

# COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS



CONA is a non-profit organization with the following mission: Neighborhood associations working together to create healthy, secure neighborhoods, provide organizational support, and serve as a unified, advocating voice for all neighborhood concerns.

All donations to CONA are tax-deductible.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** July 17 CONA meeting  
 August 21 CONA meeting  
 September 18 CONA Annual Meeting — Open to all neighborhoods.

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## Neighborhood Planning



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McDoel Gardens has been involved in a Neighborhood Plan in conjunction with The Bloomington Planning Department and HAND. The purpose of such a plan is to set out and define goals for the neighborhood. The process began with an inventory of the neighborhood which identified the strengths and potential threats; the best of the neighborhood and what needed improvement. Committees involv-

ing neighbors, city officials and other stakeholders in the neighborhood have met in a series of meetings during which this information is being translated into specific goals, timelines, and possible ways to accomplish the desired item. After the completion of McDoel's Plan, another neighborhood will be chosen for the same process.

In the meantime, Eastside Neighborhood Association did a little envisioning of their neighborhood in their May meeting. Guest Phil Stafford shared with them the experience of "seeing" your neighborhood in a different way. He talked with them about the benefits of children and the elderly working together. (con't. on page 3)

## CONA — New Officers — annual meeting

At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, a by-laws change was made restructuring the leadership of CONA. Instead of electing a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, the Board will elect an Executive Committee that has been nominated by a nominating committee. Persons accepting these nominations agree that they will fulfill whatever role is needed to be filled. All the functions of the various traditional offices will still be carried out but the same person may not be carrying out those same duties for the next two years. It is hoped

that this arrangement will give more flexibility in handling unforeseen circumstances that may come up. It may also allow a person to lead in areas best suited for them and their leadership strengths. The executive committee elected for 2002-2203 are: Kathy Holland, Elm Heights; Terri Inskip, Waterman; Jim Opiat, Bryan Park; Bill Sturbaum, Prospect Hill; and Dave Walter, 6th and Ritter. The CONA annual meeting will be held at the September Board of Directors Meeting. According to the by-laws, the president (executive committee) shall summarize

the results of any current matters and shall propose to the Board of Directors the general program of activities that is planned for the then current year. The program proposal together with the general outlines of the financial plan for the current year shall then be voted upon by the Board of Directors.

ANNUAL MEETING  
 SEPTEMBER 18  
 7:00 p.m. McCloskey Rm.  
 Showers Building,  
 City Hall

### CONA Needs from the Neighborhoods:

- Visit CONA at the County Fair
- Attendance at the Picnic
- Volunteer to be on Action Team and observe government at work
- Be a active part of your association
- Support CONA with a contribution

## Blooming Neighborhoods Celebration



The Blooming Neighborhoods Celebration held on May 11 at the Farmers' Market was a great success. Several neighborhoods in addition to CONA and HAND had display tables that were visited by many shoppers at the Market.

Awards presented to neighborhoods by the City were The Mayor's Excellence Award — Arden Place Neighborhood Association; the City Council's Neighborhood Enhancement Award — Waterman Neighborhood As-

sociation and the HAND Neighbor of the Year — Dave Ebeling of Arden Place. All winning neighborhood associations received \$100 for their accomplishments.

CONA presented certificates of appreciation to neighborhood associations and to individual residents of some neighborhoods for their In-kind contributions of time spent on behalf of neighborhoods in our community. In just four months, more than 3300 hours of time was re-

ported to CONA.

In-kind contributions, both of time and service, are important to the life of a non-profit. Neighborhood associations should continue to report hours spent so that next year we can report an entire year's worth of volunteer time. Do not forget to let CONA know your volunteer time. Make sure you report when your association meets and the number of people in attendance. ALL our neighborhoods need to be recognized next year.

## County Neighborhood Associations

CONA Program Manager met with officials from the County Planning Department to talk about neighborhood associations. The County Planners are now in the process of developing plans for the Ellettsville area and the Harrodsburg area.

The Program Manager attended an Ellettsville Plan ses-

sion on May 29. CONA's purpose was to present information about the strengths of neighborhood associations from several perspectives.

CONA has a countywide mission involving neighborhood associations. The involvement of county neighborhoods will be an asset to all. Many decisions of county gov-

ernment affect city residents and conversely for city decisions and their impact on county residents. We may be in need of city neighborhoods to serve as mentors for a short while. If you are interested in helping in this way, contact CONA at [cona@bloomington.in.us](mailto:cona@bloomington.in.us) or 333-6377.

### Question:

Did you know that neighborhoods and subdivisions outside the city limits can be a part of CONA?

## Useful Information for Your Association & YOU



*Learn from the experiences of others*

A website that provides much useful information is <http://www.nusa.org/>. The website is for Neighborhoods USA. The index of major points include: Neighborhood Organizing; Neighborhood Safety; Neighborhood Revitalization; Neighborhood Arts and Culture; Neighborhood Religion;

Neighborhood Youth; and Neighborhood Partners. Each one of these categories has 6 or more sub-categories or specific issues. A description of the issue is given and then one or more contact people in neighborhoods that span the country. Go in; browse around and see if you cannot

identify some issues that would be helpful to your neighborhood association. This website gives you the experience of neighborhoods that would not normally be in our normal contact area. A link will also be established to this website through CONA's website [www.conaonline.org](http://www.conaonline.org).

## 4th of July Community Parade & Other Festivities

Neighborhoods were walking proud, showing their patriotism and love of their neighborhoods in the Annual 4th of July Parade. The Community on Parade was led by Dave Walter (Sixth and Ritter) in his sleek little blue MG. Dave Ebeling (Arden Place) Neighbor of the Year, rode shotgun. Several neighborhoods answered the call to "join the parade." Marching units came from McDoel Gardens, Arden Place, Highland Village, Matlock Heights, Prospect Hill, Woods Edge Bend, and Near West Side.



The Community on Parade was sponsored by the Bloomington Volunteer Network, Family Matters, CONA, HAND, and the Monroe County Community Prevention Coalition. The banners for the neighborhoods were paid for through our SIG grant.

Next year, CONA hopes to see many more neighborhoods parading their American and neighborhood pride.

Traditional neighborhood parades were held in Hyde Park and in Arden Place. In

### Neighborhood Planning


Some of the activities that can come from working across generational lines are: a history of the neighborhood as remembered by the elderly and a book about neighbors and the kind of work they could share with other neighbors.

All neighborhoods should consider some type of visioning for their neighborhoods. It is a good baseline process.

Park Ridge East, Gretchen Scott, again this year, placed American flags in all yards in the neighborhood. Rod Young had his antique fire truck at the Park Ridge East Park bright and early (9:00 a.m.) to give kids of all ages rides through the neighborhood.

It was a great 4th of July for Bloomington and its neighborhoods. The parade tribute paid to the firemen, the policemen, and to our emergency teams is always well-deserved. It is unfortunate that it sometimes takes an event of September 11 magnitude to make us realize their importance to our lives.



 Attend CITIZENS ACADEMY

Learn how your city government works

Call Vickie Provine 349-3505 for an application.

Don't delay. Sessions start in August!

**Monroe County Fair**

**July 20—July 27**

**SEE you at the CONA display booth in the Exhibit Building**

## Farmers' Market & County Fair

CONA is working hard to increase its visibility in the community. The Farmers' Market is a great place to let people know who we are and what we do for the community.

CONA can provide an information table on the north end of the market any time during the Market's hours. Additionally, CONA will man the rental

cart service on July 20 and August 10. Help will be needed on these tasks. If you can help for a few hours, let Nancy know at [cona@bloomington.in.us](mailto:cona@bloomington.in.us) or 333-6377.

CONA will have a booth at the County Fair (July 20—July 27). This booth and the activities associated with it are being covered by our SIG grant.

We will be there to promote neighborhood associations as a wonderful way for neighbors to work together to provide safer neighborhoods and increase the quality of life for all through better communication between and among neighbors.

If you can help us out by working at the booth, give Nancy a call at 333-6377 or email [cona@bloomington.in.us](mailto:cona@bloomington.in.us).



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Building Community -- Neighborhood by  
Neighborhood



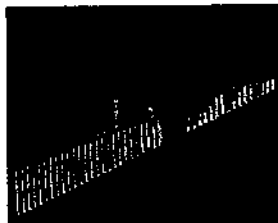
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## *Neighborhood Network Regional Conference Oct. 3—5*

Mark your calendars now for a couple of days of active learning and inspiring showcasing of neighborhoods from five states.

The NNRC will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana this year on Thursday through



*Learn from your neighbors  
from different states*

Saturday, October 3—5. This coalition of cities from Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Illinois provide a yearly conference attended by neighborhood leaders from the states involved in the coalition.

The workshops are all presented by neighborhood groups sharing their experiences in all types of neighborhood concerns. Everything from beginning a neighborhood association to revitalizing a neighborhood association is addressed in practical "how-to" presentations.

Projects that neighborhoods have taken on are always a big

part of the excitement of the conference. Delegates come away with renewed energy and passion for what their neighborhoods could accomplish. HOW they accomplished these tasks is always a big part of the presentation.

How do you make sure that ALL your residents are having their needs met in order to insure them a quality of life that your neighborhood supports? How do you make sure that your neighborhood and every home therein is safe not only from crime but also from household dangers? How do you know what your neighbor-

hood could potentially be? All these questions could be answered.

CONA would like to send a representative from each of our member neighborhood associations so if your association is a member of CONA, consider who in your neighborhood would be a good delegate. CONA can cover expenses through our SIG grant.