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# From the President ...... PUBLIC ART

The lift is in place at the Ford Center for the start of the installation of the new sculpture, called Vibrant River by Roger Stoller. During the month of June, you can see the artist installing his most creative piece of sculpture along the south side of the Ford Center. He will be installing it piece by piece. So take some time to go downtown, watch and give him a thumbs up.

On June 15th, Sculpt EVV will be introducing to the public 10 pieces of art from across the country. The pieces of public art are scattered in the Haynies Corner area at Parrett Street and Washington Avenue. Free tours will be given of the sculptures on June 15th from 12:30 until 3:30pm. The art and music festival will open at Noon and continue until 10PM. Our own Billy Hedel, who shares so much of his art with us, will have his gallery open from noon until 3:00pm. UNOE Board member Tom Loesch is the manager of this gallery.

Check out Sculpt EVV on the internet at sculptevv.org, to learn about all the events and business that will be open in the Arts District on June 15th.

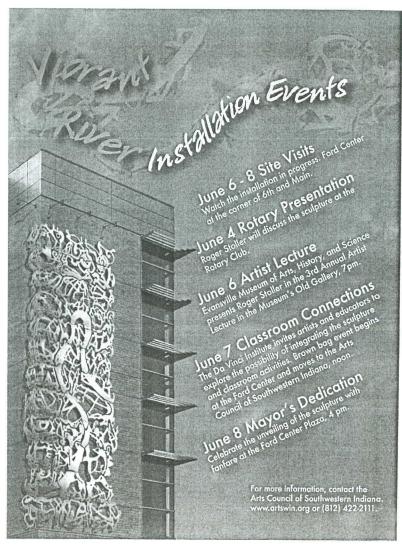
Our city has many wonderful pieces of Public Art from downtown to the river front to the campuses of the universities. A free guide to the public art is in the Visitors Center (Pagoda) at 401 SE Riverside.

Have a fun-filled and safe summer, *Charleen* 



#### **UPCOMING UNOE DATES**

June 11th - Budget Meeting
June 19th- Board Meeting
June 26th - Sparkplug Mtg.
June 27th - General Meeting
July 11th - Parks, Trees, &
Beautification Meeting





# Sparkplug Committee asking for your Help

The Sparkplug Committee has already been hard at work on the 18th Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet. The event will be held on Thursday, October 24th, 2013 in the Walnut Rooms of the Tropicana Executive Conference Center (formerly Aztar). Registration is at 5:30 with the meal starting at 6:00pm. This year is starting out to be the best Banquet yet.

The committee is asking each Neighborhood Assn. to give the UNOE office a list of 5 names of businesses or organizations that the committee can send a letter to requesting a sponsorship. They are asking for \$250.00 in which the donor will receive 2 free tickets to the banquet, be announced at the Banquet as a donor and place a 1/2 page ad in our program. The more donations we receive, the more grants we are able to give to the neighborhood associations.

The committee is also asking the neighborhood associations to get involved this year. They would like the NAs to make theme baskets to be given away as door prizes. The sky is the limit on the themes a NA can choose: Spa, snacks, hardware, chocolate, summer, holiday, IU, Purdue, picnic, movie night, kids, gardening, etc. The themes are only limited by your imagination. If your neighborhood would like to make a theme basket, please call the UNOE office and let them know that you want to participate and your theme. THANK YOU!

### Vectren Updates:

- Home weatherization assistance remains available: Through Vectren's partnership with Energizing Indiana we are in the process of weatherizing 1,300 homes, which includes attic insulation services. We are still seeking qualified applicants (based on household income and the home's condition). Interested customers can learn more by clicking here or contacting Energizing Indiana at 1-888-446-7750.
- Rebates for new A/C's: If your air conditioner is due to be replaced, don't forget Vectren has a \$300 rebate toward the purchase of a high-efficiency unit. For details call us at 1-866-240-8476 or go to www.vectren.com/conservation.
- On-site energy audit: Energizing Indiana continues performing the free on-site energy assessments for all homeowners, regardless of household income. An energy professional will do a walk-through of your home - including looking at insulation levels, the age of your appliances, windows and doors, etc. - to help you pinpoint opportunities for energy savings and provide you a thorough report. Appointments can even be made on Saturdays. Click here to schedule your assessment or call 1-888-446-7750.
- New attic/wall insulation rebate: Recently, Vectren launched a new rebate program for home insulation and duct sealing services. We will pay up to \$450 for insulation and \$400 for duct sealing. For details, call us at 1-866-240-8476 or go to www.vectren.com/conservation. Please note you must use a Vectren-approved contractor for these services.
- For those of you with smartphones, we now have a free Vectren app through which you can report a power outage, view outages, etc. Download it for free for an iPhone or Android phone via your app store. Learn more by clicking here.

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T rustworthy in every project you take.

E ager to reach your every goal,

E ffective in the way you fill your role,

R eady with a smile like a shining star.

S pecial and wonderful-that's what you are!

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

### SOME PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Two young men can be seen in the Bellemeade Bayard Park Neighborhood picking up trash on weekends. They are Ryan Baxter and Matt Ashmore, who live at 967 Blackford Ave, close to Bayard Park. They have lived in this home for 8 years and are in the process of renovating it. They are setting an example of what a positive impact, beautification can have in a neighborhood!

Thank you, Ryan and Matt! Great job!

### **AUTO THEFTS ON THE RISE!**

In the past three weeks the Evansville Police Department has seen an increased number of auto thefts. It is interesting to note that in most of these cases, the cars have been unlocked and the keys



have been left inside. The car owners have also left valuable items in plain view, such as Ipads, Ipods, GPS systems and purses. In one case, the victim not only left the keys in the car that was stolen, but left a spare set of keys to another vehicle parked nearby. The thief simply had to hit the remote entry button on the key ring and watch for the lights to flash on a car parked nearby to identify a second car to be easily taken.

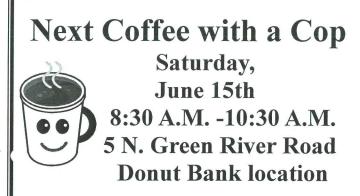
This is simple advice everyone has heard before. There is no safe place within your car to hide your keys. Lock your cars, hide your valuables and take your keys with you! It doesn't matter in which neighborhood you reside, these are crimes of opportunity and criminals will take advantage!

Stay safe!

Your Crime Prevention Officers

### June Road Closings:

- 1. May 31st- 4:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M. Way Late Play Date- CMOE- Fifth Street between Locust and Main Streets
- 2. May 31st -9:00 A.M. 10:00 P.M.- An Evening on the River- Riverside between Court and Cherry Streets
- 3. June 2nd 2:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M.- Corpus Christi Procession. The route is Bayard Park to Boeke, Boeke to Lincoln and Lincoln to St Bens Church. This is a march and will be escorted. The street will be open as they pass the intersections.
- 4. June 7th/8th- 9:00 P.M. on the 7th until 9:30 P.M. on the 8th- River City Bicycle Classic- Garvin Park closed to vehicle traffic
- 5. June 8th-1:00P.M. -10:00 P.M.- Westside Nut Club Cruise In Franklin St from Wabash to St. Joe. Also, 10th, 11th and 12th streets to the alleys in this area will be closed.
- 6. June 14th/15th- 8:00 A.M. June 14th to 11:00 P.M. on June 15th- Sculpt EVV. Adams Avenue between SE 2nd and Putnam Street
- 7. June 15th-7:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.- Colon Screening for Life Run-Downtown- Riverside down Main to 5th and then over to Locust. Locust back to Riverside. (this should be closed less than 30 min.) From there it will be on Riverside between Waterworks and Ohio St.
- 8. June 18th- 12:00 P.M.-12:30 P.M.- Westside Nut Club Inauguration March-Franklin St between Wabash and St. Joe Avenue.
- 9. June 26th-8:00 A.M.-11:30 P.M- Drums on the Ohio- Reitz High school area-Several streets will have bus parking. It will be highly congested but should still be passable.
- 10. June 28th to July 8th-9:00 A.M. on June 28th to 6:00 P.M. on July 8th-Shriners Fest-Riverside from Court to Cherry-Main St from 2nd to Riverside and Walnut St. from 1st to Riverside.





A seasonal high tunnel in Vanderburgh County, India na helps a local farmer lengthen his growing season and get his crop to market earlier.

### CONSERVE in Vanderburgh County: High tunnels provide more locally grown fresh fruits, veggies

It's hard to beat produce grown in the Vanderburgh County area. It's often fresher and tastier, uses less energy for transport, and helps farmers in your community. But the off-season presents a big challenge for farmers who grow fruits and vegetables and for consumers who want to find local produce throughout the year.

When farmers can lengthen the growing season, even by several weeks, their options change. That's why the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service promotes seasonal high tunnel as such a powerful tool.

High tunnels are plastic-wrapped, metal-framed structures that are fairly easy and inexpensive to build. They are designed to extend the growing season into the colder months, helping to increase the availability of local produce, keep plants at a steady temperature and even conserve water and energy.

High tunnels are similar to greenhouses, except they are considered "passively heated." That means they do not require electricity to heat – only sunlight. The plastic on the frame actually provides enough insulation to add up to 12 extra weeks to the growing season, depending on location. The inside of a high tunnel boasts its own microclimate, often producing crops of higher quality and quantity that those in traditional farm fields.

High tunnels are also different than greenhouses in that the plants are actually in the ground, not in pots or on tables. You can think of it as a plastic covering over a field.

High tunnels can cut costs for the producer by conserving water and requiring fewer inputs, like fertilizers or pesticides. In high tunnels, these inputs are often applied through tubes that run along the base of the plants, allowing water and fertilizer to be delivered directly above the soil. Outside of high tunnels, these inputs are often dispersed on a larger scale and require more to ensure the plants receive an adequate amount.

NRCS helps farmers build high tunnels, providing technical expertise and funding. Local and regional markets often provide farmers with a higher share of the food dollar, and money spent at a local business often continues to circulate within community, creating a multiplier effect and providing greater economic benefits to the area. This is why USDA is encouraging its agencies to provide tools like high tunnels to strengthen local food systems.

NRCS started helping farmers incorporate high tunnels into their operations in 2009, and in the three years since, more than 7,200 high tunnels were built across the United States. 2-High Tunnels are planned for construction in Vanderburgh Count Spring of 2013. To learn if they're right for you and your land, contact your local NRCS office at a USDA service center at 812-423-4426.

- Submitted by Mark Cambron, District Conservationist, Vanderburgh County, Evansville IN

### **June is Great Outdoors Month**

June is Great Outdoors Month, a time to celebrate the beauty of the earth, and to get active outside. Getting active has many health benefits, including lowering blood pressure, increasing bone and muscle strength, and managing weight. Not to mention it can be (gasp!) FUN! Outdoor activities can range from the simple, like taking a walk, to the challenging, such as rafting or climbing. No matter what you do, you will feel good being in the open air, and enjoying the great outdoors.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

**Explore your local parks.** Take a walk, jog, or bike around the paths and enjoy the health benefits of being active. **Take up a sport.** Always wanted to try tennis? Think it's time to start jogging, or swimming? Now is the time to start.

<u>Take a hike, or a kayak, or a bike.</u> Take advantage of wooded areas and rivers by renting a kayak or canoe and rafting down the river. Or go hiking or biking along the many paths with a buddy.

Take your bike out of storage. Dust off that 10 speed (or mountain bike) and helmet, and give the tires a good inflating. Take the family on a trip around the neighborhood. Kids love riding bicycles, and so will you!

Explore a famous city or historical site. Walk through a battlefield, or historic town. Tour a historic landmark house and grounds. This will provide plenty of walking while providing time outside and a great history lesson. As always, make sure to stay hydrated while exercising outdoors. Be sure to dress appropriately for your outdoor activities, wear sunscreen, and protect your eyes with sunglasses and a broad brimmed hat. If you are going to be in wooded areas, you will want to bring bug spray, and stay covered up to help avoid ticks.

# TOX AWAY DAY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

## JUNE 8

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

#### MATERIALS TO BRING

Motor Oil & Filters

Auto Batteries & Fluids

Gasoline

Household Batteries

Thermometers/Mercury

Household Cleaners

Photographic Chemicals

Fluorescent Bulbs

Oil Based Paints

Solvents & Thinners

Antifreeze

Pesticides & Herbicides

Aerosol Cans

Glues & Adhesives

Pool Chemicals

Pharmaceuticals

### MATERIALS NOT TO BRING

Commercial Waste

Industrial Waste

Explosives/Ammunition

Pressurized Containers

Gas Cylinders

Latex Paint

Infectious Waste

Smoke Detectors Radioactive Waste

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**Appliances** 

Tires

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10 TAKE

PICTURES OF

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

ASSN. ACTIVITIES!



#### The History of River Sweep

River Sweep, sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) and Foundation for Ohio River Education (FORE), is an annual river bank cleanup for the Ohio River and its tributaries. Throughout the years, this nationally recognized event has grown into one of the largest cleanup efforts of its kind; encompassing 3,000 miles of shoreline from Pittsburgh, PA to Cairo, IL. Improved water quality has increased recreational use of the Ohio River and its tributaries. This increase in recreation produces more litter on the river banks, making a yearly cleanup vital. River Sweep also increases public awareness of water quality and promotes stewardship of the Ohio River and its tributaries. In 2012, more than 21,000 people volunteered to collect trash and debris from the river banks. ORSANCO hopes River Sweep 2013 will be even more successful.

#### River Sweep 2013

On Saturday, June 15, 2013, thousands of volunteers will clean up our river banks. Volunteers will come from environmental organizations, civic groups, recreational clubs, scout troops, local businesses, and the general public. Each volunteer will receive a **FREE** River Sweep 2013 T-Shirt. Anyone who wants to make a difference in the quality of the Ohio River Valley can volunteer for River Sweep. It is an excellent opportunity for citizens to play an active role in improving the environment. The River Sweep 2013 T-Shirt design, shown to the right, was designed by Abigail Taphorn, a 12th grader at Colerain High School, Cincinnati, OH.

#### Safety Guidelines for River Sweep Volunteers

- Watch where you walk and avoid broken glass, rusty nails, and poison ivy.
- Never place yourself in a dangerous situation, such as trying to get trash that is floating in the river.
- The current can be very strong, so don't get in the water.
- Avoid high cliffs.
- Watch for traffic when working in pull-over areas along the side the road.
- Wear old comfortable clothing and closed toed shoes.
- Wear gloves to protect your hands from sharp objects like glass and metal.
- Avoid areas that are overgrown with shrubs.
- Trash bags are provided.



T-shirt design by Abigail Taphom, a 12th grade student at Colerain High School, Cincinnati, OH,

The River Sweep in Evansville will be June 15th. Meet at the Four Freedoms Monument at 9:00am. For more information, call Karl Gist at 436-4497.

### **Tick Prevention**

To prevent outdoor tick exposure, avoid tick-infested areas, and wear protective clothing. Stay on established trails, and avoid brushing against vegetation. Wear light colored clothing, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts so that ticks can be more easily seen. Tuck in your shirt, and pull your socks over the pant cuffs.

Apply an insect repellent to your shoes, socks, and pants. Effective tick repellents are those containing DEET or permethrin. Occasionally check yourself for ticks, especially in the head, groin, and underarm area. Showering after coming indoors may help remove ticks that have not attached to the skin. Inspect pets after they have been outdoors, and remove ticks found.

If a tick is found attached to your skin, use the following procedure:

- 1. Use blunt forceps or tweezers.
- 2. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure.
- 3. Take care not to squeeze, crush, or puncture the tick.
- 4. Do NOT handle the tick with bare hands because infectious agents may enter via mucous membranes or breaks in the skin.
- 5. After removing the tick, disinfect the bite site and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- 6. Consult a physician immediately if a rash or flu-like symptoms develop.

# Announcements

- Tox Away Day-Saturday, June 8th, 9:00am-2:00pm, Central High School Parking Lot.
- Coffee With A Cop-Saturday, June 15th, 8:30-10:30am, North Green River Road Donut Bank.
- River Sweep 2013-Saturday, June 15th, 9:00am, Four Freedoms Monument. For more information, contact Karl Gist 436-4497
- **UNOE Board Meeting-**Wednesday, June 19th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- West Sector Meeting—Thursday, June 20th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Sector office at 435-6135.
- Recycle Day— Saturday, June 22nd, 8am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- Traveling City Hall— Wednesday, June 26th, 5:30-7pm, Howell General Baptist Church, 1520 Delmar Ave.
- UNOE General Meeting-Thursday, June 27th, 6:30pm-8:00pm, at the C.K. Newsome Center.
- Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting Thursday, July 11th, 4:00pm, UNOE office. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!
- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS COMING!! TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th. 6:00-9:00pm at WESSELMAN PARK BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



### Traveling City Hall Program

Wednesday, June 26th
5:30-7pm
Howell General Baptist Church
1520 Delmar Ave.

Come meet and talk with the officials of your city government.



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

# CORTURES PROT 2013

Help the Shriners keep this yearly event alive; show your support - buy your button today!

Friday, June 28th - Saturday, June 29th & Wednesday July 3rd - Sunday July 7th Riverside Drive at the River

June 28th and 29th will feature Go Kart Racing, Fish Fry, Beer Garden, Live Bands, BBQ Contest, Bass Tournament, Car/Bike Show, Poker Run Button only required for Air Show Days Kids 12 and under get in FREE to the Air Show Gates will open for FREE ADMISSION to festival at the end of the Air Shows Opening Ceremonies, Wednesday, July 3rd at 11 am with Mayor on Hand July 3rd - July 7th will feature Air Shows, Fireworks, Pro Wrestling, Mike Harvey Super Gold Sock Hop, Dog Hop, Food, Bierstubes, Live Bands, Kids and Adult Rides, Salute to the Military, Prayer Service



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thursday, June 27th, 2013 6:30-8:00pm C.K. Newsome Center

Program: Dept. of Metro Development - What's Happening"
Philip Hooper, Exec. Director

