

Neighbor to Neighbor

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*Neighborhood
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together to preserve,
enhance, and promote
the city of Evansville.*

Mayor Terry to Speak at February Meeting

Mayor Stephanie Terry will reconvene the city's Traveling City Hall tradition this month.

The first **Traveling City Hall** of the Terry administration will be held in partnership with United Neighborhoods of Evansville on Thursday, February 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the C.K. Newsome Community Center. It will precede the regular United Neighborhoods of Evansville meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m., where Mayor Terry also will speak.

"One of the best parts of running for mayor was having the opportunity to hear directly from the people of Evansville – to hear their concerns, answer their questions, and to just listen to what they have to say about our city," Mayor Terry said. "The Traveling City Hall is an opportunity for me and the department heads from across the city to continue not only doing that, but to take their concerns back to the office the next day and do what we can to address them in real time."

Mayor Terry's administration will host quarterly **Traveling City Hall** meetings throughout 2024, with each being held in a different part of the city, in conjunction with different community partners.

"United Neighborhoods of Evansville is excited to partner with Mayor Terry's administration for the first of her Traveling City Hall programs," said Joe Ballard, United Neighborhoods of Evansville operations manager. "This kind of direct dialogue between citizens and city officials is critical to a strong, thriving Evansville, and we're proud to be part of making that happen."

Future **Traveling City Hall** meetings will be held in May, August, and November 2024. The dates, locations, and community partners associated with those events will be announced at the February 22 event.

Media seeking additional information may contact Joe Atkinson, Communications Director for Mayor Stephanie Terry, at 812-305-0543, or jatkinson@evansville.in.gov.

(Taken from a press release sent by Joe Atkinson, Mayor Terry's communications director, on January 5, 2024).

TOX AWAY DAY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

MARCH 23, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT

(Ninth & Walnut)

MATERIALS TO BRING

Motor Oil & Filters
Auto Batteries & Fluids
Gasoline
Rechargeable Batteries
Thermometers/Mercury
Household Cleaners
Photographic Chemicals
Fluorescent Tube Bulbs
Smoke Detectors

Oil Based Paints
Solvents & Thinners
Antifreeze
Pesticides & Herbicides
Aerosol Cans
Glues & Adhesives
Pool Chemicals
Pharmaceuticals
Fire Extinguishers

MATERIALS NOT TO BRING

Commercial Waste
Industrial Waste
Explosives/Ammunition
Appliances/Electronics

Infectious Waste
Radioactive Waste
Tires
Latex Paint*

*(latex paint can be disposed of in the regular trash once it is in a solid form.
Add kitty litter to speed drying process)*

VANDERBURGH COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS ONLY
FOR INFORMATION: 812-436-7800 or www.evansville.in.gov/recycle

HOUSEHOLDS ONLY

NO BUSINESSES PLEASE

Lead Abatement Program

Do you know that EPA wants to sample your yard for lead and arsenic to protect children's health.

Due to historic industrial operations in your area, many residential properties within the Jacobsville Neighborhood Soil Superfund Site (see map) have been contaminated with unsafe levels of lead and/or arsenic. Children are especially susceptible to health effects from lead exposure, including ability to learn, pay attention, and do well in school.

The mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and the environment. Therefore, if you live within the Superfund Site (see map), the EPA wants your permission to sample your yard **at no cost to you**. About 7,000 properties have been sampled to date!

If your sample results show your soils have high levels of lead or arsenic, the EPA will excavate those soils and replace with clean soil – that's right, **at no cost to you**. To date, over 4,000 residential properties have been cleaned up and restored. Before EPA can begin sampling or excavation, we need your written permission (also known as an access agreement). To request an access agreement, contact one of the EPA staff below.

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To learn more about the sampling and cleanup process, visit EPA's Jacobsville Neighborhood Soil Contamination Site: www.epa.gov/superfund/jacobsville-neighborhood-soil.

Tree Giveaway

Keep Evansville Beautiful wants to give you a tree!

You can help us by planting a tree in your front yard to help improve our urban landscape.

We are encouraging neighborhood associations to get registered for a tree by using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/zstws8y70f>

Get registered and then come to Wesselman Woods Park on Saturday, March 9th, at 9:00 AM and get your tree. It's that simple!

We will have arborists on hand to answer your questions about planting and how to maintain the tree.

You will be making your yard look better and helping the environment at the same time.

Any questions contact KEB at: jwelch@keepevansvillebeautiful.org

Program sponsored by Keep Evansville Beautiful & Centerpoint Energy

Evansville Newslab

The United Neighborhoods of Evansville would like to introduce you to the **Evansville Newslab** project and ask for your help.

Why Newslab? Evansville, like other communities, suffers from declining news resources. This means local government business is often conducted “in the dark.” One way to shine a light on governance is by local residents capturing information and making it accessible to various communities through distribution methods that meet their news-seeking behaviors.

What is Newslab? A research project conducted by the University of Evansville Changelab and its students, in partnership with *Our Times* newspaper and Listening Post Collective, a nonprofit organization supporting community-driven journalism.

What is it designed to do? Foster civic engagement in the community and promote *non-partisan* civic journalism.

How will this be carried out? We aim to gain an understanding of how residents engage with local news and their level of engagement. Additionally, the project will identify specific information needs and preferences, as well as gaps and opportunities to improve local news coverage.

What outcomes do we expect? We will use the results to understand the news and information needs and provide resources so that the local news infrastructure can meet these needs for the community. Once completed, we will share the results with the community.

How you can help our effort: Take the survey to help profile our local community news habits and needs. Just scan the QR code to take the survey. Let other people know about this effort and ask them to take the survey.



Neighborhood-based Policing is here!



Community Service Since 1818

Vanderburgh County Sheriff, Noah Robinson, has begun assigning patrol deputies to serve as liaisons to select neighborhoods within Vanderburgh County as part of our new neighborhood based policing initiative.

The goal of the program is to create and sustain an interactive relationship between neighborhood residents and our sheriff's deputies. Sheriff Robinson knows the importance of establishing trust between neighborhood residents, youth and the Sheriff's Office by fostering positive, cooperative, and productive relationships. Residents in these neighborhoods will have the assigned deputies cell phone number and email address as an open line of communication.

Sheriff Robinson will continue finding ways to better serve the residents of Vanderburgh County. The neighborhood based policing initiative is off to a great start.

Join us for Coffee with a Deputy on Thursday, March 14th, at the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office (3500 N Harlan Ave). Our friends from Kingdom Ground Coffee will be there with their coffee truck. Don't miss this special event!



UNOE BOARD

On Thursday, January 25th, at the C.K. Newsome Community Center, UNOE held its first General Membership Meeting of the new year. At the meeting elections were held for the 2024 Board of Directors. Our Board is as follows...

President: Lindsey Schenk (Helfrich NA)

Sr. Vice President: Jenny Thomas (Diamond-Stringtown NA)

Regional Vice Presidents:

East Sector: Katie Coomes (Indian Woods/Windsong NA)

South Sector: Leonard Collins (Goosetown NA)

West Sector: Larry Samples (Westside Improvement NA)

Secretary: Judy Kurth (Culver NA)

Treasurer: Linda Jones (Chain NA)

Senior Liaisons: Bud Goodsen (STAR NA), Lucy Williams (Glenwood NA),

Susan Harp (Oak Hill NA)

Board Members-At-Large: Pam Grewe (South Dexter NA), Linda Deig (Plaza NA),

Leonard Collins (Goosetown NA), Bob Thomas (Diamond-Stringtown NA),

Stan Wheeler (Akin Park NA)

2024 Meeting Schedule

2024 General Membership Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month

(January thru September) from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Meeting location is at the C.K. Newsome Community Center

100 E Walnut Street, Downtown Evansville

February 22

March 28

April 25

May 23

(February 22nd - Return of Evansville's Traveling City Hall with Mayor Stephanie Terry)

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26 (Candidates' forum)

October 24 (Annual Sparkplug Banquet)

November & December - NO MEETINGS

LITTER FREE EVANSVILLE

20 24

FEBRUARY 3RD

TARGET AREA: WEST FRANKLIN ST.
TO ST. JOE
MEET AT LIBRARY ON W. FRANKLIN
HOURS 9-11 AM.

APRIL 6TH

TARGET AREA: GREEN RIVER ROAD,
LLOYD EXP. NORTH TO MORGAN AVE.
MEET AT DONUT BANK ON GREEN RIVER
HOURS 9-11 AM.

JUNE 1ST

TARGET AREA: FIRST AVE.
DIAMOND AVE. TO BUENA VISTA.
MEET AT SCHNUCKS ON 1ST AVE.
HOURS 9-11 AM.

OCTOBER 5TH

TARGET AREA: GARVIN PARK
MEET AT BOSSE FIELD
HOURS 9-11 AM.

DECEMBER 7TH

TARGET AREA: GREEN RIVER RD
SOUTH TO COVERT
MEET AT: RULER'S PARKING LOT.
HOURS 9-11 AM.



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2024 Membership Applications are now due.

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.

Office Hours - Monday thru Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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