
- \*Habitat for Humanity of Evansville
- Keep Evansville Beautiful
- Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage
- ♦Vanderburgh County Assessor

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### Upcoming Dates.....

March 6th— Recycle Day March 6th— Meet Your Legislators March 9th— UNOE Finance Mtg. March 17th—UNOE Board Mtg.

- March 25th—UNOE General
  - Membership Mtg.
- April 10th— Recycle Day

### Land Use Planning, Part XI By Fred Padget

Last month we looked at some environmental issues addressed by the Comprehensive Plan as well as recreational opportunities. This article will look at some of the remaining items addressed in the Comp Plan including safety and health, utilities, transportation, urban design and historic preservation. These remaining sections of the Comp Plan may not seem to fit into the land use category at all times but they are important for a vital and viable community, and the Comp Plan devotes considerable time to each subject.

Within the safety and health section there is much detail about our law enforcement agencies, the fire department, the many hospitals and medical facilities and you can read about them in the Comp Plan. Of course all of these agencies are very important to the community but today I'd like to mention a couple activities we may not think of often. First are the Volunteer Fire Departments some of which go back to the 1940's. McCutchanville VFD has been serving their area since 1946, has about 45 volunteers and made over 1,200 runs in 2008. Scott Township VFD originated in 1955 and has about 33 volunteers making 741 runs in 2008. German Twp VFD organized in 1959, has about 60 members and during 2008 made 572 runs while Perry Twp VFD was also organized in 1959, has about 45 volunteers and made about 830 runs in 2008. The most recently organized group is Knight Twp VFD beginning in 1983 and has about 65 members and made over 800 runs in 2008. That's a total of nearly 4,200 runs for the year or almost 12 runs per day for our volunteer fire departments. The runs could be fire, medical or other emergencies and both Scott and McCutchanville have some paid employees. They all deserve the communities support and well-deserved thanks.

Another group we seldom think of is Central Dispatch primarily supporting law enforcement and fire departments but also the state police, animal control, airport security and many other groups. Of course this is the 911 system and during 2008 they received over 279,000 incoming calls and made additional 89,000 outgoing calls for a total of more than 368, 000 calls or 1,009 calls per day.

Utilities and transportation also have a significant effect on good land use and are covered in some detail by the Comp Plan. In particular, the utilities in the plan include water distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, storm water drainage, and solid waste disposal. Other utilities serving the community are private and not addressed in the plan. The location of utilities has significant land use implications in that water and sewer availability is essential in order for good, sound development to occur. Public utilities can be an effective tool to guide urban growth as can roadways and transportation methods. In addition to the normal trash collection activities in both the city and county, the Solid Waste Plan promotes waste reduction and part of that program for 2010 provides for two tire recycling days, a household hazardous waste collection day (tox-away day) and an electronic recycle day as well as monthly drop-off recycle days at various locations. In regard to storm water drainage, the plan calls for, among other things, an expansion of requirements for detention/retention ponds in new developments. I would add that swales can also be effective in helping to control storm water and that there should be a requirement for periodic inspection of storm water storage ponds to assure continued effective operation.

Although covered to some extent in the Comp Plan, transportation planning is primarily the responsibility of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization. The EMPO covers the City of Evansville, all of Vanderburgh County, all of Warrick County, the City of Henderson and Henderson County in Kentucky and, by agreement, provides planning assistance for Gibson and Posey counties. Currently the EMPO is working on the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and taking public comment. In fact, there will be a public meeting on January 13 at 4:00 PM in room 301 of the Civic Center for public comment. You can learn more about the TIP and the EMPO at www.evansvillempo.com.

Finally, I want to look at some of what the Comp Plan says about urban design and historic preservation. The Comp Plan describes urban design is a means of improving a community's quality of life as a place to live, work and recreate, and can be evaluated on 3 levels: the City/County, the neighborhood, and the individual project level. Urban design is fostered partially through the zoning, subdivision, and other regulatory codes, and in design standards for public and private improvements. These standards need to be periodically updated and improved to reflect current and future community needs which would provide opportunities to incorporate standards for improved urban design. We'll be talking more about this in future articles.

Historic resources reflect and record a community's cultural heritage while helping give the area a special character and identity. Preserving these resources must be considered in the community's plans for the future. The preservation of historic resources can generate significant social, economic, educational, and recreational benefits for a community. Current preservation trends favor adapting or maintaining historic structures for residential use wherever possible. The National Register of Historic Places list 98 historic sites within Evansville and Vanderburgh County and you can review them at http://nrhp.focus.nps.gov. This site is planned to have images of the sites but they are not currently available as the site is under construction. Or, you can find the listings at www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2823.htm where you can view those on the state list or both the state and federal list. In 1975, Evansville established the Evansville Preservation Commission which you can find in the Municipal Code Chapter 18.115. The city has also established an Advisory Committee for the Haynie's Corner Arts District which can be found in the Municipal Code Chapter 2.110.010. The Municipal Code can be accessed though the City Clerk's web site which can be accessed at www.evansvillegov.org.

The complete version of the Comprehensive Plan can be viewed at www.evansvilleapc.com and at most local libraries. And, you can view all parts of this series of articles at www.westsideimprovement.org/landuse.htm and my previous series on our Zoning Ordinances at www.westsideimprovement.org/zoning\_101.htm. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at fcpadget@aol.com or 428-2529.

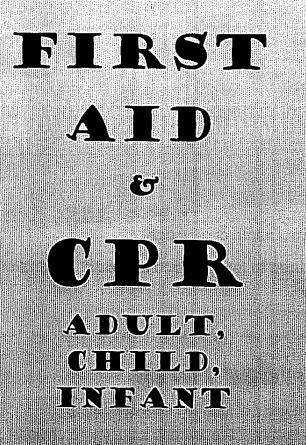
### **LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE**

### For UNOE Families & Neighbors

Held at the American Red Cross

29 S Stockwell Rd; Evansville, IN

## 8am-5pm on April 10



### **CLASS INCLUDES**

- Workbook - 3 Skill Cards - Breathing Barrier

Pre-Register for this free one-day class

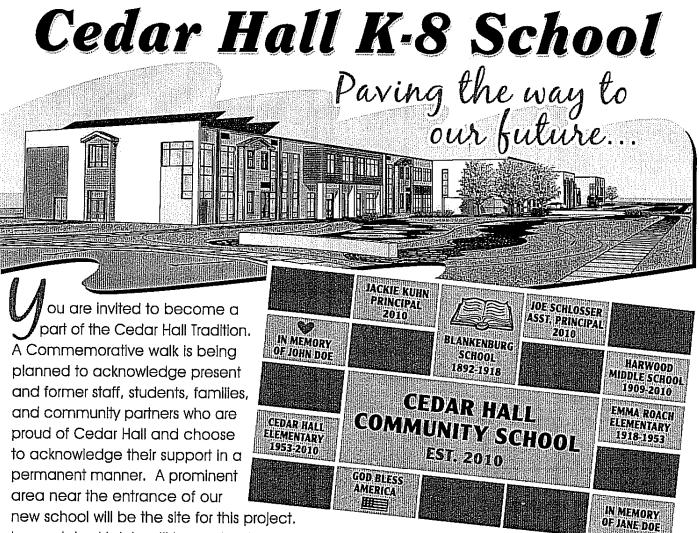
To register: Call UNOE at 812-428-4243

American

**Red Cross** 

This training is in partnership with the Welborn Baptist Foundation.





Laser-etched bricks will be customized with your name or message!

The money raised from this project will be used to fund a piano/keyboard lab and/or playground equipment for our new campus.

### **Brick order form**

(15 characters per line/include copy of logo or request design) \$25.00 (4 x 8) or \$50.00 (8 x 8) 3 lines text or 2 line text and logo (circle choices)

#### Please make all checks payable to Cedar Hall School.

Checks and order forms can be mailed to:

Cedar Hall School, Attn: Vlcki James, 2100 N. Fulton Ave, Evansville, IN 47710 • 812-435-8223 vicki.james@evsc.k12.ln.us

### 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!

On June 26 and 27, 2010, youth and adults from Blue Grass United Methodist Church will participate in WE-ACT, an outreach weekend to serve the community. In the past, this event has been called ACTS.

Teams, comprised of youth and adults, 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 WE-ACT can work for you, please turn this sheet over!

### \*\*WE-ACT is only a weekend event this year, so get your application in soon!\*\*





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

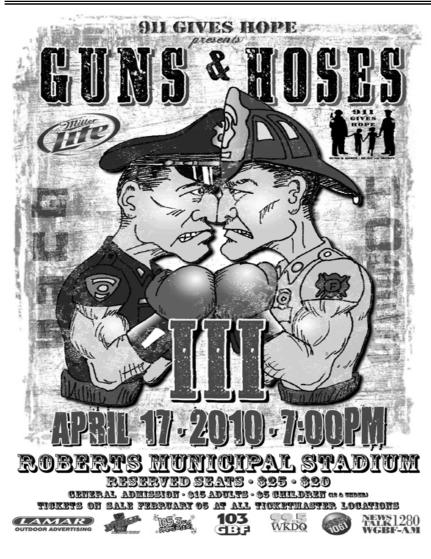
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Telephone Number:		
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p.m.) or two days, dependir and 27, 2010? (Circle one) Y	ng on the size of your project, ES NO vould you be willing to help the	spend one day (from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 with you during the weekend of June 26 team with your project?
4. What type of work do you	need assistance with? (Yard v	vork, cleaning, painting, small building airs) <b>PLEASE BE VERY SPECIFIC.</b>
5. If supplies or tools are nee exterior paint, cleaning sup	ded for your project, what can plies, lawn equipment, etc.) <b>P</b>	you provide? (Example: 3 gallons white LEASE 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 April 1, 2010 to: WE-ACT Blue Grass United Methodist Church 14240 Petersburg Road Evansville, IN 47715 Attn: Worksite Coordinator



- **Recycle Day** Saturday, March 6th from 8 a.m.–12 p.m. at the old Wal-Mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- Meet Your Legislators— Saturday, March 6th, 9:15am in the Browning rooms, Central Library
- UNOE Finance Meeting—Tuesday, March 9th, 9:30 am at the UNOE office
- South Sector Citizens Meeting Thursday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- Recycle Day
   – Saturday, March 13th from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Evansville Day School. For more information, call
  the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- East Sector Citizens Meeting—Tuesday, March 16th at 6:30pm located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Suite 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- UNOE Board Meeting—Wednesday, March 17th at 4:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room, Hulman Building.
- West Sector Citizens Meeting—Thursday, March18th, 6:00 pm located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- UNOE General Membership Meeting—Thursday, March 25th from 6:30—8:00 pm. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- Recycle Day—Saturday, April 10th, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the 4-H Center. More information at SWD at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, April 21st at 4:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room, Hulman Building.
- UNOE General Membership Meeting—Thursday, April 22nd from 6:30—8:00 pm. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.





2009 "Neighborhood Sparkplugs of the year"



**Randy Clark from Culver Neighborhood Association** has been a resident and served on our association board of our neighborhood for a number of years. Randy has helped in the past with our Neighborhood Fun Run. He has also been a most effective Treasurer. Randy keeps a watchful eye on his neighbor's homes in his block. He is always at our meeting with questions on how we can raise crime awareness and better our neighborhood.

For these reasons and many more, Randy deserves this Sparkplug Award.

~ Dave Ballew, Culver Neighborhood

It is our pleasure to honor **Hilda Swan from Diamond/Stringtown Neighborhood Association.** Hilda attends community relations meetings, helps in organizing events sponsored by Diamond/Stringtown and serves as our Secretary. She is dedicated to preserving the integrity of the neighborhood and does not back down when met with opposition.

~Jenny Thomas, Diamond/Stringtown Neighborhood Neighbor to Neighbor UNOE Office 20 N.W. 4th Street Suite 501 Evansville, IN 47708

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### **Did U.N.O.E.?**

### Neighbor to Neighbor Program—A Breast Health Education and Service Program

### **Breast Health Facts**

- Women age 40 or older should have a yearly mammogram.
- A mammogram is an x-ray picture of the breast that helps detect lumps even before a doctor could feel it.
- A family history of breast cancer can increase your risk of breast cancer.
- The most common sign of breast cancer is a small firm painless lump, change in breast size or shape, discharge from the nipple.
- Yes, men can get breast cancer.
- Protect yourself from breast cancer
  - Eat a low-fat diet Exercise regularly
  - Stop smoking Decrease alcohol use
  - Check breasts monthly for lumps or other abnormalities

#### Do you know a neighborhood woman who:

- ☑ Is 40 yrs or older
- 🗹 Has not had a mammogram within the last year
- Has not seen a doctor within the last year

#### REDUCE Rethink! Recycle Rethink! Solid Waste District

### The Neighbor to Neighbor Program can also provide:

- Written breast health information
- Gifts for those who complete their mammogram appointment
- Transportation to your appointment
- Free education sessions for your group or church

Call us and we will be glad to provide:

- Group and individual information regarding breast health screening
- Mammograms at no cost for eligible women
- Clinical breast exams at no cost for eligible women
- Connection to health care for women without a doctor.

Call your neighborhood president or Lynn Hert from Deaconess Health System @ 450-7424 to learn more!

This program is sponsored by: Deaconess Family Medicine Residency, STAR, Jacobsville, CHAIN, and Lamasco Neighborhood Associations, and the Greater Evansville Affiliate of Susan G. Komen For the Cure

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 25th, 2010 Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m. Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road Program: TBA

