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Working Together
to Preserve,
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and Promote
Evansville and
Area Neighborhoods*

Neighbor to Neighbor

United Neighborhoods of Evansville



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Neighborhood Summit

Our August General Meeting will take a different approach and agenda than usual months. During the UNOE Board Retreat earlier this year, members sought to pool information that had been gleaned from Neighborhood Associations throughout the year. Repeatedly, someone said, "We need to **ask the Neighborhoods.**" From that, we're launching the **Neighborhood Summit** format for this month.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT Fall 2018

helping our neighbors, strengthening our community



In preparation for the August 23rd meeting, we invite you to take the following steps:

1. **Ask your members to compile their responses** to these topics and questions:

Neighborhood Pulse

- What good, effective things has your neighborhood experienced and/or done?
- What challenges have you experienced?

Methods Review

- What's working well & needs to continue or grow?
- What's not working well & needs to be adjusted, improved or dropped?

2. Check with your UNOE Representatives or other members to **confirm that at least one member of your Neighborhood can attend.**

3. **Prepare those who will attend** to represent your association, so they can include insights, ideas, concerns and comments from your area.

Together we can **learn** from one another, **encourage** each other and **discover** ideas and solutions for continuing the great impact that neighborhoods have on our community!

See you at the Summit in a few weeks!

National Night Out Is Coming Soon

A COMMUNITY-POLICE COOPERATION PARTY



Wesselman Park

Tuesday, August 7 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- Children's Firefighting Challenge Course
- SWAT Team
- Rope Rappelling
- Bomb Squad
- K-9
- Meth Suppression Unit
- Soda Blaster

Family, friends and neighbors are invited to come out for a going away party for crime! Enjoy FREE food, games and fun for the community.

Please park in the Roberts Park lot using the Boeke Road entrance. Shuttles will take you to Wesselman Park.

Founded in Philadelphia in 1984, the aim of the event is to give residents in communities across the country an opportunity to meet with first responders who help keep them safe each day all year long. Chat with representatives from the Evansville Police Department, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, Evansville Fire Department and more!

Follow the NNO Facebook page for updates:
www.facebook.com/NNOEvansville/

From the President

School Year Begins! Enroll in Youth Athletics Now!

Being a parent and being involved with the youth in Evansville, you learn to earmark your calendars during the turn of the school year as well as the athletic ball seasons. This year, school begins on August 8th for most in Vanderburgh County. Many of the youth sports programs in Evansville have adopted and follow the Indiana High School Athletic Associations (IHSAA) rulings and rule book. This summer, as with every summer, the IHSAA has a moratorium on all sports programs starting somewhere at the beginning of July and ending on the last weekend of the month of July. That moratorium has officially come to pass and many of the sports programs in Evansville are still prepping the field and filling their ranks and rosters.



Brent Jackson

From time to time, I like to opine on problems or growing issues that I see in our community. This month my message is about the importance of youth sports programs in Evansville. Evansville is rich with athletic youth programs that help to teach team values and team participation. These programs teach youth a new discipline, team comradery, and lessons on socializing within one's peers. This includes the parents too, who learn to work with other parents in concessions, emergencies and team training.

As a person who grew up participating in youth sports, I see the importance of taking a break from the gaming and electronics that the youth and today's adults are immersed in. Give the mind a rest. Give the mind a different challenge and something else to do. Being involved in a youth program is important for future leader development for both youth and parents.

In the last decade, from my own conversations and observations, the number of youth involved in scholastic sports in Evansville has been on a decline. This decline has reached a new high that has caused several of our youth athletic programs to slim down and re-jockey their teams, schedules and practice times. This decline also has caused the overall funding available to these programs to be less, further stressing the pocketbooks of the parents involved in those programs.

I am writing this month's President's message to raise a flag of awareness on the dwindling numbers seen in our youth programs AND to remind our neighbors and neighborhoods in Evansville about how important these youth programs are to us. With July past us, August marks the beginning of Fall Registration and Fall Enrollment in many of these youth athletic programs. If you are reading this and you have children, grandchildren, nieces and/or nephews who are not involved in youth sports in Evansville, then today is the day to call and register or enroll! Right now, fall enrollment is underway! If, by the time you read this, even if they say that the enrollment period is over, many are still accepting new players!

Here are few that I've found in time for our newsletter's publishing date:

- East Youth Baseball www.eastyouthbaseball.com/site/
- Evansville Basketball Academy www.ebahoops.com
- Evansville Junior Football League <http://ejfl.org>
- Evansville South Baseball 812-477-6061
- Evansville Youth Hockey https://site2583.goalline.ca/register.php?reg_form_id=24500
- Evansville Youth Soccer League <http://evansvilleyouthsoccer.org/>
- Gold Bear Youth Football League www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=goldbearsfootball
- Golfmoor Baseball Association www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=golfmoor
- Metro Sports Center <http://metrosportscenter.com/sports/>
- North Evansville Youth Soccer Club <http://www.neysc.org/>
- River City Youth League www.facebook.com/rivercityyouthleague
- Upward Sports www.upward.org/find-a-place-to-play
- West Side Youth Basketball & Cheer www.westsideryouthbasketball.com
- YMCA Sports Academy www.ymcaswin.org/sports

God Bless,
Brent

23rd Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet Preparations Underway

SAVE THE DATE

Thurs., Oct. 25, 2018

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Walnut Rooms

Tropicana Executive Conference Center

421 NW Riverside Dr

Evansville, IN 47708

Energize Your Neighborhood

Keynote Speaker:

Emily Parker

Customer Service Representative

Vectren Corporation



*United Neighborhoods
of Evansville*

*and the City of Evansville
cordially invite you and your
Neighborhood Association*

members to the

23rd Annual

Sparkplug Recognition Banquet.

Plan now to attend and participate
in this evening of
good cheer, great fellowship,
celebration and recognition!

Registration Information

The cost for both UNOE Neighborhood Association members and guests is **\$18.00 per person** and must be **paid in advance** by the **deadline of Thursday, October 11, 2018**. Registration packets will be mailed out soon.

Dinner Choices

For this year's banquet, your dinner choices are...

- **CHICKEN CHOICE:** Supreme Breast of Chicken with Spinach & Mushroom Sauce
- **VEGETARIAN CHOICE:** Eggplant Cannelloni with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

All Meals Will Have:

- Fall Salad (baby spinach, walnuts, dried cranberries, feta cheese) with Creamy Apple Vinaigrette
- Fall Root Vegetable & Squash Blend
- Fresh Baked Rolls
- No-bake Butterscotch Cheesecake Torte
- Coffee, Decaf, Iced Tea & Lemonade

Sponsorship Ads

Neighborhoods are invited to **purchase an ad** that will be part of the banquet program. The levels are noted below and details for each will be sent with the packet.

Spark \$50 - 1/8-page ad **Power \$250** - 1/2-page ad

Flash \$100 - 1/4-page ad **Energy \$500** - Full-page ad

Our Presenting Sponsor for the banquet this year is the **Vectren Foundation**. We're grateful for their support!



Sparkplug Award Nominations

Each Neighborhood Association may nominate one individual, group, business, or organization that **resides in your neighborhood** to receive your neighborhood *Sparkplug Award* at the banquet.

Reflect on who has gone above and beyond to help their neighbors and their neighborhood. Consider *"Why does this person or group deserve this award?"* as you select your *Sparkplug Award* nominee.

Take a peek back at the 2017 winners on our website at www.unoeevansville.org/2017sparkplugs

Door Prizes/Baskets

Banquet participants really enjoy the baskets at the Sparkplug Banquet, with the basket raffle as one of the highlights of the evening!

Neighborhood Associations are asked to participate by making a **themed basket** for a **door prize** which those in attendance are eligible to win.

Neighborhood Photos Sought

Each Neighborhood Association may **submit up to 5 photos** of persons, projects, buildings, etc. that show something positive about your association's work and/or your neighborhood's assets or both, while trying to tie in with the banquet's theme.

A one-line caption should accompany each photo. The photos with captions will be used in a PowerPoint presentation at the banquet.

Photos must be **delivered** to the UNOE office or **emailed** to office@unoeevansville.org by **Monday, October 1st**.

Citizen's Academy Taking Registrations

EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

Do you want to learn more about the men and women protecting your community?

- INFORMATION -

WHO? Anyone interested in learning about the Evansville Police Department.

WHAT? A 10 week program offered FREE OF CHARGE to participants to build citizens' awareness of police procedures and policies.

WHEN? On Tuesday nights from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

WHERE?

CK Newsome Center
100 E. Walnut Street
Evansville, IN 47713

WHY? The goal of the EPD Citizen's Academy is to give members of the community an inside look at the various units of the police department and to create a better understanding and communication between citizens and police through education.



**2018 FALL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 4-NOVEMBER 6**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
15 NW MLK, JR. BLVD, Room
129**

**EVANSVILLE, IN 47708
ATTN: DEBBIE HILDEBRANDT
PHONE 812-436-4948 OR
dhildebrandt@evansvillepolice.com
www.evansvillepolice.com**

• PRESENTATIONS

"NEW THIS FALL"

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS/BODY LANGUAGE
EPD HISTORY— THE EARLY YEARS

- S.W.A.T. TEAM
- HORSE PATROL
- VIPER UNIT
- SEX CRIMES UNIT
- NARCOTICS UNIT
- K-9 DEMONSTRATIONS
- BOMB SQUAD
- DISPATCH AND JAIL TOURS
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT
- CRIME SCENE UNIT
- Q & A WITH CHIEF, PROSECUTOR AND MAYOR
- RIDE-ALONG WITH MOTOR PATROL (OPTIONAL)
- AND OTHER TOPICS

REGISTRATION

FULL LEGAL NAME:

FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DOB: _____ SEX _____

ADDRESS: _____
STREET/APT

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HAVE YOU ATTENDED THE ACADEMY BEFORE:

CIRCLE ONE: YES OR NO

IF YES, WHAT YEAR DID YOU ATTEND: _____

PLEASE READ: Your signature on this form indicates you are granting permission for the EPD to conduct a criminal history check on you prior to your participation in the Citizen's Academy. If the criminal history reveals any convictions of a criminal nature, the EPD may, at their discretion, disallow your participation in this program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return form to:

**EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
15 NW ML KING, JR. BLVD., ROOM 129
EVANSVILLE, IN 47708**

Phone: 812-436-4948

FAX: 812-436-4957

Clean Up Event

Please join
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE

for
CLEAN
Evansville

Rochelle-Landers Pool - 701 Lincoln Ave.
Saturday, August 4, 2018 • 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 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

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

LOOKING AHEAD...

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018 — 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Clean up is set for the St. Joe/Franklin St area.

Metro Planning Organization

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



UPCOMING MEETING

August 9, 2018

Civic Center Complex

10:00am—**Technical Committee**, Room 318

4:00pm—**Policy Committee**, Room 301

Learn more at www.evansvillempo.com

RNNC Early Bird Registration Open

2018
RNNC Dayton
October 4-6



Early Bird Registration
for the 2018 *Regional*
Neighborhood

Network Conference runs
July 23 - Aug 10, 2018.

The conference will be held
October 4-6, 2018, in

Dayton, OH. For more information about the conference or to register, contact the UNOE office. or visit the website: <https://rnnconference.com/>

Chicken with a Cop



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

Tue., Aug. 21 5:00 - 7:00pm

**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.

Meet with the Mayor & City Officials



Traveling City Hall

Howell General Baptist Church

1520 Delmar Ave.

Wednesday - August 22, 2018

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

“e is for everyone” Summer Grill

Volunteers with “e is for everyone” will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, and the Park’s Department will provide chips, cookies and bottled water.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Check the “Upcoming Events” section of the City of Evansville website for more information
www.evansville.in.gov

Thanks for Dropping by!



To those of you who dropped into our Open House on July 26, 2018, THANK YOU! Our board & staff enjoyed visiting with so many!

Visit our Facebook page to see photos from the evening: www.facebook.com/unoevansville

Trees, Yards & Landscapes, Oh My!

Neighborhood homeowners have a familiar name to contact when seeking help with their trees, yards and landscape. Following his retirement from Purdue Cooperative Extension Services, Larry Caplan has opened his own business as Caplan's Maple Grove Tree & Landscape Appraisals.

Larry's message to Neighborhoods:
*"I am available to help neighborhood homeowners with their trees, yards, and landscapes. You can learn about my services on my website below. Please let me know how I can help with the beautification and safety of our neighborhoods! Thank you!
Larry Caplan, Certified Arborist"*



Services Include:

- Tree appraisals
- Tree risk assessments
- Landscape pest diagnosis

Contact Larry at 812-449-7067 or by email at Larry@MapleGroveTreeAppraisals.com

Visit his website:
www.maplegrovetreeappraisals.com

Candidates Forum Set for September



The UNOE General Meeting on September 27, 2018, will be our annual Candidate Forum at 6:30pm in the large Rec Room of the CK Newsome Center.

The candidates invited to participate will be for the offices of US Representative 8th District, State Senator District 49, State Representative District 76, Vanderburgh County Prosecuting Attorney 1st Judicial Circuit, County Commissioner 2nd District, County Council District 4, Trustees with German Township and Knight Township and School Board.

The other offices are uncontested in this election. These candidates are invited to attend, but will not be given speech time due to the number of contested candidates and limited time.

Activist Training

The League of Women Voters of Southwestern Indiana & the Indiana Coalition for Independent Redistricting invite you to the seminar:

REDISTRICTING REFORM ACTIVIST TRAINING

Julia Vaughn, Common Cause IN and
Debbie Asberry, LWVIN

Sat., Aug. 4, 2018

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Oaklyn Library, 3001 Oaklyn Drive

Gerrymandering is undermining the power of voters and is an important factor in the political dysfunction found in our federal and state legislatures. Whether you're a seasoned activist or new to the issue, come learn how you can help pass legislation to reform districting during the 2019 Indiana General Assembly.



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

Lunch will be provided – An **RSVP** is requested, so that enough lunch and materials can be prepared.

Please RSVP to:

Meg Connolly

meg.r.connolly@gmail.com

Safety in Places of Public Assembly

Before You Enter

Take a good look. Does the building appear to be in a condition that makes you feel comfortable? Is the main entrance wide and does it open outward to allow easy exit? Is the outside area clear of materials stored against the building or blocking exits?

Have a communication plan. Let a relative or friend know where you are in case of emergency and you are separated from family or friends.

Plan a meeting place. Pick a meeting place outside to meet family or friends with whom you are attending the function. If there is an emergency, be sure to meet them there.



When You Enter

Take a good look. Locate all available exits immediately. Be prepared to use your closest exit. You may not be able to use the main exit.

Check for clear exit paths. Make sure aisles are wide enough and not obstructed by chairs or furniture and the exit door is not blocked or chained.

Do you feel safe? Does the building appear to be overcrowded? Are there fire sources present such as candles burning, cigarettes or cigars burning, pyrotechnics, or other heat sources that may make you feel unsafe? If you do not feel safe in, leave immediately.

React immediately. If an alarm sounds, you see smoke or fire, or some other unusual disturbance stay calm and immediately exit the building in an orderly fashion.

Get out, stay out! Once you have escaped, stay out. Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. Let trained firefighters conduct rescue operations.



Every day, millions of people wake up, go to work or school, and take part in social events. Every so often the unexpected happens: an earthquake, a fire, a chemical spill, an act of terrorism or some other disaster. Each disaster can have lasting effects — people may be seriously injured or killed, and devastating and costly property damage can occur. People entering any public assembly building need to be prepared in case of an emergency.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee - Thu., Aug 2, 4pm, EVPL Central Library, 2nd Floor Sm. Conference Rm**
- **Recycling Day — Sat., Aug 4, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800**
- **National Night Out — Tue., Aug 7, 6:00pm - Wesselman Park More info: (812) 435-6115**
- **UNOE Board Meeting — Wed., Aug 15, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd**
- **Marketing/PR Team — Thu., Aug 16, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd**
- **Energize Evansville — Sat., Aug 18, 9-11 am - TBA - More info: Evansville Parks & Recreation Dept. (812) 435-6162**
- **Recycling Day — Sat., Aug 18, 8-12noon; 4-H Center, 201 E Boonville-New Harmony Rd.; Info: (812) 436-7800**
- **Sparkplug Committee — Mon., Aug 20, 4:30pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd**
- **Recycling Day — Sat., Aug 4, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800**

UNOE GENERAL MEETING —Thurs., August 23, 2018, 6:30pm
CK Newsome Center, Rec Room

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See the description on page 1, including ways to prepare your participating members for this month's specially formatted gathering.