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the Evansville neighborhoods*

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From the President

Dear Neighbors,

At our April UNOE General Meeting, we had a very informative presentation from Sherman Greer of the Emergency Management Agency. (EMA)



Since this is the season of storms, earthquakes and other disasters, he gave us some very helpful information.

Get Informed: Know your surroundings, know your neighbors, and know what to look for regarding disasters. Know where bridges are, know how to get out of town and alternate routes to get home or to family members.

Have A Plan: Gather all family members together including those who do not live in your home. Get medical information for all family members, know school schedules, and work schedules. and the contact information of all out of town family members. This would be a good time to have a family meal together.



Safe Places: Have a safe place in your home, be it basement, an interior room or closet. Make sure that you have a disaster kit in your home and also in the trunk of your car. Include clean water, batteries for radios and flashlights, candles and matches, and blankets.

For more information on how to stay safe, visit Getprepared.in.gov
Let us all be safe and help keep our families and neighbors safe.

Charleen

UPCOMING UNOE DATES

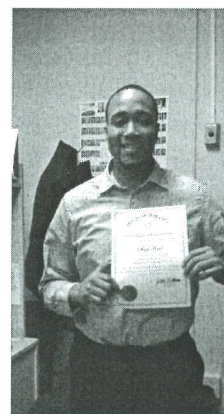
May 14th - Finance Comm Mtg

May 15th- Board Meeting

May 23rd- General Meeting

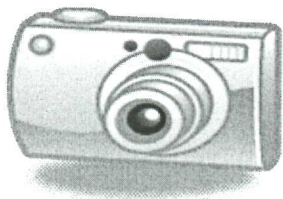
**June 6th - Parks, Trees, &
Beautification Meeting**

***Note
Worthy***



Congratulations to Myel Reed, son of GNA Vice-President Mike Reed. Myel has been working in Indianapolis in the Indiana House Democratic Internship Program. During the month of February,

he was awarded Intern of the Week. Myel is a graduate of Vincennes University where he studied Agricultural Business. He plans to return to school in the fall to further his education. Way to go, Myel!



**DON'T FORGET TO TAKE
PICTURES OF YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.
ACTIVITIES!**



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UNOE MEMBERS ATTEND GRANT WORKSHOP

Indiana Nonprofit Resource Group offered a workshop at Central Library April 23. UNOE was represented by Kelly M. Al Nashmi of Greater Lincolnshire NA and Melanie Stagg of Western Terrace NA. The workshop was "Finding Grant Opportunities and Preparing Grant Proposals." Highlights of the program included:

- Grant seeking and grant proposal writing are an ongoing process, not just a written application or one time event.
- Grants are one element of a fund development plan. Other elements include direct mail, phone appeals, social media, etc. All elements are based on donor relationships.
- You should know the nature and timetable of the project you want funded, your anticipated outcomes and how they will be evaluated.

A couple websites to research are The Foundation Center - www.foundationcenter.org and Foundations On-Line - wwwFOUNDATIONS.org. There is more information that Kelly and Melanie would be glad to share with you. You may contact them by email: Kelly - kalnashmi@gmail.com -or- Melanie- justafloridagirl01@yahoo.com

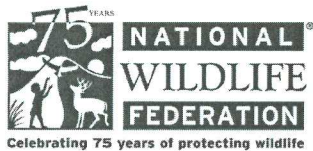
2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Survey needs YOUR Response

Please ask your members or friends to take two minutes and answer a few questions about future transportation policy. Here's the link:

<http://evansville.in.gov/index.aspx?recordid=176&page=1682>

It really does make a difference!

May is Garden for Wildlife Month



Spring is the perfect time to welcome wildlife to your garden. Help National Wildlife Federation (NWF) celebrate Garden for Wildlife Month by certifying your garden by providing just 4 elements that animals need most and places to raise their young: food, water, shelter and places to raise young.

Learn more about NWF's Certified Wildlife Habitat program by going to: www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife

Traveling City Hall

Saturday, May 18th, 10:30—Noon

Eastland Mall, near Dillards

There will be \$200 in gift card drawings. Individuals must visit at least 3 department heads to qualify for the drawings and be present during the drawings to receive a prize.



South Dexter Neighborhood Association recently had a **Clean Up Our Neighborhood Day!!** They used this opportunity to pass out flyers and meet neighbors! A big thank you to Keep Evansville Beautiful for supplying our t-shirts, gloves and trash bags!!

GRAFFITI TERROR

Notify Citizens Concern Portal at

www.evansville.in.gov/concern

and report graffiti to help law enforcement track and combat graffiti vandalism.

Use the link below to access the Gang Unit page of the Evansville Police Department website, for instructions on graffiti removal. Valspar paint and Lowes of Evansville are supporting the fight against graffiti by donating primer with the purchase of paint to those who qualify:

www.evansvillepolice.com/criminalinvestigation/organizedcrime.

Preventing Home Improvement Scams

Winter can be very harsh on homes. By the time Spring rolls around, many homes are in need of many repairs and improvements. Unfortunately, there is always a scam artist right around the corner, waiting to take advantage of these situations. Some scams can include local contractors who ask for a large up-front payment and then do little or no work. Other examples include contractors who quote a price and then charge a lot more as the job progresses; and of course the plain old scam artists who offer to do a job, get their money, and disappear. By following these tips, you can prevent yourself from becoming a victim of a home improvement scam.

Be alert for the “knock-at-your-door” scam. Do not trust anyone who shows up out of the blue and offers to do work on your house.

Make certain they have valid **Identification** and Business card.

Do not take a phone number from the individual, they usually will give you a false number, or a friend's number.

Call the business yourself, look it up in the phone book; if you can not find the business, it probably is not valid.

Ask them for a permit. They must have a permit from the city to solicit business.

Do not let them come into your house. They maybe casing your house and trying to locate your valuables.

You can contact the Better Business Bureau to find out if the business is valid and if the individual is a valid employee.

Request local references - and check into them.

Get several written estimates, choose the best, and get a contract **IN WRITING**. Do not let them try to give you a verbal agreement. Avoid paying a large sum of money in advance.

You can report any suspicious activity to the **EPD, Financial Crimes Unit (812) 436-7991 or your local police department.**

Better Business Bureau (812) 473-0202

Here are the road closings for May:

- May 3rd- Fabulous First Fridays-Main St from MLK to 2nd St- 5:00PM to 10:00PM
- May 4th- Pair a Dice Car Show- Edgar St between Columbia St and Maryland St- 1:00PM to 4:00PM
- May 4th- Hadi Spring Parade-Hadi Temple on Walnut to 2nd, 2nd to Main, Main to 4th, 4th to Walnut and then back to Hadi.- 3:30PM-4:30PM
- May 18th- Evansville Kidney Walk- Greenway from Main to Waterworks- 8:00AM to 12:00 PM. No streets closed
- May 19th-Evansville Streets Alive- Fulton Ave closed from Maryland to Diamond Ave- 11:00AM to 5:00PM
- May 31st- Evening on the River- Riverside between Court and Cherry closed- 9:00AM to ?
- May 31st-June 2nd- Way Late Play Date- 5th St closed between Locust and Main. 4:00PM on May 31st to 9:00AM on June 2nd.



**Next Coffee
with a Cop**



**Saturday,
May 11th
7:00 A.M. -9:00 A.M.
St. Joseph Avenue
Donut Bank location**

Come and hang out!

Evansville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
Month, May 2013

In recognition of the bicentennial of the City of Evansville, City of Evansville's Department of Metropolitan Development, Preservation Alliance of Evansville, and the Reitz Home Museum present a full slate of lectures, tours, activities, and events.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

"Connected to Frank Lloyd Wright:

William Wesley Peters' Work in Evansville and his Years as Wright's Assistant"

This year's annual Amy W. MacDonell—Randall T. Shepard Historic Preservation Lecture will be delivered at the Evansville Museum of Art, History, and Science during the exhibition _____ scheduled to run from _____....The lecture will feature William Wesley Peters, a Frank Lloyd Wright trained Evansville native who was his primary assistant in the last twenty years of Wright's life and who took over Wright's studio after the master architect's death.

Preservation Keynote Address and Awards Presentation

Unnoticed Modern: The Midcentury Architecture of Evansville, Indiana, 1945-1978

Alan Higgins

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00p.m. Reitz Home Carriage House

Evansville's more recent architectural heritage has been pushed to the background by the City's rich historical legacy. This speaker is among the first to systematically look at this part of our architectural heritage. Higgins will speak about the rich legacy of residential, ecclesiastical, institutional, and commercial architecture and will place this heritage in context.

Higgins is an architectural historian who work in the Evansville Office of Cultural Resource Analysts. He is a graduate of the Ball State University Historic Preservation Graduate Program.

After the speaker, Preservation Alliance will present its "Ten Most Endangered List" and announce its local Preservation Awards. Program free, \$5.00 donation for reception that follows is suggested for non-Reitz Home members.

WALKING TOURS

Spiritual Structures Open Door Event

Historic Churches in the Riverside Historic District Area

Sunday, May 5, 12 noon-3:30p.m. _____ churches in this historic area will have their doors open and will feature staggered schedules of historic tours of their facilities, selections of their music offerings, children's activities, and refreshments. Participants are encouraged to move from one church to another on their own schedule. Participating churches are: 1. Trinity United Methodist 216 S.E. Third St. 2. First Baptist, 320 Cherry St. For more information: www.spiritualstructures.com Program Coordinator: Jess Durkin

Akin Park

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Tour departs from corner of Madison Avenue and Park Drive. The park dates to 1916. Elegant 20th century Bungalows and Prairie style homes grace the borders of this historic park. Guide: Dennis M. Au

Lincolnshire Historic District Tour

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Tour begins in front of St. Benedict Cathedral, 1312 Lincoln Ave. This is Evansville's first comprehensive residential development. All but one house here was designed and built by the firm of Anderson and Veatch between 1923 and 1949. Here one can see some of Evansville's finest 20th century Georgian and Tudor Revival homes—and even a stunning Moderne style residence. Guide: Dennis M. Au

Blackford's Grove: The Village in the City

Friday, May 17, 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m. Departs from Patchwork Central, 100 Washington Avenue. Blackford's Grove is one of the city's smallest neighborhoods but it has a big history and future. The tour covers Italianate to contemporary architecture as well as redevelopment plans for the neighborhood in the heart of the Arts District. Concludes with a visit to Billy Hedel's Gallery. Guide: Tom Loesch and Billy Hedel

Oak Hill Cemetery: The Twentieth Century

Sunday, May 19, 2:00p.m.-4:30 p.m. Tour departs from the Veteran's Memorial to the right of the main entrance. As the garden paths of the nineteenth century portion of the cemetery filled at the dawn of the twentieth century, the city platted and opened the "Western Addition." Here, following the new fashion of the day, Evansville's elite are interred in lawn burials and a city of mausoleums. Guide: Dennis M. Au

Downtown Evansville Northwest of Main Street

Saturday, May 25, 2:00p.m.-3:30p.m. Gather on Vine Street side of the Old Courthouse. Many of Evansville's premier buildings are on this side of Main Street—Old Courthouse, Coliseum, Old Jail, Hulman Building, Greyhound Bus Station, and Old Post Office. Tour features these buildings and many between them. Participants will have a chance to see the newly restored halls of the Old Courthouse and in inside the Greyhound Station slated for restoration. Guide: Dennis M. Au

BRUSHES WITH HISTORY: EXPLORING OUR ARCHITECTURE AS INSPIRATION FOR ART

This is a series of three events. Each begins with a walking tour of a historic area. This part of the tour is open to all, but we hope to especially attract artists and photographers. After the tour we encourage artists and photographers to set up their easels and tripods and explore the artistic potential of the architecture in the *Plein Air* tradition. This is a centennial celebration activity of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library. The library will coordinate this part of the activity. They intend to organize an exhibition of the artwork produced.

Brush with History: Art Stroll through Bayard Park

Saturday, May, 4: Tour 9:00a.m.-10:a.m Plein Air art 10:00a.m. -2:00pm. Commencing at East Branch Library, 840 E. Chandler Ave. Walking tour around Bayard Park This tour will emphasize the artistic elements of the 20th century architecture here. Stylistic features of the Prairie, Georgian Revival, Bungalow, Foursquare, and Beaux Arts are here. The history and significance of this enclave of beauty in our city will also be discussed. Tour Guide: Dennis M. Au. Library Artistic Coordinator: Teresa Schneider

Brush with History: Art Crawl Down West Franklin Street

Saturday, May 11: Tour 9:00a.m.-10a.m. Plein Air art 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Tour commences at West Branch Library, 2000 W. Franklin Street. Walk features the rich embellishments on the facades of these 19th and 20th century Italianate, Victorian, Neo-Classical, and Beaux Arts architectural gems. The fascinating history defines this part of Evansville as special. Tour Guide: Fred Mulfinger. Library Artistic Coordinator: Teresa Schneider

Brush with History: Artistic Inspirations in the Riverside District

Saturday, May 18: Tour 9:00a.m.-10a.m. Plein Air art 10:00a.m -2:00p.m. Tour steps off from the Reitz Home carriage house at 224 S.E. First Street. Features the core of Evansville's premier historic district. Nowhere else in the state is there such a wide variety of architectural styles in one neighborhood. The whole range of architectural styles from 1830 to 1940 is represented here. Appreciate the features and learn the names of the elements that make up these styles. Tour Guide: Dennis M. Au. Library Artistic Coordinator: Teresa Schneider

SPECIAL EXHIBITS and EVENTS

East, West, and Central—Architecture and History of Libraries

Thursday, May 9, 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m. Browning Room A, Central Library Kate Linderman, Branch librarian Linderman

Reitz Home Free Admission Day

Sunday, May 26, 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m. Evansville's noted Victorian jewel, the Reitz Home, offers free admission this day in observance of Historic Preservation Month. The Reitz Home is at 224 S.E. First St.



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2013 1 to 4PM
Fulton Ave, from Maryland St to Diamond Ave



Snapped Studios

**Car-Free Street Festival of
Physical Activity & Healthy Foods!**

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May is National Bike Month

Next time you decide to take your bike out for a ride or to work, give one of your friends or family members a chance to ride with you. Sometimes the hardest part is getting back on your bike, and having a friend ride with you is a great incentive.

Evansville Residents are Responsible

INDIANAPOLIS - I have lived in Evansville most of my life. Anyone who thinks this community belongs on any kind of "worst city" list hasn't spent enough time here to make their opinions worth caring about.

But if there's a fight to be made to defend the city I love, let me be the first to dive in and speak my piece.

I think the people of Evansville would be the first to tell you that we have some problems. That's one of the things I like about being here.

But let me tell you a few stories about things I have witnessed from my part-time job as a state legislator, just to show you how people here can turn challenges into opportunities.

A while back, I watched a mother from Evansville successfully fight for a bill requiring officials to notify parents when their children are mentioned in crime reports. Why? Her child had been a victim and she didn't even know about it. She didn't want other families to go through what her family had suffered.

There is a local attorney in the prosecutor's office who was involved in that fight and who continues to advocate for an Indiana law for children's rights.

Our Prosecutor, Nick Hermann, has always been front and center about arranging what we needed at the Statehouse to advocate for legislation. The same goes for our Chief of Police, Billy Bolin.

Our local child protective services get a lot of criticism, but we also must note that their work is so respected in Indianapolis that our city may very well be on the short list as a location for one of the new hotlines being placed outside Indianapolis.

And then there are the other child advocates from Evansville who call and email me regularly. I feel privileged to have worked with them on legislation to protect abused and neglected children, and it is because of their efforts that we were able to pass some reforms this year.

Representatives of our police department and fire department advocated successfully for a bill to provide emergency medical procedures in certain limited situations like a school shooting. They initiated the issue this year, they testified in committees, and they won.

Our police played a key role in passage of a bill to protect victims of theft in instances where precious family jewelry is stolen and melted down too quickly for law enforcement to identify. Our police initiated that issue state-wide and stayed at it for three years to get it approved this session.

Our police continue to fight the ongoing problems caused by the production and distribution of meth. Every year, they help legislators pass additional tools to fight this menace, and they keep at it.

Finally, these folks are relentless in keeping focus on the problems caused by unlicensed scooters on our streets. We haven't reached our goals yet, but I wouldn't bet against them succeeding.

There are other mentions, too...

The brave souls who traveled to Indianapolis more than once to support fair legislation on government consolidation, a concept that isn't so popular among some of the powerful people in our community.

I will always remember the 13-year-old student who helped us pass a bill that enables people his age to officiate in sports and earn money. Just try and tell me sports don't rule!

Or the young man who lives his life in a wheelchair and spends his time courageously advocating for others like himself. He came to Indianapolis to gain support for his fight about lack of access on airplanes for certain wheelchairs. His next stop is Washington, D.C.

An Evansville youth organization spent hours in Indy talking to legislators about the value of effective drug prevention programs. In the end, this group helped get funding in the budget for these programs.

And, I couldn't end without a shout out for USI (I feel comfortable identifying them by name!). There was a point this session where I thought they would be denied some state support, but thanks to tireless work from administrators – particularly Cindy Brinker – they were able to succeed and the university got the funding they deserved. I couldn't be more proud.

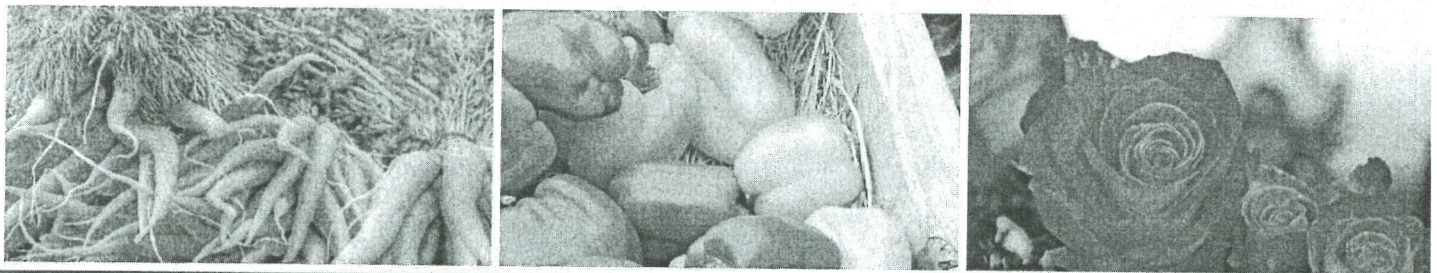
Do you see a common theme here? Problems are recognized, and people from Evansville don't stop until they are solved. We aren't fond of taking no for an answer when we're doing the right thing.

We're not perfect here in Evansville. Yes, we have problems. But we don't run from them. We do something about those problems. It's called personal responsibility and we've got lots of it.

Evansville residents are responsible.

We take initiative. We follow through. We win.

State Representative Gail Riecken
Indiana House District 77



Local Grown Produce, Fresh Baked Goods, Fresh Flowers, Handmade Crafts, Doggie Treats, Homemade Soaps, Herbs, Plants, Kettle Korn.

Every Friday beginning

MAY 17 - SEPT. 27
8 am - 1 pm

Second Street, across from the Old Post Office Place

Plus this year, there will be two Pre-Market Days for Local Growers with early crops on Friday, May 3 and Friday, May 10.

Each Friday, the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana will display and offer for sale the work of local artists, including painting, woodworking, ceramics, and prints. In addition, we will provide membership information, as well as news on upcoming arts events in the community.

Own a musical instrument? Join us at the "Jammers" tent each Friday at the market!

Food booths serving breakfast and lunch

Stop by the Deaconess booth all summer for great health information, including weekly healthy recipes for in-season fruits and vegetables. Wellness tips, screenings, and health-related community partners will rotate through on a weekly basis. Also, be sure to pick up a reusable Deaconess shopping bag for carrying your fresh purchases!

Visit Duell KIA MAZDA VOLVO AUTO SHOW at the Market on Friday, June 14.

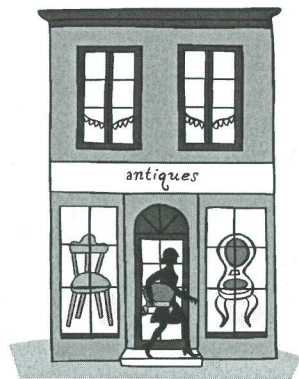
For Market info, call 421-8032.



- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, May 4th, 8am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Electronics Recycle Day**—Saturday, May 11th, 8am-Noon, Civic Center Parking Lot.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, May 11th, 8am-Noon, Evansville Day School. For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, May 14th, 9:30am, UNOE office
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, May 15th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting**— Thursday, May 16th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, May 18th, 8am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
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- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, June 8th, 8am-Noon, Evansville Day School. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.

Wheeler DRIVE First Annual Renovators' Sale

***Rain or Shine
Saturday, May 11th
7a.m.-11a.m.***



***Begin at the No Ruz Grotto, 911 SE Second Street
to get your map of the seller sites.
They will also have coffee and food to purchase.
There will be lemonade stands throughout the
neighborhood..***

SAVE THE DATE: June 7th, 11:30 AM

Plan on attending the opening of the new office for Homes of Evansville at 17 Washington Ave on June 7th at 11:30 AM. 40 Homes of Evansville have been built in the Goosetown Neighborhood and almost all are occupied.

Refreshments will be served.

University South Neighborhood Association Annual Rummage Sale Saturday, May 18th 8:00am until ???

HILLTOP ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD RUMMAGE SALE

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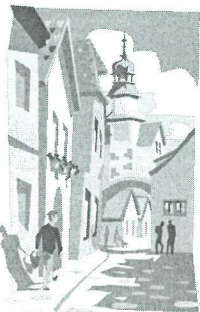
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The Qualities of a Great Street

- ✓ **Attractions & Destinations** - Having something to do gives people a reason to come to your area - and return again and again.
- ✓ **Identity & Image** - Creating a positive image requires keeping a place clean and well-maintained.
- ✓ **Amenities** - Successful streets provide amenities to support a variety of activities.
- ✓ **Management** - An active entity that manages the space is central to a street's success.
- ✓ **Seasonal Strategies** - Utilize seasonal strategies, like holiday markets or displays, and recreational activities.

✓ **Traffic, Transit & the Pedestrian** - A successful street is easy to get to and get through; it is visible both from a distance and up close.

✓ **Protects Neighborhoods** - Great streets support the context around them. There should be clear transitions from commercial streets to nearby residential neighborhoods, communicating a change in surroundings with a concomitant change in street character.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 23rd, 2013

6:30-8:00pm C.K. Newsome Center

Program: Carver Services Reorganization

