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From the President

What's left for 2014 for UNOE?

I know you are thinking about what's left for UNOE before the end of the year.

Well, we just had the Candidates Forum....Were you able to ask one of the candidates your question? And were they able to respond to your concern? It was a packed house. Don't forget to VOTE, November 4, 2014.



UNOE has a Nominating Committee for 2015 which they are seeking the names of people who would like to run for one of our offices. The President, Sr. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 At-Large Members for our Board, will be chosen for 2015 in January. Would you be willing to run? Have you ever thought of being an officer? Well you could... Fred Padget and Rene McCormick are on the Nominating Program and would welcome your phone call or e-mail to put your name in the ring. Why not think about it. I know you are saying, I don't know anything about what to do...well, it is easy, the Board and others steer you along. It is always good to have new blood in an organization. Think about it.....Call Fred 428-2529, or Rene 479-8359 if you have any questions.

It's budget time for the City...and the city council has announced there will be some cuts. We just need to be aware that this can affect UNOE. The UNOE Officers has written a letter to each council person. So you see there is a lot to be accomplished before the years end. Don't forget we have Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to celebrate also.

See you at the Banquet, October 23rd.

Carolyn

UPCOMING UNOE DATES

October 15th - Board Mtg.

October 23rd - General Mtg.

SPARKPLUG BANQUET

Sparkplug Banquet DEADLINES

Dinner reservations: with money and menu choice are due Wednesday, October 15th.

Neighborhood pictures: to be used for the powerpoint presentation. are due Monday, October 13th.

Theme Basket: a basket which will be used for an attendance prize from your neighborhood association. Please notify the office if your neighborhood is donating by Thurs., October 16th.

Sparkplug Award winner's name and statement due in the office Wednesday, October 15th.

Sponsorship/Ads: Please contact the office ASAP if you are interested.

What is Placemaking?

By Matt Hanka

Sr. Vice President, UNOE

Placemaking, according to Mark Wyckoff, Director of the Planning & Zoning Center at Michigan State University, “is the process of creating quality places that people want to live, work, play and learn in.” The idea of placemaking was inspired by urbanist Jane Jacobs in her famous book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, where she challenged the traditional planning establishment by envisioning public spaces based on what people want and need in their daily lives.

The Knight Foundation’s Soul of the Community study asked what makes people love where they live and why does it matter. Place matters, because where you live has a powerful effect on the choices and opportunities you have and the quality of life in your own community and neighborhood.

Today, people no longer move to cities and communities based on where the jobs are. They move to the city and community of their choosing and then find the job because of the place and what it has to offer. According to economist Richard Florida, “place has become the central organizing unit of our economy and society.” Businesses are attracted to cities and communities that have a strong sense of place.

Place matters. Where we live tells a story. The values, characteristics and identity of a place, including its history, geography, industry, institutions, culture, and landmarks enhance a resident’s attachment and love for their place and community. A place or community with high levels of attachment, according to researcher Katherine Loflin, experience an increase in local economic growth and development, have more productive workers, and have more people who enjoy spending time in their communities and neighborhoods.

Placemaking offers many advantages besides economic benefits. Placemaking creates healthy communities based on walkable neighborhoods that are compact and mixed-use. Placemaking also helps the environment by creating public spaces that reduce our carbon footprint and our dependence on automobiles.

Placemaking is about creating a place that meets everyone's basic needs, while preserving its historical, social and cultural assets. Placemaking is about being authentic and being the best version of Evansville we can be. From Mt. Auburn to Goosetown and from Tepe Park to Arcadian Acres, we are Evansville.

Placemaking is about who we are as a city and our unique identity and story. Placemaking is not done in a vacuum. It is a collaborative process involving everyone embracing what our unique place is and envisioning what it could become. A great example of placemaking in Evansville is the work of the Franklin Street Events Association. The Franklin Street Bazaar held every Saturday during the summer, along with concerts, outdoor movies, and other events help create a unique sense of place along West Franklin Street.

Place doesn’t happen overnight. Places are created over time. People want places where they can live and thrive. Place matters. Placemaking matters. Everybody can contribute to making place. How will you make your place?

We look forward to celebrating how we all make Evansville a unique place at the 19th annual Sparkplug Banquet on October 23rd at the Tropicana Executive Conference Center. We look forward to seeing everyone at the banquet!

PARENTS' GUIDE TO GUN SAFETY

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The information forthcoming is from the NRA Gun safety Brochure. The Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program is used by more than 26,000 school systems, law enforcement agencies and civic groups. According to federal statistics, there are guns in approximately half of all U.S. households.

PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY:

In home where guns are kept, the degree of safety a child has, rests squarely on the child's parents, grandparents and other adults that maintain guns in the home. Parents who accept the responsibility to learn, practice and teach gun safety rules will ensure their child and visiting children, a much greater extent than those who do not have a gun. Parental responsibility does not end there when a child leaves the home. Even if no one in your family owns a gun, chances that someone you know does. Your child could come in contact with a gun at a neighbor's house when playing with friends or other circumstances outside your home.

It is **CRITICAL** for your child to know what to do if he or she encounters a firearm anywhere, and it is a parents' responsibility to provide that training.

REMEMBER; STOP.....DON'T TOUCH....LEAVE THE AREA.....TELL AN ADULT

TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT GUN SAFETY:

There is no particular age to talk with your child about gun safety. A good time to introduce the subject is the first time he or she shows an interest in firearms, even toy pistols or rifles. Talk openly and honestly about gun safety with your child is usually more effective than just ordering him to "Stay out of the gun closet" Such statements may just stimulate a child's natural curiosity to investigate further.

As with any safety lesson, explaining the rules and answering a child's questions to help remove the mystery surrounding guns. Any rules set for your child should also apply to their friends who visit the home. This will help your child from being pressured into showing a gun to a friend.

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TOY GUNS VS REAL GUNS:

It is also advisable with very young children to discuss gun use on TV as opposed to gun usage in real life. Firearms are often handled carelessly in movies and on TV. Children see TV and movie characters shot and "killed" frequently. When a young child sees that character appear in another movie or TV show, confusion between entertainment and real life may result. It could be a mistake to think your child would know the difference between being "killed" on TV and in reality.

If your child has toy guns, you could use them to demonstrate safe gun handling and explain how they differ from real firearms. Even though an unsupervised child should not have access to a gun, there should be no chance that he or she could mistake a real gun for a toy.

Continued next month with more information from the NRA Gun Safety Guide.

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WATCH OUT FOR GOBLINS!



It is time for all those ghosts and goblins to come out for a little bit of Halloween fun, and those little creatures will soon be on sugar highs until the end of the year, but we want all of our little monsters to **be safe** while putting their scare on. Statistics say children are twice as likely to be hit and killed by cars on Halloween than any other night, so let's keep a few safety tips in mind as we prepare for the scariest night of the year. Wear bright and reflective costumes that are short to prevent tripping. Add reflective tape to costumes and/or bags or have your child wear glow sticks for visibility. Carry flashlights with new batteries to help you see at night. Parents should always escort their children especially if they are under the age of 12. Children who are not accompanied by an adult should walk in groups. Review the route or neighborhood with your child just in case of separation and always use sidewalks when available. Watch out for cars because they will have a difficult time seeing everyone at night. Only go to houses with the lights on, but tell your child to never go inside unless they know the person **and** you are with them. Only take store wrapped candy and make sure to check it before eating. If you see something suspicious, always call 911.

ROAD CLOSINGS:

October 4-YMCA ½ Marathon- 0630-1200- Several streets will be closed downtown temporarily. Traffic will be allowed to flow when there are gaps in the runners.

October 4- Harrison HS Band Invitational-0900-1700-Northbound lane of Cullen from Lloyd Expressway to end of Blvd.

October 5-12- Fall Festival- West Franklin between Wabash and St. Joe. Traffic will be restricted all around this area.

October 9/10-Mardi Gras/Pumpkin Patch Block Party- Elliott between Mulberry and Bellemeade from 1400 on 10-9 to 2400 on 10-10.

Lincoln between Evans and Elliott on 10-9 from 1630-1830

October 11- WSNC Pet Parade- 1000-1130- Wabash between Michigan and Franklin

October 11- WSNC Parade- 1200-2130- West Franklin St, between Fulton and Wabash. (W. Franklin already closed between Wabash and St. Joe for Fall Festival)

October 18-Ice Men Opener-1000-0100 on 10-19-Main St. between 5th and 6th

C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Teams) **Disaster Preparedness**

What will we do?

If only someone knew what to do?

How long before help gets here?

Why do I feel so helpless?

Can you imagine asking yourself these questions? So many times we look to others for help in a crisis. They will come, they will help. What if they are hours out, or a day or two? What if they are overwhelmed with too much immediately, or can't get to where you are? What if the situation you're in is life threatening to your family, friends, or neighbors? If you would happen to be in this predicament you might say to yourself, "if only I knew what to do, I would do it".

Let me tell you how we can help. If you are willing to give twenty hours of your time, we are willing to teach you what to do in a disaster. The EMA, (Emergency Management Agency) C.E.R.T. training staff is offering a class in October that would help you be prepared. The dates and times are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, 30th, six until nine in the evening, and Saturday November 1st, eight am until noon. The instructors will teach disaster awareness, C.E.R.T structure, fire suppression, light search and rescue, disaster medical, terrorism, and disaster psychology. This class costs you nothing but your time, yes, free. The class will be held at the EMA Training Center, located behind the old West Heights school and Trade School, turn West on Carl Ave just North of Central Dispatch. Address is 1430 Harmony Way.

Yes, you can do this, and yes, your family, friends, and neighbors are worth it. They need people like you to be there, and so do we. Will you step up, and sign up? If you have questions you may call me, John Pease, at 760-9801 or 985-0237, if I am not available please leave your name and number and I will return your call. You may also call Dave Balew at 483-5630. If you have made your decision to take the class after reading this letter, just call the EMA office at 421-6204 for an application. Ask a friend or neighbor to take the class with you.

Sincerely, John Pease and the CERT Staff



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Benefit for the Spirit Medical Fund

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 11AM TO 3PM



American
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- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting**—Thursday, October 2nd, 4:00pm in the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Meeting** - Thursday, October 9th, 6:00pm, at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** - Wednesday, October 15th, 2014, 4:00pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting**— Thursday, October 16th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, October 18th, 8:00am-Noon, at the 4-H Center. For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, 436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting** - Tuesday, October 21st, 6:00pm, McGary School, 1535 South Joyce. For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **UNOE SPARKPLUG RECOGNITION BANQUET** - Thursday, October 23rd, Registration at 5:30 at the Walnut Rooms, Tropicana Executive Conference Center.
- **Budget/Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, November 11th, 9:30am at the UNOE office
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, November 1st, 8:00am-Noon, old Walmart West. For more info, call Solid Waste Management at 436-7800.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, November 8th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more info, call 436-7800.

Fitness IN THE PARK

Saturday, October 18th
9:00 -11:00am

Wesselman Park
Walk/Cross Training

an **Energize**
Evansville
initiative

It was voted at the July 16th UNOE Board of Directors meeting that:

STARTING JANUARY 2015,
COPIES WILL COST .05/SIDE.

The cost of printing and paper has continued to rise. This is the first increase in over 6 years.

As in 2014, each neighborhood will receive 2000 free copies after their UNOE dues are paid in 2015.

MAIN STREET
and
FRANKLIN STREET
present

2014
THE
Beer
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on
"MAINKLIN"

6 BARS, 6 BEERS, A T-SHIRT, \$20...DUH!

LAMASCO | PISTONS | SPORTSMAN'S
BACKSTAGE | THE VAULT 329 | PEEPHOLE

STOP AT ALL 6 LOCATIONS AND RECEIVE A BEER WITH PAID REGISTRATION.
MAIN TO FRANKLIN ON EVANSVILLE'S GREENWAY

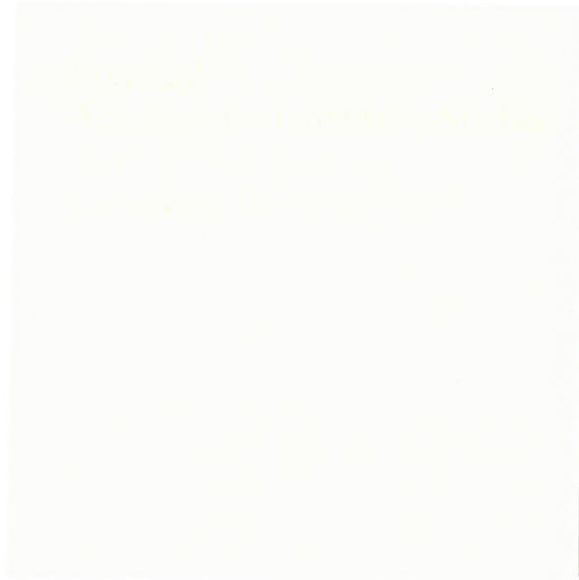
OCTOBER 18 | 6PM | STARTS AND FINISHES AT LAMASCO

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**19TH ANNUAL SPARKPLUG
RECOGNITION BANQUET
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6:00PM
TROPICANA EXEC. CONFERENCE CENTER**

**WHO WILL BE YOUR
2014 SPARKPLUG WINNER
FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION?**



There will be
NO GENERAL MEETING
In October
See you at the Banquet!

WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME
Report Crime
Anonymously