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EPNIA MONTHLY MEETING

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Karen Lee, Executive Director, SIU School of Medicine Community Support Network, will be the guest speaker and will discuss the **Hope Springs apartment project** that is currently underway on Ninth St.

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD URBAN PIONEERS!


You may have noticed a number of green and white signs that have sprouted up throughout the neighborhood, identifying various properties as being owned and managed by Enos Park Development, LLC. Over the course of the last year, EPD has acquired a total of 42 properties and is now seeking qualified candidates to partner with us for both renovation and infill new construction.

Our first ever "Urban Pioneer" tour held on Saturday, Oct. 8 produced a great turnout. About 70 people showed up to walk through five properties owned by Enos Park Development, LLC plus three more that were being offered by private sellers. Some people were curious, some were investors, some were first-time homebuyers, and some were experienced renovators. They also had the opportunity to talk with Robert Morris University students about the newly created design standards for the neighborhood; Diamond Residential Mortgage about financing options; and Habitat for Humanity about affordable housing possibilities.

Generating interest in the properties was the easy part, especially since they are being offered at extremely low prices. The challenge now is to determine who has the commitment, financial capabilities, and experience to renovate a property in a manner that would be consistent with our desired outcome. We're also looking for people who share our goals for the neighborhood and will commit to making the property single family, owner occupied. In some cases, the buyer may intend to live in the house themselves, or an investor might sell the house once the renovations are complete. Either is

an acceptable option, as long as the end result is that we bring more homeowners to the neighborhood.

Thanks to media attention from the Urban Pioneer tour, we have also had a number of inquiries since then from people who have expressed an interest in the properties. We have met one-on-one with almost all of them, and while most people are interested in renovating a single house we have also identified a few who are interested in an ongoing partnership. At this point, we are still screening applications and asking them to provide written documentation of their plans for the property and ability to complete the work. However, within the next 30-60 days we hope to sell most (if not all) of our properties that are candidates for rehab and we look forward to seeing them take shape!



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Did You Know

By Michelle Higginbotham, Vice President EPNIA

Commercial Corridor Activity

The former Hardees building on Ninth St. and the blue warehouse immediately to the south have recently been demolished to make way for a new development. Hope Springs Apartments will be constructed in its place, two buildings with a total of 36 units of supportive living for disabled individuals. The project is being led by Linscott Park Development of Chicago in partnership with SIU School of Medicine Community Support Network. Construction of the \$4.4 million dollar project is expected to wrap up by this time next year.



Also, you may have noticed that Goodwill, our neighbor to the east, has a new look. The brick buildings on 11th St. have a fresh coat of paint along with tuckpointing work. Goodwill actually moved their administrative offices to the former Cherry Hills Baptist Church on MacArthur earlier this year, and the 11th St. facility remains for sale. We applaud their efforts to maintain and renovate the property while they continue to search for a buyer.



Ronald McDonald House Trivia Night

Ronald McDonald House Charities will host their second annual trivia night on Saturday, November 26. The event will be held at the Firefighters/Postal Lake Club at 940 West Lake Drive, Springfield. Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person at the door or \$80 per table (6-10 players) if reserved by November 23rd. For reservations, call 528-3314 x146.

Prizes will be awarded for the best 80's theme table and cash prizes will be given for first and second place. Food will be available from Turasky's Catering along with a full bar.

Art Association to Host Business After Hours

The Springfield Art Association will host the Chamber of Commerce's November Business After Hours event on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 4:30-7 p.m. This is a networking event for Chamber members and their guests hosted by the SAA and Wells Fargo Insurance Services. The charge to attend is \$3 for members and \$10 for non-members.

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Deadline for orders is Friday, Nov. 18.

Pie Pick Up Wednesday, November 23:

Between 1 and 5 p.m. at the west side of Elliott Avenue Baptist Church at 501 West Elliott (one block south of North Grand).



Michelle Higginbotham, Vice President of Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association, accepts the Mayor's Award for Neighborhood Preservation Planning, on behalf of Enos Park.

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

After many months of research and work by members of Inner City Older Neighborhoods (ICON), our City Council by a vote of 8-2 enacted a comprehensive ordinance to address the number one problem facing our city's older neighborhoods--abandoned buildings. A big thank you is also due to Ald. Cory Jobe (6) for initiating this, as well as Mayor J. Michael Houston and Aldermen Gail Simpson (2), Doris Turner (3) and Kris Theilen (8) who, along with me, co-sponsored this ordinance.

The new ordinance is 44 pages because it includes all the language in the City Code being changed. Nevertheless, there are three key points to it:

- (1) It provides an end game to boarded up (registered) buildings. Until passage of this ordinance, a building could be boarded up literally for eternity! Now there is a three year end game. No further registration is allowed after three years. The owner must either fix the property sufficiently to obtain a certificate of occupancy or demolish it. If neither is done, a fine of not less than \$750 per day may be imposed.
- (2) It increases other fines and the fees for registering boarded properties, which escalate over time.
- (3) It requires the city to foreclose on property when the liens are 70 per cent of the value of the property.

The three elements are designed to work in sync. If the increasing registration fees are not paid, they become a lien on the property. Then, if three years go by and the owner fails to fix up or demolish the property, the \$750 per day fines start to kick in. Pretty soon the liens will be up to 70 per cent, and the city will foreclose on them, meaning it will take over ownership of the property or have it sold to the highest responsible bidder to pay the delinquent fines and fees.

The new ordinance is not designed to be punitive, nor was this the intent of the sponsors. Rather, it is designed to pro-

vide an incentive to fix up the property. We hope the property owners will find it cheaper to fix up the property than to incur the fines and fees. Further, if a property owner is making a good faith attempt to fix the property, I expect the Administration to waive certain fines and fees if the owner shows he or she is putting that money into rehabbing the property.

Passing the ordinance is a good first step, but, as they say, the devil is in the details. How this ordinance is administered and enforced will determine its success.

At the end of October I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Opening of the new Kindred Hospital at Walnut & Miller. Located on the site of the former Doctor's Park, Kindred is a brand new state-of-the-art facility across the street from our Medical District.

I remember voting at the City Council for the zoning relief needed to build this facility. It is satisfying to see a project like this develop in our ward. Kindred provides long term acute care and transitional rehabilitation services. It has expertise in, among other things, respiratory care, in which case they work to wean patients off ventilators. It is designed for patients who no longer need to be in a full service hospital, but still need a lot of care. Kindred provides rehabilitation services the patient would not get at a full service hospital like St. John's.

Kindred employs 80 people, most of whom were hired from the Springfield area. When it is fully operational, Kindred plans to be staffed with 150 well-paid workers, who will contribute to our Springfield economy. So, if you are looking for a job in health care, housekeeping or other hospital type work, stop by Kindred or check their website: www.kindredspringfield.com.

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 2012

I want to be a part of the revitalization of Enos Park Neighborhood. Here is my donation of \$25 for 2012 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

November is upon us. Leaves are in their glory, the air is crisp and cold, broccoli and brussels sprouts are at their peak, our lawns need less mowing. I think I'm ready for the gardening season to wind down (after leaves are taken care of) and Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. November is a busy month for garden maintenance.

My suggestions:



BULBS - can still be planted until the 15th.

PERENNIALS - We can still plant container-grown plants until around the 20th. As for cutting back on perennial foliage for the winter, you can cut everything to the ground as it dies, leaving very little cleanup for the spring. Definitely cut back diseased or insect infested plants to avoid over-wintering of those problems. Plants that will be matted down flat by heavy snows or whipped about by winds can also be cut to ground level. The second method would be to leave enough plant material standing to provide winter interest, food and cover for wildlife.

ROSES - old fashioned roses, miniature roses and any rose grown on its own roots (not grafted) are very tolerant of harsh winters. Hybrid teas (the most common type) usually suffer considerable damage. They should be protected. If rose cones are used, make sure cold air can circulate within the cone. The whole idea behind rose protection is to keep them frozen. Repeated freezing and thawing is what kills them in winter. We should not be watering them at all by this time (rainfall will be enough moisture), allow the hips (seedheads) to form, loosely tie tall canes together to prevent whipping in the wind and dump a 14-16 inch hill of soil, compost or mulch down into the center of each plant to completely cover the crown. I do not recommend cutting back hybrid teas until spring. You can cut them back just enough to fit into the rose cone though. Climbers should not be pruned at all at this time. You can also hill-up their crowns. The time to protect roses for the winter is when the ground freezes and stays frozen — usually sometime between Thanksgiving and Dec. 15th. It varies with each year.

SUMMER BULBS - cannas, dahlias, callas, gladiolus, etc., should be dug, dried and in storage by now.

HARVEST - anything that's left that frost hasn't taken yet, such as brussels sprouts. Persimmons should be ready for harvest.

LAWNS - continue to mow grass as long as it is growing. If you mow falling leaves regularly (even if the grass isn't growing much) they will be ground into mulch and fall into

the lawn to serve as food. That means little or no raking and bagging. Do your best to keep fallen leaves (especially wet ones) off new grass less than three months old. They can smother new turf, killing it within a week. If you feed your lawn four times a year, feed for the last time after growth and mowing have stopped. You can still lay sod up until Nov. 15th at the latest.

MULCH - flower beds, vegetable beds, shrubs or trees — any planting can be mulched now. Strawberry beds should be mulched with leaves or straw.

COMPOST - top dress flowerbeds before mulching is applied. Incorporate compost into vegetable beds. Shredded leaves make excellent compost (leaf mold). Lawnmowers shred them very finely, allowing for rapid decomposition.

WATER - It's important that all plants (except roses), especially trees and shrubs go into winter dormancy with adequate water. The water is not used to produce leaves, fruit or food, as happens the rest of the year — but is taken up and lost through twigs, branches and buds during the winter. Trees and shrubs that are too dry during the winter show dieback of twigs and buds in the spring.

CLEAN UP - sharpen and repair garden tools before storing them for the winter. Having your lawnmower serviced after fall cleanup (late November) avoids the rush to have it done in the spring when most everyone else needs it done too. Yours will be "ready to go"! Store garden chemicals in a safe place where they will not freeze.

GET OUT - the birdfeeders, clean them and stock up on birdseed and related supplies. Get out and see the amazing colors this month.

LEAVE OUT - the barbecue grill where you can easily use it this fall and winter. It's great to have grilled food at dinner when it's frigid and snow is blanketing the ground.

PLAN - changes for next year. Jot your ideas down, sketch them now on graph paper so you can refer to them later. Make lists from garden catalogs of the seeds you want to order in January. If you're having a live Christmas tree this year, dig a hole for it before the ground freezes. Store the soil in a place where it will not freeze, for easy planting. Live trees left outdoors in winter, to be planted in spring, rarely survive.

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.

Community Health Corner By Memorial Medical Center

Why It's Important to Make Time for a Flu Shot

Recently, news reports have talked about a new strain of H1N1 infecting a boy in Indiana and a girl in Pennsylvania. Dr. John K. Lee, a family medicine physician with Memorial's South Sixth Medical Associates, answered the following questions about how you can protect yourself from the flu.

Q. What are the dangers from this new strain for people?

A. The dangers are that the current flu vaccine for 2011 does not protect us against them. But it's important to keep in mind that these strains have not turned into a pandemic like H1H1. These were controlled isolated cases that didn't expand to the level of other flu outbreaks. The children who were infected have fully recovered. Also, while the current flu vaccine doesn't contain protection against these strains, the medications for the flu (oseltamivir and zanamivir) can treat people who are infected.

Q. What are the different flu vaccinations available?

A. There is the standard inactivated flu vaccine, which is not a live vaccine. It contains a killed virus and is given by injection. It's used in those who are 6 months old and older. It's recommended that those who have chronic illnesses, such as diabetes or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), use this form. But anyone can receive this flu shot, whether you're healthy or suffer from a chronic disease.

There's also a live attenuated vaccine, which can be taken in a nasal spray form. Because it's a live virus, it's not recommended for those with chronic conditions. It's also not recommended for those who are pregnant or for health care providers who deal with immunocompromised patients. The age range for this vaccine is from 2 to 49 years old.

Q. What does the flu vaccination protect you from and does the current vaccination protect you from H1N1 or the "swine flu"?

A. The current flu for this year will provide immunity toward three influenza viruses: an influenza A (H1N1) virus, an influenza A (H3N2) virus and an influenza B virus. Researchers believe these are the most common viruses infecting people during flu season.

Q. What are the recommendations for older adults when it comes to flu vaccinations?

A. Everyone should get a flu vaccine yearly. But most important, people who are 50 years and up, have a medical condition (such as asthma or diabetes), are nursing home residents, are pregnant, are health care providers or who live

with children who are 6 months of age or less or live with someone who is high risk for flu complications.

Q. What are the recommendations for children?

A. Children should receive the vaccine as early as 6 months of age. It's split into two doses until 35 months of age. Children less than 9 years old who never received the H1N1 last season should get two doses of the flu shot this year.

Q. When should one get a flu vaccination?

A. As soon as the flu vaccine is available, which is in September. The sooner the patient gets the shot, the better because it takes roughly two weeks for us to develop antibodies to the influenza virus. Flu season can start as early as October, reach its climax in January or later and last all the way till May.

Q. What are symptoms of the flu?

A. Fatigue, muscle aches, nasal congestion or runny nose, cough, possibly fever, sore throat, headaches, possible diarrhea. More serious complications that could develop include sinus infection, ear infection, pneumonia, dehydration, even death. The latter problems can especially happen in those with chronic conditions (diabetes, COPD, heart problems and so on).

Q. When should you seek a physician?

A. When patients start having any of the symptoms above, it's good to get checked out by their primary care physician, especially if you have a child, are elderly, have a chronic condition or are pregnant.

It's very difficult to distinguish the flu from other infections on the basis of symptoms alone. A doctor's exam may be needed to tell whether you have developed the flu or a complication of the flu. There are tests that can determine if you have the flu as long as you're tested within the first two or three days of illness.

Dr. Lee's article appeared recently in behealthyspringfield.com. For more online information on the flu vaccine, check cdc.gov and flu.gov.

Mark Your Calendar! Memorial's Festival of Trees

Nov. 19-27, Orr Building
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Check out the complete schedule of events at
memorialfestivaloftrees.com.



In the Neighborhood

By Officer Ryan Irwin

We are entering the time of year when residential burglary activity typically increases. Please be vigilant and aware of your surroundings in the neighborhood. Remember to take a second before leaving your home to ensure everything is locked and secured. A lot of burglars are chance and opportunists; they look for easy and obvious targets. Some walk through the neighborhood looking for open and unlocked garage doors, dark back yards off of alleys utilizing darkness for cover. Other burglars window shop by peering into open blinds at night taking inventory of televisions, electronics, and other valuables easily seen from the sidewalk and street.

Look around the perimeter of your house, make sure nothing has been left next to the house that can be used to help gain entry such as bricks, rocks, garden tools, lawn furniture, or ladders.

Don't be fooled by kids or adults who often knock on doors looking for friends, directions, or work, or soliciting business or goods. Sometimes this is a ploy to get in your house to look around. Also some burglars will knock on front doors, then go around to the back and knock. If nobody answers they may believe nobody is home and break in.

If you see someone acting suspicious in the neighborhood or believe something is not quite right, call it in. If you find out later that you or your neighbor was burglarized, you will wish you would've called it in earlier. If someone is acting suspicious you can call the non-emergency police number at 788-8311. If it is an emergency call 911.

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Living with Character

By K.J. Knox

The project on Fifth Street is down to the only original parts left on the inside and that is to repair the existing stairs and railing and balusters. The original parts were made of walnut and finding walnut we could use was quite a chore in itself. I had to go back into the woods where an old man had a sawmill set up and had saved a small selection of large pieces of walnut, age unknown.

When the house was turned into apartments, the owner chopped off the bottom section of the stairs and walled it over and the top section was done the same. Normally when people remove these items they save them in the attic or basement but this was not done. In fact it seems they actually chopped off the stair parts leaving only a short middle section which we used to reproduce the missing parts. We'll see how it all goes together this week as two of us will concentrate on replacing this bit of history.

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 Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals.

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At Home in the Park

By Lola L. Lucas

Things have gotten out of whack when a presidential candidate stands up and says, "If you're poor or out of work, it's your own fault." It's enough to make you spit out that piece of Godfather's pizza.

Let the record show that I'm in favor of personal responsibility, yet there are currently ugly economic realities. Is it your fault if your job moved to China? If your company went out of business? If you're competing with three other people for each job opening and that's *good* compared to the recent seven people for each opening?

When you're out of work you don't need someone telling you it's your fault; you need help. I've been in the career development field for three decades, and I can tell you that there are precisely 37 gazillion books and Internet sites devoted to the mechanics of job hunting. They include how to write resumes and cover letters, interview successfully, and negotiate salary once you get the offer. And you need to know all that stuff, of course you do.

Back in the day I worked directly with people who were unemployed. All too often they'd fall into what I called Bathrobe Syndrome. After being rejected once too often they'd retreat to mailing out a few resumes to ads in the Sunday paper then spend the rest of the week watching soap operas, fighting with their spouses, and drinking themselves into oblivion. Sometimes the downward spiral led to a literal crash and burn. Some took a glide path into a lower paying job and settled there. Only a few hit bottom and rebounded to an equal or better position. I knew something was wrong with the way we were teaching job search skills because clearly the mechanics alone weren't enough.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security now offers the Jobseekers Success Mindset Training (JSMT) as part of the Career Information System version for adults, ReNEW. (Go to <http://www.ides.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=1204> to link to ReNEW.) We selected author and consultant Jeff Garton to format his materials on the emotional side of job search into modules that all Illinois citizens can use for free on the Internet. It's not a news flash that we can think first then decide how we respond to events, but his mindset training shows how to actually do it. Instead of waiting for chemistry to happen in an interview, he gives the steps for creating it.

The best resume in the world doesn't do any good if its owner is thinking, "It's no use. Nobody's hiring anyway so why bother?" Getting a shot of enthusiasm is essential to climbing back into the game. JSMT offers audio files, videos, real world examples of people who've successfully

found jobs, articles and worksheets. It helps jobseekers relax during a tense experience where uncertainty and rejection are a given. It also reinvigorates a job search with tips for making human connections because employers hire people, not paper. When I was counseling laid off workers they'd sometimes say, "But you gotta know somebody," and I'd bounce up and down with joy: "Yes, yes, that's it exactly!! Now let's plan how you can get out there and meet who you need to know to get a job you actually want!"

Here's a lurid truth that you need if you're out there looking: your credentials will only get you so far. They can keep you from being screened, but they won't assure that you'll be hired. Jobs go to those who are likeable and who make clear that they'll be good team players. Well, think about it. Imagine that you have two choices for an opening in your company. One has degrees and relevant experience but treats you with disdain. The other is less qualified on paper but clearly thinks that you are the finest person on earth and already has several friends on your staff. Duh.

It's a huge myth that hiring is a rational process. It is not because employers are humans with conscious and unconscious biases. If you happen to remind your interviewer of someone he disliked, there isn't a darn thing you can do about it except pick up and move on. Don't take it personally. He may give seeming logical reasons such as claiming you are over or under qualified because even he isn't aware that you have freckles like a kid who beat him up on the schoolyard.

So during unemployment my advice is to keep fit with good nutrition and long walks; volunteer to build skills, keep some structure in your day, to meet people, and to learn something that will be useful in your new job. Find classes at LincolnLand or Lawrence Adult Center. Check the Internet for free instruction on computers or other topics. Use the Jobseeker Success Mindset Training in ReNEW to stay positive. Most of all, do the things that you vividly love because that way you'll come into contact with others who'll steer you toward your new employment. Find your tribe because having fun is a way that you can become the one who knows somebody!

It's not your fault if you get knocked down by life. It is your choice to get back up again. Reach out for the resources and the people who can help you do that. Being employed is good, but working at your calling with people you enjoy is something to be thankful for indeed.

Lola Lucas is the author of *At Home in the Park: Loving a Neighborhood Back to Life*, about Springfield in general and Enos Park in particular. You can find it at Amazon.com & other online booksellers.

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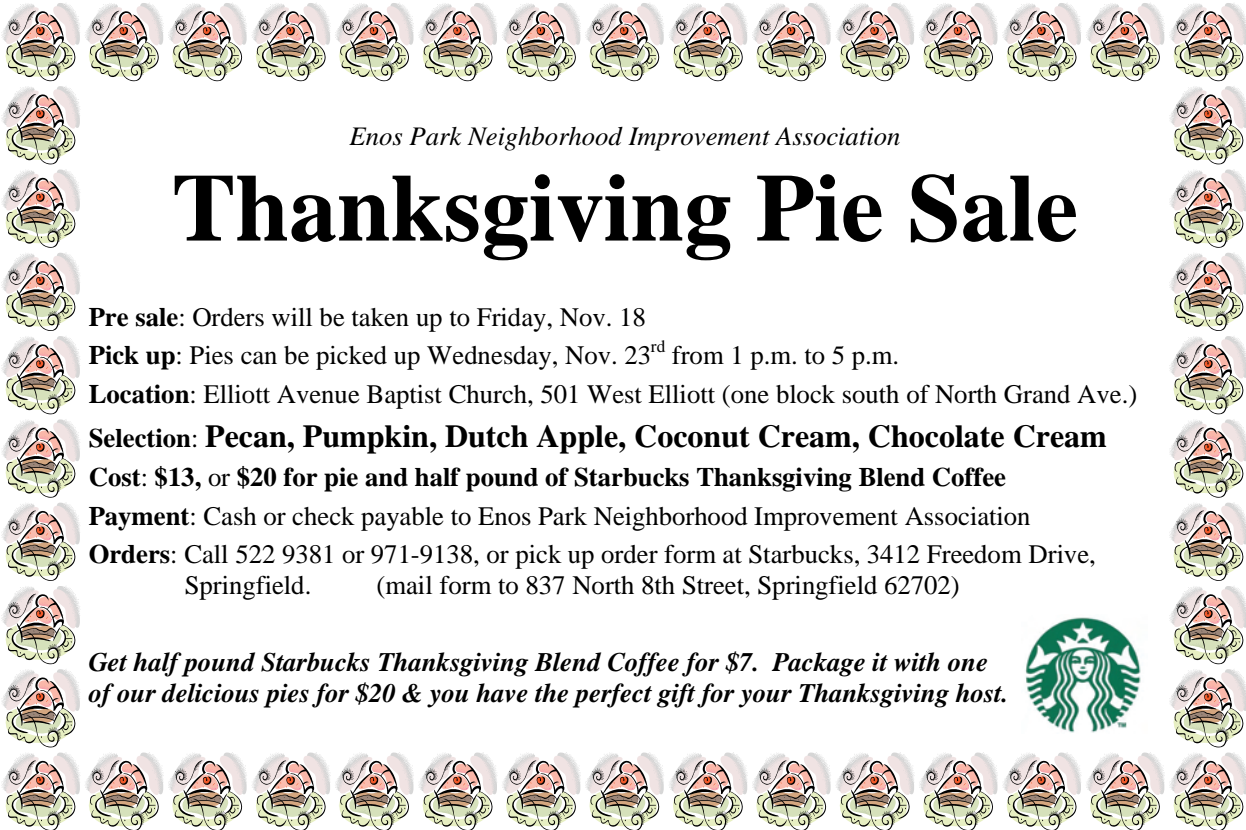
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Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Pre sale: Orders will be taken up to Friday, Nov. 18

Pick up: Pies can be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 23rd from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Elliott Avenue Baptist Church, 501 West Elliott (one block south of North Grand Ave.)

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