

*Neighbor to Neighbor*

# United Neighborhoods of Evansville



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## Evansville Christian Life Center

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

## Homelessness In Evansville

Sharon Taylor, Director of Operations at Evansville Christian Life Center

On an average night here in Evansville, we have more than 400 individuals that are experiencing homelessness. Although that number seems high, there are also those that are not included in this number that might be staying on a friend's couch, sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, and the like. In addition, there are many households in our community that are currently struggling to maintain safe, affordable housing - worried about where their family might be sleeping in a month or two.

Homelessness is a very complex community issue that necessitates community solutions. There is not one organization or agency that has the resources necessary to prevent or end homelessness by itself. It takes the community working together - individuals, neighborhoods, organizations, agencies, businesses, government entities and funders - at many levels to address this issue. Services providing relief to long term solutions. It is critical that we work together to maximize our resources for a collective impact to prevent or end homelessness in the Evansville area.

If this is an issue that weighs heavy on your heart, there are so many ways for you to engage in the work to prevent and end homelessness as we know it today. Become a volunteer or financial donor at one of the many outstanding organizations or events in the community.

One such event just happened on March 31, 2022. The 13th Annual Homelessness Connect of Southwest Indiana was held at the Old National Events Plaza. Homeless Connect is a one day, one stop event that brings together more than 50 critical services to one location to serve anyone struggling with resources. Over 525 guests attended this year's event - some homeless, others trying to stay housed. This event is an example of the community coming together to help assist our neighbors. More than 75 volunteers served with planning, set-up and the day of the event.



Evansville is an amazing caring community that strives to provide opportunities for everyone.

If you would like to explore ways to get involved, please feel free to contact me at:  
[staylor@restoringpeople.com](mailto:staylor@restoringpeople.com) or you may call me (812) 423-9222.

## Amazon Smile



You shop. Amazon gives.

United Neighborhoods of Evansville has registered with Amazon Smile, a program which will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of your Amazon orders to a non-profit of your choosing. There is no cost to you use the program and items cost the same, the only difference is you need to use the below link when shopping on Amazon website or update the Amazon Smile settings on your account.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-2133697>

We ask that you help support UNOE and our endeavors when shopping on Amazon by using the link provided or updating your settings. This is an easy, no cost way to support UNOE.

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AmazonSmile also allows us to create Charity Lists, which are lists of items your neighborhood is looking to have donated. The items might be for a special project or an ongoing operational use. People who donate by purchasing items on the Charity Lists not only give the item but the organization can receive 0.5% of the purchase price of the item.

You can view the current donation lists for UNOE at: <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1888D8DSYIU0/>

Contact the office if your neighborhood is interested in creating a Charity List.

## Facebook Non-Profit

United Neighborhoods of Evansville has registered with Facebook as a non-profit which allows us to promote and accept donations through our Facebook page.

We now also have the ability to create fundraisers on Facebook. If there is a project or neighborhood goal you would like to raise funds for contact the office and we can discuss creating a Facebook fundraiser.



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 Donate

## UNOE Neighborhood App



Download the UNOE Neighborhoods app for your Android device on the Google Play Store. The app helps you identify the neighborhood association in which you are located (or the location for which you search on the map). You will find the schedule and locations of the neighborhood meetings and a way to gain more details from a neighborhood contact.

## Clean Up Events

### City-Wide Heavy Trash Collection

Schedule a heavy trash pickup at <https://ewsu.com/forms/heavy-trash/> or by calling Republic Services at (800) 886-3345. This service applies to City residents who pay for trash service with their water bill.

## Growing Herbs

Meagan Diss, Urban Agriculture Educator, Purdue Extension

Herbs can be a useful addition to any garden or household, especially those that enjoy cooking. While most herbs prefer well-drained soil and a sunny location, many will grow well with afternoon shade. If you have heavy or compacted soil, it would be beneficial to incorporate organic matter for herbs. They also require minimal watering once established and usually don't suffer from pest or fungal problems.

Herbs will do quite well in pots but only if adequate drainage is provided. Container herbs will ultimately require more moisture than garden-grown herbs but also benefit from the afternoon shade. Herbs planted in containers also show less shock symptoms when winter comes and tender plants need to be brought inside.

When it comes to deciding which herbs to grow, there are a plethora of options. Basil is an annual that needs summer temperatures and good light to perform well. Chamomile comes in both annual and perennial varieties but is most often used for teas. Cilantro does well if planted after the last frost date in a warm, semi-shady spot. Chives are perennials that will grow in full sun and be quite hardy. Dill is an annual that does best when planted directly in the garden. Lavender only grows in well-drained soil and prefers a higher soil pH than other herbs. Lemon balm is a perennial that can become invasive if allowed to seed so harvest leaves regularly and before the white flowers appear. Mint is also a potentially invasive perennial but should be grown in an eastern location. Parsley is a biennial and is best planted with a softened outer shell. Rosemary should be overwintered indoors but moved to a cool, sunny location during the summer. Sage grows easily from seed although the first harvest will be small. Thyme comes in both culinary and ornamental varieties but most require a sunny location with good drainage.



Once the time comes to harvest herbs, there are three ways to preserve herbs. Freezing, drying, and storing in a medium such as vinegar or salt will all help preserve herbs. To prevent contamination and botulism do not preserve herbs in oil. For more information about preserving herbs, check out Purdue's Growing Herbs publication, [HO-28-W](#).

If you want to learn more about developing your green thumb, try checking out Purdue Extension Gardening Bulletins found at: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/gardening-bulletins/>

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## Seven Steps Toward Financial Independence

In the April Newsletter, we discussed how to identify and protect against elder financial abuse. In this issue we will look at seven steps to take toward financial independence.

Financial freedom does not come easy. I am not giving you a fast path to financial success, but rather easy first steps to take toward financial independence. These are steps that I have taken in my own life, and through not instant, these steps always lead toward the ultimate financial goal of independence and freedom. I believe that these seven steps can help overcome mental, emotional, and even physical barriers that could be preventing you from living your best life financially, so why not join me in taking the first steps toward your financial success.

### 1. Recognize Reality

Before you can take any steps toward a successful financial future, it's important to recognize the reality of where you are now. This reality is going to be different for every person and will change with time. An example of a time when I had to recognize reality was when I moved off the college campus and into my full-time position with Old National. The first reality was additional income, the second equal reality was increased expenses. Did you know that water isn't free, trash doesn't disappear from the curb on its own and leaving the light on is expensive? Of course, I've always known these things to be true, but as a young professional living completely on my own the reality hit me harder. I realized that the grocery store has higher quality food for less than most restaurants. I realized if I value both my future and present financial independence, the lifestyle I hope to live one day is not the lifestyle I can live today. It is likely that we do not earn the exact same or have the exact same expenses, and that's ok, but recognize your reality in this moment.

### 2. Adjust Your Mindset

If you can recognize your reality, congratulations! You are already heading in the right direction. The next step is adjusting your mindset, which is not any easier than recognizing reality but equally important. A mindset that is becoming more common around my peers, and to be honest even in my own life, is the idea of YOLO (You Only Live Once). At its core, this idea is good – we only have one shot at life on this earth, but this mindset can quickly become problematic. This mindset often leads people of all ages, but especially young adults, toward frivolous spending and toward extravagance that they are not prepared to pay for. I think that having a “you only live once” mindset when it comes to money is important- you only have one financial future and one financial now. With that reality recognized, our mindset should shift from maximizing the right now toward planning toward financial wellness for the one life we are given.

### 3. Create A Budget

I have seen people who avoid budgeting to the point where they don't even want to say the word! I partially understand where the reluctance comes from. Budgets create structure. They require discipline and sometimes decisions to cut unnecessary expenses. For some, this takes the fun out of a YOLO world. Many of my friends have the opposite budget, and that is the great thing about budgeting. Budgets allow us to live the lifestyle we desire without overspending. A budget enables you to control your money, instead of your money controlling you, and this is not something to take lightly.

### 4. Don't Gamble On Your Future

The first three steps have been a little difficult at times, haven't they? Let's make the fourth easy – don't gamble on your future! What I mean by that is to avoid buying lottery tickets or visiting the casino with the goal of striking it rich to pay for past financial mistakes. The odds of winning the lottery are so slim that according to statisticians you are more likely to accidentally suffocate in bed, have quintuplets naturally, or get killed by fireworks than coming out ahead on the lottery. If you want a sure way to strike it rich, set the money aside that you would have played on into an interest-bearing account. In the future, you'll cash in on your disciplined earnings.

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### 5. Work To Become The Best

Maybe you want to become the best salesperson or graphic designer at your company. Perhaps you want to take advantage of management trainee programs or other advancement opportunities. When you work harder to become the best at what you do, you become less dispensable to your employer and more attractive to potential employers. Financial wellness is a simple equation that can be solved! Income needs to be more than monthly expenses and planned savings! Since your paycheck tends to reflect the value you provide, there is no better way to increase the left-hand side of the equation (income) than becoming better at what you do.

### 6. Automate Your Savings

Opening a savings account (if you don't already have one) and automating your savings is an important step toward reaching financial goals. I call this "automating the important things." When I was saving for my first car, I opened and named an account "Car Savings." When I logged into my online banking, I was able to see my "Car Savings" grow, which motivated me to save more. I arranged with my employer to have part of my paycheck go directly into my savings. Whatever your goal may be, automating your savings can help you to slowly reach a goal, without spending cash that you shouldn't or running up debt.

### 7. Begin Saving For Retirement!

The best time to begin saving for your retirement was yesterday, but you can still get started today! Retiring may seem like a long-term goal for many young adults, so I am going to provide an example that shows the power of starting early. Let's say that I began investing \$500 a month in a retirement account at age 25. My friend Keith is 45 and just started investing \$1,000 a month. When we each turn 65 we decide to retire. My friend Keith will have \$441,427 assuming an annual return of 6%. Assuming the same conditions, I will have \$928,572, which is a difference of \$487,145!



No matter how far you may feel you are from reaching financial freedom or your financial goals, you can start today by taking these seven steps. If you are not ready to take all seven steps, take a couple, and before you know it you will be farther along on your journey to financial freedom than you imagined.

Information provided from the article "Seven Steps to Take Toward Financial Independence" written for Old National Bank by Jack Livingston.

*Jack is a Registered Real-Life Finance Instructor and Commercial Relationship Manager, Jr. at Old National. A recent college graduate, Jack has more than five years of experience in banking. Partnering with local community agencies including schools and nonprofit organizations, he has taught financial education in over 200 settings. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Jump Start Coalition, promoting financial empowerment and education nationwide. Jack believes financial wellness through financial education should begin at a young age and is the key to future success.*

# Get to Know Your Neighborhood CPO



**“Get to Know Your Neighborhood CPO”, is a segment which provides an opportunity for you to learn about the Crime Prevention Officer covering your neighborhood. More information about the Crime Prevention Unit and neighborhood CPOs can be found at [evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit](http://evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit).**

## **Crime Prevention Officer Kevin Corbin**

**Sector: East      Beat: 1, 2, 5      Years of Service: 20**

### **What Neighborhoods do you cover?**

*Timber Park, Wesselman Park, Midtown, Oak Hill, Willemette Village, Alvord Blvd, South Lincoln Park*

### **What inspired you to become a Police Officer?**

*Laws provide a framework that enables groups of people to function as a society. Those helping to maintain those laws while keeping the public safe serve as a key component of the public welfare. I have always wanted to work in that capacity, as someone who serves the community as a whole, not just my own interests.*

### **What does being a Police Officer mean to you?**

*Being a police officer gives me the opportunity to work directly on behalf of those in need. This goes way beyond law enforcement. It entails educating the public where needed, serving as the connective tissue to those additional agencies needed to address quality of life issues, or serving as an advocate for programs and platforms that likewise serve the public welfare.*

### **What do you like about being a Crime Prevention Officer?**

*While so much of police work is reactive, it requires an altogether different mindset to prevent crime. Being a CPO both requires and enables us to think creatively to inoculate the public against the variety of crime and quality of life concerns they encounter.*

### **What is your biggest concern in the neighborhoods you serve?**

*Much of the problem with neighborhood crime can be alleviated by getting the necessary information out to all residents who in turn work together to limit opportunities for crime. Neighborhoods work best when seen as a community more than a collection of homes, where people know one another and look out for the interests of all. With the rise of COVID, though, a concern I have is that this sense of community might dissolve as people isolate for the health of themselves and others (certainly a necessary precaution for many). Crimes of one kind or another will always ebb and flow through neighborhoods; it is important to maintain the solidarity seen in communities that accommodates the sharing of information and solutions to these issues.*

### **What can neighbors do to decrease crime in their neighborhood?**

*As noted above, seeing your neighborhood as a community rather than a collection of random people can do wonders to limit crime and increase the quality of life for all. Work towards getting to know the others living around you. Watch out for your neighbors, as they should for you. The more eyes and ears working together, the better.*

*Learn more about the Crime Prevention Officers at [evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit](http://evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit).*

# Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District

## Recycling Events

**2022 Drop-off Recycling Days**  
**8:00am - 12:00 noon**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 7	Old Walmart West	September 10	Old Walmart West
June 4	Old Walmart West	October 1	Old Walmart West
June 18	4-H Center	October 22	4-H Center
July 23	Old Walmart West	November 5	Old Walmart West
August 6	Old Walmart West	December 3	Old Walmart West
August 20	4-H Center	December 10	4-H Center

### Location Addresses

**Old Walmart West parking lot - 4551 University Drive**

**4-H Center - 201 E Boonville-New Harmony Road**

### **Additional Recycling Events**

#### **Civic Center Parking Lot**

#### Electronics Recycling:

**Summer:** July 16th from 8:00 - 12:00pm

**Fall:** September 24th from 8:00 - 12:00pm

#### Tox-Away Day:

**Fall:** To be determined



**2022**

**May**

Tuesday, May 17

**Donut Bank**  
St. Joe Avenue  
7am-9am

**June**

Tuesday, June 21

**Donut Bank**  
Lincoln Avenue  
7am-9am

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Check out other upcoming community events on the UNOE website at the:

<https://www.unoevansville.org/events/>

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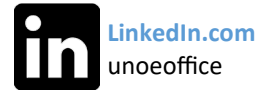
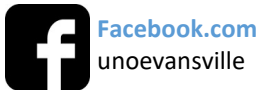


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**Monday - Thursday**

**9:00am - 3:00pm**



## UNOE General Membership Meeting

C.K. Newsome Community Center

Thursday, May 26th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Speaker: **Gayl Killough,**  
Homeless Community Development Specialist  
City of Evansville

