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to preserve, enhance, and promote
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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17TH ANNUAL UNOE SPARKPLUG RECOGNITION BANQUET THIS MONTH!

Thursday, October 25th, 2012, 6:00pm

“Celebrating 200 Years of Evansville Neighborhoods”

On Thursday, October 25th at 6 pm, the United Neighborhoods of Evansville will again celebrate with all the people who make our neighborhood associations the GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS OF EVANSVILLE. We will be celebrating the City's 200th Bicentennial Year. We will be gathering in the Walnut Rooms of the Aztar Conference Center. The cost for UNOE members will be \$12.00, non-members is \$26.00 which is the original cost of the meal. Registration starts at 5:30pm. Dinner will served at 6:15pm.

Mr. Dennis Au, Historic Preservation Officer, will be the keynote speaker for the evening. He is a dynamic speaker and knows wonderful stories of our city's history.

We hope to have over 300 neighbors and neighborhood supporters in attendance. For us to reach such a goal, we need to encourage reservations. We will not be able to achieve it without your help! Now is the time for you to approach your members and neighbors.

Reservation deadline is October 18th. Turn your reservation into your association president or the UNOE office.



**“What is a
Sparkplug?”**

**Do you have a
“sparkplug” in your
neighborhood?**

A SPARKPLUG is a person or persons who keeps your neighborhood going, one who gives over and above what the ordinary person would, one who has done something “special” for your group.

Every neighborhood has someone who makes a difference. It may be calling and checking on an elderly neighbor, keeping sidewalks and alleys free of trash, or lending a helping hand when one was needed.

Be thinking of whom you will be celebrating as the SPARKPLUG for your association.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EVANSVILLE ????

Can you answer these questions?

1. What year did Evansville become a city?
2. What was Willard Carpenter's dream to build on Reitz Hill?
3. Why was Evansville's red light district called “Gear Town”?
4. Where was Slaughters Avenue?
5. What was Riverside Drive formerly called?
6. What west side city was annexed by Evansville?
7. What park has 2 elephants and a gorilla buried in it?
8. In the 1930's, what did Weinbach Avenue and Barker Avenue have in common?
9. In what park were animals first displayed in Evansville?
10. What was the name of the Amusement Park located on East Morgan Avenue?

Answers on page 7

ADS & DOOR PRIZES WANTED

We are selling a business card size(1/8 page) ad for \$20.00 and full page ads for \$150.00.

All monies from the ads are given back to the Neighborhood Associations in the forms of grants on the Banquet evening.

We are also soliciting door prizes to be given away at the banquet. If you would like to buy an ad or donate a door prize or know anyone who would, please call the UNOE office at 812-428-4243.

From the President

Dear Neighbors,

IMPORTANT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH 6:30pm C.K. NEWSOME CENTER

Niki Crawford is the First Sergeant with the Indiana State Police Methamphetamine Suppression Unit. She will be coming to Evansville on Monday, Oct 15th, 2012 to speak about meth in our community.



Her presentation is shocking, as she tells us about the number of meth houses, many of which have children living in them and the number of homes that have had meth explosions. Children are displaced and neighborhoods are scarred. The cost of clean up to a community is very costly. We as neighbors can be of great help to the EPD and ISP in reporting unusual behavior on our streets, alleys and in cars.

I have seen Niki's presentation and I strongly encourage you to attend and bring others in your neighborhood. Together, we can save lives and make Evansville a safer place to live and raise our families.

See you on Monday, October 15th at 6:30 at the C.K. Newsome Center

Charleen

Town Hall Meeting October 15th, 2012, 6:30pm Room HP 1027—Health Professions Center, University of Southern Indiana

This town hall meeting, sponsored by State Representative Gail Riecken, will give residents a chance to air their concerns about the operations of the State's Department of Child Services (DCS) and offer solutions to improve those services. The town hall is designed to supplement the work presently being done by a legislative study committee examining the current level of services offered to at-risk children in Indiana.

"It is very difficult for many people to take time away from work to travel to Indianapolis to attend the study committee meetings, which are being conducted exclusively at the Statehouse," Ms. Riecken said. "But we feel that they deserve the opportunity to be heard, and we want to make sure their testimony is part of the deliberations as we attempt to find solutions to the problems that caused this committee to be formed."

"We have to give area people who have been affected by this issue—including parents, health care givers, local law enforcement and other advocates—every chance to tell their stories," she continued.

"Since they are the people who deal with this system first-hand, we also believe they should get the chance to offer ideas that can help DCS respond more quickly and thoroughly to keep our kids safe," Riecken said. "Their participation is important to have in hand before the committee wraps up its work at the end of October."

The Wesselman Nature Society will be hosting TREEmendous Tree Tours to showcase the

champion trees of Vanderburgh County, on Saturday, November 3. The tours will include bus tours throughout Vanderburgh County, and walking tours and activities at the Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve

Knowledgeable tree specialists will guide one hour free walking tours to showcase the champion trees located in Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve at 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Times for Bus tours will be 8 a.m.-11 a.m. for the west side of Vanderburgh County, and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on the east side of the county. Bus tour participants may enjoy a lunch, included with a bus tour ticket purchase, in the nature center at 11:15. A slideshow of significant trees of Vanderburgh County that are not on the tours we be given at 11:15. The slideshow is free, and open to the public. Several family-oriented hands-on tree activities will be offered there as well from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will also be a silent

auction for raising funds for the printing of a new Big Tree Booklet to be printed in 2013.

The walking tours, slideshow, and family activities at the Nature Center are free to the public. The bus tours are \$15 per person for one tour, or \$20 per person for both tours, and lunch is included for either tour. Seating is limited, and is first reserved, first served. **Reservations must be made by calling 479-0771 ext 102 before noon on Friday, November 2.** Those coming on bus tours should come 15 minutes early to find a place to park and get to the buses on time. Buses will leave promptly at departure time. There will be no rest stops during either tour, so participants should plan accordingly. No pets or alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the bus.

The Treemendous Tree Tours are brought to you by the Wesselman Nature Society, in partnership with the City of Evansville's Department of Urban Forestry. The bus tours are generously sponsored by American Eagle Tree Service.



An Illicit Discharge is defined in the City of Evansville Municipal Code as: "Any discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer (MS4) conveyance that is not composed entirely of storm water, except naturally occurring floatables, such as leaves or tree limbs that are not deliberately concentrated. Sources of illicit discharges included sanitary wastewater, septic tank effluent, car wash wastewater, oil disposal, radiator flushing disposal, laundry waste water, roadway accident spillage, household hazardous wastes, and **deliberately concentrated yard waste.**"

The City Engineer's Office and the Storm Water Coordinator are requesting that Citizens of the City make an effort to comply with this Ordinance by collecting and disposing of grass clippings, leaves, limbs, etc. in a proper manner. Blowing or sweeping these materials into the roadway or curb line deliberately is a direct violation. These leaves can be carried down the curb line and into the storm drainage system blocking the flow of storm water leaving the city streets and surrounding property. These materials will also decay and cause the streams and rivers to be contaminated.

It is important to remember that everything we do in our city has an impact on our environment.

All of the City Streets drain to the Ohio River and therefore, everything that goes into the streets and street drains are also going to go to the Ohio River.



The following is a list of suggested practices for yard clean up and routine maintenance:

- Blow or rake leaves and grass clippings back into your lawn. This add nutrients to your lawn.
- Empty mulch bag into a garbage bag and dispose of properly. Do not put into ditches or swales.
- Use a compost pile or compost barrel.



Wandering Owl Wine & Beer Trail October 20th 3p.m. – 6p.m.

There's no better way to experience Southwestern Indiana's most beautiful fall destination than by spending an evening at this "earthy gala."

This event will give patrons a chance to stroll along the network of trails that surround our Nature Center, all the while enjoying food and beverages from local restaurants. Here, you can sample a variety of beers and wines from around the tri-state. In addition, a silent auction will be taking place inside the Wesselman Woods Nature Center and will include an assortment of items graciously donated by area businesses and individuals.

The evening will include a casual atmosphere featuring live music by Andy Norvell. Tickets are **\$35.00 in advance, \$40.00 at the door.** All proceeds will help Wesselman Nature Society accomplish its mission of serving as a catalyst for environmental stewardship, regional sustainability and improved quality of life through conservation, preservation, research and education. Reservations can be made by calling Wesselman Nature Society at (812) 479-0771 ext. 107.



Celebrate the autumn season and have some family fun in Evansville's most unique treasure, Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. Upon arrival, experience a festive fall atmosphere in an old growth forest in peak color. Hop on a hayride to enjoy the autumn air and night sounds. Enjoy fun family-friendly experiences including night hikes in the woods, animal encounters, campfire and toasting marshmallows, themed shows, arts & crafts, and much more. Concessions providing hot dogs, apple cider, and more will be available.

All proceeds will be used to help support the educational and nature related programs Wesselman Nature Society provides. The event costs \$6 a person, or \$20.00 per family unit. Children 3 & under are free. For more information, call (812) 479-0771 ext. 102.



METH ALERT

If you suspect Meth Activity in your neighborhood, please contact the EPD Narcotics at 812-436-7917.

Heavy Trash Collection
Now through November 15, 2012.
Call Allied Waste at 425-3345
For Information!

OLD NATIONAL BANK

Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden is the perfect place to enjoy a safe family Halloween experience on the evenings of 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28 during Old National Bank Boo at the Zoo. Trick or treat your way through the Zoo visiting candy stations and enjoying craft activities, giant inflatables, a Mad Scientist, murals, face painting, creepy critters, games, AAZAK's Tent of Terror, and a magician. Dress up in your favorite costume and arrive anytime between 5:00 & 8:00 pm. Take a

peek at creatures of the night in the Zoo's Nocturnal Exhibit and trek through AMAZONIA. Visitors of all ages will have a frightfully good time, leaving the Zoo with a bag full of goodies.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Zoo, on www.meskerparkzoo.com, and Old National Bank downtown, One Main Street. Tickets are \$6 for Zoo members and \$8 for non-Zoo members. \$1 off coupons are available at all 13 Evansville area Old National Banks.

Another exciting feature at this year's Old National Bank Boo at the Zoo is the scarecrow Decorating Contest, sponsored by Monsanto. Contest categories include family/individual or business/organization. Prizes include \$250 each for first place in both categories, \$50 for second place in both categories, as well as prizes valued at more than \$500 along with a prize pack from Monsanto. Entry forms can be downloaded on www.meskerparkzoo.com.

Zoo gates will close at 2:00 pm on each night of Boo at the Zoo and reopen at 5:00 pm for Boo at the Zoo. Special thanks to Old National Bank, Town Square Media, Channels 7 & 25, Monsanto Company, Alcoa, Deaconess Clinic, Heritage Credit Union, Prairie Farms, and PCI Skanska and Industrial Contractors Skanska. Please visit www.meskerparkzoo.com for more information.

CANOE EVANSVILLE



Canoe the City Wild

Enjoy the city's wild side on a guided paddle down the scenic Pigeon Creek.

October 6th	9am
October 20th	9am
October 28th	2pm



Canoe Abouts

Go on a paddling adventure to explore local waterways around the Evansville region.

October 14th	Cypress Creek	9am-4pm
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Moonlight Paddles

Paddle through the serene beauty of calm water under the moonlight.

October 26th	Bluegrass FWA	6pm
October 27th	Hovey Lake	6pm

All equipment is provided. Pre-registration is required by 5pm on the Friday prior. Custom program dates are available for groups of 10 or more. \$15.00/person—7 and over. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 812 479-0771, ext. 105 or visit WesselmanNatureSociety.org/canoe/index.ph.



CITY OF EVANSVILLE BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER

Oct. 12-13	A Night at the Museum Halloween Party
Oct. 17	Joe Cook: Early Evansville Actor
Oct. 18-20	Grey Lady Ghost Tours
Oct. 19	A Night at the Museum Halloween Party
Oct. 19-21	Boo at the Zoo
Oct. 25-27	Grey Lady Ghost Tours
Oct. 26-28	Boo at the Zoo

Angel Mounds
Willard Library /6:00pm
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Angel Mounds
Mesker Park Zoo
Willard Library
Mesker Park Zoo

EPD STREET CLOSINGS FOR OCTOBER

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

October 1-7-Fall Festival Wabash Avenue to Franklin Street closed.

October 7th-½ Marathon all over the West side 6am-11:30am

October 13th- Drive Smart Main St. between MLK and 6th. 8:00am - 4:00pm

October 13- Central H.S. Band competition. Old Post Rd. from Berry Lane to 1st Ave will be closed. 8am-10pm

October 13th- Fiesta Evansville. Main St. from 2nd St. to Riverside closed. 9am-4pm

October 14th- Sunset Sprint 5K. Riverside from Court to Waterworks and parts of 1st St. between vine and Walnut. 2pm-6pm

October 20th- Walk to End Alzheimer's. Riverside between Cherry and Court St. Closed. 6:30am-10:30am

October 20th- March for Jesus. Ohio St to Kids Kingdom. Walking on the Green Way not using streets. Noon-2pm

October 28th- Main St. Trick or Treat. Main St from MLK to 2nd St. 8am-4pm

October 28th- Zombie Walk. Main St. from 6th St. to Riverside Dr. 4:30pm-6:00pm

October 31st-Trunk or Treat. Haven between Maxwell and Keck and Maxwell between Haven and Harding. 2pm-8pm

13 THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste...and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom – and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door – understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it <http://www.faketv.com>.)



Election Day Vote Centers

Election Day – November 6th, 2012

On **Election Day, November 6, 2012**, the polls open at **6:00am** and close at **6:00pm**. If you need information on your voter registration, you can call **Voter's Registration** at **435-5223**. For other election questions, you can call the **Election Office** at **435-5123**.



You may now vote at any Vote Center that is convenient for you!

LOCATIONS	ADDRESS	ZIP
4-H Fair Auditorium	201 E. Boonville New Harmony Road	47725
Bethel United Church of Christ	3029 N. Green River Road	47715
Bethlehem United Church of Christ	6400 Oak Hill Road	47725
Bluegrass Church Community	14240 Petersburg Road	47725
Calvary Temple Assembly of God	5050 N. First Avenue	47710
Fairlawn United Methodist Church	2001 Parker Drive	47714
Grace Baptist Church	1200 N. Garvin Street	47711
McCutchanville Community Church	9505 Petersburg Road	47725
Memorial Baptist Church	605 Canal Street	47713
Methodist Temple	2109 Lincoln Avenue	47714
Nativity Catholic Church	3635 Pollack Avenue	47714
New Bethel Southern Baptist Church	4301 Broadway Avenue	47712
Northeast Park Baptist Church	1215 N. Boeke Road	47711
Old North United Methodist Church	4201 Stringtown Road	47711
Salvation Army	1040 N. Fulton Avenue	47710
Southern Indiana Career & Technical Center	1901 Lynch Road	47711
St. James United Methodist Church	3111 Hillcrest Terrace	47712
St. John's East United Church	7000 Lincoln Avenue	47715
St. Paul's United Church	8701 Big Cynthiana Road	47720
Vanderburgh County Highway Garage	5105 N. St. Joseph Avenue	47710
Washington Square Mall	1138 Washington Square	47715
West Side Christian Church	1200 N. Red Bank Road	47720
Zion Church Educational Building	800 S. Governor Street	47713

Early Voting – Vote Centers

(Early Voting Ends November 5th at Noon)

Locations	Days	Times	Dates
ELECTION OFFICE	Monday thru Friday	8:00am to 4:00pm	October 8 - Nov. 5 at Noon
ELECTION OFFICE	Saturday	8:00am to 4:00pm	Oct. 27th & Nov. 3rd
CENTRAL LIBRARY	Monday thru Thursday	Noon to 6:00pm	October 15th to Nov. 2nd
McCOLLOUGH LIBRARY	Monday thru Thursday	Noon to 6:00pm	October 15th to Nov. 2nd
OAKLYN LIBRARY	Monday thru Thursday	Noon to 6:00pm	October 15th to Nov. 2nd
NORTH PARK LIBRARY	Monday thru Thursday	Noon to 6:00pm	October 15th to Nov. 2nd
RED BANK LIBRARY	Monday thru Thursday	Noon to 6:00pm	October 15th to Nov. 2nd

The libraries will be open from Noon until 5:00pm on the following Fridays:

October 19th - October 26th - November 2nd

SALVATION ARMY	Saturday	8:00am to 3:00pm	October 27th & Nov. 3rd
NORTHEAST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH	Saturday	8:00am to 3:00pm	October 27th & Nov. 3rd

Announcements

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, October 6th, 8am-Noon, old Walmart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, October 17th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building. Contact the UNOE office for further information.
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, October 18th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, October 20th, 8am-Noon, 4-H Center Fairgrounds. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Tire Recycling Day**—Saturday, October 20th, 8am-Noon, Civic Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Banquet**—Thursday, October 25th, 6:30pm, at Aztar. Conf. Center
- **Traveling City Hall**—Wednesday, October 31st, 5:30pm—7:00 pm, St. John's United Methodist Church, 1900 N. Fulton Avenue.
- **Parks, Trees, & Beautification Meeting**—Thursday, November 1st, at 4:00pm, at the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, November 3rd, 8am-Noon, old Walmart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, November 21st, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building. Contact the UNOE office for further information.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, November 17th, 8am-Noon, Evansville Day School. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING.**

YouthBuild in Need of Lap Tops

YouthBuild Evansville, is operated through the Evansville Housing Authority. It's for low income people ages 16-24, several of whom are high school dropouts. While studying for their GED, the students also learn trades while working on housing projects for other low-income local residents.

They are in need of 10 laptop computers to lend to their students to help with schoolwork -- if you have a functioning laptop that you can donate, please contact George Flowers at george.flowers@evansvillehousing.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Vanderburgh County Offices of the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Vanderburgh County Soil and Water Conservation District have moved to their new office. The new office address, location, phone and FAX numbers are as follows:

Vanderburgh County USDA Service Center
921 North Park Drive
Evansville, IN 47710-3622
PHONE: 812-423-4426 FAX: 812-423-4561

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EVANSVILLE ?

Answers:

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| 1. 1847 | 6. Lamasco |
| 2. A college | 7. Akin Park |
| 3. It was located in 1st, 2nd and High Streets. | 8. They were the city limits. |
| 4. The Lloyd Expressway | 9. Oak Summit Park |
| 5. Water Street | 10. Yabroudy Park |

ENERGIZE EVANSVILLE EVENTS INITIATED

The Fitness in the Park program intends to get more people active by encouraging local residents to exercise in city parks. Energize Evansville Initiative was launched by Mayor Lloyd Winnecke to combat the community's obesity problem. Evansville was named the nation's "fattest city" in a May 2011 Gallop poll.

The program is held at a different park on the third Saturday of every month. The remaining dates are:

October 20th, Kids Kingdom

November 17, Lloyd Pool

December 15, Swonder Ice Rink

Also check out Mayor Winnecke's fitness video, "Go, You Chicken Fat, Go!" on the Mayor's YouTube channel!

Ohio Valley

Garden Conference
October 20, 2012, 7 am to 4 pm
Casino Aztar Conference Center



All people interested in gardening are invited. There will be guest speakers and vendors representing local and regional gardening items.

Cost for the full day is \$42 per person. Register online at:
www.swimga.org/events/conference/registration.html

Any questions, contact Lynda Heines at 812-490-2199 or
www.swimga.org/events/conference/speakers/index/html

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United Neighborhoods of Evansville, Inc.
17th Annual Neighborhood Sparkplug Recognition Dinner



"200 Years of Evansville Neighborhoods"

Thursday, October 25th, 2012

PLEASE NOTE: Doors open at 5:30p.m.

Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

*Walnut Rooms, Aztar Executive Conference Center
421 NW Riverside Drive*

MORE DETAILS INSIDE!

Make your reservations today!

*Plan now to attend and participate
in this evening of celebration!*

