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May = Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Since its inception in 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been a cornerstone of addressing the challenges faced by millions of Americans living with mental health conditions. We have decided to look at the history of our State Hospitals here in Indiana as a way of honoring the mental health professionals in our community.

In 1845, Lawmakers authorized building a hospital for the “insane” and the state purchased a 160 acre farm 2 miles from downtown Indianapolis on National Road. That hospital was named “The Indiana Hospital for the Insane” which opened on November 21, 1848 with 8 patients.

The State Legislature authorized 3 more regional psychiatric institutions to be built in 1889. The Indianapolis hospital later changed its name to Central State and it remained the largest hospital with an average population of 1800 people at its height in the early 20th Century.

In 1883, Indiana’s Legislature authorized funding for the construction of a new facility in Evansville. A secluded, densely wooded farm on Newburgh Road (now Lincoln Avenue) was selected as the site. “The Southern Indiana Hospital for the Insane” (called “Woodmere” because of its tree covered grounds) was purchased for \$17,000.00. The boundaries expanded from Vann Avenue to Division Street, Boeke to Morgan Avenue and Stockwell Road to Lincoln Avenue. The building was completed in 1886 and opened in 1890. It was renamed Evansville State Hospital in 1927. On October 30, 1890, the new hospital admitted its first 2 patients. A fire in 1943 destroyed the main structure and a replacement facility known as Continuing Treatment Unit or CTU, was constructed in its place.

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State Hospitals in Indiana...

We currently have 5 State Hospitals in Indiana: The Neuro Diagnostic Institute in Indianapolis, which is the newest state hospital, Evansville State, Madison State, Logansport State, Richmond State and Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center. Logansport primarily deals with individuals with legal charges and more aggressive patients. Richmond and Madison work with more substance abuse, Evansville is moving more towards the geriatric population, NDI is for newly diagnosed adults and children and EPCC is for children up to the age of 14.

Indiana's State Psychiatric Hospitals serve many roles in their respective communities. They are inpatient treatment units for those who need an intensive level of treatment. They are excellent research facilities for students and professionals in the field of mental health and addictions. The State Hospitals serve adults with mental health issues and addiction issues as well as children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances. The State Hospitals also provide evaluations for the courts to determine if a crime was committed due to a mental illness.

To be admitted to a State Psychiatric Hospital, the person has to be in an inpatient setting, have a civil commitment hearing and be deemed gravely disabled or a danger to self or others. When a patient is admitted to the hospital, the State Psychiatric Liaison works with the treatment teams to help assess and determine if a patient is ready for discharge back to the community. Returning to the community can be back to their previous home, a group home, nursing home or living with family members. Ongoing psychiatric appointments are arranged for the person prior to a person leaving a state hospital.

Unfortunately, over the past 25 years, there has been a steady decline in the number of beds the hospitals have to offer the community. We have gone from each hospital having the capacity of treating upwards of 700 patients per hospital to now only being able to have 100-155 patients. This has resulted in more mentally ill patients being arrested and jailed for crimes such as trespassing, battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

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State Psychiatric Hospital Liaison

Open Burn Regulations



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OPEN BURN REGULATIONS

All citizens are expected to comply with local and state open burning regulations to protect public health and safety.

AUTHORITY

- The Evansville Climate Collaborative (ECC) enforces Evansville Municipal Code 16.05.200 governing open burning within the City of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. [City of Evansville open burning rules](#).
- The Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management (IDEM) enforces 326 Indiana Administrative Code 4-1 governing open burning throughout Indiana, including in Evansville. [State of Indiana open burning rules](#). Permit forms: [IDEM open burn permit forms](#)

REGULATIONS (summarized per EMC 16.05.200 & 326 IAC 4-1)

1. Open burning must comply with state and local open burning regulations.
2. Open burns must be permitted by local and/or state authorities.
 - a. Burns within ECC jurisdiction require ECC approval.
 - b. Burns not exempt (326 IAC 4-1-3) may require IDEM approval.
3. Advance approval with ECC can be requested over the phone M-F 8am -4 pm, and the waiver (written permit) can be issued via email. There is no fee.
4. Permits shall be made available to local authorities upon request and are valid only for the location listed on the permit.
5. Burning may be conducted ONLY under favorable weather conditions. Open burning shall NOT be conducted during high winds, a temperature inversion, air quality alert day, or burn ban.
6. The fire shall be extinguished if it creates an air pollution problem, a threat to public health, a nuisance. or a safety hazard.
7. The burn pile may not exceed (10'x10'x10' =1000ft.³) at any one time. Fires greater than (5'x5'x5' =125ft.³) require 24 hours advance notice to local fire dept. and health dept. Only one pile is allowed at a time.
8. ONLY clean wood or charcoal may be burned.
9. The fire shall not be used for disposal or salvage purposes. Waste generated as a result of a routine business operation may not be burned.
10. Clearing land for a change in land use requires that all pulpwood, marketable trees, or portions thereof shall be reclaimed.
11. The fire may not be within:
 - a. 100 ft. of a property line, structure, or power line
 - b. 300 ft. of a public road, flammable / hazardous material
12. Fires shall not be ignited with fuel, oil, tires, or any other petroleum product or smoke-producing material.
13. Fires shall be ignited during daylight hours and replenished only as to allow all of the material to be burned before sunset.
14. Fires must be attended at all times until completely extinguished.
15. Adequate fire suppression equipment shall be on-site at all times during burning.

DEFINITIONS

Open Burning - burning of material where the resulting air contaminants are emitted directly into the air without first passing through a stack or chimney.

Waiver - Permit required within ECC jurisdiction for fires larger than (3' x 2') in size. Valid only for a single day event.

Burn ONLY

- clean, natural growth
- clean, untreated wood products
- charcoal

Burning PROHIBITED:

- poison ivy or sumac, allergenic materials
- root balls, stumps, leaves
- asbestos-containing materials
- material treated with paint, stains, preservatives, glue, laminate, or pesticides
- furniture, carpet, TV's, appliances, tires
- paper, plastic, metal or other refuse

Failure to comply with all open burning regulations may result in invalidation of permit, dispatch of emergency services, and legal enforcement.

Recreational Fire Rules



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REGULATIONS (summarized per EMC 16.05.200 & 326 IAC 4-1)

1. Recreational fires must comply with state and local open burning regulations.
2. Recreational fires within ECC jurisdiction must have advance approval from the ECC on an annual basis, but do not require IDEM approval. Fires contained in a fire-safe device such as an outdoor grill, built-in patio fireplace, patio fire pit, or Chiminea ® are not regulated nor require advance approval.
3. Annual approval can be granted over the phone M-F, 8am -4 pm, and the written permit can be issued via email. There is no fee.
4. Permit is valid only for the location listed on the permit.
5. Fires may be conducted ONLY under favorable weather conditions. Open burning shall NOT be conducted during high winds, a temperature inversion, air quality alert day, or burn ban. Grill or patio fires may also be prohibited during burn bans for extreme environmental conditions.
6. The fire must be extinguished if it creates an air pollution problem, a threat to public health, a nuisance, or a safety hazard.
7. Recreational fires may not exceed (3' x 2') in size. Larger fires require an Open Burn Waiver in writing from ECC.
8. ONLY clean wood or charcoal may be burned.
9. The fire shall not be used for disposal or salvage purposes. waste generated as a result of a routine business operation
10. Burn barrels are prohibited within city limits.
11. Only one burning pile is allowed at a time.
12. The fire shall not be located within 100 feet of any fuel storage area or pipeline.
13. Fires shall not be ignited with fuel, oil, tires, or any other petroleum product or smoke-producing material.
14. Fires must be attended at all times until completely extinguished.
15. Adequate fire suppression equipment shall be on-site at all times during burning.

DEFINITIONS

Open Burning - burning of material where the resulting air contaminants are emitted directly into the air without first passing through a stack or chimney.

Recreational Fire - a small fire on the ground (open burning) conducted for recreation or ceremony, maintained at less than 3' wide x 2' high.

Burn ONLY

- clean, natural wood
- clean, untreated wood products
- charcoal

Burning PROHIBITED:

- poison ivy or sumac, allergenic materials
- root balls, stumps, leaves
- asbestos-containing materials
- material treated with paint, stains, preservatives, glue, laminate, or pesticides
- furniture, carpet, TV's, appliances, tires
- paper, plastic, metal or other refuse

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EWSU Recognized for Outstanding Project Safety and Engineering Excellence

(Evansville, IN) – Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU) is proud to receive three significant industry recognitions for outstanding safety and engineering excellence on two water and sewer projects. The awards were presented to EWSU officials at two different awards ceremonies held in Indianapolis last week.



The East Wastewater Treatment Plant (East WWTP) Capacity Expansion Project and team members were honored at the 2024 Coalition for Construction Safety (CCS) Outstanding Project Safety Awards Banquet. The \$50.8 million project had 206,795 craft hours and zero recordable incidents and zero lost days.

The project was nominated by Kokosing Industrial. According to Kokosing, EWSU achieved the outstanding safety results by focusing attention on new hires to determine their skill set, competent person training to identify workplace hazards and identifying the need for new training. This “people first” approach to safety set the team and project up for success.

The East WWTP capacity expansion project also received an Honor Award for Engineering Excellence from the American Council of Engineering Companies Indiana (ACEC Indiana). The project increased the plant’s peak capacity from 25.5 million gallons a day (MGD) to 40 MGD.



The project was nominated by Clark Dietz, Inc., According to Clark Dietz, the Biological Aeration Filter (BAF) is a major component of the expansion. Officials recognized the BAF for providing a sustainable, cost-efficient solution for increasing wastewater treatment capacity and said the viewing area above the pipe gallery promotes education about the facility and treatment process.

Sunrise Pump Station also received an Honor Award for Engineering Excellence from ACEC Indiana. Donohue & Associates, Inc., nominated the pump station and described the building as a multifaceted community asset. Sunrise has the capacity to pump 40 MGD of treated effluent up and over the levee into the Ohio River through a unique cascading aeration structure.



The pump station is surrounded by a park-like setting with native plants, a greenway trail and swings along the deck above the cascade overlooking downtown Evansville. The pump station building features public space with a wall of windows to look inside the pretreatment laboratory, an upper observation deck plus indoor and outdoor restrooms open year-round.



EVANSVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday 9a-2pm
April 27th - September 21st



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SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Art in the Garden & More!



SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

12:30 - 3:30 PM

- Multiple Arts & Crafts Booths
- Food Trucks
- Family Activities
- Live Music by the Honey Vines
- See the Gardens at their Best!



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Upcoming Events

May 15th - Mayors Traveling City Hall

University of Evansville - Eykamp Hall

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

May 15th - Coffee with a Deputy

3443 Kansas Rd - 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

May 16th - EPD West Sector Meeting

C.K. Newsome Center Room 118 A&B - 6:00 PM

May 21st - EPD East Sector Meeting

C.K. Newsome Center Room 118 A&B - 6:00 PM

May 21st - Coffee with a Cop

Mission Grounds - Washington Square Mall

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

May 26th - Evansville Food Truck Festival

Bosse Field - 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

June 1st - 2024 River City Pride Festival & Parade

Downtown Evansville - 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Parade at 12:00 PM on Main Street.

June 27th - UNOE General Membership Meeting

C.K. Newsome Community Center - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FREE HOT DOGS Served at 5:30 PM Before Meeting.

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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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