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the Evansville neighborhoods*

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From the President

In reading the Courier and Press this week, I was so pleased to see the Mayor's list of accomplishments. We, as neighborhoods, can also feel good about these accomplishments. UNOE has seats on many of the boards that make up the city's administration.

We are part of the Mayor's Task Force on NO METH, and thanks to our mayor, our community is the leader through out the state, in having laws changed regarding the purchase of over the counter cold medicines, like Sudafed, which is used to produce meth. Many of our neighbors, take part in the Mayor's Traveling City Hall, Meet Your Legislators, the Housing Coalition and the Evansville Trails Coalition.

Some of our neighbors quietly take care of members in the community who have needs, with housing, food and are searching for a job. UNOE is very proud of these neighbors, as this is true servant leadership. United Way and Salvation Army are asking for our help in providing food for the empty food pantries. Whether we help through our churches, through our neighborhood associations, or just by helping those in need, in this way, we can really be a wonderfully progressive and caring community.

Thank you everyone for all that you do,

Charleen



UPCOMING UNOE DATES

April 17th- Board Meeting
April 25th- General Meeting
May 2nd - Parks, Trees, & Beautification Meeting

***Note
Worthy***



At the UNOE March General Meeting, Bob and Jenny Thomas of Diamond-Stringtown Neighborhood Association were elected our new Regional Vice-Presidents-West Sector.

David Hodges, Downtown Neighborhood Association, was elected to the Board as a Member-at-Large.

We would like to give a big thank you to Rick Barter and Jerry Kennedy for their service to United Neighborhoods as they retire. Your contribution was very much appreciated.

***Congratulations
to our
newly-elected leaders!***

New Changes to the UNOE Bylaws -

At the March General Meeting, the neighborhood representatives voted in proposed changes to the United Neighborhood of Evansville By-laws.

Anyone wanting a copy of the updated UNOE By-laws, please contact the UNOE office.



SHOELESS SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7

Collecting gently worn shoes for Soles 4 Souls to bring NEW shoes back to our community at the following organizations:

- Evansville Christian Life Center
- Dream Center
- Potters Wheel
- Chandler United Methodist Church

Learn more about Shoeless Sunday at:

www.30DaysOfPoverty.com/shoeless-Sunday



... coming
May 19th.

Mark your
calendars and watch for details
in the May newsletter!

**EVANSVILLE
EARTH
EVENT**
APRIL 20
10AM-4PM
WESSELMAN WOODS

Outdoor Recreation Samplers
Live Animal Encounters
Music & Dance Performances
Guided Nature Hikes
Storytellers
Green Living Demos
Children's Activities
Magic Show
Concessions

See a detailed schedule of events at
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For more information, please call (812) 479-0771 or visit WesselmanNatureSociety.org

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More information about the Earth Day event can be found at: <http://wesselmannaturesociety.org/events/earthday.php>

Reporting out-of-service street lights is easy, and anyone can report one to Vectren.

Call their Power On! Line, which is 464-4750 and press option 4.

You'll be asked for an approximate street address and cross street. That's it. Usually service takes just a couple of days. This applies to alley lights, too.

- thanks to Blackford's Grove NA's newsletter for this useful information



GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP and CLEAN EVANSVILLE INITIATIVE

The April 6 cleanup is the beginning of the Great American Cleanup. With that, groups, associations, etc., can conduct cleanups of areas of their own choosing, rather than have an area designated by Keep Evansville Beautiful. April 6 is not the only day that cleanups need to be done. Actually, we are continuing the Great American Cleanup throughout the entire year. KEB is not having an official "kickoff" this year. We are not doing a picnic or a specific day for GAC. KEB will provide bags, and T-shirts if desired. We ask that the groups doing the cleanups tell us when and where they are doing a cleanup. We ask that we be advised of how many volunteers participated, how many hours were spent and how much trash was picked up. We would like pictures, also. KEB will report all of this to Keep American Beautiful as part of the entire GAC.



The community will continue to do the Clean Evansville Initiative cleanups, also. These are done the first Saturday of each month. A specific area of the city is designated, and KEB coordinates the volunteers, assigns teams, maps out the areas, provides supplies, etc. As indicated, the April 6 cleanup is a departure from the Clean Evansville format. Also, April 27 is designated as Global Youth Services Day and youth from the community from K through university age will do an extensive cleanup, patterned after the Clean Evansville format. This cleanup will be considered to be the May cleanup. The entire community is welcome to participate. We will "get back on schedule" June 1st.

- Mike McGarrah, KEB

EPD is working to solve a large number of burglaries in recent months. We would like to pass along just a few simple tips to help keep you safe. Thank you to all of our neighborhood association members who work hand in hand with us each day!



Tips to Help Prevent Burglaries

- *Keep valuables well hidden in places that are not common
(ex: jewelry box in plain view in Master bedroom, guns in Master closet)
- *Keep blinds and curtains closed during the day so that potential suspects cannot look inside and see what goodies you might have
- *Timers for lights are great, but even leaving a light on during the day is helpful
- *If you have an alarm system, make sure it is in working order and place advertisement signs at several location around your home (ex: backdoor, front door, side door)
- *Check windows to make certain they are locked frequently and check locks on doors that are not frequently used (ex: side doors, garage doors, etc.)
- *Keep an eye on unusual vehicles parked in front of or in the drive-way of neighbors
- *If someone knocks on the door to solicit business, you do not have to answer the door, but let them know someone is home (ex: open the blinds, tell them you are busy, turn on a light, etc.) and get a good description of person, clothing, and vehicle
- *Keep an eye on anyone who enters your residence for work, and keep valuables hidden and locked up during that time
- *Dogs are great! Even if you do not own a dog, "Beware of Dog" signs can be a deterrent
- *Keeping a radio or some sort of noise maker on can be helpful (timers can be used as well)
- *Reinforced door and locks are great; this does not have to be expensive!

***Remember, if you see something say something!
Call 911 to report suspicious activity!**

Courtesy of Crime Prevention Officer Anna Gray



April Road Closings:

1. April 4th -8th -Home Show-Locust St. between MLK and 9th St. Road will close at 8:00 A.M. on the 4th and open at 5:00 P.M. on the 8th.
2. April 5th -7th - River Basin Blues and BBQ Fest- Riverside Dr. between Court and Cherry. Road closes at 6:00 A.M. on the 5th and opens at 1:00 P.M. on the 7th.
3. April 6th - 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. - Rise up and Run- Starts at Crossroads Church in Warrick County- West on Lincoln-South on Rosebud enters Vanderburgh County- west on Newburgh road for 1 mile then turns around and returns on the same route.
4. April 13th -7:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. - Walk MS- Downtown area. There will not be any street closings. They are using the sidewalks.
5. April 20th - 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. - Color Me Fun Run- West Franklin St between 12th Ave and 6th Ave.
6. April 20th - 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. -Rockin River City Ride. Waterworks Road between Veterans Memorial and the Levy. You can still get to the Marina from HWY 41. All bicyclists are to obey traffic laws.
7. April 26th & -27th - Funk in the City Art Festival- 2nd Street between Washington and Jefferson. Adams between 1st and Putnam. The roads will close at 8:00 A.M. the 26th and open at 8:00 P.M. on the 27th.
8. April 27th - 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. - Press on to the Goal 5K run - North on Heidelberg to Garvin Park entrance- thru Garvin Park to Main and Morgan-east on Morgan- south on Elsa's to Franklin-east on Franklin to Heidelberg- north on Heidelberg to Michigan.

Spring Day of Caring - May 6-11, 2013



This is the 20th Anniversary of the United Way Day of Caring. This year we are offering a new twist on the Spring Day of Caring which will take place May 6-11, focusing on hunger in our region with a week-long food drive. Our Fall Day of Caring will continue with the traditional projects in nonprofits around the region. United Way's 2-1-1 information and Referral Service answered over 22,000 calls for help in 2012. Our number one request for help is food. We have seen an increase in the requests for food. Many of the calls are from working people struggling to make ends meet. United Way's focus is on the building blocks for a good life, education, income, and health. Food insecurities impact or disrupt those building blocks. When a child goes to bed hungry, it impacts their ability to learn and thrive: when a family lacks income to meet their basic needs, they must often make a choice to pay their rent or buy groceries and lack of proper nutrition impacts our health. Often times, unhealthy food options are the most affordable.

It is estimated that 36,000 people in our three county region do not have enough to eat. United Way of Southwestern Indiana has decided to do something about this issue. When we hear the calls, we must do more to address this problem. We are teaming up with the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Campaign and the Tri-State Food Bank, which supplies the majority of food pantries and feeding sites in our region.

We are asking companies, schools, churches, civic organizations, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops to conduct a food drive. If you can't participate through one of these avenues, you can give on Saturday, May 11th by leaving food in your mailbox for your letter carrier to pick up. Everyone in the community can participate.

ShotSpotter Program - from the EPD

The purpose of this program is to improve community safety by designing and implementing effective, comprehensive approaches to addressing crime within a targeted neighborhood as part of a broader strategy to advance neighborhood revitalization through cross-sector community-based partnerships. Based on crime analysis, we will be targeting a four square mile coverage area where there has been a significant spike in crime and shots fired incidents in the West and South sectors. Networked sensors will be placed throughout the four square mile area at specific coordinates on buildings and telephone poles within the area to accurately detect and locate the origin of gunshots and weapons-events. Once a gunshot is detected, ShotSpotter calculates the position where the gun was fired and sends the data to a central server accessible by Central Dispatch. Because ShotSpotter uses computer software to analyze sounds, ShotSpotter is precise enough to ignore fireworks, backfiring cars, and other noises that could be mistaken for gunfire.

The result is a dispatcher in a control center will be equipped with the exact location, number of rounds fired, and number of shooters involved, type of explosion, and speed and direction if the event is in motion. The system has changed the way that agencies respond, investigate, and ultimately and most importantly, reduce and prevent gunfire. When law enforcement agencies can better assess and respond to gunfire incidents, better outcomes are possible: officers go home safe; illegal gun use is reduced; a greater number of criminals are apprehended; and a strong message of "zero tolerance for gunfire" is sent to the community at large-ultimately building a better relationship between police officers and the communities we serve.

Agencies using ShotSpotter systems have seen gunfire related violent crime rates fall by at least 30%, more than a 50% increase in gunfire arrests, and gunfire rates dropped dramatically, by as much as 60 to 80%, depending on the location of the system. ShotSpotter has also been responsible for producing countless arrests, decreasing police response time, increasing officer safety, pinpointing key forensic evidence, and saving numerous lives.

ShotSpotter can improve outcomes by helping Patrol officers get to the scene faster than 9-1-1 alone, increasing the likelihood of an arrest and, as we have seen, decreasing the time to get gunshot victims to life saving medical treatment. In the case of a shot police officer or citizen, seconds count, and ShotSpotter is seen by first responders as effective in providing fast and highly accurate alert of gunfire much faster and more accurate than 9-1-1 (From Efficiency Study). ShotSpotter is in use in more than 70 US cities to date. This indicates that the technology is revolutionizing the approach to reducing crime.

The Evansville Police Department believes that the ShotSpotter Gunfire Location, Alert and Analysis Service will be a necessary tool to help fight the war on gun and gang related violent crime within our neighborhoods.

Announcements

- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, April 6th 8am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Shred Day** - Friday, April 12th, 10:00am-1:00pm, Wesselman Park Recycling Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**-Wednesday, April 17th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting**— Thursday, April 18th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, April 20th, 8am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Traveling City Hall**— Wednesday, April 24th, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Potter's Wheel, 333 Jefferson Ave.
- **UNOE General Meeting**-Thursday, April 25th, 6:30pm-8:00pm, at the C.K. Newsome Center.
- **Tire Recycling Day**-Wednesday, April 27th, 8am-12 noon, at the Civic Center.
- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting** - Thursday, May 2nd, 4:00pm, UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, May 4th, 8am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, May 11h, 8am-Noon, Evansville Day School. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, May 14th, 9:30am, UNOE office.



Mayor's Traveling City Hall

Wednesday, April 27, 2013

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Potters Wheel Church

333 Jefferson Avenue

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

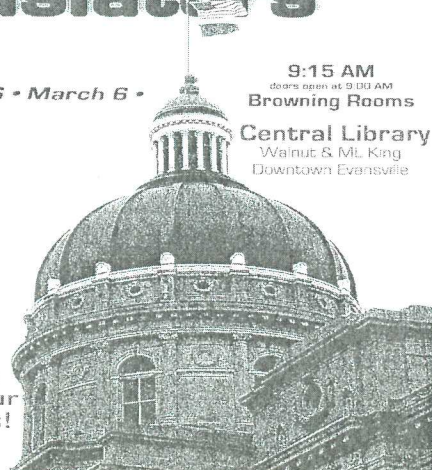
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9:15 AM
doors open at 9:00 AM
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Central Library
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42 chances to
influence your
state officials!



Energize

Saturday, April 20 from 9-11AM

Water Aerobics
at
Lloyd Pool

FREE EXERCISE
ALL ages & fitness levels!
Go at your own pace!

Location

Lloyd Pool is located at 6101 N. First Avenue at
Igleheart Park north of Central High School

Want more information?
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 25th, 2013

6:30-8:00pm C.K. Newsome Center

Program: Preparing for A Disaster, Sherman Greer, EMA

