



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

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From the President

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year, why not think about giving family holiday gifts that are lasting and introduce them to attractions in Evansville. They can probably be ordered via the internet or telephone.



Here are some suggestions that offer gift certificates:

Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden - The zoo has over 700 animal species and the botanic garden has a variety of large trees and ever changing seasonal plants.

1545 Mesker Park Dr.

812-435-6143

MeskerParkZoo.com

Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science (Submersive Planetarium opens in Spring of 2014)

411 S.E. Riverside Dr.

812-425-2406

emuseum.org

Evansville African American Museum - Shows the roots of the African American residents in the 20th century.

579 S Garvin St.

812-423-5188

EvansvilleAAMuseum.wordpress.com

cMoe Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville - Speak Loud! Live Big! Work Smart! Quack Galleries!

22 SE Fifth St.

812-464-2663

cMoeKids.org

Reitz Home It was the home of the Reitz Family, with Second Empire architecture and elegance from the Victorian era.

224 SE First St.

812-426-1871

reitzhome.com

We have many other wonderful attractions in and around Evansville, all within a day's drive. Just go to VisitEvansville.com and plan ways to spend time with family and guests who are visiting Evansville. We have attractions for all interests; some are free, some have admission prices.

Enjoy,

Charleen

UPCOMING UNOE DATES

**Oct. 15th - Sparkplug Comm.
Meeting**

Oct. 16th- Board Meeting

Oct. 24th - SPARKPLUG

BANQUET

Please remember there
will be no
UNOE General Meetings
in November & December
due to the holidays.

Our October meeting will
be the Sparkplug Banquet
on

Thursday, October 24th.

Our next
General Meeting
will be Thursday,
January 23rd, 2014

**Remember
your
Neighborhood**



**Association must be
represented at the
Sparkplug Banquet
to be eligible to win
NA grants and free
memberships!**



Theme for 2013 Sparkplug Banquet is *“Neighborhoods Growing Stronger”*



United Neighborhoods of Evansville is now 43 neighborhood associations strong! As the old saying goes, “There is strength in numbers”. Neighborhoods are the grassroots of every city. We are very grateful that Evansville has a mayor who sees value in our neighborhoods. With new neighborhood associations forming, we are definitely growing stronger!

**Reservations are \$12.00 per person
 and should be paid in advance.
 Deadline is Thursday, October 17th.
 Call the UNOE office 428-4243 to make
 your reservations.**

The 18th Annual
 Sparkplug Recognition Banquet
 Thursday, October 24th, 2013
 Walnut Rooms of the Tropicana
 Executive Conference Center
 (formerly Aztar).
 Registration is at 5:30
 with the meal starting at 6:15pm.

**Mayor Lloyd Winnecke
 will be our guest Speaker.**

Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Roasted Potatoes
 Steamed Asparagus
 Garden Salad Rolls
 Cheese Cake Parfait

RNNC WELL WORTH THE TRIP

United Neighborhoods of Evansville sent 3 representatives this year to the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference held in Peoria, IL on Sept. 19-21. Our representatives were Fred Mulfinger (Lamasco NA), Carolyn Stagg (Hilltop NA) and Janice Ricketts (UNOE staff). We attended 17 of the 44 sessions/tours offered. The sessions dealt with all kinds of neighborhood issues from watches, effective communication, working with government and firemen/police departments, how to use social media and even how to become an All American city.

As well as the sessions, there were keynote speakers after breakfast and lunch. Our breakfast speaker was Dr. Chuck Stoner who spoke on “The Challenge of Balance” volunteer leaders face competing demands as they strive to balance their jobs, homes, and families as well as our roles as community change agents. Dr. Stoner gave practical ideas to help meet the challenge. Our lunch speaker was Dave Meslin who spoke on “Redefining Apathy and Building a Culture of Engagement”. As boring as the title may sound+, his talk was amusing and full of tips about effective communication, organizing, and advocacy.

It wasn't all work - they had an Oktoberfest going on down by the river that we all enjoyed. A meal of roast pork, red cabbage and apples, spaetzle and rye bread was enjoyed - so different from our Germania Maennerchor meal of bratwurst. A ride on the riverboat completed the evening for some.

As a first timer to this event, I found it very informative. There were many cities represented from six states. Listening to others talk about their neighborhood issues, I have better insight into our neighborhoods here in Evansville. I would like to thank UNOE for allowing me to attend.

- Janice Ricketts

**The Nominating Committee will meet
 Wednesday, Oct. 9
 at 4:00pm at the UNOE office.
 Anyone interested in the office
 of president-elect and secretary,
 please let Tom Loesch or the
 office (428-4243) know.**

St. Mary's Breast Center

*St. Mary's Mobile Mammography Unit
 will be at
 the University of Evansville
 For the 4th Annual Sowing Seeds of
 Empowerment Women's Conference*

*Saturday October 12, 2013
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CST)*

*St. Mary's Breast Center offers uninsured participants
 the opportunity to use provided grant services
 to complete mammogram testing.*

*The screening will utilize digital mammography technology,
 the most advanced mammography imaging available.*

*To qualify, it must be one year and one day
 since your last mammogram.*

*Grant eligibility and scheduling
 of the screening mammogram appointment
 can be made by calling
 St. Mary's Wellness Center, Dawnelle Neighbors,
 at (812)-485-5725.*

*Limited number of appointments available,
 so make your call today!*

COUNTERFEIT BILLS

In the past few months EPD has seen an increase in the amount of counterfeit money circulating in our area. The counterfeit money has been seen in denominations ranging from \$10 bills to \$100 bills and has been passed at a wide range of places including garage sales, pizza deliveries, convenience stores and gas stations. The Evansville Police Department is asking that you take the following steps and use caution so you do not become a victim of this crime.

If approached and asked to do so, avoid making change for large bills outside of businesses.

If you are having a garage sale, or work in retail, use caution if someone wants to purchase a low cost item and only has large bills.

Use a counterfeit detector marking pen to help determine if bills are counterfeit. These pens can be purchased at most office supply stores.

Money in the same denominations with the same serial numbers is a red flag that something is wrong.

If you suspect a bill looks different than normal, compare it to a bill that you know is good.

If you feel someone is trying to pass a counterfeit bill, try to get a good description of the person, including vehicle information if possible. Report any suspicious activity to the police.



October Road Closings:

1. October 4th -Memorial High School Homecoming Float transport. Lincoln between Memorial High School and Enlow Field will be closed between 6:30 A.M -7:00 A.M., and again between 6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
2. October 5th –River City Faith Fest- Cherry will be closed between 3rd and 4th Streets from 12:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M.
3. October 5th - YMCA ½ Marathon-The route begins at Reitz High School and goes throughout the west and south sides, ending at Riverside and Main Street. The route will be closed at 7:00 A.M. to approximately noon. The streets will open as last person passes.
4. October 6th -13th - Fall Festival-Franklin St between St. Joseph Ave and Wabash Ave will be closed. (Expect delays all the way to Fulton Avenue and some side streets during the week for deliveries and parades).
5. October 18th –Signature School Main Attraction-Main Street will be closed between 6th Street and Martin Luther King Jr Blvd from 3:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
6. October 19th -Icemen Pre Party- Main Street will be closed between 5th and 6th Streets between 12:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
7. October 19th - March for Jesus-Takes place on the Greenway from Ohio Street to Kids Kingdom from 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. (No streets closed)
8. October 19th -Central High School Band Regional- Eastbound lane of Old Post Road between the back of Central High School and First Avenue between 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.
9. October 19th -P.E.C. Zombie Walk-Court Street to Kid's Kingdom on the Greenway will be closed from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
10. October 31st -Trunk or Treat-Haven Street between Maxwell and Keck and Maxwell between Harding and Haven will be closed between 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR CRIMES!

During a recent investigation into a rash of thefts from motor vehicles, it was discovered victims did not report the crimes to the Evansville Police Department. Many people are hesitant to call the police if they feel the crime will not be solved or if the dollar value of the that several of the items taken is very small. What citizens may not realize is that as officers with the Crime Prevention Unit, we use crime maps and crime statistics to help identify trends and patterns. Having as much information as possible goes a long way into helping us solve these cases. We need to know exactly how many people have been victimized, the location and times the crimes occurred, and what the thieves are targeting. We used this valuable information to determine where to focus our crime fighting efforts.

If you are the victim of a theft from motor vehicle or vandalism you can report the crime by calling 911 and having an officer take a report. If more convenient, you can also contact the Police Records Room at 436-7956 and the report will be taken over phone. It only takes a few minutes and this can make the difference in our ability to catch the suspects and stop the crime spree.

ILLICIT DISCHARGES

Yard Waste, Leaves and Grass Clippings



It is important to remember that everything we do in our City can have an effect 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 adds nutrients to your lawn.
- ◆ Empty mulch bag into a garbage bag and dispose of properly. Do not put in ditches or swales.
- ◆ Use a compost pile or compost barrel.

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 include 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.



Government Contact Info

State Info Center:
1-800-457-8283

Federal Info Center:
1-800-688-9889

Indiana Do Not Call List:
1-888-834-9969
www.indianaconsumer.com

National Do Not Call List:
1-888-382-1222
www.donotcall.gov

Consumer Protection:
1-800-382-5516

Social Security (federal):
1-800-772-1213

Bureau of Motor Vehicles:
1-888-692-6841

Medicaid Information:
1-800-622-4932

Medicare Information (federal):
1-800-633-4227

Family & Social Services:
1-800-403-0864

Child Support Helpline:
1-800-840-8757

Internal Revenue Service (federal):
1-800-829-1040

Department of Revenue (state):
1-317-232-2240

Property Tax Questions:
1-888-739-9826

Foreclosure Prevention Network:
1-877-GET-HOPE (1-877-438-4673)
www.877gethope.org

Unemployment Claims:
1-800-891-6499

Indiana House of Representatives:
1-800-382-9842

Indiana Senate:
1-800-382-9467

Office of the Governor:
1-317-232-4567

Office of the Secretary of State:
1-317-232-6531

U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly:
1-202-224-4814

U.S. Senator Dan Coats:
1-202-224-5623

NEED HELP OR INFORMATION? CALL THE HEALTH DEPT:

Animal Bites	435-6015
Bed Bugs	435-5695
Birth Certificate	435-5681
Body Lice/Scabies	435-5692
Dead Birds	435-5695
Diseases-Contagious/Infectious	435-5692
Death Certificate	435-5359
Flu Vaccine	435-5997
Food Complaints	435-5695
Foreign Travel	435-5997
Head Lice	435-5997
Mold	435-5695
Mosquito Complaints	435-5695
Pool/Well Water Testing	435-5657
Pregnancy Testing	435-5765
Public Health Nursing	435-5765
Rats & Mice Complaints	436-7885
Restaurant Complaints	435-5695
Sewage/Septic	435-5695
Smoking Cessation	435-5807
STD Testing	435-5683
TB Testing	435-5682
Ticks	435-5695
Trash & Debris-City	436-7885
Trash & Debris-County	435-5695
Vaccines/Immunizations	435-5997
Weeds	436-7885
Weight Loss Class	435-5807
WIC	435-5701

Website Contact List:

<http://www.vanderburghgov.org/index.aspx?page=415>

- Indiana State Representative Gail Riecken, Dist. 77

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS

Adopting a Bill of Rights for Neighborhoods as Official County Policy for neighborhood Involvement in Planning and Development throughout Vanderburgh County.

WHEREAS, for some time there has been a concern by Neighborhoods throughout the County that they do not have adequate notice of opportunities to participate in planning and development issues that would have an effect on their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a committee of designated representatives of several Neighborhood Associations met to identify a means whereby Neighborhoods could be assured that they would have the greatest amount of input possible in such decisions; and

WHEREAS, the committee has prepared a Bill of Rights for Neighborhoods which they propose to be adopted as official policy of the county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF

COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF VANDERBURGH, INDIANA, THAT;

The following Bill Of Rights for Neighborhoods is hereby adopted as official County policy in dealing with planning and development issues and cases throughout the County.

- 1. Neighborhoods have the right to expect that their County will progress and that such progress shall include social, physical, and economic development. They have the right to the assurance that this development will conform to a comprehensive plan formulated through a continuing public planning process. They have the right to actively participate in this planning process.*
- 2. Neighborhoods have the right of access to existing County plans adopted or approved by any official body of the County.*
- 3. Neighborhoods have the right to expeditious notification of proposed official review of existing County plans adopted or approved by any official body of the County. "Expeditious Notification," when used anywhere in this document, means a minimum of thirty days notification in writing made directly to designated Neighborhood Association contact persons in areas where such Neighborhood Association exist.*
- 4. Neighborhoods have the right to expeditious notification of proposals formally submitted to an official County body that would result in changes in an adopted or approved County plan.*
- 5. Neighborhoods have the right to present information to County staff prior to the formulation of or issuance of staff reports concerning such proposals.*
- 6. Neighborhoods have the right to a requirement that all reports concerning proposals formally submitted to an official body of the County include an assessment of the impact of such proposals on the immediately surrounding Neighborhood or areas; and that the designated contact persons of the impacted Neighborhood Association receive expeditious notice of the contents of any such reports.*
- 7. Neighborhoods have the right to participate in the official review of proposals formally submitted to an official County body.*
- 8. Recognizing that it may be necessary for certain cases to be continued or held, neighborhoods has the right to rely on the announced dates, times, locations, and agendas of public hearings on proposed projects or cases; and, where there is a designated contact person of an interested Neighborhood Association, the right to notification, in the same manner that other principals are notified, of any changes in the dates, times, locations, or agendas of such meetings.*
- 9. Neighborhoods have the right to the implementation of this Bill of Rights through County policy, through rules and regulations of County-empowered boards, committees, and agencies, and through County ordinances and resolutions.*

- Bill of Rights, Vanderburgh County

Fall leaves pick-up service available Oct. 21 – Dec. 13; same day as trash service

Leaves must be bagged or in cans; placed separate from normal weekly trash

Through its contract with Republic Waste Services, the Evansville Water & Sewer Utility will offer fall leaves pick-up service on the same day as trash pick-up for a period of eight weeks beginning Monday, Oct. 21, through Friday, Dec. 13, 2013.

The service is available to City residents, including newly annexed areas, who pay for trash service with their water bill. Apartment complexes, mobile home communities and business/commercial customers are not eligible.

Important information about leaves pick-up service

Customers' leaves will be picked up on the same day as their trash pick-up but at a different pick-up time. Leaves must be in biodegradable plastic bags or paper leaf bags, which may be purchased at local retail outlets. Or, leaves may be placed loose in containers.

The bundled leaves must be placed in manageable, organized piles separate from where the normal weekly trash is collected. They may not be combined with trash or left in loose piles on the ground. Waste that does not meet these requirements will not be picked up.

Customers with questions may contact Republic Waste Services

Customers who have questions about the service may call Republic Waste Services at 812-424-3345. Customers who have placed their leaves according to the requirements outlined above yet feel they were missed, should call Republic Waste Services within two days to report a possible missed pick-up.



FALL TAXES

Taxpayers may begin paying their fall taxes at Old National Bank beginning today. The deadline for paying taxes is November 12th being as November 11th is a holiday. Taxpayers may also pay at the Treasurer's office or on line.

City of Evansville Wins State Community Achievement Award

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced that the City of Evansville has been named a **2013 IACT Community Achievement Award** winner for its Clean Evansville project. The City of Evansville will receive its award during the Annual Awards Luncheon presented by Umbaugh, Monday, October 7, at the 2013 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in Indianapolis.

Clean Evansville began in January 2012 by Mayor Lloyd Winnecke just three days into his term. Eighteen months into the Clean Evansville effort, more than 2,000 volunteers have picked up more than 40,000 pounds of trash.

"What makes this program special and really unique is that it is a mostly volunteer effort. There is no budget," said Mayor Winnecke. "Keep Evansville Beautiful coordinates Clean Team volunteers and distributes supplies, Rural King provides gloves and Republic Waste Services hauls the trash to the landfill at no extra charge. Companies including Vectren, Fifth Third Bank, Old National Bank and Accuride routinely encourage their employees to volunteer and get involved."

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) is a coalition of municipal officials who seek to improve the quality of life in Indiana through effective government, and is a member of the National League of Cities. Founded in 1891, IACT is one of the oldest state municipal organizations in the country, with 470 cities and towns as members. IACT advocates for municipalities as the official voice of municipal government in Indiana, and promotes good government through education, training and leadership.

GO EVANSVILLE !!

- **Recycle Day**– Saturday, October 5th, 8am-Noon, old Walmart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** -Wednesday, October 16th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting** – Thursday, October 17th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, October 19th, 8am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE SPARKPLUG BANQUET** -Thursday, October 24th, 5:30pm registration, Tropicana Executive Conference Center.
- **Recycle Day**– Saturday, November 2nd, 8am-Noon, old Walmart West. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **Shred Day** - Saturday, November 8th, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Wesselman Nature Center
- **Recycle Day**– Saturday, November 16th, 8am-Noon, Evansville Day School. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** - Wednesday, November 20th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **Recycle Day**– Saturday, November 23rd, 8am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.

Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program



Wednesday, October 30th
5:30 - 7:00pm
West Haven Rehab
3400 Stocker Drive

Fitness IN THE PARK

OCTOBER 19

9-11 am

**Boot Camp
on the Greenway
at Kids Kingdom**
Riverside & Waterworks Road

**an Energize
Evansville
initiative**

There will be a Plaque Dedication to

Inez Vick

Past President of Bellmeade-Bayard Park

Saturday, October 12th, 2013
10:00am

Bayard Park
(east of the library)

Reception to follow at the YWCA

Next Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, Oct. 15th

7:00 - 10:00am

Donut Bank

212 N. St. Joe Ave. location

Come and have a cup, talk to a cop!



WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME

Report Crime Anonymously

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

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Did U.N.O.E.?

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Thursday, October 24th, 2013
Walnut Rooms, Tropicana Executive Conference Center
Registration @ 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:15pm.

Have you made reservations?
Has your neighborhood picked your Sparkplug winner?
Can't wait?
Neither can we!
Call the office @ 428-4243 for details or questions.

Next
General Membership Meeting
January 23rd, 2014
6:30 - 8:00pm
CK Newsome Center

