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EPNIA and ICON



Established in 1905, Enos Park was completely renovated in 2009 as the first major revitalization project for the Enos Park neighborhood.

As we move forward to implement the Enos Park Master Plan, we do so with the support of two special partners. The initial momentum for change came from the commitment of the Springfield Park District to improve the parks in the Enos Park neighborhood. That commitment included a significant infusion of funds to renovate Enos Park. This effort was strengthened by EPNIA's ties to the Springfield Art Association and Edwards Place, a National Registered Historic Site, symbolic of the unique potential and characteristics of the neighborhood. Our challenge for 2011 however is to build and expand on our coalition of partners!

To successfully complete a 10 to 15 year project at an estimated cost of \$45 million will require a sustainable source of energy and resources. At the top of the list of expanded partnerships is our ongoing relationship with Mansur Real Estate Services. They will act as the master developer for the Plan. As the primary consultant to the newly formed Enos Park Development LLC, a land

banking corporation under the auspices of EPNIA, Mansur will search out city, state, and federal sources of funding. They will also supervise the transition of the LLC into a Community Development Corporation (CDC) which will provide more flexibility and opportunities for funding the project.

Once formed the Enos Park CDC will initiate the selection of contractors and builders for renovation and new construction. A set of design standards will be established with architectural support to complement the look of the older historic homes in the neighborhood. All builders selected for projects in Enos Park will contractually agree to work with the design standards. As homes are built or renovated the CDC will establish partnerships with financial institutions to provide incentives for single family owners. The CDC will also work with realtors to promote and market the new homes in Enos Park.

In addition to ties between EPNIA, Mansur and the CDC, will be an even more important partnership with the City and ICON!

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Edwards Place, oldest home in Springfield, is the focal point of the Enos Park's historical past.

DID YOU KNOW
By Steve Combs, President EPNIA

Enos Park will be heaven in 2011!

Each year I like to make a rhyme that emphasizes where we're going and what we hope will happen to the neighborhood. Crime will decline in 2009! Going there again in 2010!

Even though simplistic and maybe even hokey, they provide a clear expression of what to expect in the coming year. In anticipation of what we hope to find in heaven, I'm assuming most think of a peaceful, tranquil, beautiful, and comfortable surroundings. Is that any less than what you would want for our stay here on earth?

In the movie "Field of Dreams", shoeless Joe Jackson stands in the middle of a ball diamond surrounded by corn fields and ask whether he is in heaven. Kevin Costner's character responds, "No, this is Iowa"!

As 2011 progresses and we are able to bring about many of the changes proposed in the Enos Park Master Plan, we hope to hear many say, is this heaven? No, it's Enos Park!

Stay tuned as we create our own "Neighborhood of Dreams"!

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These stakeholders have much to gain with a commitment to the Master Plan because of the long term impact on Springfield's image and quality of life. The investment to revitalize the downtown historic area is already being touted as one of the city's most successful efforts to enhance tourism, a major economic force in Springfield's future. To revitalize the most historic neighborhood bordering the downtown area will go a long way to enhance the city's tourist attractions and provide an additional source of revenue with increased property values and property taxes.

With the formation of ICON, a coalition of Inner City Older Neighborhoods, there is a new partner in the mix! ICON's mission is to request City Council support for elimination of blight in the older neighborhoods. With a unified voice, ICON members seek to strengthen ordinances related to zoning, housing codes, garbage collection, boarded property, and the enforcement of fines and fees. As an active member of the coalition, Enos Park is the only neighborhood with its own TIF District. Funds generated from the property taxes within the neighborhood are made available through the city to improve infrastructure and properties. Although the Plan was developed as a guide to revitalize Enos Park, it is already being considered a template for use in other ICON neighborhoods.

Together, EPNIA and ICON will have a huge impact on the look, viability, and quality of life in the neighborhoods of Springfield.



Design standards will be established to insure that all external renovation and new home construction will be consistent with and enhance the look of the older historic homes of Enos Park.

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Each month it is possible to nominate a home for the Paint Brush Award. Then in January, the Board selects the property among monthly nominees for the Golden Paint Brush Award. Nominations are always welcome. Please be on the lookout for outstanding homes in your area.



The Enos Park Banner

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View from City Hall
By Sam Cahnman, Alderman, Ward 5

Springfield will never see another Mayor like Tim Davlin. He looked and acted like he came out of Central Casting. If he had started younger in politics, Davlin would have been a Congressman, maybe Governor.

This makes the Mayor's untimely death all the more tragic. I was honored to have worked with him on your behalf. Davlin had brains behind his good looks. He wasn't just a figure head. Davlin impressed with his knowledge of City government, including CWLP. The Mayor had the ability to empathize that all elected officials should have. When the budget squeeze last spring looked like it would cause layoffs in our most crucial public safety workers, Davlin did yeoman's work, reaching creative agreements with the police and fire unions to keep all of them on the job.

The Mayor's daughter, Tara, at his funeral told of how last year she had given her dad a thank you note for the many things he had done for her.

Tara's sage advice: thank those you love while you still can.

Aldermen Cimarossa, Mahoney and I called a Special City Council meeting for December 28th to elect an Acting Mayor because it is so important to have a captain running our ship of state. Mark Mahoney is by far the best Alderman to lead us out of this tragedy.

Watch for the Round Up insert in your January CWLP bill. Please fill it out and send it back with your bill payment. Your future bills will then be rounded up to next dollar and the extra cents will help those least fortunate among us — the homeless, who in this bitter cold, need our help more than ever. One to 99 cents a month doesn't sound like much, but multiply that by 5,000 or 10,000 of CWLP's 65,000 customers, and then by 12 months, and pretty soon you are talking big numbers.

I wish you healthy, happy and prosperous 2011!

Alderman Sam Cahnman, an attorney, can be reached at samcahnman@yahoo.com; 528-0200; fax 528-0311 or 915 S. 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62704

Moving Forward in 2011

I want to be a part of the revitalization of Enos Park Neighborhood. Here is my donation of \$25 for 2011 Membership, which entitles me to a copy of the Bylaws and voting privileges at the monthly meetings.

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In The Garden
By Jerry Blackburn

I hope your holidays went well. The last half of November and the month of December provided enough moisture to see our plantings through the winter with probably not much of a problem with dehydration. However, too much ice could do damage, but too much snow could be beneficial. Snow insulates plants from fluctuating temperatures, keeping them at a steady temperature for a healthy dormancy until they begin to grow again this spring.

Speaking of weather... last year's was off... out of synch, so to speak. I garden, working outdoors 9½ months of each year. I have observed that March's weather was pretty normal, but April felt like March too. May felt more like April. Annuals couldn't be planted until the third week of May because it was either raining, too cold, or the ground was too wet. June's weather was more like July's, and July's felt more like August. August temps were normal (very hot) and September's averaged above normal. October was warmer than usual and the first half of November was normal, but the second half felt more like December. Of course, the first half of December felt more like January... not our ordinary average temperatures.

Rainfall was also not normal. We had an overabundance in spring, almost too much. June brought heat reminiscent of July and severe dryness, terrible dryness. Many plantings suffered with being exposed to unseasonably high temperatures with virtually no rainfall after being pampered with so much rain. The lush growth stimulated by spring conditions stalled and started to decline. Increased watering was needed to "wean" them into the hotter, drier weather that would prevail for months. Many of my customers' irrigation systems had to be set to water twice the normal amount. Water bills skyrocketed. I wonder what the weather will bring us this year. More stability, I hope.

Here's a checklist for January:
HOUSEPLANTS - During winter sunlight is less intense and there's less of it, temperatures are cooler (almost too cool) and there is too much water (our fault). We tend to overwater houseplants in the winter. Many people don't realize that plants require a dramatic reduction of watering compared to what they receive in the warmer, brighter, more humid summer. The combination of cooler temps, very low humidity, less light and less intense light demand it. Even in climate-controlled homes watering must be reduced in winter.

ROSES - should be protected for the winter by now, especially the hybrid tea types.

FEED - the birds. There is very little food to be found in winter. Bird seed and suet cakes provide food and fat (for heat-

generating energy) to help them survive. They need a water supply too.

CONSIDER - any changes you might want to make in your gardens this coming season. Enjoy leafing through garden and seed catalogs. Make lists of seeds, supplies and plants you want for this year. Try something new.

VISIT - garden centers, Botanical Gardens or arboretums. There are many garden clubs in the area. The Springfield Civic Garden Club, the Prairie State Orchid Society, the Springfield Daylily Society and others. All these clubs warmly welcome visitors to their meetings. The University of Illinois Extension Service office, located on the fairgrounds, offers garden seminars and programs through the winter at extremely reasonable prices. They are an excellent local source for a wealth of gardening information regarding all aspects of gardening and horticulture... mostly for free. They network with major university horticultural research facilities, horticultural institutes and arboretums throughout the country. The knowledge at their disposal is immeasurable. Their main function is to provide this information to the general public. You can call them at 217-782-4617.

ENJOY!

Jerry Blackburn has been a garden designer for 30 years. He designs, installs, maintains and renovates perennial beds and borders. He was employed at Washington Park Botanical Gardens for 11 years.

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Hypothermia: A Cold Weather Risk for Older People

Almost everyone knows about winter dangers such as broken bones from falls on icy steps, sidewalks or streets. But cold weather also can cause an important, less obvious danger that can affect older people. Older adults are especially vulnerable to hypothermia, which can be deadly if not treated quickly. The National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has some advice to help older people avoid hypothermia.

Hypothermia occurs when a person's body temperature drops below normal and stays low for a prolonged period of time. With advancing age, the body's ability to endure long periods of exposure to cold is lowered.

Older people also are at risk for hypothermia because their body's response to cold can be diminished by certain illnesses such as diabetes and some medicines, including over-the-counter cold remedies. In addition, older adults may be less active and generate less body heat. As a result, they can develop hypothermia even after exposure to relatively mild cold weather or a small drop in temperature.

The best way to identify someone with hypothermia is to look for confusion or sleepiness, slowed or slurred speech, shivering or stiffness in the arms and legs, weak pulse, poor control over body movements or slow reactions. If you suspect that someone is suffering from the cold and you have a thermometer available, take his or her temperature. If it's 96 degrees or lower, call 911 for emergency help.

The NIA offers these tips to help you prevent hypothermia.

- Wear several layers of loose clothing when it is cold. The layers will trap warm air between them. Tight clothing can keep blood from flowing freely and lead to loss of body heat.
- Wear a hat, scarf, gloves or mittens, and warm clothes when you go outside in cold weather. A significant amount of your body heat can be lost through your head, and hands and feet are the first body parts to get cold.
- To keep warm at home, wear long underwear under your clothes, along with socks and slippers. Use a blanket or afghan to keep legs and shoulders warm and wear a hat or cap indoors.

- Make sure your home is warm enough. Set your thermostat to at least 68 to 70 degrees. Even mildly cool homes with temperatures from 60 to 65 degrees can trigger hypothermia in older people.
- Check with your doctor to see if any medications (prescription or over the counter) you are taking may increase your risk for hypothermia.

The NIA has free information about hypothermia. To order the fact sheet, *Hypothermia: A Cold Weather Hazard*, or the brochure, *Stay Safe in Cold Weather*, call toll free 1-800-222-2225. Publications on healthy aging can be downloaded from the NIA Web site at www.nia.nih.gov. This article was provided by the National Institutes on Aging.

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Living with Character
By K.J. Knox

A certain way of thinking!

We just installed new windows on our latest project and they have helped to transform what appeared to be a total wreck into what I think will be one of the best looking homes on this block. Reaching this goal has been very difficult as there are always surprises under those layers. The home had to be adjusted in three critical areas to correct sagging, settling and severe realignment. The owner also wanted us to remake and install the once existing floor to ceiling windows in the living room, which will return to the original design.

Our window salesman, who has been very helpful for the most part, has at the same time been difficult and reluctant to see it our way. Every job we do together he lets me know that we are crazy to try and save such an old structure. And when completed he is first to congratulate us on a job well done. Most of it comes from the fact that he usually makes at least one mistake per order and that probably makes him nervous. That was the case with the over eight foot tall windows at the front of the house

The windows were delivered by the owner of the lumber yard himself as a favor so we could get them installed before the holidays. While there, he and his helper walked through the house to see what we were doing. They asked about the windows above the interior doors. I explained that the transoms, as they are called, were to allow light and

air to flow through the rooms and hallways. This also determined the size of windows back then as they were designed to allow light in and also to cool the house before air conditioning came about.

Still the salesman disapproved, he did not like the looks of the tall windows, saying we lost wall space and even though the code requires us to use tempered glass for safety, he worried about children kicking out the bottom glass. I tried to explain to him this style of window is still used in the South today for the same reason they used them back then and I was almost sure the children of the 1860's would have had more common sense than to break the windows with their feet or anything else. I also suggested that although he was used to seeing the brick veneered fronts and vinyl siding on the rest of the house, with narrow brick mould for trims, he should try and admire the thoughts behind and the skill required to construct such a nice-to-look-at and comfortable home for living.

I will be glad to answer questions if you will e-mail me at KJKNO@aol.com.

The author has completed over twenty-three whole house renovations in Central Illinois, some of them in the Enos Park area, and two projects have made it to The National Register of Historic Places earning him a place in National Register's Who's Who in Executives & Professionals.



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At Home in the Park

By Lola L. Lucas

The old man carrying an hourglass and scythe rides up in the ball of lights on New Year's Eve and voila! at the stroke of midnight he's reborn then diapered in time for the bubbly toasts, the confetti, the noisemakers. He's off and crawling, aging at about two years per week so that by the following December he's a centenarian again. Using that formula, when you read this issue of *The Banner*, 2011 will be a toddler.

But I'm not up there with you. I'm back here at Dec. 19th writing a column that's due tomorrow. For you the intervening weeks have made Mayor Davlin's departure old news—for most, if you didn't know him or his family, a rather sad footnote to your holiday season. As for me, it was just today that I watched the video of his hearse being covered in green carnations. He used to throw those during the St. Patrick's Day parades, beaming. He really did have a megawatt smile.

The Tuesday morning it happened I was busy with my own issues, back in chemotherapy when I'd been so happy, thinking I'd beat cancer on the first try. Sorry, no: a few spots crept back, quickly caught, quickly treated. What I heard in the chemo suite was "Davlin...politician...corruption...well, what do you expect...court..." and I tuned it out, knowing he had some legal issues concerning how he'd handled a cousin's estate along with tax problems. It wasn't until my husband picked me up that afternoon that I learned it had all taken such an unexpected turn.

Like the old poem "Richard Corey," everything was fine until suddenly it wasn't. Some facts will come out in the months ahead, others will get swept under a large rug with "De mortuis nihil nisi bonum" woven around its border—speak nothing but good of the dead. There are and will remain rumors and conjecture. For all the smiles, something in Davlin broke beneath the weight he was carrying.

I remember how Marilyn Piland enthusiastically campaigned for Tim Davlin before his first election and how she was sometimes disappointed after he was in office. It's the nature of things that politicians are climbers, yet upon being elected they face the vast plateau of actually governing and that takes an entirely different skill set. (Blago had only been gover-

nor for a few months when he informed a colleague of mine who was visiting, "Boy, if I'd known how bad state finances really were, I never would've run for this job!!") Public life is hard, and the scrutiny is relentless. Disgrace seems to have been more than Davlin could bear. He didn't have a screw loose that would have allowed him to turn his troubles into a so-called reality television show.

"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." That's such a deceptively straightforward phrase but I think of it often. Decisions snowball, actions turn into consequences. By and large, the cliché is true: where there's life there's hope. It may require a change of circumstances, vulnerability, even humiliation, but people can and do pull through bad situations. Martha Stewart left prison with a better reputation than when she went in, for example.

It's not uncommon to read of students who end their lives over a test score, a romance gone sour or these days, cyber bullying. You want to drag them back, shake them and say, "IT WILL GET BETTER!!!! Believe me!" Well, it's tempting to shake students and adults both because grief is so often mixed with anger at being left behind, trust betrayed.

January columns are usually jocular pieces on resolutions for the New Year and how hard they are to keep. This year's suggestion is to keep putting one foot in front of the other because life changes, the wheel turns down but then back up again. Get help from friends, family, co-workers and professionals if you stumble. Dig your way out, not deeper because ending a life can leave a bitter trail of hurt that warps generations.

We may never know the full details of why our mayor checked out at age 53, but I can tell you, the idea of destroying a healthy body really aggravates me. Have the courage to keep fighting for what you want. Yes, I say that all the time about renovating Enos Park but take it to heart for your own life, too. *Fight*. As Winston Churchill said to his besieged Britons: "Never, never, never give up."

Never.

Lola Lucas is author of At Home in the Park: Loving a Neighborhood Back to Life about Springfield in general and Enos Park in particular.

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Tuesday, January 11th, 7pm

St. John's Hospital

The January 11th, EPNIA membership meeting
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They will provide an update on a program similar to the Enos Park Master
Plan for the renovation and revitalization of the Eastside Development.

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two programs are working together to insure success.