

March 2018

Volume 18 Issue 3

A Publication of  
United Neighborhoods  
of Evansville, Inc.

office@unoevansville.org

Neighborhood Associations  
Working Together  
to Preserve,  
Enhance  
and Promote  
Evansville and  
Area Neighborhoods

# Neighbor to Neighbor

## United Neighborhoods of Evansville



20 NW 4th St, Ste 501, Evansville, IN 47708 | www.unoevansville.org | 812-428-4243

### Vogel-Spring Park becomes Wesselman Park



Formerly bounded by three primary streets (Morgan Ave., Weinbach and Boeke) and railroad tracks, Vogel-Spring Park has reinvented itself through expanded boundaries and a new name: Wesselman Park Neighborhood Association (WPNA).

As seen in the maps above, the new boundaries for Wesselman Park are the Lloyd Expressway to the south, Morgan Avenue on the north, Weinbach Avenue along the west and Stockwell Road on the east.

They've also identified three areas within the larger boundaries:

- Northwest:* north of CSX tracks/west of Boeke Road;
- Northeast:* north of CSX tracks/east of Boeke Road;
- South:* south of CSX tracks.

So that members from the entire new geographic footprint have representation, the Neighborhood Association has restructured its leadership. Instead of one Vice-President among the officers, WPNA has three Area Vice-Presidents who offer a voice from each of the three areas that their new boundaries encompass.

When asked how this expansion process came about, former President, J.D. Strouth noted a catalyst similar to their 2007 change from Spring Park to Vogel-Spring Park: Neighbors seeking to connect.

J.D. said, "Pam, who lived across the railroad tracks to the south visited our July monthly meeting. Linda, who lived east of our boundary emailed me the same month to ask if she lived within the boundaries of a neighborhood association. I had to tell Linda she lived in an area without such an association and invited both ladies to our August meeting.

"A handful of neighbors from each area came to our August meeting to express their desire to be in a formal neighborhood association. We agreed to either help them start their own association or let them join with us.

"They got the word out to other neighbors via fliers. Residents from at least a dozen households from each area came to our September meeting to learn more about neighborhood associations. After hearing presentations from Steve & Susan Harp (East UNOE Regional Vice-Presidents) and EPD's Crime Prevention Officer Kevin Corbin, each group separately voted unanimously to join with us.

"The expanded association then changed our name to Wesselman Park Neighborhood Association (to better reflect our new identity) and elected three people from the new areas as officers."

Learn more about Wesselman Park Neighborhood Association at [www.unoevansville.org/wesselmanpark](http://www.unoevansville.org/wesselmanpark)

## From the President . . . .

### A Series about Evansville Housing Upkeep and the “Building Generations” – Part 2

Last month, I talked about paint and the lifecycle of building materials. This month is a continuation of that.

Brick homes do not come with the same concerns as wood shake homes and aluminum sided homes. However, there are still actions that a brick home owner must take to prevent the deterioration of the outside brick mortar joints.



Brent Jackson

The life expectancy of concrete and mortar is right around 100 years. Do you know when your house was built? 100 years is not an absolute number either. It's not as though on year number 100, the mortar in between the bricks in your house expires and is suddenly no good. Like wood, there are other factors that determine the lifespan of the brick joints, such as moisture, exposure to the sun, invasive vegetative growth and the shifting of the earth beneath. After 100 years, mortar typically becomes brittle. It cracks and can eventually flake away. If left unattended, gaps begin to appear between the brick where the pieces of mortar voluntarily fall out. This further exposes the deeper mortar to additional moisture and more withering away from the outdoor elements. The process of removing and repairing the mortar around brick is called “Tuck-Pointing.” Even if your home is not a brick home, most homes in Evansville have at least a 3-block foundation (or 3 blocks high) upon which the home sits. These blocks also have mortar joints and, like brick homes, will also need to be tuck pointed.

During the 1980's and 1990's, we started seeing more of a new material being used...vinyl siding. Almost overnight, the aluminum siding salesman went away and was immediately replaced by the vinyl siding salesman. Although we never saw aluminum siding completely go away, vinyl has dominated the siding market for the subsequent 30 years. Let's call this building generation the “Vinyl Siding Generation.” Today, vinyl siding comes in a large array of colors and quality. Outdoor vinyl lifespan is 5-45 years. It's a cheap alternative to other surfaces and offers a long life.

If I were asked about today's building generation, I would say that we now live in the “Composite Generation.” Composite materials have become extremely popular in today's menagerie of possible building products. They are becoming popular in outdoor decking and outside turn or trim work around windows and doors. In the picture to the right, I used the newer composite decking materials to replace the rotting wood slats on an old wrought iron bench. This is just one example of how composite materials can be used to improve the products in our lives and the longevity of those products.



Building materials greatly influence each building's upfront and long-term costs. There are many other variables to consider, but the material choices and the building coverings are the primary factors in determining the long-

term maintenance needs and the expected longevity of a house or building in Evansville. When looking at the older homes in our area, if we don't consider all the factors found in the chart on the next page, the responsibilities in owning a home with those timelines, then we are not being honest with ourselves on how much work it takes to sustain an older home.

This month, I encourage you to take a step back and compare your household maintenance upkeep to the “Building Materials Life Expectancy” chart on page 3. The chart is not absolute. For example, one section of the chart, found on the website provided, says that the average life expectancy of a microwave is 10-15 years. In my 20+ years of experience with microwaves, I've had microwaves go out after 5 years. In the chart, the numbers are all averages that allow you to measure what the typical person faces each day in the real world of keeping up a house. Are you ahead or behind? Are you thinking about how long your house will be sustainable?

'til next month.

God Bless!

Brent Jackson

## Building Materials Life Expectancy

ADHESIVES, CAULK & PAINTS	YEARS
Caulking (interior & exterior)	5 to 10
Construction Glue	20+
Paint (exterior)	7 to 10
Paint (interior)	10 to 15
Roofing Adhesives/Cements	15+
Sealants	8
Stains	3 to 8
CEILINGS & WALLS	YEARS
Acoustical Tile Ceiling	40+ (25+ yrs may contain asbestos)
Ceramic Tile	70+
Concrete	75+
Gypsum	75
Wood Paneling	20 to 30
Suspended Ceiling	25+
ROOFING	YEARS
Aluminum Coating	3 to 7
Asphalt Shingles (3-tab)	20
Asphalt (architectural)	30
BUR (built-up roofing)	30
Clay/Concrete	100+
Coal and Tar	30
Copper	70+
EPDM Rubber	15 to 25
Fiber Cement	25
Green (vegetation-covered)	5 to 40
Metal	40 to 80
Modified Bitumen	20
Simulated Slate	10 to 35
Slate	60 to 150
TPO	7 to 20
Wood	25 to 75 +

For other building materials, view the master list at [www.bhhomeinspections.com/building-materials-life-expectancy-chart/](http://www.bhhomeinspections.com/building-materials-life-expectancy-chart/)

## 2018 Membership Packet Reminder

The deadline for submitting completed Membership paperwork and returning the required forms to the UNOE office has been extended to March 15, 2018.

If you didn't receive the forms, please contact the office at [office@unoevansville.org](mailto:office@unoevansville.org) or 812-428-4243. The packet can be downloaded from [www.unoevansville.org/membership](http://www.unoevansville.org/membership)

Upon return of your UNOE 2018 Membership Registration Forms, \$25 dues and City and/or County Registration, your association will **receive 2000 free copies this year** to help you get the word out about your activities!

To those Neighborhood Associations who've returned their Membership forms already, *thank you!*

## University South Invites You!



The University South Neighborhood has been the scene of three utility upgrades for the past several months; Vectren (gas lines), the storm sewer project and Refresh Evansville (new water lines) converged on us all at once and they have all been digging up our streets and lawns.

The work has to be done, but many neighbors are currently feeling overwhelmed by the extent of the excavations. And they worry about what the end result is going to look like.

Toward addressing these concerns, USNA will be hosting public information programs at its upcoming neighborhood meetings.

**Brian Fox**, construction manager for **Refresh Evansville**, the water main replacement project, will speak at the **March 6** meeting.

**Ed Ziemer**, with **Evansville Water & Sewer Utility** will be at our **April 3** meeting to discuss the sewer project; and an effort is underway to secure a Vectren representative for our May or June meeting.

These meetings are open to the public.

USNA meetings are held at 1419 Brookside Drive, just north of Washington Avenue, east of Lodge Avenue, and behind the New Horizons Fellowship Church in the small, gray "Lustron House." Ample parking is available on the church parking lot. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.



Both photos are of "Triangle Park" on Bayard Park Drive, east of Lodge Avenue

submitted by Sara Anne Corrigan

## Neighborhood Leaders Nominated

**You're invited to a special night of honoring leaders throughout Evansville and Vanderburgh County!**

Five of the nominees include

UNOE and Neighborhood Association leaders:

**Susan Harp, Rene McCormick,  
Kathy Rosa, Bob & Jenny Thomas,  
and Tepe Park Neighborhood Association**

Clip the slip below to RSVP.

If ticket cost is a challenge, contact Jennifer at 812-425-3828 or [jennifer@leadershivevansville.org](mailto:jennifer@leadershivevansville.org)

## I-69 Ohio River Crossing Survey



# OHIO RIVER CROSSING

The I-69 Ohio River Crossing (I-69 ORX) Project Team is gathering feedback from residents and business owners regarding the preliminary alternatives for a new I-69 bridge and interstate connections.

West Alternative 1, West Alternative 2 and Central Alternative 1 are identified as providing the best opportunity to be financially feasible and address the purpose and need of the project. The purpose and need is to complete the I-69 connection between Indiana and Kentucky, improve long-term cross-river mobility, reduce congestion and delay, and improve safety.

A total of three surveys are available on the project website. Two surveys are for residents and one survey is for business owners. All can be completed online. The direct link is <https://i69ohiorivercrossing.com/survey>.

The Public Survey will help the Project Team better understand how drivers use the existing US 41 bridges and how their travel and the community may be affected by the project. Questions include how often residents travel the US 41 bridges, how they may be impacted by tolling and how low-income or minority populations may be affected by tolling.

The survey was also mailed to nearly 4,500 homes for ease of access. Responses will be collected through March 16.

Please share the survey and the link with all appropriate groups and individuals. The information gathered will help in the refinement and evaluation of the preliminary alternatives.

If you would like a print version of the survey, the UNOE office staff can print a copy for you upon request.

We invite you to the  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebration of Leadership**  
Presented by Leadership Evansville  
Brought to you by  
**FIFTH THIRD BANK**  
**Thursday, March 15, 2018**  
Old National Events Plaza  
715 Locust Street  
Evansville, Indiana  
Doors open at 4:00 PM  
Light reception 4:15-5:15 PM  
Program begins promptly at 5:30 PM  
Individuals, businesses/organizations and projects/programs will be recognized and honored for community leadership.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebration of Leadership

Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

RSVP by March 9, 2018

**Reservation Price:** Children/Students — \$5 Adults — \$15

Are you a nominee?  Yes  No

Please hold \_\_\_\_\_ child/student reservations at \$5 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please hold \_\_\_\_\_ adult reservations at \$15 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

I want to make a donation to Leadership Evansville \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

A check to Leadership Evansville is enclosed.

Charge my:  Mastercard  Visa  AMEX  Discover

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

3 or 4 digit security code: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Charge Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations may be made online at [www.leadershivevansville.org](http://www.leadershivevansville.org)

**Tickets will not be issued**

For more information, contact LE at 812-425-3828 or email [jennifer@leadershivevansville.org](mailto:jennifer@leadershivevansville.org).

PO Box 2449, Evansville, IN 47728 • [www.leadershivevansville.org](http://www.leadershivevansville.org)

## UNOE OFFICE HOURS

**UNOE Office hours for 2018**  
Mon - Thu., 9:00am - 3:00pm

## Benefit UNOE as a Tax Customer

If you choose to use H&R Block as a new customer to file your taxes this year, share the UNOE referral code below with your preparer, then our agency will earn \$20 from H&R Block because of your visit.

*Thank you in advance for your support!*

**UNOE referral code# 40010001096998**

# LEARN HOW YOUR TAX RETURN CAN HELP.

## UNOE

For every new client who files their taxes with H&R Block or Block Advisors, \$20 will be donated to our organization.  
**The total donation amount is unlimited!**



Find an office near you at  
[hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com) or [blockadvisors.com](http://blockadvisors.com).



**H&R BLOCK**



**Block Advisors**  
Tax Preparation

[hrblockreferrals.com](http://hrblockreferrals.com)

Nonprofit Referral ID – for office use only 40010001096998  
ENTER NP ID INTO THE BW CLIENT TRANSACTION SCREEN



**NONPROFIT  
REFERRAL  
PROGRAM**

\*Only approved 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(19) and 501(c)(23) organizations are eligible to receive \$20 for each new client referred to a participating U.S. H&R Block or Block Advisors office when that person pays for the preparation of an original personal income tax return from January 1 - October 16 of the current year. An eligible tax form includes: 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ (paid only). A new client is a person who did not have their taxes prepared by H&R Block or Block Advisors the prior year. Referral form must be presented prior to completion of the initial tax interview. Amended returns do not qualify and H&R Block and Block Advisors employees are not eligible. Allow approximately 8 weeks after May 1 for delivery of check. Offer may not be combined with any other referral program, coupon or discount offer. ©2017 H&R Block Services, Inc.

## EPD Sector Schedule Change

Beginning in March, the 2018 Evansville Police Department Sector Meetings, will all be held in the odd months of the year.

This change mainly affects the West Sector meetings, which had previously met monthly except in December. East and South were already meeting during odd months.

- East Sector – 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm
- South Sector – 2nd Thursday at 6:00pm
- West Sector – 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm

All sector meetings are held at the Crime Prevention Office, 401 E. Columbia St.



## Spring Safety Tips

With spring comes a feeling of renewal. Families everywhere begin cleaning out their basements and garages. Windows are opened, flowers bloom and the days grow longer. This is a good time to review a safety check list for your home.



### Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. You should test them monthly and replace the battery at least once a year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. If the alarm makes a chirping sound, replace it immediately. Smoke alarms should be located in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts. Three out of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, according to NFPA.

### Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas, and it can kill you. Anything in the home that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries and test them.

### Family Emergency Plan

Spring is a great time to review your plan with family members to make sure they know what to do. The emergency plan should include:

- A **communications plan** as to how your family members will contact one another if they are not in the same place and where you should meet if it's safe to go outside
- A **shelter-in-place plan** if outside air is contaminated; FEMA recommends sealing windows, doors and air vents with plastic sheeting
- A **getaway plan** including various routes and destinations in different directions

Have a home and car emergency kit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says an emergency kit should include one gallon per day of water for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines. Visit the FEMA website for a complete list in their [Prepare for Emergencies Now](#) brochure.

### What Else Should You Do This Spring?

The National Safety Council recommends that you take unwanted or expired medicines to a prescription drop box or take-back event near you, update your first-aid kit and, most of all, get outside and have fun!

# TAX PREP EA\$Y, FREE

Prepared by IRS Certified  
VITA Volunteers

Save hundreds of dollars  
on tax preparation fees

To learn more about the VITA  
Free Tax Preparation Program  
including locations & times,  
please visit our website.

[www.unitedwayswi.org](http://www.unitedwayswi.org)

Click on "Our Work", then "VITA"



United Way's VITA program is  
funded in part by



United Way of  
Southwestern Indiana

For a list of locations/times and  
what to bring for tax preparation,  
call 2-1-1, 812-421-2800 or  
email [lhill@unitedwayswi.org](mailto:lhill@unitedwayswi.org)

## Metro Planning Organization

Evansville Metropolitan Planning  
Organization committees meet  
monthly on the 2nd Thursday.



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mar. 8, 2018                      Apr. 12, 2018  
Civic Center Complex  
10:00am—**Technical Committee**, Room 318  
4:00pm—**Policy Committee**, Room 301

Learn more at [www.evansvillemo.com](http://www.evansvillemo.com)

## Meet Local Legislators

**March 10    9:15 am**  
(doors open at 9:00am)



Evansville Central Library, Browning Rooms  
100 MLK Jr. Blvd

## Coffee with a Cop



*Join your neighbors  
and police officers  
for coffee and  
conversation*

**Tue., Mar. 20 7:00 - 9:00am**  
**Chick-fil-A**  
**Cross Pointe**

*The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the  
barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve  
by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask  
questions, voice concerns, and to get to know each other  
as people.*

*Building relationships. One cup at a time.*

## Clean Up Event

Please join  
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE

# for CLEAN Evansville

First Avenue and Buena Vista Road  
Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Trash Bags and Gloves Provided



To Volunteer For a Team:  
Call Keep Evansville Beautiful • 812-425-4461  
Evansville Parks and Recreation • 812-435-6164

Sponsored by the City of Evansville,  
Keep Evansville Beautiful, and Republic Services.

[www.cleanevansville.org](http://www.cleanevansville.org)

RESTORING PRIDE  
Let's work together to make Evansville a better place to live.

### LOOKING AHEAD...

Saturday, April 7, 2018 — 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Clean up is set for the Tepe Park area.  
The meeting place will be Tepe Park.

## FREE Training Opportunity



CERT is made up of **volunteers** from the community,  
working together for the **benefit and safety** of the **community**.

Learn how YOU can become a CERT in Evansville & Vanderburgh County  
[www.facebook.com/VanderburghCERT](http://www.facebook.com/VanderburghCERT)

Learn more about Evansville/Vanderburgh County CERT at  
[www.evcert.com](http://www.evcert.com).

For 2018 training dates and to register,  
contact Jim Gowen, Program Manager  
at [vanderburghcert@gmail.com](mailto:vanderburghcert@gmail.com)

## Meet with the Mayor & City Officials

# Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program



Wednesday, March 28

5:30-7:00pm

Fairlawn United Methodist Church  
2001 S. Parker Drive

### Program:

An update on the

### Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force

and its addictions awareness, prevention,  
treatment and recovery efforts

Please check the "Upcoming Events" section of the  
City of Evansville website for more information

[www.evansville.in.gov](http://www.evansville.in.gov)

## Exercise with the Mayor



## Walk at the Zoo



Saturday, Mar 17

Mesker Park Zoo

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult participating  
in the Energize Evansville activities.

### More Information

Call (812) 435-6162



## Neighbor to Neighbor

United Neighborhoods of Evansville  
20 NW Fourth St, Ste 501  
Evansville, IN 47708

Non-Profit Org.  
POSTAGE  
PAID  
Evansville, IN  
PERMIT NO. 1087

Return Service  
Requested



Facebook.com  
unoevansville



Twitter.com  
unoevansville



Instagram.com  
Unoevansville



Pinterest.com  
Unoev

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **South Sector Meeting** — Thurs., Mar. 8, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **Recycle Day** — Sat., Mar. 10, old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr. More info: (812) 436-7800
- **Sparkplug Committee** — Mon., Mar. 12, 4:30pm, 3rd Floor Conference Rm, Hulman Bldg.
- **Finance Committee** — Tues., Mar. 13, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Conference Rm, Hulman Bldg.
- **West Sector Meeting** — Thurs., Mar. 15, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **East Sector Meeting** — Tues., Mar. 20, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** — **Wed., Mar. 21, 4:00pm, Delaware Center, Conference Room, 2nd Floor 734 Delaware St.** (at First Ave, across from Ziemer's & St. Anthony's; park in rear)
- **Recycle Day** — Sat., Apr. 7, old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr. More info: (812) 436-7800

**UNOE GENERAL MEETING — Thurs., Mar. 22, 2018, 6:30pm**  
**CK Newsome Center**

### PROGRAM:

*Our Community, Your College*  
*How Ivy Tech & Neighborhoods Can Partner*



**IVY TECH**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

More than classes, courses and degrees, did you know that Ivy Tech faculty and students volunteer in the community through outreach/service learning events?

Come with your ideas of how some extra volunteers might help your Neighborhood Association better accomplish its goals!

**GUEST  
SPEAKER:**

**Joe Binkley**  
*Assistant Director  
of Admissions*