

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

# **NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR**

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### From the President

The 2014 annual Sparkplug Banquet which was held at the Tropicana was a great success. Food was good, there were 35 whom chose the vegetarian dinner and the balance chose the beef medallions. The beef looked good great, but I had the eggplant cannoli, and it was great. Lots of neighbors, civic and community people were part of the 260 people who attended. There were 31 neighborhoods involved. This year's sponsors provided enough funding that each neighborhood association attending the Banquet will get a free paid membership to UNOE for 2015, saving each of the neighborhoods \$25.00.



There were also 5 attending neighborhoods that won a \$100.00 check to do whatever they want for their neighborhood. Another 10 won a \$50.00 check for their neighborhood. There were 15 theme baskets donated by neighborhoods and given out as door prizes.. All in all, there was a lot of money returned to the neighborhoods. Philip Hooper was our speaker on "placemaking" It was very informative on the upcoming trend in neighborhoods. There were 22 "Sparkplug" awards given to the special persons who make our neighborhoods.

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November brings the closing of flowerbeds, collecting items for food baskets for people in need, and preparing for Thanksgiving dinner. Have you assisted agencies that prepare a Thanksgiving meal? Why not make it a "family affair?" All agencies need extra people to help prepare, cook, serve and cleanup.

Are you cleaning up and out "stuff" before family and friends come over to enjoy the holidays? The excess "stuff" (stuffed animals/critters) could be re-purposed for the National Night Out Event next August. I know you think "I don't want to keep them until then".....you don't have too....just call the UNOE office at 812-428-4243. We will make accommodations for collecting these critters.

The UNOE Newsletter will continue to be printed over the holidays, but our UNOE General Meeting will not be held until January 22nd, 2015 when we will have Nominations and Elections of Officers and Board. Be sure to send your 2014 Neighborhood Representative as they are the only ones to vote. The 2015 Representatives will come into effect March 2015.

If you would like for a particular speaker for our UNOE general meetings next year, send me a note or call the office, tell us who it is and why you think they should be a speaker. It will be taken in consideration then.

I hope you have a nice season with family and friends. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Carolyn

#### **UPCOMING UNOE DATES**

November 11th - Finance Com.

Meeting

November 19th - Board Mtg.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER!



PLEASE
REMEMBER
there will be
NO UNOE
General Meetings
in November
& December
due to the holidays.

Our next
General Meeting
will be Thursday,
January 22nd, 2015.
UNOE officer and
board elections will
be held at the
January meeting.

## United Neighborhoods of Evansville

would like to thank

Arcadian Acres Civic NA **Boone Funeral Home** CHAIN NA Deaconess Health Systems **EVIE SUE** Franklin Street Events Assn Friends of Mayor Winnecke Greater Lincolnshire NA Helfrich Realty Matt & Ann Hanka Musgrave Consulting, LLC

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as sponsors of the 19th Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet We thank them for their support of our community & the neighborhoods within.

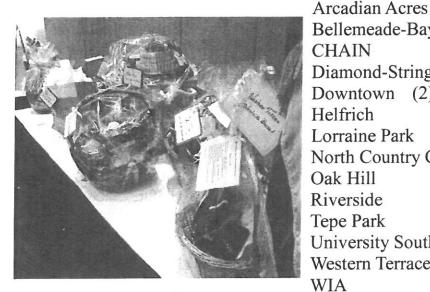
#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GRANT WINNERS

The following neighborhood grants were awarded at the Sparkplug Banquet:

\$50 Grant Winners: CHAIN, Culver, Diamond-Stringtown, Downtown, Goosetown, Lorraine Park, Poplar Grove, Southeast Side, Tepe Park, and Western Terrace.

\$100 Grant Winners: Arcadian Acres, Bellemeade-Bayard Park, Plaza Park, South Lincoln Park Drive Area, and STAR.

## **THANK YOU** to the following neighborhoods who donated Baskets as Door Prizes:



Bellemeade-Bayard Park **CHAIN** Diamond-Stringtown Downtown (2) Helfrich Lorraine Park North Country Club Oak Hill Riverside Tepe Park **University South** Western Terrace WIA

Great Harvest Bread Goodies Armor-All Thanksgiving Downtown/Icemen White Gardening Kitchen Fun Going Clean & Green Historic Family Activity Fiesta Night Westside

Franklin Street USA

## **Holiday Shopping Safety Tips:**

It is once again time to start the holiday shopping season and I want everyone to be safe. Keep the following safety tips in mind why you try to navigate the crazy East Side or where ever you choose to buy your gifts. Try to shop during the day or take a friend with you after dark. If you are alone at night, always park in well-lit areas. Look around before exiting your car. Pay attention to your surroundings as you walk to and from the store. Keep your wallet in your front pocket, inside coat pocket, and only carry a purse when necessary. Use inside ATM machines, but do not carry large amounts of cash. Don't try to carry too much out at one time and have your keys ready to unlock your car. Look inside and around your car to make sure no one is hiding, and try to avoid leaving anything in your car. Even your truck may not be safe if a criminal is watching. Good luck and be safe. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD



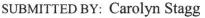
### ICE....In Case of Emergency

Do you know what ICE is? No it' not only the cold stuff we use to cool our drinks, nor is it the stuff we drive on in the winter, and use a lot of &\*&\*&\* words which we cannot say here, but could be your Saving Grace in case of an accident.

Now that many residences do not have home phones with numbers listed in a phone book, or through 411, how do first responders contact a parent or loved one in case of an emergency?

All of your children are grown and live elsewhere, how can they be contacted for our emergency? In the event of an emergency, law enforcement agencies use various investigative tools and methods to locate next of kin. Police department have access to public records and data bases that are invaluable in pointing first responders in the right direction. The majority of emergency notifications are done in person. It is also helpful to have a piece of identification on your person at all times. A simple up-to-date driver's license or state identification card can help immensely. Most mobile smartphones allow users to set ICE (In case of emergency) contacts that are accessible from the phone's locked screen.

It is recommended that there are at least two designated ICE contacts in their smartphones for event of an emergency. Have you taken the time to put at least two ICE contacts in your mobile phone? Be sure to put the 1-AREA code before the phone number as that will be going into effect early 2015. An article will be forthcoming on this procedure as a firm date approaches. Don't put it off - - - do it TODAY.





## Road Closings:

- 11/1 Hadi Fall Ceremonial Parade-2:00-3:00pm-Walnut and Riverside to 2nd-2nd to Main-Main to 4th-4th to Walnut and back to Riverside.
- 11/2 Tri state MS Walk-12:30-3:30pm-Sidewalks around Harrison High School
- 11/8 Crop Hunger Walk-9:00am-12:00 noon-11th and Illinois to 12th Ave-12th Ave to Franklin-Franklin to 9th (are to use Sidewalks on Franklin)-9th to Indiana-Indiana to Wabash-Wabash to Virginia-Virginia to 11th Ave and back to Illinois.
- 11/8 Evansville Museum 5K-8:00-11:00am- Museum on the Greenway across Ohio St. and back to the Museum
- 11/8 Four Freedoms Veterans Parade-10:00am-5:00pm-Walnut between 2nd and Riverside-Riverside between Cherry and Ohio.
- 11/21 Clydesdales on Franklin Street Visit-6:00pm-9:00pm- Curbside of westbound Franklin St. between Fulton and St. Joe. (Will be escorted by EPD motorcycles)
- 11/22 Drumstick Dash-9:00am-11:00am- Sycamore and Garvin-Sycamore to 10th-10th to Vine-Vine to Court-Court to Riverside-Riverside to Waterworks-turnaround-Riverside to Ohio-turnaround-Riverside back to Court-Court back to Sycamore and Garvin.
- 11/23 Evansville Christmas Parade-2:00pm-5:00pm- Main Street between Sycamore and Garvin Park



## United Neighborhoods of Evansville 2015 Sparkplug Winners





Arcadian Acres: TERRI EICH



Eastview: CHARLIE COLE

Glenwood:

**CHARNIKA** 

**BALTZELL** 





Blackford's Grove:

**GREG & MARY ALLEN** 



Goosetown: KELLEY COURES

Greater Lincolnshire:

KELLY AL NASHMI

Business 41 Improvement: FIRST BANK



Diamond-Stringtown: ALEX MOURER



Helfrich:
DOROTHY DIERLAM



Downtown: PAUL BLACK



Lorraine Park: RALPH LILLESTON

# United Neighborhoods of Evansville 2015 Sparkplug Winners continued . . .

North Country Club: PAM WARD

Oak Hill: CERT TEAM #3



University South:

JIM & CHARLENE BRAKER



Riverside: LARRY BRISTOW



Vogel-Spring Park: JACK McCRARY



Southeast Side: MISSY MOSBY



Western Terrace: LINDA WENTZEL



South Lincoln
Park Drive:
CHUCK TAYLOR



Westside Improvement: FRED PADGET



Tepe Park: KATHY ROSA

CONGRATULATIONS
SPARKPLUGS !!!



DEAR COMMUNITY LEADER: Please share the following information at meetings of the groups you're involved with, in your publications and on your websites. The text below can be copied in newsletters, handouts, etc. <u>You may save someone's life and prevent some serious injuries and illnesses.</u> Thank you!

## 2014-15 HEATING ADVICE TO STAY SAFE AND SNUG AND SAVE MONEY

Put the squeeze on the freeze this winter.

Fuel to heat our homes can mean high bills. And heating increases the risks of fire, explosion and carbon monoxide poisoning. But a heating system that works efficiently can mean more warmth, more safety—and more money left for other things.

The Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Commission, Evansville Fire Department, Vanderburgh County township fire departments, American Red Cross, Vectren Corp. and your local heating and air conditioning contractors want to alert the citizens of Evansville and Southwestern Indiana to the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, fire and explosion from a malfunctioning furnace, a blocked flue or chimney, a broken gas line or inadequate air for combustion.

There could be hidden damage to your furnace, gas piping, flue or chimney. We are recommending that all citizens have their furnaces, space heaters, ranges, water heaters, gas lines, chimneys, flues and other heating equipment checked by a licensed heating contractor without delay. (You should do this every year.) You will protect yourself and your family this winter and save on heating bills.

Carbon monoxide replaces the oxygen in the air we breathe when fuel-burning equipment is operating and the vent or chimney is obstructed or there is not enough air to let the equipment burn fuel efficiently. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless and catches its victims unaware, sometimes as they sleep. If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, leave your home and call 911 or your local fire department.

Families in Evansville and across the country have been killed by carbon monoxide poisoning, and many others have become seriously ill. Symptoms may be similar to the flu, including headache, dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath. There may be fatigue and confusion. **But you may go to sleep and never wake up.** 

Always use portable generators <u>outdoors</u>, far away from the home and any openings. Candle fires also have killed families. Be careful using candles during power outages and other times! And make a family fire escape plan.

Help alert your family with carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors, available at all hardware stores, home centers and department stores. Regularly test detectors and change the batteries.

#### THEY CAN HELP

**Evansville Urban Enterprise Association** offers <u>free</u> carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors, while supplies last, to residents of the Enterprise Zone and the service areas outside the zone who have not received them in the past. Phone (812) 426-2490.

Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE) handles the Indiana Weatherization Assistance Program in Vanderburgh, Posey and Gibson counties. (Every county in Indiana has an agency for the weatherization program.) CAPE will repair or replace faulty heating equipment and make other energy-efficient improvements. CAPE also can help with heating bills. CAPE has income limits. Phone (812) 492-3925.

**Memorial Community Development Corp.** offers an emergency home repair program. A maximum grant of \$5,000 will cover repairs urgently needed to protect the residents. The home must be occupied by the owner, and there are income limits. Phone (812) 402-5530.

**Vectren Corp.** has details on <u>free</u> home energy assessments and energy-saving products, income-qualified weatherization and <u>rebates</u> for purchases of qualifying furnaces, water heaters and other equipment. Phone (866) 240-8476 or visit VectrenLiveSmart.com.

**Community One** offers volunteer-based basic home repairs and weatherization to low-income people who own and occupy their homes, especially the elderly and disabled. Phone (812) 250-6888.

Handy Chore will change furnace filters, install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, provide fire extinguishers, make some windows and doors weathertight, repair storm doors and outer doors and pump out flooded basements. Handy Chore serves homeowners who are disabled or at least age 60. Phone SWIRCA & More at (812) 464-7817.

Faith-based organizations, social agencies and township trustees may help with heating bills and needs.

# Announcements

- Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting—Thursday, November 6th, 4:00pm in the UNOE office.
- Recycle Day—Saturday, November 8th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more info, call 436-7800.
- Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 11th, 9:30am in the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Meeting -** Thursday, November13th, 6:00pm, at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, November 15th, 8:00am-Noon, at the 4-H Center. For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, 436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting** Tuesday, November 18th, 6:00pm, McGary School, 1535 South Joyce. For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** Wednesday, November 19th, 2014, 4:00pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting** Thursday, November 20th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER. OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOV. 27th.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program



Wednesday, November 19th 5:30 - 7:00pm Cedar Hall Community School 2100 N. Fulton Ave.

## Clean Evansville



December 6th, 2014 Theme: Holiday Spirit



Focus: S. Green River Rd-Covert Ave

Contact Cody Morris, KEB at 425-4461 for more information.



# ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!

It was voted at the July 16th UNOE Board of Directors meeting that:

# STARTING JANUARY 2015, COPIES WILL COST .05/SIDE.

The cost of printing and paper has continued to rise. This is the first increase in over 6 years.

Each neighborhood will receive 2000 free copies after their UNOE dues are paid in 2015.

### **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.

As always, we are glad to do whatever we can to help the neighborhoods. If you need assistance or help with a project, please call the office and we will do our best to assist you. Neighbor to Neighbor UNOE Office 20 N.W. Fourth Street Suite 501 Evansville, IN 47708

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

## 2014 UNOE Board Officers:

Carolyn Stagg, President Hilltop Neighborhood

Matt Hanka, President-Elect Greater Lincolnshire Neighborhood

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

Richard Eich, Secretary

Arcadian Acres Civic Neighborhood

Rene McCormick, Treasurer

South Lincoln Park Drive NA

## 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 - Matt Hanka, Greater Lincolnshire NA 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



NO GENERAL MEETING In November



**WeTip** 

1-800-78-CRIME Report Crime Anonymously