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to preserve, enhance, and promote  
the Evansville neighborhoods*

# ***NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR***

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## **From the President.....**

Hello Neighborhoods!

As we progress into the summer months, make sure that we are checking in on our friends and neighbors. The very young, the elderly, and the ill are the most susceptible to complications from the heat.

David Ballew, President  
United Neighborhoods of Evansville

Many of our neighborhood residents have been concerned with the increase in vehicle parking on our sidewalks. This is happening even where new sidewalks and curbing have been recently replaced. It is impossible to afford the replacement of sidewalks where they are broken up and almost none existent let alone replace recent replacements. It is difficult to have vehicles removed from sidewalks, but it is up to each of us to keep reporting the violations and encouraging dialog within the neighborhoods with those parking on your neighborhood sidewalks.

### ***This is the City Ordinance that deals with this problem:***

#### **7.72.11 Stopping, standing or parking prohibited.**

**(A)** No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the law or the directions of a law enforcement officer or traffic –control device, in any of the following places:

- (1)** On a sidewalk, or on the grass plot between the curb and the sidewalk, otherwise known as a sidewalk park.
- (2)** In front of a public or private driveway.
- (3)** Within an intersection.
- (4)** Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant
- (5)** On a crosswalk.
- (6)** Within forty(40) feet of the intersection of the curb projections or within ten (10) feet of the intersection of the curb projection and alley edge at alley and street intersections.
- (7)** Within thirty (30) feet on the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway but not less than forty (40) feet from the intersection of the curb projection if the flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal is located at a street intersection.
- (8)** Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the Board of Public Safety has indicated a different length by signs or markings.
- (9)** Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest railroad crossing.
- (10)** Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station, and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance.
- (11)** Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

## **WWW.UNOEVANSVILLE.ORG 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

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- August 20th**—UNOE Board Meeting
- August 28th**— UNOE General Membership Meeting

## ZONING AND REZONING, PART II

by Fred Padget

Last month we discussed zoning classifications and Use Groups. A question we left with you was, what if a particular zoning classification makes sense from a land use perspective but includes some uses that may not be acceptable to that specific location? For example, the best use for a location may be Commercial, C-4 which includes 182 types of businesses including retail stores selling clothing, shoes, legal drugs, automotive parts, catering services and many more. But the C-4 also allows dance halls, party houses, automobile and motorcycle repair, welding shops, boat repair, truck repair, automotive service stations and many other types of business. Let me be clear, we're not saying these or any other type of legal business is undesirable, simply that they may not be appropriate for a particular site depending on many factors.

In this regard, a Use and Development Commitment (U&DC) can be written indicating what uses are specifically allowed or what uses are specifically eliminated within uses allowed for that zoning classification. Although the U&DC properly limits its' scope to land use, they are occasionally used to address lighting concerns, hours of operation and other factors relating to the business. Additionally, U&DCs are not limited to Commercial classifications but can also be used for any zoning classification if appropriate to the specific project.

Another question left from last month was how do I know if a rezoning is taking place next to my property? First of all, anyone proposing to rezone a property is required to fulfill many requirements of the Area Plan Commission (APC). This includes filing a petition and ordinance with the APC along with a U&DC if desired. The monthly agenda for the APC meeting is published in the Courier two to three weeks prior to the meeting. It's usually published at least twice. The APC web site also includes the agenda but usually with less lead time. More importantly, the Petitioner must provide notice to all abutting property owners at least 12 days prior to the APC meeting when the petition will be heard by the APC. These notices are to be certified mail with a return receipt. Further, organized neighborhoods that are registered with the city or county are also required to be notified the same as abutting neighbors. This is another good reason for neighborhoods to be organized and a member of United Neighborhoods of Evansville since they will make sure your group is registered with both the city and county. In addition to those notices, the petitioner is required to post a sign on the property in full view of the public indicating the proposed rezoning at least 12 days prior to the APC hearing.

Next month, we'll look more closely at the APC, how members are appointed, and mechanics of the hearing as well as other aspects of the group and how they function. There is much more to the complete process and you can find additional detail at the APC web site [www.evansvilleapc.com](http://www.evansvilleapc.com).

In the meantime, if you have any aspect of the rezoning process you would like me to address, please let me know.

## Pit Bulls

The problem with Pit Bulls is a lot like landing a plane. The end result depends on your approach. ALL breeds have problems and, in the case of Pit Bulls, the ugliest is the potential for "Gameness," a strong propensity to fight with other dogs. Whether this genetic predisposition is present in an individual dog can be difficult to predict. This is because of genetic drift in most lines away from the breeds original function. Pit Bulls were originally bred for Bull-baiting and Dog-Fighting around the turn of the century, and there was strong selection pressure at that time for the suite of characteristics that made a superior specimen:

- Off the charts pugnacity with other dogs
- Unwillingness to back down in a fight
- Failure to read appeasement gestures from other dogs admitting defeat
- The characteristic body type and,
- Interestingly a strong inhibition against re-directed bites to humans meddling in a fight.

This last quality comes as a surprise to many people who have been swayed by the spectacular media coverage of Pit Bull attacks against people.

In more recent times there has been massive random ("back yard") breeding of Pit Bulls. Once the selection pressure for "game" characteristics was lifted in favor of size, look, or nothing in particular, the genetic cards were shuffled. So whether some, none, or all of the characteristics of a fighting dog will be present in an individual animal is impossible to tell until the dog is socially mature. This is because there are two onset periods. One is early----often evident while the puppy is still in the litter, relentlessly fighting with siblings in a fashion that is much, much more intense than the play-fighting that all normal puppies engage in.

The second group of "game" animals present normally as puppies and as young adults. Then, in spite of extensive socialization to other dogs and normal play skills, "gameness" creeps in sometime between age one and three. This is the reason a rescue group must be prudent about whether a dog is out of the woods with regard to dog--dog aggression. And this quality is completely unrelated to the dog's disposition toward people.

How to rehabilitate "game-bred" dogs is a fascinating question. It is of course a different question from whether such behavior modification should be attempted. The position of most responsible Pit Bull groups is that dogs with propensities to fight should be tightly managed, i.e., diligently kept away from opportunity. If an aggressive dog is given the opportunity to aggress it will aggress. In my opinion, this is the best approach in terms of both safety and efficiency.

Marlin Beck, CPDT

Owner/Trainer

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **National Night Out**—Tuesday, August 5th from 6—9 p.m. at Akin, Garvin, and Lorraine Parks.
- **Traveling City Hall Program**—Monday, August 18th, 5:30—7:30 p.m. at Harper Elementary School, 21 S. Alvord Blvd., 47714.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, August 20th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, August 21st at 6 p.m. located at St. Lucas UCC, 33 W. Virginia Street. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, August 28th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road and will include Senators Vaneta Becker and Bob Deig.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, September 6th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at Evansville Day School. For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Tox-Away Day**—Saturday, September 6th, 9 a.m.—3 p.m., Roberts Stadium Parking Lot. For more information call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, September 9th, 9:30 a.m. at the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, September 11th at 6 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, September 16th at 6 p.m. located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Ste. 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, September 17th, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **UNOE Candidates Night**—Thursday, September 25th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **United Neighborhoods of Evansville 13th Annual Sparkplug Banquet**—Friday, November 14th, 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Community Center.

2007

**"Neighborhood Sparkplugs  
of the year"**



**Karl Cook from Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association** was recognized as the Sparkplug from his neighborhood.

*"Karl has been a member of the Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association for two years. In that time he has made significant contributions in the service of our neighborhood. Karl was instrumental in getting the city to pay for the purchase and installation of sump pumps in 161 Southeast side homes. He has served as our membership chairman and increased our association membership by 18% this year. Karl also serves as editor of our monthly newsletter and treasurer. While it takes many people to make a neighborhood association function, Karl's dedication and service have been extraordinary. Without his contributions, Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association would not be what it is today. Thank you for all of your hard work Karl!"*

*Delores Mason ~ Lorraine Park Neighborhood*



## Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of  
Evansville seeks a volunteer to

do counted cross-stitch of simple samplers to present to partner families during the dedication of their new homes. Volunteers are also needed to join the regular Tuesday, Wednesday construction crews. No experience is necessary. Only a willingness to help those in need. For more information, contact Aimee Haas, community resource coordinator, at (812) 423-5623, ext. 33. Or, you may email her at [ahaas@evansvillehabitat.com](mailto:ahaas@evansvillehabitat.com).



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

On Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, citizens throughout Evansville are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the **"25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out"** (NNO) crime and drug prevention event.

From 6 to 9 p.m. on August 5<sup>th</sup>, residents in neighborhoods throughout Evansville and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

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## Did U.N.O.E.?

### UNOE Officers and Board Members

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President-Elect:	Chris Cooke	Eastview Neighborhood
Vice-President:	Robert Head	Helfrich Neighborhood
Secretary:	Linda Jones	CHAIN Neighborhood
Treasurer:	Dick Tredway	Alvord Blvd. Neighborhood
Past-President:	Jayne Buthod	Westside Improvement

### At-Large Board Members

Barbara Boatright	Ballard Neighborhood
Fred Cook	Goosetown/C.O.I.N. Neighborhood
Rene McCormick	South Lincoln Park Dr.
Sam Wentzel	Western Terrace Neighborhood
Lucy Williams	Glenwood Neighborhood

### Committee Chairs

Jayne Buthod	By-Laws/Long Range Planning	Westside Improvement Neighborhood
Susan Harp	Parks/Trees/Beautification	Oak Hill Neighborhood
Delores Mason	Marketing	Lorraine Park Neighborhood
Dick McKasson	Personnel	North Country Club Neighborhood
Jim Morgan	Safe Neighborhoods	Jacobsville Neighborhood
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**Volunteer**

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 28, 2008

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

Red Cross Building—29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: Major Issues of 2009 Long Session of the State Legislator  
 "How a Bill Becomes a Law" with Senators Vaneta Becker and Bob Deig

