

*Neighborhood Associations working together  
to preserve, enhance, and promote  
the Evansville neighborhoods*

# ***NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR***

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## **From the President .....**

Greetings Neighbors,

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF 911**

Yesterday, in my neighborhood, one of our neighbors was walking her dog early in the morning. She noticed a man, that she had not seen at that hour before, and he was rather nervous and coughing a lot. Our neighbor got a good look at him, as he was waiting for the bus. Within a few minutes, she noticed black smoke coming out of the alley behind the bus stop. She was able to get in touch with 911 and as a police car approached, she gave the officer a description of the man as he boarded the bus. The fire department sent a truck to put out the fire in the alley.

Fast action by this neighbor, with a good description of the man is what our police force encourages us to do. As one officer has said "See something Say something". We are the eyes and ears of our police and fire departments and they can only do their best job if we help them by calling 911.

Even if a police car does not come right away, central dispatch has a log of all of the calls that come in. When they are reviewed, they can see patterns of crimes and know where to put extra patrol cars.

Always call 911, never hesitate, that call may save a life or solve a crime

*Charleen*



United Neighborhoods of Evansville would like to thank the media for their coverage before and after our recent General Meeting concerning Reorganization. It was important that the community have an informative forum to learn more about this important issue.

**Thank you for helping us spread the word!**

### *Upcoming UNOE Dates*

**Aug. 7th—NATIONAL NIGHT  
OUT**

**Aug. 15th—UNOE Board  
Meeting 4:00pm**

**Aug. 23rd—UNOE General  
Meeting 6:30pm**

**Sept. 20th—Candidates Forum #1**

**Sept. 27th—Candidates Forum #2**

***Note  
Worthy***



Hope you're managing to enjoy the summer in this heat! Some of you had asked when the show on Evansville's Neighborhoods would be online. It's finally posted! You can get there via this link:

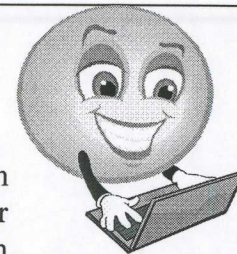
<http://tristatehomepage.com/tv-programming/my-hometown>

Neighborhoods included in the episode are Glenwood, Goosetown, Blackford's Grove, Bellemeade-Bayard Park, Jacobsville, and Lincolnshire. UNOE board members Tom Loesch, Jr. (Blackford's Grove) and Jim Morgan (Jacobsville) were among those interviewed.

Thanks again for being a part of it!

Lindsay Merwin, Eyewitness News  
Weekend Anchor & Producer  
Host of "My Hometown"

## UNOE WEBSITE WORKSHOP AT AUGUST GENERAL MEETING



I remember Chris Cooke (former President of UNOE) quoting World Hockey champion Wayne Gretzky at a Sparkplug banquet 2 years ago. His quote was, "A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be." And with that, Chris wanted to steer UNOE to where the puck was going to be. One of Chris's visions was to head up a new Technology Committee and Chairperson for UNOE. That idea of his was voted upon at a UNOE Board meeting and approved. And this is where my tenure as the Technology Chairman began.

As a neighborhood president and a person who works in the field of technology by trade, I was a good fit for the UNOE organization. In the last two years we have done a lot to upgrade our technological deficiencies. For example, last year we built a new *first class* server for the office personnel and neighborhood leaders to use. The server is a shared resource where application programs such as Microsoft Publisher, Word, Excel, Access, and Outlook are installed. Dreamweaver, Photoshop and many other web and media developing tools were also installed. It has plenty of free space and it is in good health. We can all rest assured that our data and documents that are being generated and saved on the server are being backed up every week, month, and year separately. Hoorah!

This year we have rebuilt our website from the ground up. The new website has a backdoor for neighborhood leaders to register and log into. **At this upcoming August UNOE General Meeting, I will demonstrate this ability. Come and watch as I register as a new online neighborhood, login and then submit an event to the online calendar in just a few minutes! Watch as I "Suggest a Link" or "Compose an Article" to be published on the new website. There are more bells and whistles to tell you about than the space I have to write about them here. So, come and join me in August to learn how to take advantage of these newly expanded features and technology.**

Brent Jackson

### Certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat 2012

Turn your backyard into a wildlife-friendly habitat today! Join us for beginner and advanced CBWH courses, taught by a variety of environmental and conservation experts from across the tri-state.

**Date:** August 25th, 2012

**Time:** 9 am – 12 noon with optional Advanced Topics portion from 1 pm – 4 pm

**Location:** Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve

**Cost:** \$10 for WNS members, \$15 for non-members

**Attendance:** 35 each session

**Audience:** Adults, general public

**Call us at (812) 479-0771 and reserve your spot today!**



PLEASE LET THE UNOE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A DELEGATE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE UNOE OFFICE AT 428-4243.

WESSELMAN WOODS NATURE CENTER PRESENTS

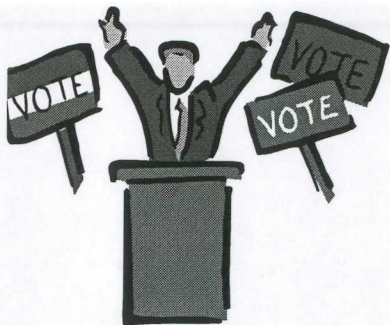
**MUSIC ON THE HILL**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2012 • NOON – 8 PM

An acoustic music festival at Wesselman Woods Preserve featuring Tim Grimm, Jason Wilber, Tom Roznowski, The Indiana Boys, Randy Pease, Opal Fly, Kennedy Rose and Not Entirely Unlike Bluegrass.

Beer and wine provided by Turoni's. Food provided by River City Coop. **Admission (which helps support educational programs at the Center) is \$5 for those 12 and up, free for those 12 and under.**

Local crafters, artisans and more will be here for a day of fun. Call 479-0771 for more info.

Organized by John Foster, Dennis Avery, & Tasha Long



## UNOE Will Have TWO Candidates Forums in September!

Because of the number of candidates and the important issues concerning the fall election, United Neighborhoods of Evansville is sponsoring TWO Candidate Forums this year.

**The first night will be Thursday, September 20th, 2012.**

The candidates invited this evening will be for the offices of:

U.S. Representative-8th District  
State Rep.-Dist. 64  
State Rep.-Dist. 77  
County Commissioner-Dist. 1  
County Council at Large

State Senator District 50  
State Rep.-Dist 76  
State Rep.-Dist 78  
County Commissioner-Dist. 3

**The second night will be Thursday, September 27th, 2012.**

The candidates invited this second evening will be:

Judge Circuit Court (Heldt)  
Judge Superior Court (Niemeier)  
Judge Superior Court (Trockman)  
County Recorder  
County Coroner

Judge Superior Court (Lloyd)  
Judge Superior Court (Tornatta)  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
County Treasurer  
County Surveyor

Both Candidate Forums will be held at 6:30-9:00pm at the C.K. Newsome Center, 100 Walnut Street downtown.

As always, the public is invited. Come and listen to the candidates!

## 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL UNOE SPARKPLUG BANQUET

Thursday, October 25th, 2012

*"Celebrating 100 Years of  
Evansville Neighborhoods"*



### **DOOR PRIZES AND PROGRAM ADS ARE NEEDED**

We are selling business card size ads (1/8 of a page) for \$20.00 and \$150.00 for full page ads in our programs **All ad proceeds go back to the neighborhoods in the form of grants that evening.** We are also soliciting for door prizes. If you know anyone who might like to donate, call the UNOE office at 428-4243.

**Be sure to add the date of October 25, to your planner.** Banquet reservation packets will be going out to the Neighborhood Association presidents at the end of August. You can register with your own neighborhood association president or with the UNOE Office at 428-4243.



Homeless  
Prevention  
Training Series  
August 25th, 2012  
9am-12pm

Central Library  
Large Group Room

**RSVP is required.** RSVP to  
Naila Carnagua at  
[naila@auroraevansville.org](mailto:naila@auroraevansville.org)  
or 428-3246

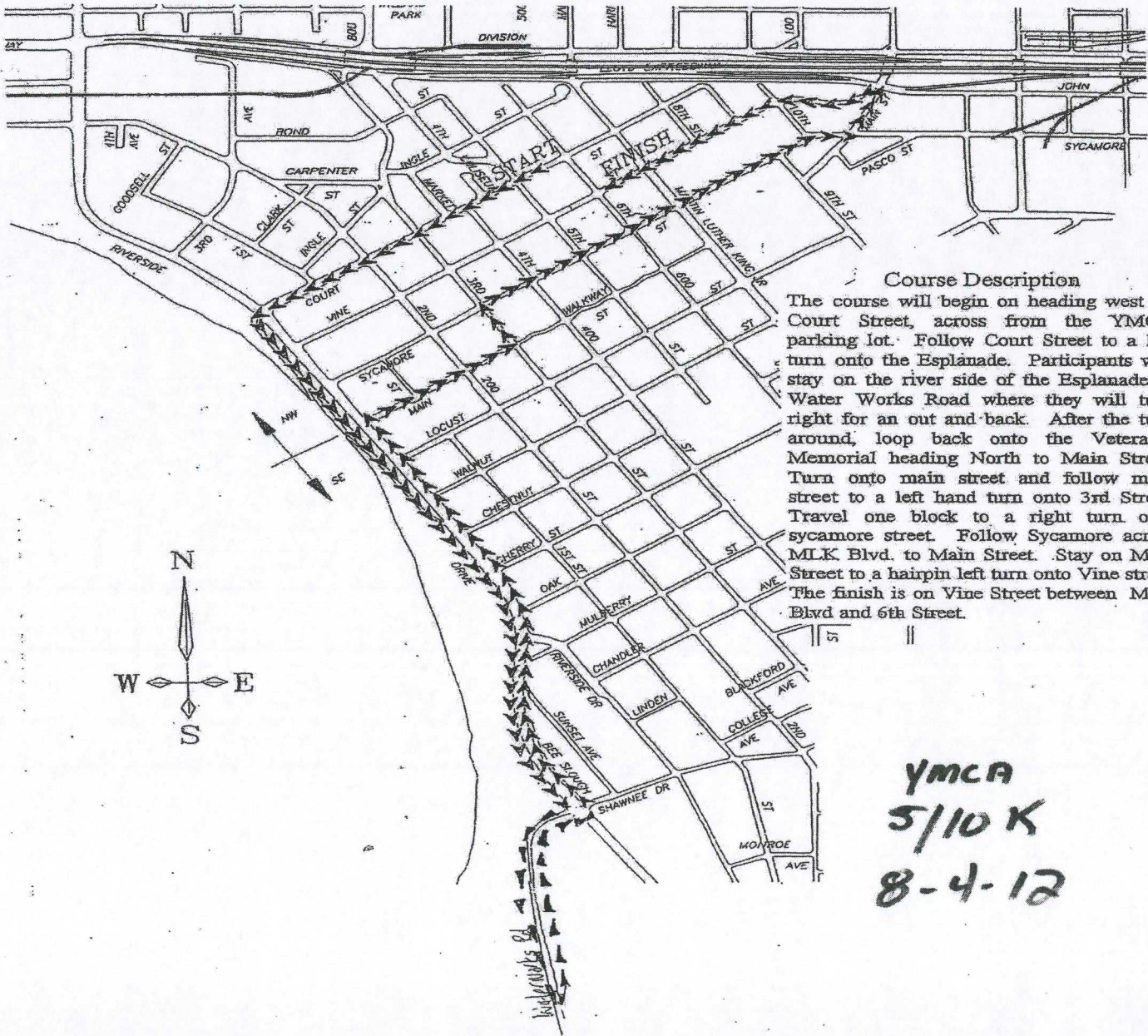
**Don't Forget To Take  
Pictures Of Your  
Neighborhood Assn.  
Activities!**

*It's not too early to turn pictures  
into the UNOE office for the  
Sparkplug Banquet.*

# EPD STREET CLOSINGS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

At the request of the Mayor's office, the Evansville Police Department would like to publicize the following road closings that will be taking place because of special events. They have asked United Neighborhoods to help by including them in our newsletter so they can get the word out to the neighborhood associations. Here are the closings for this month and next at newsletter time:

1. August 4<sup>th</sup> – several streets will be blocked off for the YMCA 5/10K race (map below.)
2. August 4<sup>th</sup> – Riverside Drive between Court and Cherry will be closed for Ducks on the Ohio
3. August 4<sup>th</sup> – the 1300 to 1500 blocks of Henning Avenue will be closed from noon until 10:00 P.M. for a neighborhood block party.
4. August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – the Inner southbound lane of Fulton Avenue in front of Germania Maennechor will be closed.
5. August 11<sup>th</sup> – Sycamore between Boeke Road and Harper Avenue will be closed from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for the Grace and Peace Block Party
5. August 11<sup>th</sup> – Walnut between Riverside and SE 1<sup>st</sup> will be closed from 2:00 P.M. to midnight for the Hadi Raffle Party
7. September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. to September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. – The Civic Center parking lot (back 40) will be closed for Family Day in the Park
8. September 14<sup>th</sup> – Columbia street from Oak Hill Rd to Dewy Street will be closed from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for the Evansville Bolt and Nut Open House.



## Course Description

The course will begin on heading west on Court Street, across from the YMCA parking lot. Follow Court Street to a left turn onto the Esplanade. Participants will stay on the river side of the Esplanade to Water Works Road where they will turn right for an out and back. After the turn around, loop back onto the Veteran's Memorial heading North to Main Street. Turn onto main street and follow main street to a left hand turn onto 3rd Street. Travel one block to a right turn onto sycamore street. Follow Sycamore across MLK Blvd. to Main Street. Stay on Main Street to a hairpin left turn onto Vine street. The finish is on Vine Street between MLK Blvd and 6th Street.

YMCA  
5/10 K  
8-4-12

# COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU!

The Evansville Police Department has a new tool to help deal with quality of life issues plaguing most communities, such as loud music, litter, loitering, disorderly conduct, and more generally unsupervised and ill-mannered youth.

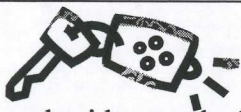
An approach is being implemented that will be innovative, economical and effective in combating problem properties that can destabilize an otherwise peaceful neighborhood. The Department needed an obvious presence to confront these problems and was fortunate to obtain an armored truck specially outfitted to become your neighborhood "Guardian." The truck is fortified to protect against tires being flattened and lights from being broken. It is outfitted with a surveillance system and has decals applied stating "Neighborhood Surveillance Unit."

The "Guardian" will be placed in problem locations as determined by police reports, calls-for-service and neighborhood complaints. When a suitable location is identified, the Guardian will be parked in front of the problem property for several days as a very visible message that the police department is aware of the problem and is monitoring those responsible. It is the opposite of an undercover operation. We want the law abiding citizens to know their complaints have not fallen upon deaf ears and we want those causing problems in the neighborhoods to know they are being watched.

While the Evansville Police Department continues to focus on traditional crime, we want our citizens to know we do not underestimate the importance of quality of life problems that can have an extremely negative impact on our neighborhoods if not abated. We realize citizens do care about the noise, the loud music, the litter, the loitering, the disorderly conduct, and the anti-social behavior that can be a disruptive force, destroying the sense of peace and safety. Areas that are most plagued by drug traffic are often the same areas where nuisance behaviors are most prevalent. In communities that are most affected, it is common to find that the greatest negative influences within the area can be traced to a select few, known problem households or retail businesses.



Evansville's Guardian was modeled off of other successful programs in cities around the nation. The picture shown above is an example of a Neighborhood Surveillance Vehicle. Please join us on August 7<sup>th</sup> at National Night Out to see the unveiling of your "Guardian."



## CAR KEYS BY YOUR BED SIDE

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or prevent a sexual abuse crime.



## CITY OF EVANSVILLE BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Aug. 16	Career of Evansville Cartoonist Karl Knecht—Willard Library	Lecture/6pm
Aug. 25	100 Men Who Cook—ONB Wayne Henning Atrium	Fundraiser TBD
Aug. 25	Reitz Home Mystery—ONB Wayne Henning Atrium	Matt Rowe 426-1871
Sept. 8	5K Run—Mesker Park Zoo	C. Roesner/435-6143 x409
Sept. 15	WNIN Kids Fest—WNIN	Ashley Murray 423-2973
Sept. 21-23	Native American Days—Angel Mounds	853-3956
Sept. 22	Race for the Cure—Downtown Evansville	Susan B. Komen Event
Sept. 22	German Heritage-Willard Library	Lecture/9:30am
Sept. 27	Senior Walk-Mesker Park Zoo	C. Roesner/435-6143 x409
Sept. 29	White Cane Day-Mesker Park Zoo	C. Roesner/435-6143 x409
Sept. 29	Fall Funk in the City-Haynies Corner	Jamie Morris 575-9138

### **WALK YOUR WAY TO A HEALTHIER YOU!**

Join Deaconess, WIKY and HOT 96 each Saturday at 9:00am and walk your way to health and wellness. Moderate activity a few days each week is a great way to start, and it's a fun way to spend quality time with your family and friends.

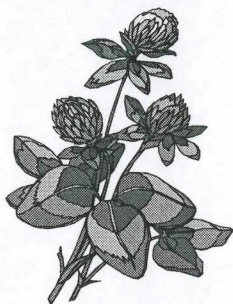
#### **Schedule for August:**

- August 4 - USI path toward Burdette Park
- August 11 - Shirley James Memorial
- August 18 - Garvin Park Greenway
- August 25 - Evansville Riverfront by Sunset Park

For more information, go to [www.deaconess.com](http://www.deaconess.com).

### **HIKES AT HOWELL WETLANDS**

Visit beautiful Howell Wetlands and take a **Wildflower Walk** with Kate Lynch on **August 11th, at 8:00 AM.**



#### **Wildflower Walks**

Experience the sights and smells of wildflowers at Howell Wetlands on a guided tour with Kate Lynch, SW Indiana Master Gardener and SW Indiana Master Naturalist. See a magnificent array of wildflowers, prairie grasses, and wildlife in the wetland, woodland and prairie...a quality show you can't find anywhere else in the Evansville area.

**All hikes are located at Howell Wetlands, and are FREE and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.**

Evansville is currently planning its largest-ever capital improvement project:

***Renew Evansville*** – the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility's approximate 20-year plan to improve the City's sewer system and comply with a federal mandate from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.



*Renew Evansville* will significantly upgrade Evansville's sewer infrastructure and operations, helping to eliminate many problems that result from a century-old system and help make our vital waterways – the Ohio River and Pigeon Creek – cleaner.

As we develop this program, we are seeking opportunities to engage community members and answer questions about the project. The *Renew Evansville* project team is interested in speaking to your group about the project's scope, construction timeline and community impact. If you're interested in scheduling a presentation, please send proposed dates and times to Jim Garrard at [RenewEvansville@ewsu.com](mailto:RenewEvansville@ewsu.com) or call at (812) 436-4516. While availability is somewhat limited, all efforts will be made to accommodate your schedule.

We look forward to sharing our goals for one of Evansville's most important, yet unseen assets, its sewer system.

Sincerely,  
Jim Garrard, Project Manager  
Renew Evansville

- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - Tuesday, August 7th, 2012 at Wesselman Nature Park.**  
Don't forget to get your **FREE METS PASSES** at the **UNOE office!**
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, August 11th, 8am-Noon, at old Wal-mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, August 15th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building. Contact the UNOE office at 428-4243 for further information.
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, August 16th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Sector Office at 435-6135.
- **UNOE General Meeting**—Thursday, August 23rd, 6:30pm-8:00pm, at the C. K. Newsome Center.
- **Traveling City Hall Program** - Wednesday, August 29th, 5:30pm-7:00pm, at Helfrich Park Middle School, 2603 W. Maryland Street.
- **Parks, Trees, & Beautification Meeting**—Thursday, September 6th, at 4:00pm, at the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, September 8th, 8am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Tox Away Day**—Saturday, September 8th, 9am-2pm, at Roberts Stadium.
- **Candidates Forum #1** - Thursday, September 20th, 6:30 pm at the CK Newsome Center. See page 3 for more details.
- **Candidates Forum #2** - Thursday, September 27th, 6:30pm at the CK Newsome Center. See page 3 for details.
- **Electronics Recycling Day**—Saturday, September 29th, 8am-Noon, Civic Center.
- **RNNC Conference** - Thursday thru Saturday, September 27th - 29th, at Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
*"Neighborhoods...the Fabric of Strong Communities"*

## Bayard Park Sketch Crawl



**Tuesday, August 7**  
**10:00 am**

Join the latest craze in drawing.

Sketch your way through this historic neighborhood. When we return to the library, put finishing touches on your work, enjoy refreshments, and share what you've accomplished.

In case of rain, we'll "crawl" using Google Maps.

Crawl will start at the East Branch Library, 840 E. Chandler Ave. Registration is required. To register, call 428-8231 Ext. 2404 or e-mail [teresas@evpl.org](mailto:teresas@evpl.org) or visit [evpl.org](http://evpl.org).



**2011**

**"Neighborhood Sparkplugs"**



**Brenda Carrigan of Hilltop Neighborhood** has been the Secretary Treasurer for a good number of years. She accurately keeps records of our meetings and keeps a tight string on our treasury. She co-chairs the annual spring Rummage Sale. She helps with our annual cleanups, assists at the Adopt-A-Spot, delivers newsletters, and works a full time job. She attends the West Sector Police Meetings, co-chairs the National Night Out also. She is also active in the Downtown Kiwanis. Brenda and her husband Jim share their lives with Susie, their black Labrador Retriever, and some cats. Congratulations Brenda and thank you. Job well done.  
~ Carolyn Staggs—Hilltop Neighborhood

**Pastor Joe Easley of Jacobsville Neighborhood Association** was elected the President of Jacobsville Area Community Corp. shortly after arriving in Evansville in early 2001. He has led the Jacobsville community in some wonderful ways, "with a few pitfalls" now and then. He has brought the community to a very high level. Working together with the city, ECHO Housing, North Main Business Assoc. and Jacobsville Neighborhood Assoc., we are now ready to start a full scale planning program on improving a good part of Jacobsville. Thank you Joe for your great service to Jacobsville neighborhood. You are our Sparkplug of 2011.

~ Jim Morgan—Jacobsville Neighborhood

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## Did U.N.O.E.?

### National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7th

Citizens throughout Evansville are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nation-wide for the **"Annual National Night Out"** (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. Over 34 million people from all 50 states, and other areas around the world are expected to participate.

National Night Out is designed to:

- 1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- 2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts
- 3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- 4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Time is **6 - 9 p.m.** that evening, residents are asked to join with other neighbors in Evansville at **WESSELMAN PARK**. There will be **free food, entertainment, games and anti-crime educational materials** to share with the community.



### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, August 23rd, 2012

6:30-8:00pm

C.K. Newsome Center

Program: "UNOE Website Workshop"

by Brent Jackson, UNOE Tech Chairman

