

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

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

Hello Neighborhoods!

The month of April is upon us. The warmer weather and sunshine brings more to the residents of Indiana than spring flowers. This time of year is also Primary Election season.

On Thursday, April 22nd, our General Membership meeting will be host to our Primary Candidates Night. We have invited candidates from both political parties in both contested and uncontested races to be on hand at our General Meeting in order to address our membership. At our meeting, there will be time to answer questions that those may have both prior to, during, and after the meeting. As always, we would like to remind everyone that all of our General Membership meetings are open to the public and the membership of your individual neighborhood associations. Additionally, United Neighborhoods of Evansville does not endorse Candidates; however, we will provide forums such as this month's program to tie into our stated goal of working together to preserve, enhance, and promote the Evansville neighborhoods through voter education.

We are looking for a large turnout for this meeting since it will be one of the final public forums in which our neighbors can hear from the candidates on the ballot prior to Primary Election Day on Tuesday, May 4th, 2010. We will have food and beverages available to those in attendance. Please feel free to contact the United Neighborhoods staff with any questions that you may have.

Finally, I want to remind everyone to spread the word to the members of your associations about some very important Primary Election Day related dates. For a citizen to be eligible to vote in the May Primary, that individual must be registered no later than Monday, April 5th. Additionally, that is the first day that a registered voter may vote absentee for the May Primary in the State of Indiana. The election office, located on the 2nd floor of the Civic Center, is open Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm during the election period. Absentee voting by mail is available for anyone meeting one of the following requirements:

- Absent from the county on Election Day (College student, military personnel, or will be out of town).
- Confined person or caring for a confined person.
- Have disabilities.
- At least 65 years of age.
- Official election duties away from your polling place.
- Scheduled to work the entire 12 hours at your regular employment.

If you have any questions concerning registering to vote or how to vote absentee, you may call the County Election Office at 812-435-5122 for more information. You can also visit their website at [www.vanderburghgov.org](http://www.vanderburghgov.org).

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.....**

- April 1st— Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting
- April 10th— Recycle Day
- April 16th— West Sector Citizens Meeting
- April 17th— Recycle Day
- April 21st— UNOE Board Mtg.
- April 22nd— UNOE General Membership Mtg.

## **Land Use Planning, Part XII**

### **By Fred Padget**

Over the last several articles, we've tried to develop a sense of what the Evansville/Vanderburgh County Comprehensive Plan is all about and the important guidance it contains for good, well-planned growth within the city and county. Today, I'll try to give a brief summary of the plan's over-all goals, most of which are taken directly from the plan.

The land use plan provides a blueprint for the future that can only be accomplished if the needs identified throughout the Comprehensive Plan are adequately addressed and the goals, objectives and policies in the Plan are implemented. The principles for guiding development location, design and review provided in this Plan should be observed in all future land use decisions and in the preparation of sub area (e.g. neighborhood, corridor) plans.

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 CBD (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 underdeveloped or underutilized land within the City through infill development.

Infill development can occur in the developed area on vacant lots or on land with dilapidated building, or can involve changing the land use of a property from a less to a more intensive use (i/e/ from a parking lot to an office building).

These strategies place a strong reliance on existing public infrastructure (roads, utilities, community facilities, etc.) to provide the maximum service feasible before considering new or extended facilities. Development proposals must be evaluated for consistency with the land use plan. However, the plan is conceptual and is meant to be flexible. There may be development proposals that will arise during the planning period (2000-2025) which do not conform to this land use plan. The justification and rationale supporting such proposals that are responsible and beneficial to the community but not conforming to the land use plan must be carefully evaluated to determine whether they warrant deviating from the community's land use goals, objectives and policies.

The following criteria should be used to evaluate all proposals:

- The suitability of the property for the uses allowed under the current zoning ordinance;
- The existing zoning and uses of surrounding properties;
- The existing and future character of the adjacent area;
- The type and extent of positive and/or detrimental impacts to adjacent properties or the community at large;
- The impact of the proposal on public services, utilities, and facilities;
- The benefits to the public health, safety and welfare, compared to any hardship imposed;
- The relative conformance of the proposal to the land use plan and the goals, objectives, and policies; and,
- Consideration of responsible development and growth, and any other relevant information.

Citizen involvement in formulating these development policies is the means to keep the plan current and to achieve the desired vision for the community. Local government cannot by itself manage growth and development. However, the adherence to well thought out and coordinated public policies that are supported by the community can successfully direct land use practices from the administration of land development regulations to the timing and location of development.

“Communities can be shaped by choice, or they can be shaped by chance. We can keep on accepting the kind of communities we get, or we can start creating the kind of communities we want.”\*

Next month we'll begin to look at some specific changes to the zoning code recommended in the plan as well some thoughts about improving the code from myself and others.

Note: Above are statements from the 2004-2025 Comprehensive Plan pages 6-1 thru 6-5 and 20-1 and 2 but may not be verbatim in some cases.

\* Quote by Richard Moe, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation

## HEAVY TRASH PICKUP SPRING 2010

#	NEIGHBORHOOD	DATE OF SERVICE
9	Akin Park Neighborhood Association	April 22
7, 10, 11	Alvord Blvd. Neighborhood Association	April 20, 23, 26
14	Ballard Neighborhood Association	April 29
14	Bellemeade/Bayard Park	April 29
22	Business 41 Improvement Association	May 11
15	CCIA	April 30
19	CHAIN	May 6
4	Cullen/Hoosier Neighborhood Association	April 15
12	Culver Neighborhood Association	April 27
7	Dexter Neighborhood Association	April 20
23	Diamond Stringtown	May 12
8	Eastview Neighborhood Association	April 21
6	Franklin Arms	April 19
6	Garvinwood Neighborhood Assoc	April 19
12	Glenwood Neighborhood Association	April 27
12	Goosetown Neighborhood Association	April 27
11	Greater Lincolnshire NA	April 26
10, 11	GBC (Gum/Bayard Park/Chandler)	April 23 & 26
18	Helfrich Neighborhood Association	May 5
18	Hilltop Neighborhood Association	May 5
16	Howell Neighborhood Association	May 3
4	Iroquois Gardens	April 15
21,22	Jacobsville Neighborhood Association	May 10 & 11
3	Kathleen/Jeanette NA	April 14
19	Lamasco	May 6
11	Lincoln/Bellemeade Neighborhood Assoc.	April 26
10	Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association	April 23
19	Mount Auburn NA	May 6
24	North Country Club Neighborhood Assoc.	May 13
5	Oak Hill Neighborhood Association	April 16
15	Old Erie Neighborhood Association	April 30
17	Poplar Grove Neighborhood Association	May 4
10	Presidents	April 23
7	Ross Center	April 20
7	South Lincoln Park Drive Association	April 20
20	STAR Neighborhood Association	May 7
13	Tepe Park Neighborhood Association	April 28
5	Timber Park Neighborhood Association	April 16
11	University South	April 26
6	Vogel-Spring Park Neighborhood Assoc.	April 19
6	Weinbach Neighborhood Association	April 19
18	Western Terrace	May 5
15	Wheeler Drive Neighborhood Association	April 30
22	Willemette Village	May 11



## City of Evansville Department Contacts & Descriptions

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### Administrative Services

*George Fithian, Executive Director, 436-4934*  
Human resources services

### Area Plan Commission

*Brad Mills, Executive Director, 435-5226*  
Rezoning, signage, subdivisions, variances, and special uses

### Building Commission

*Ben Miller, Commissioner, 436-7867*  
Contractor's license/bonding information, new building, repair or remodeling permits, flood plain information, and commercial building conditions

### City Engineer

*Pat Keepes, 436-4990*  
Drainage matters, street paving and sidewalk requests

### Emergency Management Agency

*Sherman Greer, Director, 435-6020*  
Homeland security issues, first responder training and equipment grant programs

### Environmental Protection Agency

*Dona Bergman, Director, 435-6145*  
Compliance with federal, state and local air quality regulations and permit requirements, open burning, dust and noise

### Evansville Fire Department

*Keith Jarboe, Chief, 435-6235*  
Fire protection, rescue and prevention

### Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

*Brad Mills, Executive Director, 436-7833*  
Regional transportation planning

### Evansville Police Department

*Brad Hill, Chief, 436-7896*  
Public safety and law enforcement

### Finance

*Jenny Collins, Controller, 436-4919*  
Financial systems and other administrative services

### Human Relations Commission

*Diane Clements, Director, 436-4927*  
Enforces local ordinances prohibiting harassment and discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, credit, and education

### Law Department

*David Jones, Corporation Counsel, 435-6041*  
Legal affairs of the City

### Levee Authority

*Jay Perry, Superintendent, 435-6137*  
Flood protection from Ohio River and limited protection for Pigeon Creek property owners

### Mayor's Office

*Jonathan Weinzapfel, Mayor, 436-4962*  
Citizen concerns, invitations for the Mayor, proclamations, and welcome and support letters

### Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden

*Amos Morris, Zoo Director, 435-6143*  
Approx. 350 animals from 65+ species in natural habitats surrounded by exotic vegetation

### Metropolitan Development

*Tom Barnett, Executive Director, 436-7823*  
Community and neighborhood stabilization and revitalization, neighborhood inspection services (code enforcement), housing conditions, weed control, and trash and debris

### Parks and Recreation

*Dan Schall, Director, 435-6141*  
Oversees 66 parks and facilities totaling more than 2,300 acres

### Public Works (Transportation and Services)

*Ed Ziemer, Director, 436-4988*  
Animal Control, Arborist, Building Maintenance, Cemeteries, Street Maintenance, METS, and Traffic Engineering

### Water and Sewer Utility

*Harry Lawson, General Manager, 436-7846*  
Refuse, recycling, yard waste, heavy waste pick-up, water and sanitary sewer, and street sweeping

# Announcements

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting**—Thursday, April 1st, 4:00pm at the UNOE office
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, April 10th from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the 4-H Center Fairgrounds. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, April 15th, 6:00 pm located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, April 17th from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at old Wal-Mart West.
- **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.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, May 1st, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the old Wal-Mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting**— Thursday, May 6th, 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE Finance Meeting**—Tuesday, May 11th at 9:30 a.m. at the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day** —Saturday, May 15th from 8 a.m. –12 p.m. at Evansville Day School. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436.7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, May 19th at 4:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room, Hulman Building.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, May 27th from 6:30—8:00 pm. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.



## Dedication of the Shirley James Gateway Plaza

There will be a dedication of the Shirley James Gateway Plaza on **Saturday, April 17th at 2:00pm.**

The Plaza is located west of Fulton Ave. on the John Street extension (south side of the Lloyd expressway). A parking lot is located at the site.

City and county officials will be attending as well as many Greenway supporters.

Come and enjoy this wonderful event !!



**2009**  
"Neighborhood  
Sparkplugs  
of the year"



**Jimmy Sharp of Eastview Neighborhood Association** is currently the Vice-President. He has taken the lead in recent years in the Great American Clean Up efforts. Additionally, Jimmy has delivered neighborhood newsletters to various parts of our association. He always goes above and beyond what is asked of him. Jimmy is truly a "Sparkplug" for our association!

~Chris Cooke, Eastview Neighborhood

**Mr. & Mrs. Shirley Williams from Glenwood Neighborhood Association** deserve this Award because of their passion and dedication to improving the lives of Glenwood residents. Their drive has brought inspiration, not only to the GNA members, but to new members and volunteers who have recently come on board to help GNA realize their vision. We are fortunate to have Shirley and Lucy Williams. They are the Dream Team that has brought sunshine to the Glenwood Neighborhood Association.

~ Michael Reed, Glenwood Neighborhood

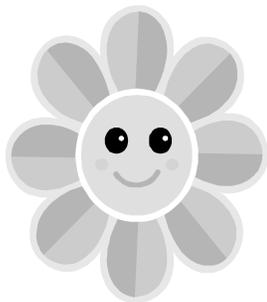
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## Did U.N.O.E.?

Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association



# 2010 Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 1st 8:00am—5:00pm

Sunday, May 2nd 8:00am—1:00pm

Vanderburgh Co. 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Rd.

Special features for 2010 include: Perennials with long lasting blooms,  
All American Selections annuals, a larger variety of veggies, and garden related crafts.  
Over 15,000 plants available all raised by local Master Gardeners!

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 22nd, 2010

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: Primary Candidates Night

