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to preserve, enhance, and promote  
the Evansville neighborhoods*

# ***NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR***

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

Greetings Neighbors!

I would like to thank everyone for their attendance at the General Membership Meetings over the past few months. We have had a packed room at almost every meeting in 2010. Please remember that United Neighborhoods of Evansville meetings are always open to the public. Additionally, I would like to remind everyone to invite all of your neighbors from your individual associations to attend our upcoming meetings leading up and in addition to our annual Spark Plug Banquet in October.

First, I would like to thank our panel of speakers recently from the City-County Consolidation Committee. However, to expand upon the information that the panel of speakers presented to us at June's General Membership meeting, I ask that each of you take the time to get further informed on the work that the City-County Consolidation Committee is doing currently. United Neighborhoods is not endorsing anything on the topic at this point, but what we are doing is presenting the information so our membership can make informed individual decisions on the subject. By helping to get this information out now, our membership will be better informed in case this question was to ever be placed upon the ballot for all of us to vote on in a future election cycle. Contact, Meeting, and General Consolidation information can be found by visiting the City's website at [www.evansvillegov.org](http://www.evansvillegov.org). Click on the Government tab across the top of the home page and from there click on City Departments. In the drop down menu that is given, locate the City-County Consolidation link. Once you click that link, several resources become available for you to explore.

Please read up and make sure to get this information out to your individual neighborhood associations! We will have additional speakers on this subject as the committee's work comes closer to a final recommendation. If you need help in locating additional information on this or any subject related to your neighborhood, please remember to contact the United Neighborhoods Office during our normal hours of operation. We are here to serve you in promoting your neighborhood association within Evansville!

Until next month,

Chris Cooke

President

United Neighborhoods of Evansville

## **2010 Census is almost over. Have you turned in your form yet?**

**For help in English, call 1-866-872-6868    En español, llame al 1-866-928-2010**

**The phone lines will be open nationwide from 8:00am to 9:00pm (local time),  
seven days a week, through July 30, 2010.**

## **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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## **Land Use Planning, Part XV**

### **By Fred Padget**

In our last writing we began to look at some specific changes to the zoning code recommended in the Comp Plan as well some thoughts about improving the code from others and me. That article reviewed in detail a change to the zoning code that would require rezoning from Agricultural to Residential before platting major subdivisions. Currently, in the county, a major subdivision can be built with no zoning change or approval of any elected body with the only requirement of meeting the Subdivision Code. Today we'll look at some other possible changes to the subdivision and zoning code that we feel could benefit future land use decisions.

Recently the Evansville-Area Trails Coalition organized a week-long series of over 60 events extolling walking, biking, jogging for young, not-so-young, wheelchair bound and others. At a day-long summit, several experts on trails and non-motorized transportation spoke of the many benefits in having walk-able, bike-able communities including improved health, increased property values, quality of life along with many other benefits. Many of these benefits are explored at [www.walkinginfo.org/why/benefits.cfm](http://www.walkinginfo.org/why/benefits.cfm) and if you'd like to check the walk-ability of you neighborhood, you can do so at [www.walkscore.com](http://www.walkscore.com).

Why am I telling you all this? Because the current local philosophy concerning most development, especially residential subdivisions, is to not make them walk-able, not have connectivity with other nearby subdivisions and, in effect, develop them as isolated islands almost exclusively for automobile transportation.

Currently, our County Subdivision Ordinance reads "The subdivider shall provide sidewalks for all streets within and bounding the subdivision, including those within one mile of the city limits, except where specifically waived by the board of county commissioners". While our Comp Plan encourages the construction of sidewalks in both new residential developments and commercial developments, driving though many of our subdivisions it's apparent that it is not uncommon for the sidewalk requirement to be waived. While not wanting to reduce the commissioners' authority to approve sidewalk waivers because there may be cases where sidewalks are impractical or nearly impossible to construct, maybe strict criteria outlining specific conditions should be developed and met before a waiver is approved. This would surely improve the walk-ability of subdivisions.

Another impediment to walk-ability and alternative transportation modes is the lack of connectivity between subdivisions. Most subdivisions do not interconnect primarily because "I don't want people from the adjoining subdivision walking or driving though my neighborhood." A good discussion of this is at <http://goldhillmesa.com/News/GoldHillMesaNews-Culdesac.htm>.

Again, our Comp Plan suggests that "subdivision design should provide connecting streets in new developments to enhance safety and to link neighborhoods. Stub streets should be required where subdivisions are adjacent to undeveloped land, promote creative subdivision design that is sensitive to and minimizes the impact on natural features, and provides for common open space, bicycle and pedestrian ways." The stub streets become important to the concept of connectivity as future developments are built adjoining current subdivisions. Connecting bicycle and pedestrian ways; and sidewalks or trailways provide the needed and desired walk-ability for the residents. All of this should be connected to other trails and the Greenway when possibly and be included in plats for new development.

With so many benefits of walking, jogging, biking and providing wheelchair accessible pathways, we as a community are behind the curve. While some in the community recognize this and are working toward greater neighborhood connectivity much more remains to be done.

As I said at the beginning of this series, my hope is to encourage a wide and diverse community conversation concerning zoning as well as land use philosophy and practice. If you have comments, we'll include them in upcoming articles if you would like and if you have any questions feel free to contact me at [fcpadget@aol.com](mailto:fcpadget@aol.com) or 428-2529 anytime. This series of articles as well as previous land use articles dealing with a variety of issues can be found on our web site at [www.westsideimprovement.org](http://www.westsideimprovement.org). Next month we'll continue to look at some additional changes to the zoning code recommended in the Comp Plan as well as some other thoughts about improving the code from others and myself.

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# REINVENTING NEIGHBORHOODS

October 7-9 • Dayton, Ohio

## 2010 Regional Neighborhood Network Conference

Reinventing Neighborhoods! Proudly, this is the City of Dayton's third time as host for the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference. Dayton is the heart of a dynamic and changing region where a rich history of invention continues to unfold. Collaborative neighborhood leadership is a key part of Dayton's spirit of innovation. Join us for the 2010 conference:

### Thursday, October 7

- Registration
- Art Showcase
- RNNC Welcome Reception (Door Prizes)
- Entertainment & Nightlife Tour

### Friday, October 8

- City Basket Raffle
- Resource Fair
- Art Showcase
- Breakfast & Opening General Session
- Workshops & Neighborhood Tours
- Youth Component
- Keynote Luncheon & Stella Stewart Award  
"Doing Good in the Neighborhood"



### Friday, October 8 (Evening)

- Dinner (Door Prizes)
- Neighborhood Idol
- Dancing with the Stars
- Monte Carlo Night
- Night on the Town
- University Ambassadors



### Saturday, October 9

- City Basket Raffle
- Resource Fair
- Keynote Breakfast & General Session
- Workshops
- 2nd Street Market
- Boxed Lunches to go

See you in Cincinnati 2011!



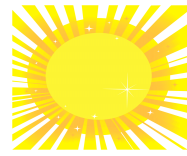
Regional Neighborhood Network Conference  
Dayton Convention Center & the Crowne Plaza Hotel  
33 E. Fifth Street - Dayton, Ohio 45402

To Register Visit: [www.2010rnnedayton.org](http://www.2010rnnedayton.org) or Call: (937)333-3670





# [Top 10](#) Tips to Beat the Heat



No matter where you live, the energy crunch will affect you all over the summer. The most important thing to remember is to listen to [your body](#)!

- 1 Schedule physically [strenuous activities](#) for cooler times. And yes, that includes [walking](#) around the theme parks. Walking around in the [heat](#) and humidity can make ALL parts of your body sweat, and that includes your poor feet. When feet are wet, [blisters](#) can develop, so try to wear socks that are not 100 percent cotton. If you feel a hot spot developing, find a place in the shade to sit down. Take off your shoe and sock and inspect your [feet](#). Put a [bandage](#) on the tender area, and let your feet dry. Dry feet are happy feet!
- 2 Dress in light, loose, cotton clothing. Natural fabrics like cotton are much cooler than most synthetics (though there are new high-tech synthetics made specifically to keep you cool). Protective hats (wide-brimmed) keep the sun out of your eyes and provide some cooling shade. Loose fitting clothes allow air to circulate, keeping you cooler. The fewer clothes, the better, but make sure to be appropriate to the circumstances
- 3 Use [sunscreen](#) of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels). You can get painful sunburn even on a cloudy day, so slather on the [sunscreen](#) every morning before you start out. Don't forget lips, ears, back of neck.
- 4 When working outside, take periodic rest breaks in a cool area. So relax, slow down, pace yourself.
- 5 Drink, drink, drink - [WATER](#) and Non-Alcoholic drinks!! DON'T wait until you feel thirsty -STAY HYDRATED. In hot weather, as much as 3-4 quarts per day are recommended while exercising. Avoid opening the refrigerator or freezer. Food should be safe as long as the outage lasts NO MORE than 4-6 hours. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which are diuretics -- substances that increase water loss via the urine.  
  
[Sport drinks](#), such as Gatorade, are high in sodium and are only needed if you [exercise](#) (or work) hard and long. Water-filled fruits and vegetables add to your hydration level, but not in significant amounts.
- 6 NEVER leave children or pets inside a car, even if the windows are open.
- 7 If you are taking medication, ask your doctor about its side-effects. Be extra cautious in the sun/heat if you have [diabetes](#), [high blood pressure](#), or other medical conditions. Also be extra careful if you are taking any [medications](#). For instance, certain medications (like some antibiotics, NSAIDS [such as ibuprofen and [aspirin](#)], and some oral contraceptives), may make you sunburn more easily, so be sure to protect yourself and stay out of the sun as much as possible.
- 8 Keep cool with fans, air conditioning, and cool baths or showers. Make your own air conditioner by placing a bowl of ice in front of a fan and letting it blow on you. Window fans work best when blowing air out, so put your fan on the sunny side of the apartment and let it expel the hot air while pulling cool air from open windows on the shady side. Keep shades or curtains pulled on the sunny side of the house.
- 9 Get plenty of sleep and eat light, [nutritious](#), and [non-fatty meals](#). Eat foods high in water content, like fruits & vegetables. Don't use your oven, use the microwave or a toaster oven. Better yet, eat out.
- 10 Be aware that when active in a hot, dry climate -- for example when playing tennis -- both salt and water are lost in sweat. Under such conditions restriction of [dietary](#) salt by healthy individuals may be unwise. However, salt tablets are rarely necessary.

# Announcements

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, July 1st, 4:00 pm at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, July 8th, 6:00 pm located at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, July 13th, 9:30am at the UNOE Office.
- **Technology Committee Meeting**—Wednesday, July 14th 5:30pm at the UNOE office.
- **Traveling City Hall Program**—Thursday, July 15th, 5:30-7:30pm in the Parish Cafeteria at Holy Redeemer Church, 918 W. Mill Road.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, July 15th at 6:00pm located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, July 17th from 8 am-12 pm at old Wal-Mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, July 20th at 6:00pm located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Suite 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, July 21st at 4:00 pm in the 3rd floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, July 22nd from 6:30—8:00 pm. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**—Tuesday, August 3rd. 6:00-9:00 pm at Akin, Garvin and Lorraine Parks. Be There!

## Back 2 School Unity Fest & Health Fair

Saturday, August 7, 2010  
9:00 am—5:00 pm  
K.C. Newsome Center  
100 E. Walnut Street

**Student must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.**

**Supplies being collected by United Neighborhoods as well as other organizations:**

Kleenix	deodorant	hand sanitizer
Band-aids	shampoo	zip-loc baggies
body soaps	conditioner	sanitary products

**Please donate some of these supplies. A collection box will be at the General meeting in July or they can be dropped off anytime at the UNOE office.**

**2009**



***"Neighborhood Sparkplugs  
of the Year"***



***Monte Jones of Lorraine Park*** is a charter member and has served on the Executive Committee since the founding of the Neighborhood Association back in 2001. Currently he is serving as Secretary of the Neighborhood Association. Monte has embodied what it means to serve others with his cheerful willingness to help. He can always be counted on to lend a hand in all the neighborhood association projects throughout the year. If a strong storm should blow through our neighborhood, it is Monte who is first on the scene to check for damage and make sure all of his neighbors are okay. As captain of the Neighborhood Community Emergency Response Team, we couldn't be in better hands.

~ Delores Mason, Lorraine Park Neighborhood

***Marjorie Logan of North Country Club*** has been a member since the Neighborhood Association started. She has faithfully weeded and cared for our Adopt-A-Spot for years. She is truly an asset to our neighborhood.

~ Bob Mangold, North Country Club Neighborhood

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

# **National Night Out**

***TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010***

***6:00—9:00 PM***

**Akin—Garvin—Lorraine Parks**

**Games  
to Play**

**Mu-**

**Food  
&**

**Lots to  
See &**

**Come take back the night—meet your friends & neighbors !  
A NEIGHBORHOOD-COMMUNITY-POLICE PARTNERSHIP**



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**July 22nd, 2010**

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

**Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road**



**Program: Valarie Bostick, will speak on “Hoop Houses” and Early Childhood Learning Centers**