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**United Neighborhoods of Evansville** 



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#### 2024 Holiday Edition



The United Neighborhoods of Evansville wishes everyone happy holidays and a prosperous new year! 2024 seems to have just flown by, but a lot happened making it a busy and productive year! We were happy to welcome two brand new neighborhoods (COMETS, & NOMA), and welcome back a revitalized Western Terrace. Midtown Neighborhood merged with and is now a part of VANN Park. UNOE also saw the return of the Mayors Traveling City Hall, hosted our annual Candidates Forum at the C.K. Newsome Center, and honored recipients of the Sparkplug Award at UNOE's annual Sparkplug Banquet at Bally's Executive Convention Center.

We look forward to seeing what 2025 brings and wish all of our friends a safe and Happy New Year!

#### **Elections**

On January 23rd at the General Membership Meeting the General Membership Representatives from neighborhood associations that are members of UNOE will elect the Officers and Board Members At-Large (in accordance with the by-laws). The UNOE Nominations Committee has presented a slate of nominees for President, Vice President, Board Member at large & Senior Liaisons.

**President: Jennifer Thomas** 

Vice President: Lindsey Schenk

Treasurer: Linda Jones Secretary: Judy Kurth.

Regional VP: East Sector: Susan Harp, South Sector: Leonard Collins

**West Sector: Larry Samples** 

Senior Liaisons: Bud Goodsen, Lucy Williams

At Large: Pam Grewe, Linda Deig, Stan Wheeler, Bob Thomas & Leonard Collins

### 2025 General Membership Meeting's

General Membership Meetings are held from 6:30-8:00 PM on the 4th Thursday of the month (January thru September) at The C.K. Newsome Community Center, 100 E Walnut Street.

January 23 February 27 March 27

April 24 May 22 June 26

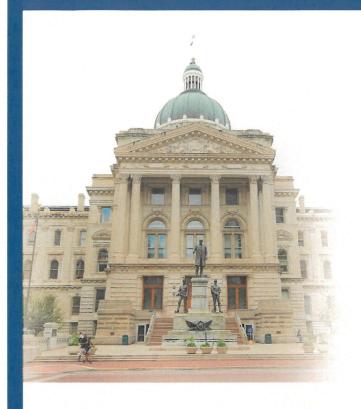
July 24 August 28 September 25

October 23rd - Sparkplug Banquet November & December - No Meetings

Dates/locations are subject to change. Contact UNOE office to verify.

### **2025 Membership Packets**

UNOE's 2025 Membership packets will be sent out to all of the neighborhood presidents at the beginning of January. Membership applications are mandatory and must be completely filled out with accurate, and detailed information (even if nothing has changed from the year before). We ask neighborhood presidents to return their completed applications as quickly as possible. Please call the UNOE office (812-428-4243) and speak with Casey or Joe with any questions. The office is open Monday - Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM.



## Meet <u>your</u> **Legislators**

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 9:15 AM CT

doors open 9:00 AM

Browning Room
Central Library

Walnut & ML King Downtown Evansville

Meet Your Legislator Dates

January 11 ● February 8 ● March 8 ● April 12



Senator Vaneta Becker Republican District 50 S50@iga.in.gov



Representative Cindy Ledbetter Republican District 75 H75@iga.in.gov



Representative Tim O'Brien Republican District 78 H78@iga.in.gov



Representative Alex Burton Democrat District 77 H77@iga.in.gov



Representative Wendy McNamara Republican District 76 H76@iga.in.gov



Senator Jim Tomes Republican District 49 S49@iga.in.gov



Representative Matt Hostettler Republican District 64 H64@iga.in.gov

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### **Upcoming Events**

- December 13th Santa Stroll 5:00 PM 7:00 PM
   Main Street (starting at Riverside & Main)
- December 14th Winter Wonderland Gala 7:00 PM 11:55 PM
   Historic Old Post Office Tickets: \$50.00
- December 15th The Nutcracker Ballet 2:00 PM 4:00PM
   The Victory Theatre
- December 20th Handels "Messiah" by Candlelight 7:00 PM 8:00 PM
   Trinity United Methodist Church
- December 25th Christmas Day
- December 31st New Years Eve
- January 8th UE Aces Mens Basketball vs. Illinois State 7:00 9:30 PM
   The Ford Center
- January 9th South Sector Citizens CPO Meeting 6:00PM
   C.K. Newsome Community Center, Room 118 C&D
- January 11th Meet your Legislators 9:15 AM
   Central Library Browning Room.
- January 16th West Sector Citizens CPO Meeting 6:00 PM
   C.K. Newsome Community Center, Room 118 C&D
- January 21st East Sector Citizens CPO Meeting 6:00 PM
   CK Newsome Community Center, Room 118 C&D
- January 23rd UNOE General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM 8:00 PM
   C.K. Newsome Community Center
   Guest Speaker will be EPD Detective Nathan Vancleave discussing financial crimes & scams.

### **Heating Advice**

Be bold against the cold. Stay warm against the storm.

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 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 other times!

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#### THEY CAN HELP

**Evansville Urban Enterprise Association** offers **free** carbon monoxide alarms and smoke alarms, while supplies last, to residents of the Enterprise Zone and the service areas outside the zone who have not received them in the past. Phone (812) 426-2490.

American Red Cross will provide in-home disaster and home fire safety education, test your smoke alarms and replace or install up to four if needed, and supply specialty alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing. Phone (888) 684-1441.

Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE) handles the Indiana Weatherization Assistance Program in Vanderburgh, Posey and Gibson counties. (Every county in Indiana has an agency for the weatherization program.) CAPE may repair or replace faulty heating equipment and make other energy-efficient improvements. CAPE also helps with heating bills. CAPE has income limits. Phone (812) 425-4241.

Memorial Community Development Corp. offers general and urgent home repairs. Homes must be owner-occupied, and there are income limits. Phone (812) 424-8627

Community One assists homeowners with major home repairs, including furnace repair or replacement, roof repair or replacement and accessibility ramp construction. A homeowner must be the deeded owner and live in the home and help pay for the project as able. Phone (812) 213-4202

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee may provide a forgivable loan up to \$25,000 to a qualified homeowner for needed housing improvements. The program may repair or replace heating units and make other winter-related improvements. The owner must occupy the home and meet income and other qualifications. (812) 436-7823.

**CenterPoint Energy** offers no-charge home energy assessments and has details on energy-saving products and **rebates**. Phone (866) 240-8476.

Handy Chore may change furnace filters, install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, provide fire extinguishers, make some windows and doors weathertight and repair storm doors and outer doors. Handy Chore serves homeowners who are disabled or at least age 60. Phone SWIRCA & More at (812) 464-7817.

**Faith-based organizations, social agencies** and **township trustees** may help with heating bills and other needs. Call 211 for resources.

# EWSU's Annual Fall Leaf Collection Program Starts October 28, Ends December 13

Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU) will offer the annual fall leaf collection service to City residential customers starting Monday, October 28, through Friday, December 13. During this period, eligible residential customers who pay for trash and recycling with their monthly water and sewer bill can place properly bagged leaves next to the curb for pickup by Republic Services on their regular trash collection day.

#### How it works

- 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 cart.

Bags and containers should be at the pickup location before 6 a.m. on the normal day of trash collection, not days in advance of the trash collection.

Leaves not in biodegradable bags or that do not meet these requirements will not be collected. Customers will be notified and asked to re-bag the leaves for collection the following week. Customers who have complied with the requirements but their leaves were not collected should call Republic Services at 812-424-3345 within two days after their regular trash collection day.

#### Who is not eligible

Apartment complexes, mobile home communities, business and commercial customers, and Utility customers who live outside of the Evansville city limits are not eligible.

(Heavy trash pickups will not be scheduled during the Fall Leaf Collection Program. Heavy trash pickups will resume on Monday, December 16, 2024).



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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.

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

(The office will be closed December 24th, 2024 thru January 2nd, 2025)

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