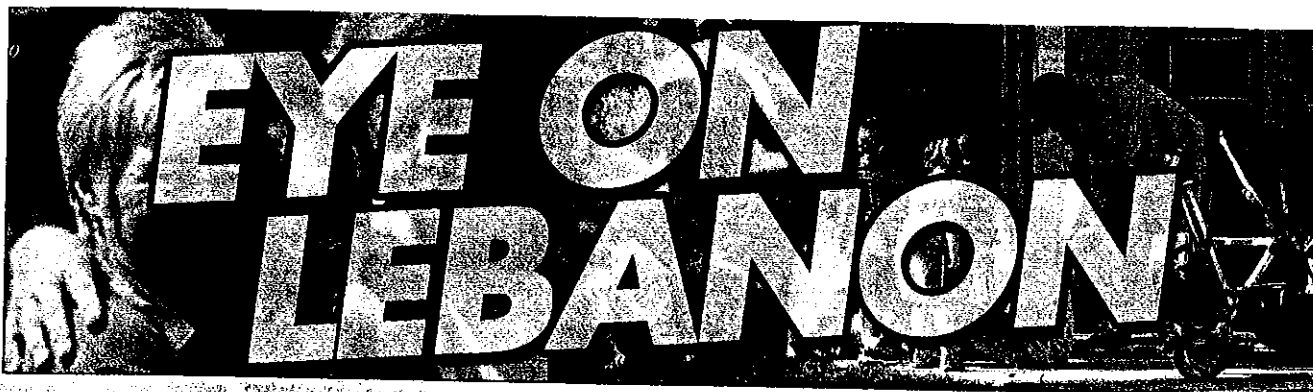


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## Sharing a vision for the Lebanon community

*This column is one in an ongoing series of columns written by community leaders at the request of the Community Vision Committee, with the goal of providing a deeper knowledge of the many aspects of the city of Lebanon.*

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I've spent the better part of my life living and working in Lebanon, but I still

run across people who don't know what the Greater Lebanon Community Vision Committee is or what it does.

This is both good and bad for me – good because it gives me a chance to talk about the work of the committee to someone I know; and bad because it reminds me that, despite our best efforts, the committee is still somewhat “unknown” to local residents.

Today marks the beginning of a community newspaper column that I hope

will change all that. Today, I'm pleased to be the inaugural author of “Eye on Lebanon,” a bi-weekly column that I and many other local leaders will help write so that you, our friends and fellow residents, get to know more about what makes Lebanon a great place to live and work.

The Lebanon Reporter is partnering with the Community Vision Committee (or CVC for short) to make this column a regular feature. Our goal is to help you get to know the people who help make Lebanon tick and explain or offer “expert opinions” about newsworthy topics or interesting current events that you might otherwise overlook in the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Why is a column like this worth your time and attention? For starters, because the future of our fine city matters, and your awareness of what's going on here – both behind the scenes and on the front lines – affects

better and stronger tomorrow than it is today.

We've got interesting subjects to write/talk about. Among them: Animal control, business growth, city planning and sex offender

laws, all of which have an impact on our lives, our homes, our families and our future. I hope that, over time, you turn to this column again and again as a resource or a source of inspiration for local living.

I believe the CVC is uniquely qualified to help bring this column to your hometown newspaper. Since 2002, the committee has been convening, leading, or influencing community conversations just like this in an effort to improve Lebanon's image and help it plan and grow for the future. We got our start and formed our mission through community focus groups, and over the years, we've collaborated on a number of important initiatives. (You can read more about them online at

make suggestions about subjects you want us to address. You can contact me or any CVC member using the form on our Web site, or you can write to us in care of *The Lebanon Reporter* at 117 E. Washington St., Lebanon, IN 46052.

Two weeks from now, our next column will take a look at Lebanon's Planning and Zoning Department and the many hats that employees in that department wear. You won't want to miss Planning and Zoning

Director Charlie Campbell's summary of why his department does what it does – (even if you don't necessarily agree with the rules or laws on the books that govern the work.)

Until then, thank you for choosing Lebanon as your hometown. I look forward to seeing you around and talking about our bright future.

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