

Although it wasn't exactly at the top of my wife and son's to-do list, we visited the planned community of Seaside, Florida during our family vacation last week. Many people know Seaside as the setting for the 1998 film "The Truman Show," starring Jim Carrey. Seaside is a quaint small town with tree-lined boulevards, a vibrant town square, and attractive, seemingly identical-looking homes and buildings. It's located on the Gulf of Mexico's "emerald coast," and nestled on Florida's iconic Highway 30A. For planning nerds like me, Seaside is an interesting study in community development, and, frankly, a ball of contradictions. It was founded in 1981, on the premise that life's necessities (work, school, groceries, other provisions) and pleasures (coffee, wine, recreation) should be located within a quarter-mile walk of one's home. Great idea. Houses were built close to one another, with big front porches near wide sidewalks - meant to encourage social interaction and community building. Another great idea. I suppose Seaside gets so much attention because it was the "first" of the "new urbanist" communities. In other words, it was the first brand new community in decades that grew up in a traditional neighborhood design, with public and commercial spaces situated near residential areas, and with greater emphasis placed on the pedestrian and cyclist experience than the motorist. It's basically how cities developed for centuries, prior to the intrusion of modern zoning, the introduction of suburbs, and the ubiquity of cars. But Seaside is far from perfect. There are heavy restrictions on building type, materials, placement, and design. The cost of a small home is in the million-dollar range. Commercial space for small businesses is almost completely cost-prohibitive. And for all its "charm and beauty," Seaside isn't very interesting. It's even been criticized as artificial, overly curated and, like the movie that made it famous, maybe even a little dystopic. Great planning concepts, but odd execution. I couldn't help but think about Seaside and its contradictions, as City Council began discussions with Teska & Assoc. this week about making changes to our zoning ordinances. There are worthwhile concepts that are being discussed, and several great ideas which could protect our old neighborhoods, and preserve the character and charm that we love about Edwardsville, while ensuring that new development occurs in a sympathetic and controlled manner. Finding the balance between developing reasonable guidelines and becoming overly restrictive/uninteresting is a challenge. But one that we need to engage. We need to take in to account our community's architectural heritage, but also make a way for the new and eclectic. We want Edwardsville to remain affordable, accessible, and diverse, while raising the bar on the look and feel of new development. These are a few of the broad concepts being discussed. To give you a closer look, I have pasted 10 questions at the end of this week's e-mail from Teska. I'd love to hear your responses to these questions. Just hit "reply" and respond to as many as you choose. As much as I hate giving homework on the weekends, I need your feedback, so take a few minutes and think them over.

**ST. ANDREW'S BOOK FAIR:** With more than 20,000 used books of all kinds, as well as used CDs, DVDs and vinyl albums, the St. Andrew's Book Fair never disappoints. Pick up a gently used book at a great price for your summer reading list! The Summer Book Fair begins today, Friday Aug. 3 and continues tomorrow, Saturday, Aug 4 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Hillsboro. The sale will be open on Friday from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and on Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. You'll find children's books, current fiction, mysteries, history, literature, art, cookbooks, gardening, sports, philosophy, religion, biography and much more, including regional titles. The

books are sorted by category and priced to sell. For additional information or to donate books, call 618-656-1294.

**GOSHEN MARKET:** Don't miss the Land of Goshen Community Market, every Saturday morning from 8 am – 12 Noon in Downtown Edwardsville. This week, live music begins at 9 am with Hannah Willmore, there will be a cane chair demo by Mike Narkawicz, and this week's Yoga on the Market Green will begin at 8:30 a.m. led by Caitlin Gately from Studio Gaia.

**MOVIE IN THE PARK:** He should've minded his mother and avoided Mr. MacGregor's garden, but that little scamp Peter Rabbit broke in and went for the veggies anyway. It's a cautionary tale, friends. The Saturday Movie in City Park for tomorrow night, August 4 is the 2018 film version of Beatrix Potter's classic tale, "Peter Rabbit." The movie will take place at the bandstand at City Park, located next to the Library, at approximately 8 pm. The event is free and open to all.

**DRUG TAKE-BACK:** The SIUE Police will be offering a drug take-back at their tent at Goshen Market tomorrow morning. Bring expired or unused prescription drugs or medicines and have them disposed of safely by law enforcement.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** How well do you know the men and women who serve you in the Edwardsville Police and Fire Departments? This Tuesday, August 7 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm, at Edwardsville's City Park, you and your family will have an opportunity to get to know them a little better. The Police Dept. is hosting "National Night Out" an event which features live music, police and fire vehicles, bounce houses, free ice cream, sno cones and hot dogs. There will even be a dairy farmer and cow on hand! The event is free and open to the public. Stop by, enjoy a fun evening in City Park with your family, and make an effort to get to know at least one or two of the hard-working first responders who serve our city.

**DOG PARK UPDATE:** Is Fido ready to see and be seen at Edwardsville's hottest new dog park? Break out his best leash and collar, the opening may be just weeks away.... Final grading and seeding is taking place at the new Dog Park on Schwarz as we speak. The Parks Dept. is currently running a water line to the location of the water fountain. Once completed, they will pour the ramp from the parking lot to the entrance gate. It's their hope that this will all take place within the next few weeks.

**US TENNIS TOURNAMENT RETURNS:** The eighth annual US Tennis Association-sanctioned Edwardsville Futures Tennis Tournament returns to town, beginning this Monday, August 6 and running through August 12 at the Edwardsville High School Tennis Center. The event – sponsored by the EGHM Foundation and several local businesses – has become a local tradition and is the world’s only pro tennis tournament held at a high school. The tournament offers \$25,000 in prize money, and features more than 100 players from 20 countries on six continents. The tournament field includes current college players and others who are full-time professional players on the Futures circuit. Those players are aiming to become future standouts on the ATP world tour, and some of the players who have competed at the Edwardsville Futures are starting to achieve that goal. The event is open to the public, and last year’s attendance was the best ever, with more than 2,000 people attending throughout the week. There will also be a free “Kids Night” on Monday, August 6. To learn more about how you can see some impressive athletes right here in our own backyard, and support a great event, visit [www.EdwardsvilleFutures.com](http://www.EdwardsvilleFutures.com)

**WHAT’S UP AT THE WILDEY:** The \$2 Tuesday movie next week, Tuesday, Aug. 7 is the animated feature film “Big Hero 6.” Which I know nothing about... On Saturday, August 11, the Wildey will host “Hotel California” a critically-acclaimed Eagles tribute band at 8 pm. For details on this and other shows at the Wildey, visit [WildeyTheatre.com](http://WildeyTheatre.com) or call 307-1750.

**ST. LOUIS STREET UPDATE:** The St. Louis Street re-surfacing project is in full swing. The street will remain closed at the bridge for all of next week, with a tentative re-opening scheduled for Friday, August 10. You will likely see activity near the bridge happening throughout this weekend, the contractors have a hard deadline of August 14 to get the street open (not complete, just re-opened) for school traffic. Drainage work is largely complete, and concrete work on the curbs, driveway aprons and sidewalks on the northside of St. Louis Street is ongoing and is expected to be finished by August 17. Concrete work on the southside of the street is scheduled for August 20 – September 24. The whole project should be complete by Halloween.

**SIUE LOVEJOY LIBRARY EVENT:** The Friends of Lovejoy Library will host Al Holliday and the East Side Rhythm Band for a wonderful evening of music and good food on Saturday, August 11 from 6 – 9 pm at the SIUE Lovejoy Library on campus. Food will be provided by Edwardsville’s own Sugo's Spaghetteria. Memorabilia from the legendary Mississippi River Festival and other unique items will be available for auction. Support the renovation of Lovejoy Library which will enhance the library experience for our students and the community. Please contact SIUE’s Jeff Brown to purchase tickets, donate or sponsor at 314.378.2252 or [jefbrow@siue.edu](mailto:jefbrow@siue.edu).

WESLEY AT THE WILDEY: On Sunday, August 12, Edwardsville's Wesley Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church hosts, "Wesley at the Wildey - An Evening of Jazz and Elegance" at the historic Wildey Theatre. The concert features vocalists Kim Massie, Danita Mumphard, Aretha Rice-Clemons, Rhoda G, Laron Stover, and Justin Hoskins. Doors open at 3:45pm, and the show starts at 5pm. All seats are general admission. Wesley Chapel – A.M.E. has been a part of the Edwardsville community for 153 years and is proud to present the community with a wonderful evening of jazz. For tickets or more information, call the Wildey at 307-1750 or visit [WildeyTheatre.com](http://WildeyTheatre.com).

FISHING DERBY RESULTS: June 30 was a great day to be at the old fishing hole. A total of 79 kiddos ranging in age from 2 to 14 participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Fishing Derby at LeClaire Lake. Kyle O'Rourke and Jay Nern tied for first place with most fish caught. (They each caught 54 fish.) And Joshua Tschien and Oliver Pohlman tied for first place in the "Biggest Fish" category with both boys catching 7-inch fish.

MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: The City of Edwardsville's annual Mud Volleyball Tournament will take place on Saturday, August 11 starting at 10 am. The event takes place at the Edwardsville Moose Lodge. The first 32 teams will be accepted, and August 4 is the registration deadline. There will be cash prizes for the top 3 teams. Best theme-dressed team will receive \$100. 1st place team will receive \$300, 2nd place will receive \$200, and 3rd will receive \$100

TEEN GAME NIGHTS AT THE LIBRARY: Every Tuesday through August 28, young people (grades 6-12) are invited to participate in a free weekly game night starting at 7 pm at the Edwardsville Public Library. Local game shops will host Dungeons & Dragons and other exciting tabletop games.

MUNICIPAL BAND IN CITY PARK: Only THREE Edwardsville Municipal Band concerts remain this season! Don't miss the weekly Thursday evening Edwardsville Municipal Band concerts beginning at 8 pm at the City Park Bandstand. For a full line-up of this year's concerts, visit the following link. <http://www.edwband.com/Schedule.html> Please don't let this summer slip by without enjoying these charming concerts in the park, it's a slice of Americana that seems to get better every year. The Municipal Band is truly one of our community's many treasures.

**CRITERIUM RETURNS ON AUG 18:** Mark your calendars for 8-18-18. That's the day that the TheBANK of Edwardsville Rotary Criterium returns to Downtown Edwardsville. Along with eight high speed bike races, four free kids races, a food zone, an open containers perimeter, an art tent for children and much more, this year's event will ALSO feature the "Downtown Dash" – a two-lap run on the actual Criterium course. When else can you run the streets of Downtown Edwardsville? It also happens to be one of our community's coolest street festivals and signature events. For details on this year's Criterium, visit [www.CriteriumEdwardsville.com](http://www.CriteriumEdwardsville.com)

**DARE CAR SHOW:** The 26<sup>th</sup> annual DARE Car Show, hosted by the Edwardsville Police Dept., will take place on Sunday, August 19 at Edwardsville High School. For those of you entering a car or motorcycle, registration opens at 8:30am and closes at 1:00pm. The event is open to the public starting at 11 am, with entertainment kicking off at noon. The awards presentation will begin promptly at 4pm. More than 400 vehicles (in 50+ vehicle classes) will be featured this year. Activities including a 50/50 drawing, silent auction, and musical entertainment, will all take place throughout the day. All proceeds from the event will go toward educational materials and support for the Edwardsville DARE program, providing life-saving information about substance abuse for more than 1,500 students in local public and private schools. For details on the DARE program or the car show, visit: <http://www.edwardsvilledare.com/>

**WATERSHED WILDERNESS WALK:** Explore the wilds at the Watershed Nature Center with the next Wilderness Walk - a guided tour led by Master Naturalist, retired teacher, and expert volunteer - Judy. Take in the vistas of our native wetland, prairie, and forest habitats and learn what's new in the Watershed Wilderness. No registration is required and all ages are welcome. The next Wilderness Walk at Watershed Nature Center will take place on Tuesday, August 21 from 10 am to Noon.

**SUNDAY SUMMER SYMPHONY:** The next City of Edwardsville "Sunday Summer Symphonies" in City Park will take place on Sunday, August 26 at 5 pm. The first two concerts have been very well attended, so don't miss out on this NEW Edwardsville tradition.

**EDWARDSVILLE ART FAIR RETURNS:** Another one of Edwardsville's signature events, the 5th annual Edwardsville Art Fair, brought to you by the Edwardsville Arts Center returns to City Park on Friday, Sept. 21, Saturday, Sept. 22 and Sunday, Sept. 23. This juried art show brings more than 100 local, regional and national artists to our community as well as thousands of spectators. The event features free "create-it-and-take-it" events for children, \$15,000 in artist award money, local restaurants offering food and drink, as well as musicians and performers all weekend long. Don't miss this fantastic growing event. For more information, visit:

<http://edwardsvilleartscenter.com/edwardsville-art-fair-2/>

**GRANDVIEW YARD SALE:** Mark your calendars: The Grandview Place Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale will take place at homes throughout Grandview on Saturday, September 15 starting at 8 a.m. More details to follow!

**STEPHENSON HOUSE AUCTION ITEMS:** Do you have any old furniture or antiques lying around? The 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House is accepting items for its 16th annual Antique & Collectible Auction. They are seeking antiques and small furniture items from all eras. They are particularly interested in small items like knives and pocket knives, militaria, crocks and jugs, old tools (small items only), arrowheads or other native American items, marbles, including clay marbles, jewelry, old coins, old postcards, sports memorabilia - particularly Cardinals and Blues items, etc. To donate items, call the Stephenson House at 692-1818 to make arrangements. The auction – which will have an online component this year – will take place Sunday, October 7.

#### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS:

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

--5:00 p.m. - Recreation, Arts, and Special Events Board, Gov. Coles Conference Room, 2nd floor

--5:00 p.m. - Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, Gov. Ford Conference Room, 2nd floor

--7:00 p.m. - City Council, Council Chambers

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

--7:00 p.m. - Historic Preservation Commission, Council Chambers

Monday, August 13, 2018

--5:00 p.m. - Public Safety, Council Chambers

--6:30 p.m. - Band Board, Main Street Community Center, 1003 N. Main St.

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

--3:30 p.m. - Finance Committee, Gov. Edwards Conference Room

--4:30 p.m. - Public Services, Gov. Edwards Conference Room

Thursday, August 16, 2018

--5:00 p.m. - Cool Cities Initiative Advisory Committee, Gov. Coles Conference Room, 2nd floor

--5:30 p.m. - Administrative & Community Services Committee, Gov. Edwards Conference Room

...And don't forget about...

**SPLASH PAD IS OPEN:** Ward 4's very own Splash Pad and Concession Stand at Leon Corlew Park officially opened last week and will operate seven days a week throughout the summer from 10am-9pm.

**NEW WATERSHED T-SHIRTS:** New Watershed tri-blend t-shirts (those really soft ones), designed by Edwardsville's own Sherrie Hickman are now available for sale at the Watershed Visitor Center. They look awesome and could possibly be the fashion sensation of the season, so get them while supplies last. You don't want to be the one wearing some name brand when a cool local shirt, benefitting restoration and education at the nature center is available. (Remember how quickly last summer's Goshen Market chicken shirts sold out?) Check them out online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/watershednaturecenter/photos/a.180456568641772.37486.162441190443310/1893074970713248/?type=3&theater>

**MAIN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER:** Do you know about all of the upcoming events, activities and programs offered by Edwardsville's Main Street Community Center? Here's a link to this month's newsletter for some great information on events that you and your friends or

family would really enjoy: <http://files.constantcontact.com/a5c3584b201/467781c4-5031-4b32-a6ed-002f47b54769.pdf>

**ARTS IN THE PARK SCHEDULE:** The Edwardsville Parks & Recreation Department's Arts in the Park is underway on Thursday nights, Friday nights, Saturday mornings and NOW even on Sundays! All shows and activities take place at Edwardsville's City Park, near the Library. This year's program includes the wonderful Thursday night Municipal Band concerts at 8 pm every Thursday night (running until Aug. 23), the outstanding Friday night shows at 8 pm, (until July 27), and Saturday morning art classes for kiddos from 9 am – 10:30 am, (Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade). New this year are three "Sunday Symphonies," evening shows performed by the "Edwardsville Summer Symphony." They will take place on July 25 and August 26 from 5 – 6 pm. For a printable schedule of this year's program, visit: <https://www.cityofedwardsville.com/DocumentCenter/View/519>

**EXTENDED SUMMER HOURS AT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:** Running through September 30, the Edwardsville Children's Museum will offer extended summer hours, (Mon: 12 – 8 pm, Tues.: 9am – 6pm, Thurs.: 3 – 8 pm, Fri.: 9 am – 6 pm, Sat.: 10 am – 6 pm). They will still be closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. For a full lineup of summer programs and day camps, visit: <https://edwardsvillechildrensmuseum.org/>

**ED GLEN POOL IS OPEN:** The Edwardsville Glen Carbon Community Pool at SIUE is officially open! Information about memberships, pool rentals, and swim lessons can be found online at: <https://secure.rec1.com/IL/edwardsville-il/catalog>. Daily passes and seasonal passes are available. As always, free parking and shuttle service is available. If you haven't made it out to this beautiful setting overlooking Cougar Lake on the SIUE campus, be sure to do so this summer!

Enjoy this sunny, summer weekend, Ward 4!

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## PLANNING QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

### ---Downtown Edwardsville

1. What is the role of downtown in Edwardsville?
2. What are the goals for new development (including N. Main Street)?
3. What “feel” of downtown needs to be preserved, changed or added?

### ---A Revised B-3 Mixed Use Business District

4. What parts of Edwardsville could be appropriate for neighborhood oriented commercial development?
5. What type of businesses would and wouldn't be desirable in a neighborhood business district?

### ---Design Quality / Design Review

6. What makes developments attractive (signs, landscaping, architecture, building materials, etc.)?
7. Where in Edwardsville should design standards be applied?
8. What design guidelines should be put in place?

### ---R-3 Multiple Family Residential Zoning District

9. What standards for apartments/condos/townhouses should be established in Edwardsville (height, density, number of units, proximity to single family homes?)
10. What is the market place calling for in terms of new multiple family development?