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to preserve, enhance, and promote
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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From the President

Hello everyone:

On Saturday, November 17th, as I was reading the Courier & Press, I noticed that the Salvation Army is looking for Bell Ringers for the Holidays.



***OFFICE CLOSED
FOR THE HOLIDAYS!***

***Dec. 24th - Jan. 1, 2013
Happy New Year!!***



I am aware of how many wonderful services are provided by our local Salvation Army. I started to think of how we as UNOE can help this very worthy organization, by volunteering a couple of hours to ring the bell over the holidays. Last year, 700 people signed up for help and this year so far they have 1,100 who have asked for help.

Since we know our neighbors and some of them may shop at the local stores that have Bell Ringers, how about we as UNOE members signing up to help the Salvation Army this year. When our neighbors see a familiar face as a bell ringer, they just may drop in a donation. Worth a thought.

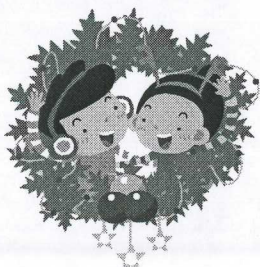
Please call Sandra Appler at 812-425-1375 or e-mail sandra_appler@usc.salvationarmy.org to sign up to be a Bell Ringer this year. How about joining other UNOE Members?

May you and your families have a very happy and blessed holiday season.

Charleen



A Christmas Thought.....



I invite you to take just a moment this season with all the hustle and bustle in our lives, to be kind to others and to share with those who may be less fortunate. Sometimes, just a simple act of kindness can change someone's life forever.

All of us have opportunities both large and small to show kindness, especially at this time of year. We can help strangers by delivering Christmas gifts to needy kids or serving homeless families at a soup kitchen. We can simply look for everyday ways to be kind, like allowing someone to go ahead of us in a lengthy line at the department store, or giving that bell-ringer the extra change from your shopping along with a few encouraging words. Sometimes just a smile is all that is needed by another.

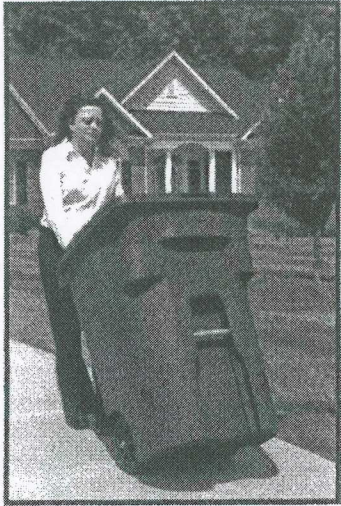
Maybe it's because we are in a gift giving mode anyway that giving to others becomes so important at Christmas. Or is it because we're more aware of our families and friends and communities. Or is it because we are thankful we were not in harms way when hurricane Sandy came ashore.

Whatever the reason, don't let Christmas pass by without showing kindness to someone. Because it is truly more blessed to give than it is to receive. It puts that inner smile in you.

- Carolyn Stagg

City of Evansville Has New Trash and Recycling Plans for 2013

The City of Evansville will be experiencing a new way for city pickup of trash and recycles for 2013. Each residence in the city will be assigned 2 (two) 96 gallon trash containers. One for trash and one for recycles. Trash can is dark gray with dark gray lid, Recycle container is dark gray with green lid (with instructions on lid). If you see you don't need a 96 gallon trash container, you can request a 48 gallon container. Each container will have a serial number which corresponds with your address, so if they disappear or you find a strange can in your neighborhood, you can call Allied Waste and they will know where this container belongs.



96 gallon Two Wheel Cart

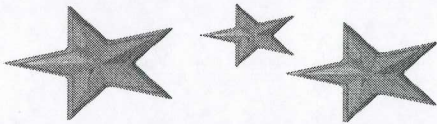
Your two containers will be delivered to your address with instructions for trash pickup and recycling during the first three months of 2013.

The new service will actually cause the refuse fee to decrease from \$12.15 to \$10.65. Pickup service will still be one time per week, but the pickup date may change, watch for notices. If your current pickup is in the alley, it will remain in the alley, if your pickup now is on the street, it will remain on the street. Heavy Trash pickup will remain in the spring and fall of the year. Christmas tree pickup will remain the same. The Blue containers that you now use for recycling, will be picked up by Allied Waste, cleaned and another community will be waiting to use them.

I know you may have more questions for the issue that I addressed, but I believe you will find that the instructions that come with the new Trash carts will suffice. This project was piloted in another part of the city for 3 years or so. It eliminated animals getting into the plastic trash bags which we now have, and helped keep our alleyways cleaner.

So, don't order new trash cans from Santa this year.

Submitted by: Carolyn Stagg



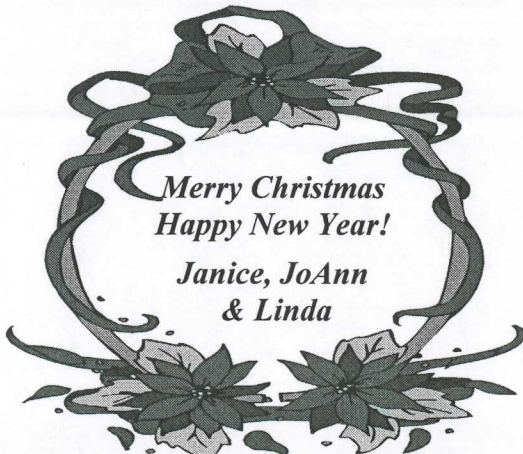
Evansville Museum Koch Planetarium Schedule for December 2012

SEASON OF LIGHT

**Saturday and Sunday 1PM from
December 8th to December 30th.**

Our annual holiday show traces the development of holiday customs and how they light up the coldest and darkest season.

For more information about the museum and its hours you can call 812-425-2406.



ENERGIZE EVANSVILLE COMING EVENTS

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:

December 15, Swonder Ice Rink

Haynie's Corner Arts District Half-Day Neighborhood Gathering & Workshop

Saturday, December 8, 2012, 8:30 am—11:30 am
Center of Hope Church, 808 SE Third Street

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| 8:30 am | Doors Open, Donuts & Refreshments |
| 9:00 am | Opening Remarks & Introductions |
| 9:15 am | Updates on Initiatives & Activities |
| 10:15 am | Break |
| 10:30 am | Feedback & Suggestions & Next Steps |
| 11:30 am | Adjourn |

EPD STREET CLOSINGS FOR DECEMBER

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. Here are the closings for December at newsletter time:

Date and Time: December 8th from 8:30 am until 11:00 am **Event:** Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis

Route: Starts at 2nd and Main Street, north on 2nd, west on Court, south on Riverside, down the boat ramp, continue on the Greenway, east on Shawnee Dr, south on Riverside, north on Parrett, north on 2nd, east on Locust, north on 4th, west on Main, end at 2nd.

A LETTER CONCERNING CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING

To the UNOE family:

Possibly the most common complaint we receive in the Crime Prevention unit pertains to the recurrence of crime in rental properties, and how that crime affects the quality of life of those residents in the surrounding area. Obviously, not all rental properties are "bad" properties renting to "bad" people, and not all are run by unconcerned landlords. But in Evansville, we have more than 50,000 rental units. It's easy to see how even a small percentage of these properties that are run recklessly can wreak havoc on the Evansville community as a whole.

In an effort to combat the problems that arise from distressed rental properties, the Evansville Police Department is sponsoring a creative, successful program developed in Mesa, AZ back in the early 1990's. This program, *Crime Free Multi-Housing*®, is currently used in nearly 2,000 cities worldwide, in more than a dozen countries. It's a new way for the police department, local landlords, and tenants to work *together* to combat the issues of crime and nuisance behavior at duplexes, apartment communities, and other rental properties. It addresses these issues through better tenant screening, easing eviction processes, better sharing of information between communities and the police department, education on criminal behavior and its infectious nature, and involving the community residents and landlords together by assigning them both responsibility and accountability, without decreasing their voice in how their community is run. But in order to do this, a few things are required.

First, we are asking that the city implement a new ordinance detailing rental license or permit requirements. At this time, neither is in place (aside from that required by the building commission, which is altogether different). One purpose of the license or permit is to specify what constitutes nuisance activity and behavior, and what the consequences are for property owners/managers that enable this behavior. The program itself specifies what is acceptable and unacceptable in regards to tenant activity, but too often the landlords and property managers are left out of the equation. As such, rental communities who run down the quality of life for others by allowing for repeated criminal or nuisance activity continue to do so without consequence. With the license or permit requirement, detailing penalties for running a nuisance property, this would change.

We are also asking for a mandatory registration for rental properties. As of now, there is only a voluntary list done through the building commission. Without a full catalogue of all rental properties in the city- including names of properties, number of units, and local contact information for managers, it makes solving the variety of problems that arise next to impossible (we can spend days trying to obtain a contact name and number for a property for the simple purpose, sometimes, of addressing an abandoned vehicle complaint). The current situation needs to change.

Lastly, we want rental property owners or managers to attend an eight-hour class detailing what the CFMH program is, and what it can do for the community. In this class, information ranging from tenant screening to crime prevention will be presented...free of charge. It's important to note that the CFMH program is *completely voluntary*. No rental community will be forced to join the program. But before owners or managers make the decision to join or not, we want them to understand what exactly the program is, and what it can do for them. And the requirements we detailed already (permit, registration) are necessary to make sure that those properties that do not wish to join the CFMH program will not allow the quality of life of others to be diminished recklessly, without consequence.

Once this proposed ordinance is presented to City Council for the necessary voting for implementation, we will need as many voices from UNOE and the neighborhood associations as possible. The Council needs to see how the people of this city want change in how rental properties are viewed and addressed when it comes to nuisance and criminal activities from their units. We anticipate opposition, so your presence and support is important. This program is not a punitive measure aimed at rental properties; most are good properties run by good people. But there has to be measures in place to address how to best handle properties that refuse to address problems within their ranks. Crime Free Multi-Housing® does that in a manner that's fair and respectful of all involved.

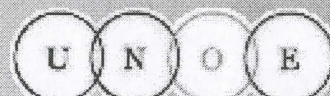
We hope we have your support, and when the time comes, we hope to have your voice as well.

Thank you,

Officers Kevin Corbin and Eric Krogman

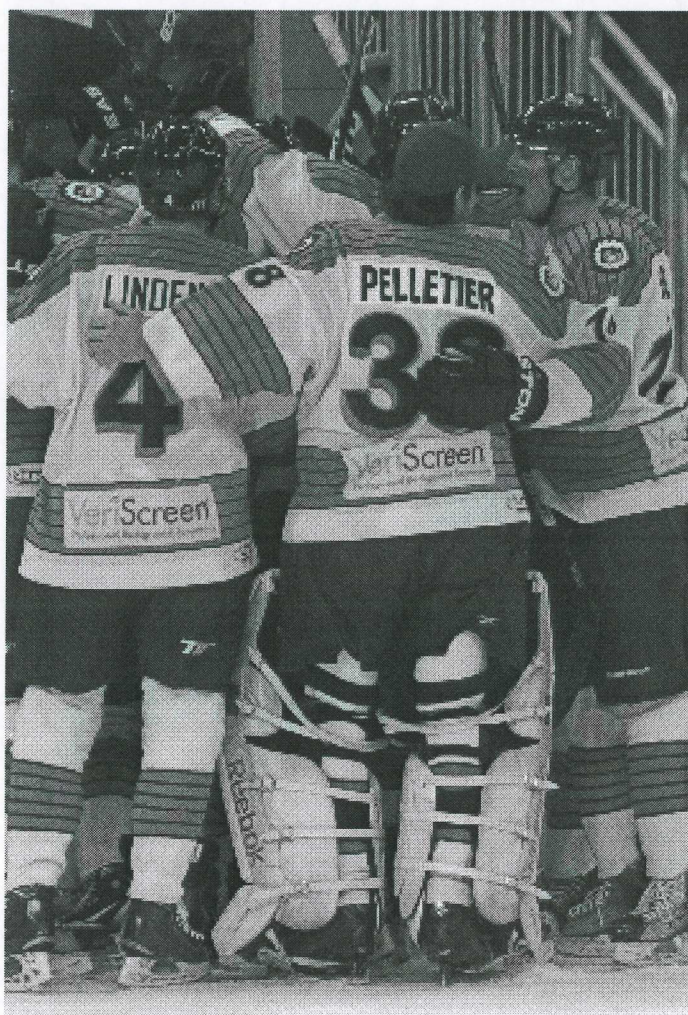
Crime Prevention Unit, Evansville Police Department

EVANSVILLE ICEMEN
**GROUP
 TICKETS**
 2012-2013



United Neighborhoods
 of Evansville, Inc.

The Evansville IceMen invite you to:



You are invited to UNOE Night with the IceMen! Join us on Wednesday, February 13th, at 7:15pm.

Join in the exciting Fan Experience, Coach's Chalk Talk! Tickets start at just \$10.00! Other seating options available at a discounted rate upon request. Contact Sallie Jung at 812-463-6394 for more information.

Please return order forms to the UNOE office no later than Thursday, January 24.

Chris Cooke, United Neighborhoods of Evansville, Board Member of UNOE, ccooke@unoevansville.org, www.unoevansville.org



Order Information



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Location	# of Tickets	Price	Total
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Total Tickets =		Total Price =	

Payment Information

☐ Check/Money Order Payable To: **Evansville IceMen**

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number _____ Name _____ (for it appears on card)

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Billing Address (if different from provided) _____

City/State/Zip _____

Sallie Jung

Evansville IceMen / Group Sales Account Executive
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Email Orders To: sjung@evansvilleicemen.com

Mail Orders To: Evansville IceMen, 530 Main Street, Evansville, IN 47708

Orders Placed: All orders will be left at
 Will Call under purchaser's name.

Announcements

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, December 8th, 8am-Noon, Old Walmart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **The UNOE office will be closed December 24th through January 1st due to the Holidays!**
- **Holiday Recycling**— Saturday, January 5th, 8am-Noon, Civic Center Parking Lot. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **South Sector Meeting**—Thursday, January 10th, 6:00pm, at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- **East Sector Meeting**— Tuesday, January 15th, 6:00pm, at McGary School, 1535 South Joyce. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, January 16th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building. Contact the UNOE office for further information.
- **West Sector Meeting**— Thursday, January 17th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- **UNOE General Meeting**—Thursday, January 24th, 6:30pm-8:00pm, at the C.K. Newsome Center.

Ritzy's Fantasy of Lights

Through Jan. 1st @ 9:00 pm, Garvin Park

Visit a winter wonderland of lights and holiday scenes at Garvin Park, 1600 N. Main Street. Each year, this event helps fund thousands of physical, occupational, and speech therapy sessions for anyone with disabilities at the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center.

Sunday-Thursday 5-9 pm; Friday-Saturday 5-10 pm.

\$7 for vehicles up to 6 people; \$10 for 7-14;

\$25 for 15 or more.

For more information, contact 812-437-2627



Winter Carnival of Lights

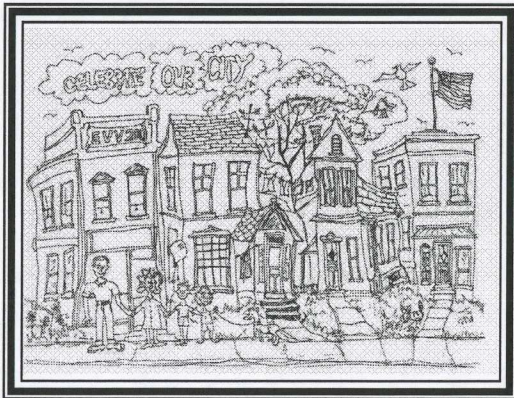
Vanderburgh 4-H Center

201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Road

November 27th through December 24th

This annual holiday celebration features dazzling displays of Christmas lights, fully decorated Christmas trees, and Santa's workshop every weekend from 6 pm—9 pm, Fridays and Saturdays, and until 8 pm Sundays. The light show is open all day every day. **FREE.** For more information, contact 812-867-6217 or <http://www.vanderburgh4hcenter.com>.

*Celebrate Our
City: EVV 200*



Billy Hedel drew the illustration for this year's Sparkplug Banquet program cover. He is selling limited-edition prints of *Celebrate Our City: EVV 200* as a fundraiser for the Blackford's Grove Neighborhood Association. Each print is hand-colored and they come in two sizes. The 8.5 x 11 inch print is \$10, and the 5.5 x 8.5 prints (which can also be sent as an oversize postcard) are \$2. Billy Hedel's Studio will donate thirty percent of your purchase to the BGNA. These would make GREAT gifts for out-of-town friends and family. Please call 303-4722 or email t.loesch@insightbb.com to place your order.

Wheeler DRIVE NA Fundraiser

Wheeler DRIVE Neighborhood Association has a poster of "*Doors of the District*" for \$25.00 donation. They are available at Frames by Bippus, 200 Cherry St. and at the Reitz Home on 224 SE First St.

You can also call Charleen Williamson at 812-204-1091 or e-mail charwill42@yahoo.com.

*Christmas is just around the corner.
Poster can be viewed on the UNOE website.
Click on Wheeler Drive page.*

Mayor's Traveling City Hall

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Greater St. James Baptist Church

1215 N. Boeke Road

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Neighbor to Neighbor
UNOE Office
20 N.W. 4th Street
Suite 501
Evansville, IN 47708

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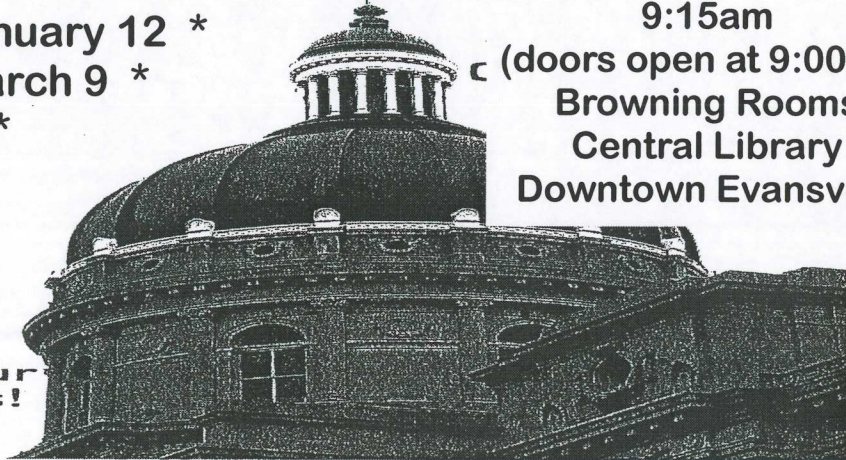
Did U.N.O.E.?

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana
**Meet *your*
Legislators**

* December 8 * January 12 *
* February 9 * March 9 *
* April 13 *

9:15am
(doors open at 9:00am)
Browning Rooms
Central Library
Downtown Evansville

*5 chances to influence
your state officials !*



THERE WILL BE NO
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
IN DECEMBER

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR !

