

Neighborhood Watch Signs Going Up

The President’s Neighborhood Association has received approval from the Safety Board to post Neighborhood Watch signs up in the PNA neighborhood. Four Neighborhood Watch signs have been donated and three have been hung. The three hung signs are located at the corners of Washington and Lodge, Weinbach and Madison, and Covert and Lodge Avenues. The Neighborhood Association has retained the fourth sign as an exhibit.

The neighborhood watch signs are expensive and go beyond our annual budget. The signs are about \$15 each and must be purchased in box lots of 20+. The Neighborhood has started a separate fund for just the Neighborhood Watch signs. Using the Registration form on the back page, you may donate money directly to this fund. Once we have received enough to purchase the signs, they will be ordered and hung. If you are interested in seeing a watch sign go up on your street, please include that request with your donation in the comments area on the registration form. Sign placement will be that which is best for the neighborhood as a whole.

If you are interested in being on the crime watch call list, then please include your primary contact phone number or email address on the registration form and indicate that you would like to receive crime alerts. You may also elect to receive regular announcements and meeting news.



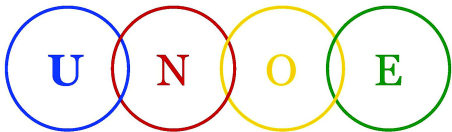
Neighborhood Gas Bandit Caught

Courtesy article from the Evansville Courier: “An Evansville man is recuperating in a Nashville, Tenn., hospital from burns suffered in what police allege was an attempt to steal gasoline from the Abundant Faith Church on Lodge Ave. Blake King, 24, was reported in stable condition Wednesday in Vanderbilt University Hospital's Burn Center. Evansville police report King was burned as he was using a cordless drill to drill into the gas tank of a 2001 Chevrolet van on the lot of Abundant Faith Church at 1228 Lodge Ave. Something sparked, according to the police report, catching the van on fire and burning King.

King is recovering from burns suffered in what police allege was an attempt to steal gasoline from a church van. The fire destroyed the van, which had an estimated value of \$5,000, according to the police report. The fire damaged overhead electrical lines, said the Rev. Jeremy Moore, pastor of Abundant Faith Church. "It was a complete loss," Moore said of the van.

The fire leaves the church without one of its two vans, which was supposed to help transport youth members to St. Louis this weekend. "It was unexpected and very unfortunate," said Moore. "We had just put about \$1,200 worth of repairs in it (the van)." Abundant Faith Church has an active van ministry, Moore said, which transports about 20 churchgoers throughout the week. "It does limit ... our capacity to pick up people who come to our church," Moore said. "We want the church and the community to know that we are still planning to reach the needs we've been reaching," Moore said, "even with one van right now." The 60-year-old church has between 150 and 200 members.

Police were alerted to the fire about 2 a.m. Tuesday when officers were dispatched to 2030 Ravens-wood Drive. Officers arrived and found King, who told them he was burned when he stopped at 1228 Lodge Ave. to help another man who was on fire. Officers went to 1228 Lodge Ave., the address of Abundant Faith Church, and found the damaged van. Firefighters and fire investigators found a cordless drill next to the van. No charges have been filed against King, but when he is released from the hospital, he is expected to face preliminary charges of theft from a motor vehicle and criminal mischief to a motor vehicle, both felonies.”



PNA & UNOE General Meetings

The United Neighborhoods of Evansville or UNOE host monthly meetings for all neighborhood members to attend. The meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Red Cross Building on the corner of Lloyd and Stockwell Rd. UNOE is a resource for neighborhoods new and old. UNOE typically have guest speakers from different departments of different governmental levels from the City, County and State. Speakers can be requested to openly discuss in detail some of the problems that different neighborhoods may have. UNOE also provides an open forum for meet the candidate’s night that allows for question and answer sessions with many of our governmental hopefuls. UNOE plays host to 38 city Neighborhoods.

The Presidents Neighborhood meetings are strictly about our neighborhood issues; Crime Sprees, Storm Sewer Project, Neighborhood Watch, and abandoned homes in our neighborhood are typical topic material.

Tire Slasher still at large

The EPD responded to what appeared to be a random act of tire slashings on Tuesday, August 21st. Many neighbors along Madison and Rotherwood Avenues were hit, said community Police Officer, Chad Diedrich. The suspect is still at large. If you have or know of any information, please call 911.

Storm Drain Project Update



(Shown in the picture above is a sewer access portal)

All summer long, there has been construction activity at the corner of Harlan and Ravenswood Avenues. Blankenberger Brothers Construction has been busy making a connection with the 84” drain line on the other side of Highway 41. Most of their work for the year is done (in our neighborhood), but will pick back up again in the Spring of 2011.

Our neighbors on Ravenswood, Rotherwood, and Southeast Blvd areas can expect to be driving down and across dirt roads at times. The picture to the right was taken in a neighborhood across the highway that is undergoing this same kind of work. However according to Heath



Titzer with Clark Dietz Engineering, in the end everything that is destroyed or damaged is to be replaced for up to one year after the completion of the project.

“So far they have answered all of our questions and concerns.”, said Brent Jackson, President of the neighborhood association. “Blankenberger Construction will be bringing in some big toys for this project. Homes will shake and rattle. Things may break. It’s just part of the bigger goal of relieving the over capacitated drain systems.” Jackson said. “I want to encourage everyone to save themselves future hassles by simply getting some pictures of their homes and surrounding environment before this major construction begins. Accidents are likely to happen, it’s in the nature of construction and we would be fool-hardy not to snap some pics.”

Clark Dietz is the engineering group that was contracted by the city of Evansville to handle the oversight and execution of this project including neighborhood relations. If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints that are related to this project, please contact Heath Titzer personally so that he may address your concerns. He may be reached by calling 812-471-4802 Ext.3005 or email: heath.titzer@clark-dietz.com

Message From the President

Lion’s, and Tiger’s, and Two Dog’s Die, oh my!

I love dogs. Dog’s alert us to problems in the neighborhood and can truly be man’s best friend. In my opinion they are welcomed animals in the neighborhood. I own a dog and love her to death. And that’s that. This summer, we have had a large amount of complaints about unrestrained dogs in the neighborhood. According to many neighbors there are many residents who have dogs that are not on a leash or chain. All neighbors in the neighborhood should be free to pass down any public street or sidewalk without the threat or fear of threat of any advancing dog (or any other animal).

The City of Evansville has laws that enforce Animal Neglect issues. This laws are in addition to the State laws and are typically more restrictive than the State. It is only fair to loosely describe the animal control ordinances in Evansville and how they affect you and your other neighbors. One of the most common violations of the Animal Control Ordinances in our neighborhood is the lack of restraint or harness on an animal. If you go for a walk down the street with your cat, dog or domestic pig, it should be on a leash bound to his/her neck or a body harness that in turn is bound to you personally. At no time should any animal in our neighborhood be unrestrained. We have had several complaints this summer over this problem and it needs to stop.

The second most violated animal control ordinance is the count of animals that you are allowed to each house. At any given time City Code prevents you and I from owning more than 6 animals of any given type. That is to say that you can only own one dog, cat, guinea pig, hamster, snake, and iguana at any given time. Or 6 of any given breed. If it is a cat or dog, you must make intentional steps to prevent them from breeding or coming into contact with one another during times of heat. (Unless they have been spayed or neutered). Each cat and dog must also have at least 6 square feet of living space. And the living space must be well maintained and cleaned up. The living space must offer a place out of the sun’s direct exposure and the animal must be protected from temperatures that drop below 40 degrees.

Just so you know, if there is any animal that is neglected in this neighborhood, and someone tells me about it, I have no problem in talking to you about it and I have no problem in calling animal control on behalf of the neighborhood. If you feel that these ordinances are unjust or infringe upon your rights, then please contact your City Council and help make changes to our ever evolving City Ordinances.

I say all of this to you today because we had two dogs die in our neighborhood this summer. They died due to neglect. It doesn’t matter who did this or where this happened in our neighborhood at this point. They are being handled and are no longer residing in our neighborhood. If everyone who owns animals follows the rules that I loosely listed above, then we should all be happy. Please take care of your pets. Animal neglect is a criminal act. I love you all!

Thank You, Brent Jackson

P.S. Please donate to the Neighborhood Association, we are broke. ☹