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to preserve, enhance, and promote
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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From the President.....

UNOE has been deeply involved throughout our history in trying to push forward our neighborhood's agendas. It's especially true that success with community issues can take a long time to achieve. Since we are such a diverse group, working on many fronts at once, the vision and the work necessary to assist in forming public policy can require that we take the long view regarding progress.

We are all part of reinventing our city. The countless neighbors involved in the task forces and project groups, work to improve the end product and keep their goals in the forefront. Topics include Front Door Pride, the Drainage/Flooding Task Force, Combined Sewer Overflow committee, the Pools Task Force, Stadium, Transportation Planning, new ordinances for smoking, animal care and control, housing maintenance, debris and weed control. Some completed much still to come.

Now is not the time to let ourselves give in to feeling tired or frustrated. While we may sometimes feel as if we are pushing a rope; an inch here, an inch there, and no sustained feeling of momentum-there is change coming.

Progress across the City is extensive. Positive changes for our Neighborhoods are just beginning to show from all of the foundation work done over the last few years. The city leadership continues to keep open communication as paramount. And if we are frustrated by slow progress, you can bet that the 'city' is feeling a bit weary also. I know you remember the ambitious projects that were outlined several years ago as Front Door Pride Program; these programs attempted and then re-adjusted to overcome problems with state laws, legal questions, and just general roadblocks.

Congratulate yourself! You have stayed the course, put in the hard work to see it through and kept up the constant attention to bring about that change. It's getting close, so we must reinforce that progress by remembering how far we've come without forgetting the real bricks and mortar work is still ahead.

It's easy to forget how long these things take if done well.

Remember, only the mediocre are always at their best.

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



For Neighborhood Association Officers Leadership Skills

Progress in our Neighborhoods— The key to having an effective neighborhood association centers on doing what matters to your members. Yes, I know that sounds obvious. The only way to get to that point is to put the time in, have the initial conversations, keep inventory of the decisions made, share progress, and *stay on track*.

It's very easy to drift onto another project or priority based on who attends the meeting on a given week. Different people can certainly have different issues or points of view, so it's important to write down the goals, and keep them in front of your members. And don't forget to revisit the goals your group has made and do it regularly.

We certainly want to be nimble and able to take advantage of opportunities to make our neighborhoods stronger, more livable, and more sociable. Great ideas or partnerships with other organizations can do that. But too often simply making a suggestion for something new isn't enough. If an idea doesn't come with someone to champion it, and carry it forward, it can often just be another distraction—an opportunity to fail.

One way to see if an idea "has legs", (someone to actually do it) is to write it up, put it in the form of a motion, discuss it as a concept, and get commitment right then and there, or agree to set it aside. It can simply be allowed to die for lack of a second, or be voted down if enough people do not vote to make it happen. This is why Roberts Rules of Order helps keep things on track. Everyone knows, at least in concept, what they are agreeing to do.

No one wants to make their organization stuffy, but good communication means everyone understands the conversation and gets to participate in success.

Jayne Buthod, UNOE President

Sparkplug Banquet Planning

Anyone interested or if you know someone who may be interested in joining the Committee for the Annual Sparkplug

Banquet planning, please meet at the Red

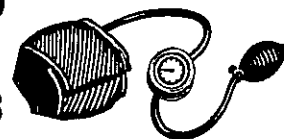
Cross at 5:45 p.m. before the UNOE General Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 24th or call the UNOE office at 428-4243. Let's plan for an awesome event!

Reminder!

GOOSETOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL

THE ANNUAL GOOSETOWN FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD MAY 31ST, JUNE 1, AND JUNE 2ND. THE FESTIVAL WILL BE LOCATED ON 2ND AND ADAMS STREETS. COME CHECK OUT THE MUSIC, FOOD, AND DOWNTOWN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, BOOTH RENTAL, OR MUSICAL EVENTS CALL FRED COOK AT 425-0025.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



The Chronic Disease Program of the Vanderburgh County Health Department offers free blood pressure screenings at different locations throughout every month. Please contact their office for dates, times, or more information at 435-5015.

May is National Bike Month

UNOE encourages all citizens of the Evansville Community who support bicycling to participate in National Bike Month events and to ride safely. For more information please visit click on the bicycle and pedestrian link at www.evansvillempo.com.



2006

**"Neighborhood Sparkplugs
of the year"**



Evansville Print Specialist received the Sparkplug award for 2006 from **Hilltop Neighborhood Association**. "Evansville Print Specialist has been doing Hilltop Neighborhood's printing for the past 4 years while residing in the neighborhood and even after they moved their business out of Hilltop Neighborhood they still continue to give generously and help out by printing newsletters and flyers for us. Evansville Print Specialist also help out with printing for National Nite Out (West Sector area). Thank you so much, you help make our community and neighborhood a better place!

~Carolyn Stagg, Hilltop Neighborhood

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK

May 12-20, 2007

The Preservation Alliance of Evansville and the City of Evansville will present the following activities in observance of National Historic Preservation Week.

Annual Luncheon—Saturday, May 19th at 11:30 a.m. in the Meetinghouse, home of Patchwork Central at 100 Washington Avenue. The cost is \$16.50 per person. Reservations are necessary. To reserve your place at the banquet, call the Department of Metropolitan Development at 436-7823.

Luncheon Speaker— Thomas Barnett, Director of Planning for Paducah, Kentucky. Mr. Barnett has headed Paducah's revitalization efforts since 2000. Barnett's presentation, "Arts as an Economic Development Engine in a Historic Neighborhood," will begin following the luncheon at 1:15 p.m., and is free and open to the public.



Art with a Historic Perspective—

May through July. Old Post Office, 100 N.W. Second St. The Arts Council of SW Indiana in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce of S.W. Indiana have organized a very special art show, featuring four area artists whose work reflects the beauty and grace of all things old. The show features paintings by Billy Hedel of Evansville, Bill Pickle of Huntingburg, and Sherry Wilkerson from Henderson, Kentucky as well as photographs taken by Fred Reaves, also of Henderson.

Art with a Historic Perspective— "Meet the Artists" Reception

Wednesday, May 16th, 5:00—7:00 p.m. In recognition of Preservation Week, there will be a "Meet the Artists" reception in the Chamber office in the Old Post Office. Dennis M. Au will kick off the occasion with a brief overview of the 1875 Old Post Office building. The reception is open to the public, but reservations are recommended. Call the Arts Council office during business hours at 422-2111 for more information.

Reitz Home Free Admission Day— Sunday, May 20th, 1:00-3:30 pm. Evansville's most noted Victorian jewel, the Reitz Home, will waive the usual admission charge in observance of Historic Preservation Week. The Reitz Home is located at 224 S.E. First Street. Take advantage of this once a year free admission to see our nationally renowned house museum!

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Walking Tours:

- **Bosse Field—Garvin Park—Gresham Home** —Saturday, May 12th, 2:00-4:00 p.m., begins at Bosse Field main gate. The focus will be on three different resources: Bosse Field, considered by some to be the oldest baseball park in the country; Garvin Park, our only National Register Park; and Gresham House, built to house the mother of Evansville's WW I hero, James Bethel Gresham.
- **Oak Hill Cemetery** —Sunday, May 13th, 2:00-3:30 p.m., begins at the veteran's memorial to the right of the main entrance. The walk covers the old sections of the cemetery. Artist Billy Hedel and studio manager Tom Loesch, veteran tour guides of the famous New Orleans cemetery tours, will give new insights on the artistic aspects of Evansville's National Register Cemetery.
- **Lombard Avenue** —Tuesday, May 15th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., begins at the intersection of Lombard and Bellemeade Avenues. This neighborhood is noted for early 20th century Colonial Revivals, Bungalows, and Tudor Revival residences.
- **Riverside South** —Thursday, May 17th, 6:30—8:00 p.m., begins at the corner of S.E. Second and Mulberry Streets. The tour covers S.E. First and Second Streets between Mulberry St. and College Avenue. This is the old neighborhood of Mayor Bosse and the Fendrich family.
- **Heart of the Evansville Arts District** —Saturday, May 19th, 3:00-5:00 p.m., begins at Patchwork Central, 100 Washington Avenue. Studios featured include: Billy Hedel, Art Colony Gallery and artworks. In addition to the studios, the architecture of portions of Washington Avenue Historic District will be highlighted.
- **Greyhound in the Downtown** —Sunday, May 20th, 2:00-3:30 pm, begins at the Greyhound station, corner of Sycamore and N.W. Thirds Streets. The Greyhound station and neighboring buildings currently are the center of much interest and activity. This architectural tour highlights the architectural gems and exciting renovations here.



*For more information about the Walking Tours or other Events,
please contact Fred Mulfinger at 495-1007.*

Announcements

- **Hilltop Neighborhood Rummage Sale**—Saturday, May 5th, 7 a.m.—1 p.m. at Pine Haven Rehab on Stocker Drive off Harmony Way. RENT-A-SPOT (approximately 15' x 15') \$10.00. Bring your own tables. Pine Haven will be grilling and have cold drinks available. Call Jan at 480-1602 or Brenda at 401-4992 for information.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, May 5th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at Evansville Day School.
- **Aquatic Task Force Meeting**—Wednesday, May 9th, 5:30 p.m. at C.K. Newsome Center.
- **Traveling City Hall Program**—Thursday, May 10th from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at McCollough Library, 5115 Washington Avenue, 47715. The meeting is open to the public.
- **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.
- **Electronics Recycling Day**—Saturday, May 12th from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon in the Civic Center Parking Lot (Ninth & Locust Streets). Call the Solid Waste District for more information at 436-7800.
- **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.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, May 16th, at 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, May 17th at 6 p.m. located at Deaconess Hospital, Health & Science Center, Johnson Hall, Room 104A. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- "Clean Your Files Days" - Friday, May 18th & Saturday, May 19th at Wesselman Woods Nature Center, 551 Boeke Road. For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Great American Cleanup**—Saturday, May 19th.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, May 24th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **Combined Sewer Overflow-Citizen's Advisory Committee**—Wednesday, May 30th 5:30—7:00 p.m., at the Central Library Browning Room B.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, June 2nd, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at Old Wal-Mart West.
- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, June 7th, 4 p.m. held at the UNOE office.

Great American Cleanup Dates

There are still two dates for the Great American Cleanup. **Remaining Cleanup dates are 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 clean up our neighborhoods!!

Nineteen Neighborhoods have signed up already, has yours??

Neighborhood Meeting—Guest Speaker

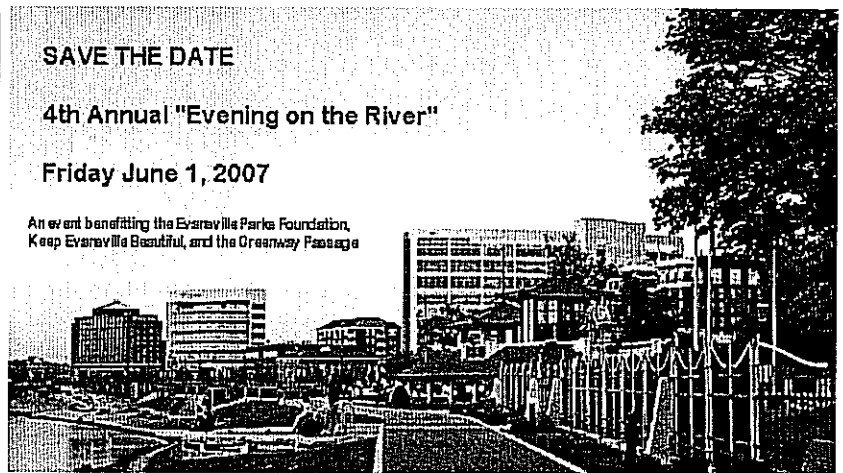
Hilltop, Poplar Grove, Western Terrace, and the proposed Helfrich Neighborhood Associations will sponsor a meeting on May 15th at 6:30 p.m. at St. James West, 3111 Hillcrest. The speaker for the evening will be Cheryl Musgrave: "What's happening in Evansville and where are we going?"

SAVE THE DATE

4th Annual "Evening on the River"

Friday June 1, 2007

An event benefitting the Evansville Parks Foundation, Keep Evansville Beautiful, and the Greenway Passage



Projects completed in 2006 include:

Otter Park Playground at Garvin Park
 Garvin Recreational Trail
 Kenny Kent Toyota Disc Golf Course at Mesker Park
 2007 "Evening on the River" to benefit:
 Amazonia at Mesker Park Zoo & Botanical Gardens
 Keep Evansville Beautiful and Freedom Plaza renewal
 The Greenway Passage

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Welcome New Neighborhood—Cullen/Hoosier

UNOE would like to welcome our newest neighborhood association, Cullen/Hoosier Neighborhood Association. The neighborhood officers include: Harold Spaetti, President; Tom Jones Vice-President; Judith Ruppel, Secretary; and Shirley Chambers, Treasurer. Cullen/Hoosier's boundaries consist of the residential properties on both East and West sides of Cullen and Hoosier Avenues; residential properties on the South side of Bellemeade Avenue between Cullen and Hoosier Avenues and residential properties on the North side of Washington Avenue between Cullen and Hoosier Avenues. Congratulations on all your hard work!

Welcome!

Traveling City Hall Program

T The next Traveling City Hall Program will be on Thursday, May 10th from 5:30-7:30 pm at McCollough Library, 5115 Washington Ave., 47715. All City residents are welcome at each TCHP.
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H 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.
P in person and one-on-one outside of normal business hours, to the Mayor and City Department Heads.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 24th, 2007

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: Gregg LaMar, Dept. of Metropolitan Development speaking on the "Front Door Pride Program"