

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

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From the President

It is already February....I know that and so do you. I was only recently elected as President of United Neighborhoods of Evansville. So I get to start anew. I am Carolyn Stagg, I was born on the westside of Evansville where I was blessed to raise my daughter and three sons.

Our first UNOE general meeting was held with a packed

house at the C.K. Newsome Center in January. I only hope this shows how many neighborhood associations really want to make themselves a more improved group and more involved and informed in their community..

My journey with United Neighborhoods of Evansville started in 2000. I was invited to my first neighborhood meeting of the Hilltop Neighborhood Association. I got involved with Hilltop N/A. and was later named President for 7 years. I became an UNOE board member in 2006 and was named as the Regional Vice President for the West Sector in 2010. Now I have the honor or being your president of United Neighborhoods for 2014.

My goal with United Neighborhoods of Evansville is to help anyone who requests help, get you an answer for your questions, and welcome each of you at our UNOE General Meetings which are ALWAYS HELD on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, at the C.K. Newsome Center.

Another goal is for each of us to learn and uphold our Mission statement: Neighborhood Associations working together to preserve, enhance, and promote the Evansville neighborhoods. How may I serve you?

Carolyn

NEW OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE ELECTED

President - Carolyn Stagg, Hilltop President-Elect - Matt Hanka, WIA Secretary - Charnika Baltzell, Glenwood Treasurer - Rene McCormick - So. Linc. Park Dr.

Regional Vice Presidents: East - Susan & Steve Harp, Oak Hill South - Dave Ballew, Culver West - Bob & Jenny Thomas, Dia.-Stringtown Members-At-Large: Leonard Collins, Goosetown Terri Eich, Arcadian Acres David Hodges, Downtown Linda Jones, CHAIN Lucy Williams, Glenwood

ongratulations!

UPCOMING UNOE DATES

Feb. 19th - Board Mtg

Feb. 27th - General Meeting

Mar. 6th - Parks, Trees & Beautification Com. Mtg.



UNOE office policy states if the schools are closed due to inclement weather, the UNOE office will be closed also.







Charleen Williamson has served as our president of UNOE for the past two years. She will continue to serve as Past President this year and share her knowledge.

Charleen has served the UNOE family as a non-selfish individual, attended many meetings, helped setup for some of these meetings, and gave reports on all of them. I have been shadowing Charleen for two years and I only hope I am ready to step up to the position she has been mentoring me for. Thank you for your support.

Your friend and co-worker, Carolyn Due to the rising costs of printing and mailing, the UNOE office will start emailing the UNOE Newsletter in April to those who would like to receive it that way. If you would like the newsletter via email, please email <u>office @unoevansville.org</u> and we will add you to our newsletter e-mail list. We will still be sending out hard copies for those who wish to have our newsletter that way.

As of 1/26/2014, the bulk mail rate has went from 11.9 cents/ piece to 12.8 cents/ piece. Please be aware when you are planning your neighborhood mailings. A minimum of 200 pieces for bulk mail is still required.

Inventory Your Valuable Items:

No one can make themselves completely victim proof. It is impossible. However, there are things we can do to assist



in recovering items that may be stolen in a burglary. It is important to conduct an inventory of valuable items such as electronics, weapons, coins, or jewelry. This can easily be done using a video recorder or camera. Make sure to get the serial number and keep your receipts for insurance. Place this information in a secure location. The serial numbers and photographs can be turned over to the police department because items are difficult to recover without the proper identification. Items taken in a burglary will sometimes show up in local pawn shops. Individuals can check local pawn shops for their items. If an item is located, contact the local police department, but do not alert the pawn shop.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD



WINTER WEATHER – in case of EMERGENCY

Winters in Indiana can be beautiful. They can also cause blizzards, heavy snows, ice storms, freezing rain and sleet, as well as causing injuries and damage to your home.

EXTREME WINTER WEATHER;

Are you inside? Stay inside, don't make unnecessary trips outside. Stay informed, Your first line of defense is to stay informed of local weather conditions. Use proper safeguards when using fireplaces, space heaters, etc., to prevent accidental fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. When you do not have heat, close off unneeded rooms, stuff towels under doors and cover windows.

Are you outside? Wear layers of loose-fitting clothing instead of a single thick layer. Wear mittens instead of gloves. Avoid exposure to extreme cold by covering your head and mouth. Stay dry. Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling snow, as this can cause heart attacks. Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia including numbness, drowsiness, shivering, stumbling, slurred speech and a pale appearance.

Your auto, winterize your car, maintain a full tank of gas, keep moisture out of the tank.

Keep an emergency kit in your car to help keep you warm, visible and alive if trapped

Drive cautiously. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, pump brakes gently, don't slam on your brakes. If stuck while driving, stay in your car. Start the car and use the heater for 10 minutes every hour. Open windows slightly for ventilation. Leave dome light on when running engine. Have a winter safety kit in your car, including a blanket, snack, water, flashlight and a shovel.

At home, insulate pipes exposed to the cold, remove garden hoses from outside faucets, turn off outside water. Let inside faucets drip during subzero conditions if there is a possibility they might freeze. Open your cabinet door nearest pipes. Install weather stripping and insulation. Check battery powered equipment, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors and fire extinguishers Remember to keep furnace filters clean, change if needed. **UNOE is participating in Global Youth Service Day, April 12 , 2014**, which will be a Clean Evansville event for the City. This year's clean-up will be focused on city parks. **Would your Association like to participate?** Do you have a park in mind you would like to help clean up? If so, check below the projects you might like to do in the park and list any youth groups/schools you would like to invite to help you. The organizing group will help finalize the projects with the approval of the Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Send the form to Anne Statham as USI, as instructed at the end of the form, **by February 14**.

Global Youth Service Day/Clean Evansville April 12, 2014 9-11 Clean-up; 11:30-1:00 Celebration Evansville Parks Clean Up Neighborhood Association Sign-Up

Yes, we will participate in the GYSD Clean Evansville event on April 12, 2014
Name of Neighborhood Association
Association Contact Person: Name
Phone Number
Email Address
Best way to contact mephoneemaileither
Name of park we want to work on
Neighborhood school or youth group we plan to work with Name of group of school
Contact information for school or group (if known)
Name of school or group
Contact information
We will be in touch with this group or school and will let you know
We would like you to help us get in touch with this group or school
We would like you to help us find a school or youth group to work with
Project(s) in park we want to work on :
 trash pick-up in and around the park (required) clean playground equipment mulching (including under playground equipment) planting (specify where and what you would like to plant) start a community garden don't know yet

Scan and email, FAX or mail to:

Anne StathamService Learning Program, USI, 8600 University Blvd, Evansville 47712servicelearning@usi.eduFAX - 812-465-7061by February 14, 2014

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Visit a Free Tax Prep Site! Claim your Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and have your return prepared and e-filed for free.

Free Tax Prep Site Schedule

For a list of what to bring for tax preparation, dial 2-1-1 or 812-421-2800.

WALK-IN SITES

Work One Open Tuesdays beginning February 4, 2014 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 700 East Walnut Street, Evansville

YMCA

Open Wednesdays beginning February 5, 2014 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Door opens at 5:30 p.m. 222 N.W. 6th Street, Evansville

Bosse High School Cafeteria

Open Thursdays beginning February 6, 2014 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Also OPEN ONE SATURDAY, Feb. 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 1300 Washington Avenue, Evansville SITES BY APPOINTMENT Legal Aid Society Open Mondays beginning February 3, 2014 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Call 812-435-5173 to schedule an appointment 1 N.W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Room 105, Evansville

Guests are served In the order they arrive at walk-in s

Sites will be closed If EVSC is closed due to inclement weather.

All sites handicap accessible.



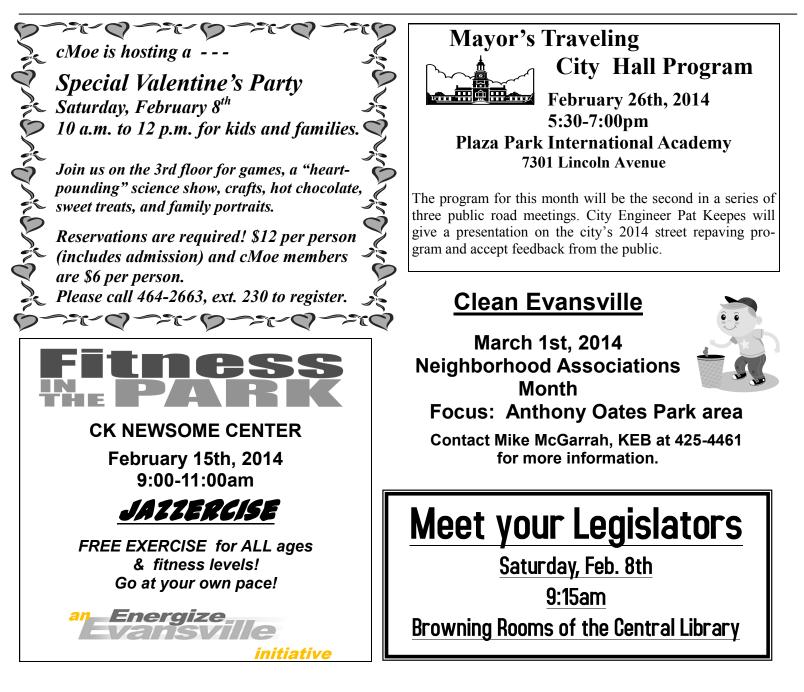
United Way of Southwestern Indiana



- **Recycle Day**—February 8th, 8:00am-12:00 Noon, 4-H Center. For more information contact Solid Waste Management, 436-7800.
- Meet Your Legislators February 8th, 9:15am, Browning Rooms at Central Library
- UNOE Board Meeting Wednesday, February 19th, 2014, 4:00pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- UNOE General Meeting Thursday, February 27th, 6:30-8:00pm at the CK Newsome Center.
- Parks, Trees & Beautification—Thursday, March 6th, 4:00pm at the UNOE Office.
- **Recycle Day**—March 8th, 8:00am-12:00 Noon, old Walmart West. For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, 436-7800.

UNOE Newspaper Notice

The office staff does its best to accommodate the various requests from the many neighborhood associations UNOE serves. **PLEASE give the office a 24-48 hour notice when you need our services**. Sometimes with the volume of work we receive, it is impossible to do it immediately.



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Did U.N.O.E.?

2014 UNOE Board Officers:

Carolyn Stagg, President Hilltop Neighborhood

Matt Hanka, President-Elect Westside Improvement Neighborhood

Regional Vice-Presidents Steve & Susan Harp, East Sector Dave Ballew, South Sector Bob & Jenny Thomas, West Sector

Charnika Baltzell, Secretary Glenwood Neighborhood Rene McCormick, Treasurer South Lincoln Park Drive NA Charleen Williamson, Past-President Blackford's Grove Neighborhood

2014 UNOE Board of Directors: Members At Large:

Leonard Collins, Goosetown Neighborhood Teri Eich, Arcadian Acres Neighborhood David Hodges, Downtown Neighborhood Linda Jones, CHAIN Neighborhood Lucy Williams, Glenwood Neighborhood

Committee Chairmen:

Disaster Preparedness - Jayne Buthod, WIA Finance - Fred Padget, WIA Government - to be announced Parks/Trees/ Beatification - Susan Harp, Oakhill NA Pub. Rel./Marketing - Melanie Stagg, Western Terrace NA Personnel - Bill Currie, Plaza Park NA Technology - Brent Jackson, Presidents NA Zoning - Fred Padget, WIA



GENERAL MEETING Thursday, February 27th 6:30-8:00pm, CK Newsome Center Program: Water Rate Hikes, Allen Mounts Evansville Water & Sewer Dept.

WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME Report Crime Anonymously