Volume #23 Issue #8 Neighbor to Neighbor A Publication of United Neighborhoods of Evansville. Inc. office@unoevansville.org **United Neighborhoods of Evansville** Neighborhood Associations Working together to preserve, enhance, and promote Evansville. 320 SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Ste B, Evansville, IN 47713 | www.unoevansville.org 812-428-4243 Sparkplug Success

November 2023

United Neighborhoods of Evansville held its 26th Sparkplug Banquet on October 26, 2023. The Banquet was a success with over 227 people in attendance, including Keynote Speaker Mayor Lloyd Winnecke. UNOE is planning the 27th Sparkplug Banquet for October 24, 2024, at Bally's Events Center. Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers who made this event for the neighborhoods a special evening. Special thanks to Randy Clark for taking pictures, Brent Jackson for technical assistance, and Susan Harp and the rest of the Sparkplug Banquet Committee for all the hard work that made the evening such a success.

Election of Officers

Each January the General Membership Representatives from neighborhood associations that are members of UNOE elect the Officers and Board Members At-Large in accordance with the by-laws. **Only members of UNOE Neighborhood Associations shall be eligible to run for office.** The UNOE Nominations Committee has presented a slate of nominees for President, Vice President, Board Member at large & Senior Liaisons (pg.5).

Neighborhood Association Representatives may make additional nominations from the floor at the January 25th General Membership meeting. A current list of representatives who can make additional nominations is on file with the UNOE office. Voting follows the by-laws adopted by membership nominations.

Sparkplug Winners



Darla Farris Akin Park



CenterPoint Energy YMCA Glenwood



Mayor Lloyd Winnecke Goosetown



Michael & Betsy Pruitt Greater Lincolnshire



Gayla Bell Jacobsville



Rick & Kristie French Oak Hill



South Dexter's Loyal Members South Dexter



Steve Colvin South Lincoln Park



Thomas Littlepage Southeast Side



Jessica Wilson Vann Park



Pam Steckler Wesselman Park



Katie Koewler Westside Improvement

Sparkplug Banquet



























Sparkplug Winners Continued...

(Not Photographed)

Ryan & Kylie Matt - Helfrich Neighborhood

Renew Christian Church - LoveLamasco Neighborhood

Gene Rosek - Mt. Auburn Neighborhood

Robby Reisinger - Presidents Neighborhood

Neighborhood Grant Winners

Congratulations to the following neighborhoods!

<i>\$25</i>	Vann Park	\$50 STAR
\$25	Presidents	\$50 IndianWoods/Windsong
\$25	Plaza Park	\$75 Wesselman Park
\$25	Westside Improvement	\$75 Mt. Auburn
\$50	Helfrich	\$100 Glenwood

Congratulations Bud!



United Neighborhoods of Evansville extends congratulations to William "Bud" Goodsen!

At this years Sparkplug Banquet Bud was given a plaque by Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke as special recognition for being UNOE's first and longest serving neighborhood association president. Bud has also served on the UNOE Board and been a past UNOE President.

Thank you Bud for all you do!

Slate for Officers and Board Members At-Large for 2024

Position	Nominees for 2024
President	Lindsey Schenk
Vice-President	Jenny Thomas
Secretary	Not voted on
Treasurer	Not voted on
East Regional VP	Not voted on
South Regional VP	Not voted on
West Regional VP	Not voted on
Senior Liaison	Lucy Williams
Senior Liaison	Susan Harp
Senior Liaison	Bud Goodsen
Board Member At-Large	Leonard Collins
Board Member At-Large	Lu Porter
Board Member At-Large	Pam Grewe
Board Member At-Large	Linda Deig
Board Member At-Large	Bob Thomas

Gateway Garden Christmas Lights

Westside Improvement Association is so excited to Light Up the Helfrich Park Gateway Garden on Friday, November 24that 5:00 P.M. Let's kick off the holiday season as we light up the Christmas Displays. This is our third year, and we are so pleased to add eight Celestial Arches to help light your path into the garden. Carla Luigs will bless us with joyful sounds of praise. Please join us and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies! Parking is available in the lot West of the Fire Station. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!





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2023-24 Heating Advice

Fuel to heat our homes can mean high bills. And heating increases the risks of fire, explosion and carbon monoxide poisoning. But a heating system that works efficiently can mean more warmth, more safety-and more money left for other things. The Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Commission, Evansville Fire Department, Vanderburgh County township fire departments, American Red Cross, CenterPoint Energy and your local heating and air conditioning contractors want to alert the citizens of Evansville and Southwestern Indiana to the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, fire and explosion from a malfunctioning furnace, a blocked flue or chimney, a broken gas line or inadequate air for combustion. There may be hidden damage to your furnace, gas piping, flue or chimney. We are recommending that all citizens have their furnaces, space heaters, ranges, water heaters, gas lines, chimneys, flues and other heating equipment checked by a licensed heating contractor without delay. (You should do this every year.) You will protect yourself and your family this winter and save money on heating bills. Carbon monoxide replaces the oxygen in the air we breathe when fuel-burning equipment is operating and the vent or chimney is obstructed or there is not enough air to let the equipment burn fuel efficiently. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless and catches its victims unaware, sometimes as they sleep. If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, leave your home and phone 911 or your local fire department.

Families in Evansville and across the country have been killed by carbon monoxide poisoning, and many others have become seriously ill. Symptoms may be similar to the flu, including headache, dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath. There may be chest pain, fatigue and confusion. **But you may go to sleep and never wake up.** Always use portable generators **outdoors**, at least 20 feet from the house, and direct the engine exhaust away from windows and doors. **Don't** use a range or oven for heat. Candle fires also have killed families. Be careful using candles during power outages and at other times! And make a family fire escape plan. Help alert your family with working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. Consider installing gas leak alarms. Regularly test the alarms and change any batteries, and **replace** the alarms as directed. Your local fire department may be able to check your alarms and replace them free.

Evansville's Annual Fall Leaf Collection

Starting October 30, and continuing through December 8, 2023, Evansville residents who pay for trash service with their monthly Evansville Water and Sewer Utility bill can participate in the annual Fall Leaf Collection Program. During this period, eligible residents can place properly bagged leaves next to the curb for pickup by Republic Services on their regular trash collection day.

- Leaves must be contained in biodegradable plastic or paper leaf bags or in containers.
- Bags must be in manageable, organized piles and placed curbside near the trash and recycling carts.
- Bags and containers should be at the pickup location before 6 a.m. on the day of your normal trash collection.
- Bags should be placed at the pickup location on your normal day of trash collection, not days in advance.

Leaves not in biodegradable bags or that do not meet these requirements will not be picked up. If leaves are not in biodegradable bags, residents will be notified and asked to re-bag leaves properly for pick-up the following week. If residents feel they have complied with the requirements but their leaves were not picked up, they should call Republic Services at 812-424-3345 within two days after their regular trash collection day. United Neighborhoods of Evansville 320 SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Suite B Evansville, IN 47713 Non-Profit Org. POSTAGE PAID Evansville, IN PERMIT NO. 1087

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For updated Meeting times and locations please contact your Neighborhood Association President. If you need their contact information call the UNOE office and speak with Joe or Casey.

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