

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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2015 ACTION PLANS DUE!



Owensboro Neighborhood Alliances will be busy during January and February preparing their action plans for 2015.

These plans must be completed by each neighborhood alliance, and they should include all of the NAB's activities and projects, both long-term and short-term. These plans must be finalized by the neighborhood alliance's March meeting.

Make sure the items included in your plans have strong consensus from your group, and be realistic about your action plan, particularly your short-term goals. Don't be afraid to dream a little when deciding on your long-term goals.

Short-term projects may include a neighborhood cleanup, a beautification project or a joint project

with another alliance or community group. Long-term projects could be improvements to a park, creating or changing a city ordinance and many more.

If your group will be requesting assistance from city government, those requests must be included in the action plan so they may be considered during the budget process. You may also include requests from other government agencies.

Keep in mind that many neighborhood projects may qualify for matching grants through the Opportunities for Owensboro grant program. Contact Abby Shelton for further information regarding the grant program at 270-687-8557 or sheltonam@owensboro.org.



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MEET YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Owensboro operates under a City Manager form of government. The Board of Commissioners is made up of a Mayor and four Commissioners. The citizens, on a non-partisan ballot, elect the Commissioners at-large. The Mayor is elected to a four-year term and the

Commissioners have two-year terms. The Mayor and Commissioners have equal voting power and they set the policies that govern the City. The Commission appoints citizen advisory groups that help in the decision-making process. The City Manager is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City's staff. The department managers are responsible for their various departments and report to the City Manager



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PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE EDDIE ATHERTON RECEIVES 2014 CAP GARDNER EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD



On December 16th, 2014 during the Owensboro Board of Commissioners meeting, the City of Owensboro annual Cap Gardner award was presented to Public Works Employee Eddie Atherton. Casper "Cap" Gardner was the Mayor of Owensboro from 1954 to 1958. The annual award named in his honor began in 2007 to recognize outstanding service by a city employee. Mayor Payne presented the award on behalf of Ms. Gayle Gardner, who is Cap Gardner's widow.

During his 24 years of service, Eddie Atherton has been involved with beautification of the original Smothers Park area during the early 1980's as well as playing an integral role in the current riverfront revitalization. Other major projects he has been involved in include the Greenbelt, Frederica Street island improvements and various other city medians and rights of way. He ensures that we uphold our distinguished "Tree City USA" designation by planting hundreds of trees each year in city parks and on other city properties. His work will be enjoyed and admired for generations to come. This leader in city government has proven to be an effective manager of the grounds department, and his tireless dedication to improving the City of Owensboro's curb appeal are self-evident in the beautiful city we enjoy today.



Most importantly, Eddie Atherton is a dedicated husband and father – setting a positive example for his peers by playing a significant role in his family member's lives. He is quick with a smile, and he has a kind demeanor that makes him a joy to be around.

The City of Owensboro is proud to have you as an employee. Congratulations, Eddie!

Top Left: Mayor Ron Payne presents Eddie Atherton with the 2014 Cap Gardner Employee of the Year Award at the December 16 Commission meeting.

Bottom Left: Eddie Atherton poses with his family at City Hall after the meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES



UPCOMING MEETINGS

<i>Neighborhood Alliance and Meeting Time/Location</i>	<i>JAN.</i>	<i>FEB.</i>	<i>MAR.</i>	<i>APR.</i>
APOLLO 6:00 p.m.— Century Christian Church	27	24	24	28
AUDUBON-BON HARBOR 6:30 p.m.—Audubon Church of the Nazarene	12	No Meeting	9	No Meeting
DOGWOOD AZALEA 5:30 p.m.—Edge Ice Center	15	No Meeting	19	No Meeting
DUGAN BEST 6:00 p.m.—Dugan Best Rec. Center	27	24	24	28
HILLCREST 6:30 p.m.— Owensboro Christian Church	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
MIDTOWN EAST 5:00 p.m.—Buena Vista Baptist Church	1	5	5	2
NORTHWEST 5:30 p.m.—H.L. Neblett Center	27	24	24	28
OLD OWENSBORO 6:00 p.m.—OPD Community Room	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
SEVEN HILLS 7:00 p.m.—Trinity United Methodist Church	1	5	5	2
SHIFLEY-YORK 5:30 p.m.—Lewis Lane Baptist Church	13	10	10	14
SOUTHEAST 6:30 p.m.— Republic Bank on Frederica St.	8	No Meeting	12	No Meeting
WESLEYAN-SHAWNEE 6:00 p.m.—KWC Winchester Center	27	No Meeting	24	No Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES AND HOLIDAYS:

- Jan. 1-New Year’s Day
- Jan. 19-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb. 2—Groundhog Day
- Feb. 14-Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 16-President’s Day
- Mar. 8-Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar. 17-St. Patrick’s Day
- Mar. 20-First Day of Spring
- Mar. 23-NAB Chair Meeting
- Apr.-OPD Open House

- Apr. 3—Good Friday
- Apr. 5 - Easter Sunday
- April 15—Tax Day



2014 GOLDEN SANTA AWARD

Owensboro Municipal Utilities and the City of Owensboro Neighborhood Alliance Program partnered to present the Golden Santa Award for 2014. The winner was chosen out of submitted nominations for originality, their use of lighting, color and movement. Congratulations to Dorothy and Al Reid of West 15th Street in Owensboro, Kentucky. The winners will receive a \$250 OMU gift certificate and free curbside recycling from GO Recycling.



NEED FREE TAX HELP?

Tax Day 2015 is April 15, 2015, and the Green River Asset Building Coalition is gearing up to assist working-low income families in their efforts to become more economically self-sufficient. They are accomplishing this mission by increasing community awareness and utilization of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), offering free tax preparation, and by increasing the level of financial literacy and education of working low and moderate income families.

Low income families may qualify for free tax preparation and financial advice by IRS trained volunteers through the Green River Asset Building Coalition.

According to the IRS, some of the simple steps to qualifying include:

- A valid Social Security Number;
- Income from employment or from self employment;

- Your filing status cannot be married, filing separately;
- You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year, or a nonresident alien married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien and filing a joint return;
- You **cannot** be a qualifying child of another person;
- If you do not have a qualifying child, you must: be age 25 but under 65 at the end of the year, live in the United States for more than half the year, and not qualify as a dependent of another person;
- Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ
- Other EITC thresholds and limitations apply

Call the Green River Asset Building Coalition for more information at 270-685-1603.

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Happy New Year!

Start the New Year off right!
Get involved with the neighborhood
alliance in your area!



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