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to preserve, enhance, and promote
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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From the President.....



Anybody else out there feel as if the whole world is yelling in your ear trying to get your attention? Well, April is certainly the month for public input, citizen meetings, and sharing your thoughts about important things that are going on in your neighborhood.

Our involvement is crucial to forming a community that looks and acts the way we want it to. Otherwise your point of view is lost. If you would like to learn more about your recreation options, your taxes, and even if walking on your sidewalks is safe, this is your chance to get informed!

Swimming Pools

If you care about the best swimming options for your kids and/or yourself, come to the special **Information Meeting set-up just for you, Thursday March 29th at 6:00 pm at C.K Newsome Center.** You will be able to learn what is going on, see pictures of some proposed pools, hear different views of the issues involved, and ask your questions about finances, etc. If you are nostalgic about the swimming hole of the past or want to see new options for aquatic recreation, come join us. Let's help Evansville get wet next summer. See the info sheet enclosed for further details.

Your Property Tax Assessment

Paul Farmer, chair of the Government Committee, has set up a series of **informational meetings** with Jonathon Weaver to help individuals learn more about the process and how to decide if you want file an appeal. The new "trending" approach to setting property taxes is the key to your new assessment numbers. See the insert for upcoming meeting dates.

Animal Care and Control

Many neighborhoods have joined together to host several **informational meetings** on the new Animal Care and Control Ordinance. You will hear what the laws are that protect you, what every animal owner needs to know, and even have a chance at some very cool door prizes. See the insert for dates in your area.

Remember, it's your city. Let's be a part of making great things happen for our home.

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



Important Property Tax Information Series of Property Tax Forums

Vanderburgh County Assessor Jonathan Weaver and the United Neighborhoods of Evansville will hold three more town hall forums. The purpose is to address taxpayers' concerns on the latest Form 11, Notice of Assessment.

This is a great opportunity to touch base with the taxpayers and let them air their concerns or answer their questions about their assessments.

About 95 percent of the county's homeowners received Form 11's at the beginning of March. An increase in taxpayers' assessments of 25 – 35 percent doesn't necessarily mean their taxes will go up that percentage.

The first thing homeowners need to do is ask themselves is if I were going to sell my home, would it sell for the new assessed value or more? If homeowners think the assessed value is way off, then they may file an appeal by April 13.

In 2002, lawmakers in Indianapolis adopted a "trending" process by which property assessments are updated annually based on sales activity. Assessors will be using 2004 & 2005 sales for taxes for 2006-pay-2007.

Citizens may attend any of the sessions regardless of the township they live in.

The schedule is as follows:

Pigeon Township:

Monday, April 2 from 1:30 – 3 pm and 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Browning Room at Central Library

Perry/Union Township:

Tuesday, April 3 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Perry Heights Middle School

Scott Township:

Wednesday, April 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Scott School

Center Township:

Tuesday, April 10 from 6:30—8:30 pm at Central High School

Traveling City Hall Program

The next Traveling City Hall Program will be on Tuesday, April 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Benedict School, Woodward Center, 530 S. Harlan Avenue, 47714.

CAs 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, **H***in person and one-on-one* outside of normal business hours, to the Mayor and City Department Heads. All **P**City residents are welcome at each TCHP.



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 **last** meet your Legislators session will be on Saturday, **April 14th** 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.

2006



"Neighborhood Sparkplugs
of the year"



Terry McCrarey from Diamond-Stringtown Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplug for his neighborhood. Terry McCrarey stepped in to serve as Neighborhood President due to unfortunate events. Terry was able to take on these duties because of his experience in supporting 3 former Associations; Cardinal, Dixieland, and North Annex, serving for 7 years on the West Sector Police Committee, being a graduate of the Citizens Police Academy, completing the CERTS Training, and serving as a volunteer for the E.M.A. Terry was a pioneer in creating the first neighborhood web site, which he still maintains to date. Terry also publishes the Diamond/Stringtown Newsletter. These experiences and a desire to serve others have enabled Terry to do a fantastic job and deserves the award being presented to him. Thanks for your dedication Terry!
~Robert Thomas, Diamond/Stringtown

Special Information Meeting Mayors Aquatic Task Force

6:00 – 8:00 pm Thursday, March 29th
C.K. Newsome Community Center

Pools for the next Thirty Years

Come join your other Neighborhood Association members to learn the details, history, and general facts about the really big pool project.

We've pulled info from the 120 page study reviewing the condition of each of the nine city pools.

Including

- pool usage
- location and accessibility
- why non-swimmers don't swim
- desired pool features
- population changes

Also info from the two inch stack of survey results

Extensive Surveys, including

- Telephone surveys,
- User surveys
- Swim team surveys
- Culver surveys
- Focus Group Notes/Survey
 - Sector interviews w/Adults and middle school children,
- Public Forum Notes
- interviews with swimmers and non-swimmers-how I feel about the pools,

Info arranged by your neighborhood pool

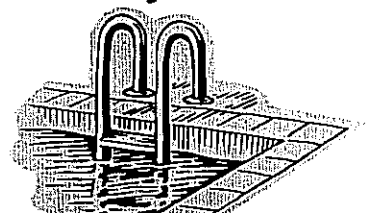
Pictures of some possible regional pool designs and costs

Costs to repair and/or bring up to code our existing neighborhood pools

Finance considerations; budgets, operating costs, state rules affecting budget.

PLEASE JOIN US.....You'll have a chance to digest the info, hear what's going on and to ask questions. Our goal is to have a positive proactive event, with respect for all who attend, and to leave with information that will help us individually form our own opinion of what's best for our community.

Hope to see you there,
Jayne Buthod
President of UNOE



April is Animal Care and Control Month

Joint neighborhood Public Information Meetings

Featuring Tom Hayden, Superintendent of Animal Care and Control

Topic: "What everyone needs to know about the new Animal Ordinance"

- Safety Tips for Children
- Overview of the new rules
- Surprise Gifts for attendance



Neighborhoods Meetings Co-sponsored with UNOE are:

Hilltop Area – April 10th, 6:30 -8:00 pm, St. James West, 3100 Hillcrest Terrace

Culver Area – April 19th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, C.K. Newsome Center – behind Civic Center

CHAIN Area – April 20th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Salvation Army Building

Lincoln/Bellemeade Area – April 24th, 6:30—8:00 pm,

—Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer— on Lincoln Ave.
across from the University of Evansville

Come Join Us!!

HOME SHOW

April 14th & 15th

Join us at our Home Show table to share the word about UNOE and why you care about neighborhoods.

Each volunteer shift helper will receive:

- Free entry into the show for early bird volunteers
- a free UNOE tee-shirt,
- a raffle chance for a Jerry Baum Print,
- a raffle chance for a free pet micro chipping (transferable).

Contact the UNOE Office at 428.4243 or contact Carolyn Stagg at catsaald@evansville.net to volunteer.

2007 PRIMARY CANDIDATES' LISTING

OFFICE	PARTY	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY/ZIP CODE
Mayor	Democrat	Jonathan Weinzapfel	221 S ALVORD BLVD	EVANSVILLE IN 47714
Mayor	Republican	David J. Nixon	2817 EGMONT ST	EVANSVILLE IN 47712
Mayor	Republican	Aaron M. Ridlen	511 N BARKER AVE	EVANSVILLE IN 47712
City Clerk	Democrat	Alberta Matlock	917 OAK HILL RD	EVANSVILLE IN 47711
Council 1st Ward	Republican	Jeff D. Kniese	539 MARTINS LN	EVANSVILLE IN 47715
Council 2nd Ward	Democrat	Missy Mosby	2722 POLLACK AVE	EVANSVILLE IN 47714
Council 2nd Ward	Democrat	Stephanie F. Terry	1712 CRYSTAL CT	EVANSVILLE IN 47714
Council 2nd Ward	Republican	Carla J. Hayden	4025 E RIVERSIDE DR	EVANSVILLE IN 47714
Council 3rd Ward	Democrat	Stephen R. Melcher	320 E DELAWARE ST	EVANSVILLE IN 47711
Council 4th Ward	Democrat	Harold J. Miles	608 E POWELL AVE	EVANSVILLE IN 47713
Council 4th Ward	Democrat	Constance Connie Robinson	1812 JUDSON ST	EVANSVILLE IN 47713
Council 5th Ward	Democrat	John E. Friend	2920 LAKE VALLEY DR	EVANSVILLE IN 47711
Council 5th Ward	Republican	Marty Amsler	4009 FAIRFAX RD	EVANSVILLE IN 47710
Council 5th Ward	Republican	Susan G. Harp	2515 GLENN AVE	EVANSVILLE IN 47711
Council 6th Ward	Democrat	Al Lindsey	4404 NOLAN AVE	EVANSVILLE IN 47712
Council 6th Ward	Democrat	Richard J. Tenbarge	1717 RUSSELL AVE	EVANSVILLE IN 47720
Council 6th Ward	Democrat	B.J. Watts	513 N 10th AVE	EVANSVILLE IN 47712
Council 6th Ward	Republican	Glen Barnes	1950 SPEAKER RD	EVANSVILLE IN 47712
Council at Large	Republican	Dean Brane	PO BOX 15515	EVANSVILLE IN 47716
Council at Large	Republican	Joe Kiefer	8211 SHERWOOD CT	EVANSVILLE IN 47715
Council at Large	Republican	Andrew G. Smith	654 W BLUE RIDGE DR	EVANSVILLE IN 47714
Council at Large	Democrat	H. Dan Adams	501 WYNDCLYFF DR	EVANSVILLE IN 47711
Council at Large	Democrat	Keith Jarboe	815 SE 3RD ST	EVANSVILLE IN 47713
Council at Large	Democrat	Curt John	300 KINGS VALLEY RD	EVANSVILLE IN 47711
Council at Large	Democrat	Sonya Kates Nixon	2817 EGMONT ST	EVANSVILLE IN 47712

2007 ELECTION CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

DEADLINE to apply for voter registration or to transfer voter's registration with the voter registration office.

FIRST DAY that a registered voter may vote an absentee primary election ballot.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007

DEADLINE, by noon for all candidate committees and regular party committees to file the pre-primary campaign finance report with the clerk of the circuit court.

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2007

DEADLINE for a circuit court clerk/election office to receive a mailed or faxed absentee application from a voter who request to vote by mail.

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007

DEADLINE, by noon for the circuit court clerk/election office to receive a mailed, faxed or hand delivered absentee ballot application from a confined voter.

DEADLINE, by noon for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the election office.

DEADLINE for a confined voter to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007

FIRST DAY that a registered voter may vote an absentee general election ballot in the election office.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007

DEADLINE to apply for voter registration or to transfer a voter's registration with the voter registration office.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

DEADLINE, by noon for all candidate committees and regular party committees to file the pre-election campaign finance report with the clerk of the circuit court.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007

DEADLINE for a circuit court clerk/election office to receive a mailed or faxed absentee application from a voter who request to vote by mail.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

DEADLINE, by noon for the circuit court clerk/election office to receive a mailed, faxed or hand delivered absentee ballot application from a confined voter.

United Neighborhoods of Evansville

Candidates' Night

September 27th @ 6:30pm



Red Cross Building
29 S. Stockwell Rd.

~SEE OPPOSITE PAGE
FOR A LIST OF CANDIDATES~

Announcements

- **Tax Assessment Meeting**—Monday, April 2nd, 1:30—3 p.m. in the Browning Rooms at Central Library.
- **Tax Assessment Meeting**—Monday, April 2nd, 6:30—8:30 p.m. in the Browning Rooms at Central Library.
- **Tax Assessment Meeting**—Tuesday, April 3rd, 6:30—8:30 p.m. at Perry Heights Middle School.
- **Storm Water Task Force Meeting**—Wednesday, April 4th, 5:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center.
- **Tax Assessment Meeting**—Wednesday, April 4th, 6:30—8:30 p.m. at Scott School.
- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, April 5th at 4 p.m. held at the UNOE office
- **Tax Assessment Meeting**—Tuesday, April 10th, 6:30—8:30 p.m. at Central High School.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, April 14th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at Old Wal-Mart West.
- **“Meet Your Legislators”**— Saturday, April 14th, 9:30 a.m. in the Browning Rooms at Central Library.
- **Animal Care & Control Meeting**—Tuesday, April 17th, at 12:00 noon in Room 301 of Civic Center.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, April 18th, at 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **Storm Water Task Force Meeting**—Wednesday, April 18th, 5:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, April 19th at 6 p.m. located at Deaconess Hospital, Health & Science Center, Johnson Hall, Room 104A. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Great American Cleanup**—Saturday, April 21st
- **Traveling City Hall Program**—Thursday, April 24th from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at St. Benedict School, Woodward Center, 530 S. Harlan Avenue, 47714. The meeting is open to the public.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, April 26th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **Hilltop Neighborhood Rummage Sale**—Saturday, May 5th, 7 a.m.—1 p.m. at Pine Haven Rehab on Stocker Drive off Harmony Way. For a table reservation or for more info, call Jan at 480-1602 or Brenda at 401-4992.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, May 10th at 6 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, May 15th at 6 p.m. located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Ste. 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.

Stormwater Task Force Meetings

From here on out the Stormwater Task Force Meetings will be run as a sprint to the finish.

There are three final meetings every other Wednesday

All meetings are scheduled to start at 5:30 PM in Room 301 City Council Chambers of the Civic Center

Please mark your calendars for:

Wednesday April 4

Wednesday April 18

Wednesday May 2

At this final countdown of meetings—the most important message for the Task Force to deliver is a show of support for the necessary work identified to do.

From the concerned committee members:

“PLEASE ATTEND AS MANY OF THESE FINAL MEETINGS AS YOU CAN—AND FOR GOODNESS SAKE’S --BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS!”

Neighborhood Meeting—Guest Speaker

Hilltop, Poplar Grove, Western Terrace, and the proposed Helfrich Neighborhood Associations will sponsor a meeting on May 15th at 6:30 p.m. at St. James West, 3111 Hillcrest. The speaker for the evening will be Cheryl Musgrave: “What’s happening in Evansville and where we are going”.

Great American Cleanup Dates



The Great American Cleanup will have a kick-off on April 14th at Wesselman Park. A cookout will be held, t-shirts will be given out, along with trash bags and gloves.

Cleanup dates are April 21st,

May 19th and June 16th.

If you or your neighborhood would like to join Keep Evansville Beautiful and the GAC, please call Juliene West at 425-4461. Let’s all pitch in to

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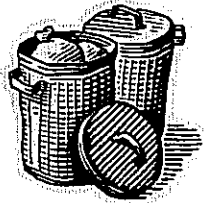
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New Trash Warnings for the City



Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel and Councilwoman Connie Robinson joined residents in the 4th ward today to announce a new system of trash warnings. Neighborhood associations, crime prevention officers and inspectors will pass out warning sheets in an effort to get trash and debris picked up through the Heavy Trash Program, rather than going through the process of enforcement.

The warning sheet will list what violation(s) of the trash and debris ordinance were seen. It suggests correcting the problem(s) by putting out items during the heavy trash pickup and gives the scheduled dates. If the violation(s) is not fixed by two days after heavy trash pickup, the City will begin enforcement action. The warning sheet itself is not an enforcement action. As the warnings are given out, a list of addresses will be given to neighborhood inspection services (NIS). NIS will then be able to tag the properties with violations after heavy trash pickup.

April 16th is the beginning of the Spring Heavy Trash Program. Heavy trash should be placed wherever garbage is normally collected from the home, whether at the curb or in the alley. All heavy trash items must be set out before 6 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.

The heavy trash collector won't take trash that would normally be picked up as part of the regular weekly collection. They also won't take automobile parts, automotive or household batteries, tires, computer equipment or hazardous materials.

Neighborhood Associations that wish to participate in the City trash warning program should contact Doug Ohning at (812) 436- 6064. For more questions about heavy trash pickup, call Allied Waste at (812) 424-3345.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 26th, 2007

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: A panel discussion with members of the Drainage/Flooding Task Force