

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

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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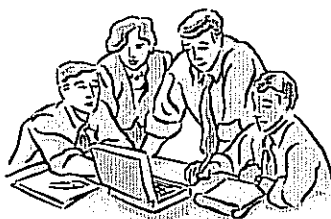
From the President.....

Better together-- You hear this often when you are building a neighborhood association. It's the core of what makes you successful. Sharing information, ideas, cures, problems and opportunities are the source of our strength. When we remember to act on this thought, all of our actions as a neighborhood are more effective.

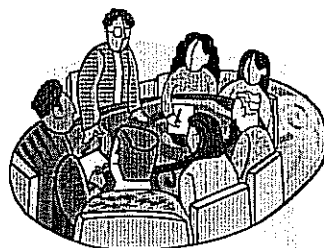


Keeping all communication open and clear within your group is what builds confidence, strength, and commitment. So here are some questions to ask about how your group functions:

- Do you have a newsletter that keeps people up to speed and interested?
- At every meeting do you have a simple treasurer's report that shows how your money is spent, if you have new members, and whether you are moving forward on your projects? No money? Grants require good record keeping, so be ready!
 - Does your secretary keep good minutes that are available at each meeting? It's the best way to know if you are completing tasks, keeping people interested, and moving forward.
 - Do you have copies of your by-laws available so everyone knows how you do things? Trust is built through open communication.
- Do you plan your parties in advance so people can be sure to attend? Social activities are a great way to get to know each other, and find common interests.



Tools for Success--The next UNOE meeting will be a panel discussion by neighborhood leaders about the contributions a strong treasurer and timely reports make for good communication and a happy/healthy neighborhood association. Please join your fellow association members as they share ways to make a strong and successful association.



Jayne Buthod, UNOE President

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Website

Community Resource Links

- ❖ American Red Cross
- ❖ City of Evansville
- ❖ Courier & Press
- ❖ Evansville City Clerk
- ❖ Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development
- ❖ Evansville Parks and Recreation Department
- ❖ Evansville Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- ❖ Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library
- ❖ Keep Evansville Beautiful
- ❖ Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage
- ❖ Step Ahead of Vanderburgh County
- ❖ Vanderburgh County Assessor

UNOE Board Officers:

- Jayne Buthod, President
- David Ballew, President-Elect
- Fred Mulfinger, Vice-President
- Rene McCormick, Secretary
- Paul Farmer, Treasurer



**Free Printing / Copying of
Neighborhood Newsletter or flyer
(up to 500 Copies) when you return
your UNOE Membership Registration
Forms, dues, and City Registration
by March 1st, 2007**

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**Great American
Clean Up Dates**



The Great American Clean Up dates will be April 21st, May 19th, and June 16th 2007. Please mark your calendars!! More information will be available soon!

**Attention Neighborhoods:
Wal-Mart Grants Available**



The Community Grant Program is the largest program funded by Wal-Mart and Sam's CLUB Foundation and includes both matching and direct funds. Organizations that may qualify to receive funding are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. To learn more about receiving a grant from your local Wal-Mart or Sam's CLUB, please see the Community Involvement Coordinator at the location closest to you. As always the staff of UNOE would be happy to assist you with any grant writing needs you have.

**Discount Drugs
For Those Without
Insurance**



A new plan called Vanderburgh County Rx has been recently introduced. This plan will offer an average of 20-percent savings on any of your medications that are not covered by insurance. Even your pet's medication will be discounted. There won't be a cost to the county because Caremark, a national pharmaceutical provider, cuts deals with drug companies to give the consumers the perk. The card can be used at any pharmacy and the Health Department will be the main hub for distributing the cards, hopefully as soon as April. More information will become available in the coming weeks. We will pass it on as we get it.

Traveling City Hall Program

The next Traveling City Hall Program will be on Tuesday, February 27th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Kissel Center, 413 SE 8th Street, 47713.

As a reminder, Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel holds a Traveling City Hall Program in a different neighborhood each month. The meetings give the public the chance to ask questions and voice concerns, *in person and one-on-one* outside of normal business hours, to the Mayor and City Department Heads. All City residents are welcome at each Traveling City Hall Program.

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**"Neighborhood Sparkplugs
of the year"**



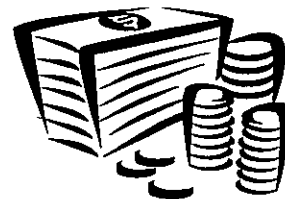
Betty J. Fluty from CHAIN Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug for her neighborhood. "This lady is a great asset to the CHAIN Neighborhood Association. Several days a week she is out cleaning the trash in the streets, even in the hot summer time. We won't tell her age but she is no spring chicken, a great example to the future generation. She has been doing this for several years and she is a familiar face around the neighborhood. Her name is Betty J. Fluty. Congratulations Betty!!!"

~ Sue Wilson, CHAIN Neighborhood Association

Important Tax Information For Volunteers

What's New for 2007!!!

New recordkeeping requirements for cash contributions. You cannot deduct a cash contribution, regardless of the amount, unless you keep as a record of the contribution a bank record (such as a cancelled check, a bank copy of a cancelled check, or a bank statement containing the name of the charity, the date, and the amount) or a written communication from the charity. The written communication must include the name of the charity, date of the contribution, and amount of the contribution.



Q. I do volunteer work 6 hours a week in the office of a qualified organization. The receptionist is paid \$10 an hour to do the same work I do. Can I deduct \$60 a week for my time?

Volunteers' Questions and Answers

A. No, you cannot deduct the value of your time or services.

Q. The office is 30 miles from home. Can I deduct any of my car expenses for these trips?

A. Yes, you can deduct the costs of gas and oil that are directly related to getting to and from the place where you are a volunteer. If you don't want to figure your actual costs, you can deduct 14 cents for each mile.

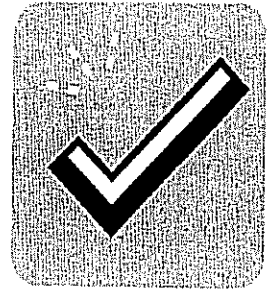
Q. I volunteer as a Red Cross nurse's aide at a hospital. Can I deduct the cost of uniforms that I must wear?

A. Yes, you can deduct the cost of buying and cleaning your uniforms if the hospital is a qualified organization, the uniforms are not suitable for everyday use, and you must wear them when volunteering.

Q. I pay a babysitter to watch my children while I do volunteer work for a qualified organization. Can I deduct these costs?

A. No, you cannot deduct payments for child care expenses as a charitable contribution, even if they are necessary so you can do volunteer work for a qualified organization.

Records To Keep



You must keep records to prove the amount of the cash or non-cash contributions you make during the year. The kind of records you must keep depends on the amount of your contributions and whether they are cash or non-cash contributions.

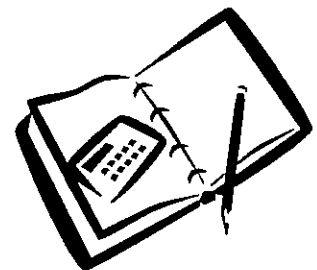
- Written statements from the organization if it receives payment from you that is more than \$75 and is partly a contribution and partly goods or services.



- Contributions of Less Than \$250 keep a cancelled check or a legible and readable account statement.

- If you claim car expenses you must keep reliable written records of your expenses. Generally, they may be considered reliable if you made them regularly and at or near the time you had the expenses.

- Your records must show the name of the organization you were serving and the date each time you used your car for a charitable purpose. If you use the standard mileage rate of 14 cents a mile, your records must show the miles you drove your car for the charitable purpose. If you deduct your actual expenses, your car records must show the costs of operating the car that are directly related to a charitable purpose.



- You can claim a deduction for a contribution of \$250 or more only if you have an acknowledgement of your contribution from the qualified organization or certain payroll deduction records.
- If you make a contribution by payroll deduction, you do not need an acknowledgement from the qualified organization. Keep a pay stub, Form W-2 or pledge card.

Announcements

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, February 3rd, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at Old Wal-Mart West.
- **"Meet Your Legislators"**— Saturday, February 3rd, 9:30 a.m. in the Browning Rooms at Central Library.
- **Area Plan Commission**—Thursday, February 8th at 4 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center.
- **City Council Meeting**—Monday, February 12th at 5:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, February 15th at 6 p.m. located at Deaconess Hospital, Health & Science Center, Johnson Hall, Room 104A. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Animal Care & Control Meeting**—Tuesday, February 20th, at 12:00 noon in Room 301 of Civic Center.
- **County Commission Meeting**—Tuesday, February 20th at 3:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, February 21st, at 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, February 22nd from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **"Meet Your Legislators"**— Saturday, February 24th, 9:30 a.m. in the Browning Rooms at Central Library.
- **Traveling City Hall Program**—Thursday, February 27th from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at Kissel Center, 413 SE 8th Street, 47713. The meeting is open to the public.
- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, March 1st at 4 p.m. held at the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, March 8th at 6 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Wednesday, March 14th, 9:30 a.m. at the UNOE office.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, March 20th at 6 p.m. located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Ste. 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.



9:30 AM
doors open at 8:00 AM
Browning Rooms

Central Library
Walnut & ML King
Downtown Evansville

Meet *your*
Legislators

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

The next meet your Legislators session will be on Saturday, February 3rd in the downtown Evansville Library, Browning Rooms A & B.

This is your opportunity to let the Legislators hear your interests and concerns. UNOE is a significant partner in this series.

RECYCLE DAYS

8:00—12:00 noon

February 3—Old Wal-mart West

March 10—4-H Center

ITEMS TO BRING:

(Please be sure items are cleaned and sorted).

Aluminum Cans	Metal food cans
Cardboard	Catalogs/Magazines
Newspaper	Mixed paper
Glass containers	#1 & #2 plastic bottles

(Vanderburgh County Residents Only)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL THE SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

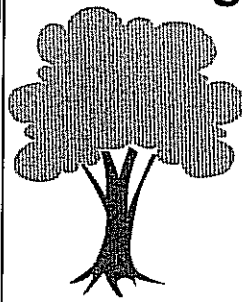
436-7800



UNOE Parks, Trees, & Beautification Meeting

The next UNOE Parks, Trees, and Beautification Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1st, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office. The

meeting is open to anyone who is interested. Please call the office for details!



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HOUSE

SENATE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 22nd, 2007
Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Red Cross Building
29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: Tools for Success-What great Treasurers do to build strong Bones-
A Panel discussion by successful neighborhood association officers.