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preserve, enhance, and promote  
the Evansville neighborhoods*

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## **From the President**

*Well the Holidays are upon us.... We just celebrated Thanksgiving with family and friends. Now to rest before the next big party or celebration comes upon us.*

*December brings lots of hugs, happiness, families, friends, celebrations, church services, and finally the Big Day ... We all spend too much, eat too much, party too much. Have you helped another family or individual with something they might need or want? There are the "angel trees" at different organizations/churches, take a name and sponsor a person/family. There are scarf and hat trees at schools/libraries, no matter what you call the season, it is to bring light to someone else. Nursing homes, assisted living communities, shelters, homeless need special attention....make items, games, puzzle books, (be sure to get the large print), putt-putt golf game for multiple groups to play together are especially needed.*

*The Nominating Committee is looking for YOU....to be an officer, or be on the UNOE Board of Directors. I know, you say, I've never done this, I don't know anything about it or don't know how to do it. Why not call someone on the Committee and offer your services. The Board meets monthly, on the 3rd Wednesday, 4 pm at the Hulman Bldg., third floor conference room. Oh, and don't be afraid to put your name in the hat for an Officer role. The people on the Board and the Officers will help you become the person you are destined to be. It will give you a lot of confidence.*

*New Year 2015 will soon be upon us. Have a good time with your family and friends. My January 2015 Calendar is starting to fill up already... See you next year.*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Carolyn**



## **UPCOMING UNOE DATES**

There will be  
NO UNOE Meetings  
in December  
due to the holidays.

Our next  
General Meeting  
will be Thursday,  
January 22nd, 2015.

## **UNOE OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The month of December the  
office will close at 3:00pm  
each day Mon.-Thurs.

Mon., 12/21 & Tues., 12/22  
Hours will be 9am - Noon

Office will be closed  
Wed., Dec. 24th to  
Thurs, Jan. 1st, 2015

Office will resume normal  
hours Jan. 5th, 2015

**Whenever the  
EVSC schools  
are closed due  
to snow,  
The UNOE  
office is closed  
also.**

United Neighborhoods of Evansville will be having our Election for 2015 Officers and At-Large Board Members at the January 22nd, 2015 General Meeting. Here are candidate profiles and the offices they are running for:

### CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

**Name: CAROLYN STAGG**

Member of Hilltop Neighborhood Association since 2002  
Hilltop NA Offices held: President - 2004-2013

UNOE Affiliation:

At Large Board member - 2006 to 2012  
First Regional V.P. West Sector - 2008-2011  
Sr. V.P. - 2012 to 2013  
President, 2014 - present

*"I will try to look out for the best advantages for all neighborhoods that make up the United Neighborhoods of Evansville".* - Carolyn

### CANDIDATES FOR SR. VICE PRESIDENT

**Name: CHRIS COOKE**

Member of Eastview Neighborhood Association since 2001  
Eastview NA Offices held:

Secretary - 2001  
President - 2001 to present  
UNOE Voting Representative - 2001-2014

UNOE Affiliation:

Board Member - 2007-2013  
President-Elect - 2008-2010  
President - 2010-2011  
Past President - 2012-2013  
Various Committees: Flooding/Drainage (chair),  
Government (chair), Technology, Personnel, and  
Banquet (chair).

*"My proven leadership ability and excellent communication skills will lead to future growth within our organization".* - Chris

**Name: MATT HANKA**

Member of Westside Improvement Association (WIA) and  
Greater Lincolnshire Neighborhood Assn (GLNA) since 2011  
Neighborhood Offices Held:

WIA Board (USI Representative) - 2011-present;  
WIA Treasurer - 2012-2013  
WIA Finance Committee Chair - 2013-2014  
UNOE Voting Representative - 2011 & 2014  
GLNA Board - 2013-present  
GLNA Government Liaison - 2013-present

UNOE Affiliation: Senior Vice President, 2014-present;  
Bylaws Committee Chair, 2014  
Government Committee Chair, 2014  
Banquet Committee Chair, 2014

*"I strongly believe in UNOE's mission and the support UNOE provides to our neighborhood associations. I would like to help strengthen UNOE's capacity to develop leadership skills for our neighborhood associations".* - Matt

### CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

**Name: RICHARD F. EICH**

Member of Arcadian Acres Civic Association since 2001  
Arcadian Acres CA Offices held:

President - 2013 to Present  
Board Member - 2001 to Present  
UNOE Voting Representative- 2013-Present

UNOE Offices held:

Secretary - 2014-Present

*"I feel I make a good candidate for UNOE Secretary as I have good communication skills, and the ability to interact with board officers, members and directors".* - Richard

### CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

**Name: RENE MCCORMICK**

Member of South Lincoln Park Drive Area Neighborhood  
Assn -2003-present, Founding Member

NA Offices Held: President, Vice President, Secretary,  
Treasurer, UNOE Voting Representative - 2003-present

UNOE Affiliation: Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member At Large,  
Finance Committee Chair, Nominating Committee Chair

*"I have been an active member of my neighborhood and UNOE for many years. I still believe I have something to contribute to make the Evansville community better".* - Rene

### CANDIDATE FOR REG. VICE PRES., EAST SECTOR

**Name: SUSAN HARP**

Member of Oak Hill Neighborhood Association since 2001  
Oak Hill NA Offices Held:

President - 2005-present  
UNOE Voting Representative - 2006-present

UNOE Affiliation:

Board Member - 2001-present  
East Sector Regional VP - 2011-present  
Parks, Trees & Beautification Com. Chair - 2001-present



## CANDIDATE REG. VICE PRES., SOUTH SECTOR

**Name: KATHY ROSA**

Member of Tepe Park - 2012-present

Tepe Park Offices held:

President of Tepe Park - May 2014-present

UNOE Affiliation:

UNOE South-Side Vice President - July 2014-present

*"I'm committed to the south-side projects. I believe in the people and will listen to their concerns. I will do my best to support them in what they want while working on making those projects into reality. I believe that UNOE can be a strong tool in helping neighborhoods have a voice and active part in there communities!"*

- Kathy

## CANDIDATE REG. VICE PRES., WEST SECTOR

**Name: JENNIFER THOMAS**

Member of Diamond Stringtown NA since 2006

Diamond-Stringtown NA Offices Held:

Board Member since 2006

UNOE Voting Representative - 2006

Secretary - 2014

UNOE Affiliation: West Sector Regional VP - 2013-present

*"I have been active with our Neighborhood Association, coordinating our NA meetings, scheduling guest speakers, managing our Nextdoor.com website. I feel you have to be vested in our neighborhoods and community for positive change to occur."*

- Jenny

## CANDIDATES FOR UNOE BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

**Name: TERRI EICH**

Member of Arcadian Acres Civic Assn since 2001

Arcadian Acres CA Offices held: Secretary -2005-present

UNOE Voting Representative - 2013-present

UNOE Affiliation: At Large Board Member - 2014

*"I feel I make a good candidate for UNOE Board Member At Large because I care about our community and will participate in activities that help improve and promote our community as I am able."*

- Terri

**Name: LINDA JONES**

Member of CHAIN Neighborhood Association since 1991,  
Founding Member

CHAIN NA Offices held:

President, Vice President, Treasurer,

currently Secretary & UNOE Voting Representative

UNOE Affiliation: Treasurer - 2004-2005

Secretary - 2008-2013

Board Member At Large - 2014

*"I would like to continue to serve my community"*. - Linda

**Name: DAVID HODGES**

Member of Downtown Neighborhood Association -  
2010-present, Founding Member

Downtown Offices NA held:

President - 2010-2013

Board Member - 2010-present

UNOE Voting Representative - 2010-present

UNOE Offices held: At Large Board Member - 2013-present  
Nominating Committee - 2014

*"I am blessed to be a resident and feel an obligation to give back through representation of my neighborhood association"*.

- David

(Full Disclosure: My participation on the Board and participation in monthly meetings is dependent upon my Vectren work schedule. My work responsibilities changed in July and I am traveling more. I normally have an all day meeting in Indianapolis the 3rd Wednesday each month, which makes it challenging to participate in a 4:00 p.m. Board meeting in Evansville. Sometimes it is moved to another day, which frees me up to attend the Board meeting. I would like to continue serving on UNOE's Board, but I would understand if I was replaced with someone with a potentially better attendance record.)

**Name: LUCY WILLIAMS**

Member of Glenwood Neighborhood Association

Glenwood NA Offices held:

Vice President - 2006-2007

President - 2008-present

UNOE Voting Representative 2006-present

UNOE Affiliation:

At Large Board Member 2006-present

*"I have enjoyed and learned much about my community and being active in my community in a positive way. Being an At Large member has been a guiding force to the GNA's success"*.

- Lucy

**Name: LEONARD COLLINS**

Member of Goosetown Neighborhood Association

Goosetown Offices held:

Vice-President - 2011

President - 2012-present

UNOE Voting Representative - 2009-present

UNOE Affiliation:

Reg. Vice President, South Sector - 2013-June 2014

At Large Board Member - 2014

*"I want to work with the neighborhoods, organizations and government to better the community and to enhance public safety"*.

- Leonard

**Name: NANCY CURRIE**

Member of Plaza Park Neighborhood Assn,  
Founding Member 2014

Past Member of Akin Park Neighborhood Assn 1999 to 2013  
Neighborhood Association Offices held:

Akin Park NA: President 2004-2013

Plaza Park NA: Board Member - 2014

UNOE Affiliation: Board Member at Large 2009 - 2013

Finance Committee 2010-present

Personnel Committee 2011-present

*"I believe in the value of neighborhood associations and UNOE. I want to be a contributing member and involved in the good work done by UNOE and my new neighborhood association"*.

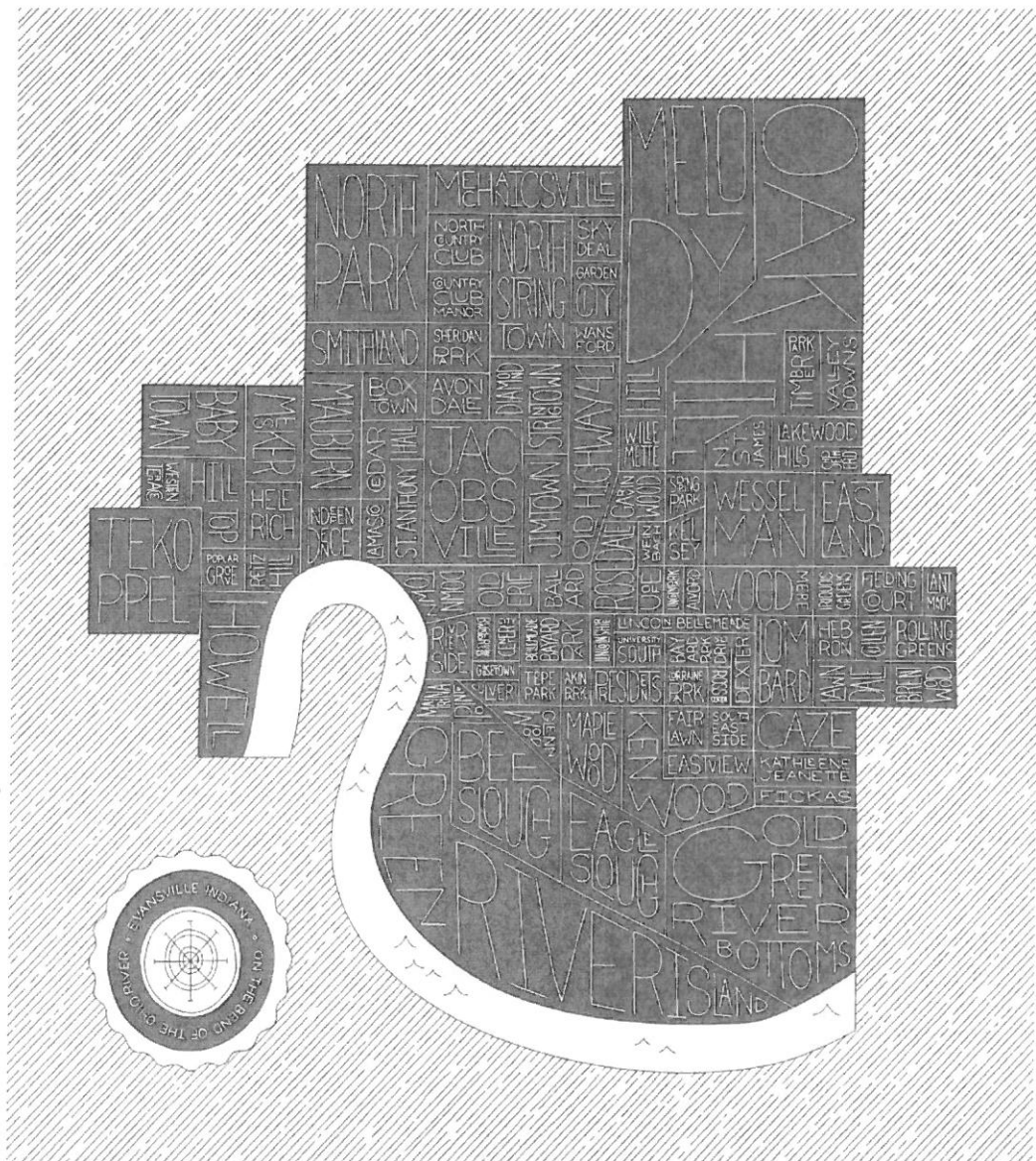
- Nancy



- Kathy Rosa, South Sector Regional VP

# DMD Neighborhood Map Ready For Purchase

*Holiday Indoor Arts Market*  
at the above address. For more  
information, call ARTSWIN  
office at 422-2111.



## Unlicensed Tree Workers Ripping Off Local Customers

Recently our office (Evansville Dept. of Urban Forestry) was made aware of some men from Kentucky going door to door offering to do tree work. These men are not licensed to do tree work in Evansville, [which is a violation of Evansville city ordinances].

They were paid up front by two different people on 2 different sides of town, did half the work and took off, never coming back to finish work they were paid to do. We had a similar incident happen last year...one week before Christmas, a group from Illinois came to Evansville and did the same thing to three home owners on 3 different sides of town.

These people are very difficult to catch, and, unless a contract is signed by the customer, there is little the police can do about it either. We highly recommend that homeowners only hire tree companies that are licensed [in Evansville] and insured. Do not take their word for this, but call our office to verify if they have a license and if they are insured. We also recommend to NEVER pay people up front to do tree work. Wait until the work is done to your satisfaction before you pay them. Have some sort of contract written up with both your signatures, and make sure you get a copy.



Reputable local tree trimming companies are too busy actually working to be going door-to-door, looking for work. They will never drive up and down neighborhood streets, telling people that their trees "need trimming" or some other such line. Also, reputable tree companies will have the equipment and large trucks (with their company names on them) needed for trimming the trees, chipping up the limbs, and hauling them away; they will never show up at your home with an unlabeled pickup truck.

If you are approached by someone going door to door looking for tree work and if you suspect they are not licensed, please call our office to let us know. Also, please call us if you see people doing tree work in your neighborhood that do not have business names or labels on their trucks. There's a good chance that those people may not be licensed."

Shawn Dickerson, City Arborist, Department of Urban Forestry, 812-436-5752



### Keep Your Pets Safe During the Holidays

We want everyone to be safe during the holidays, but we sometimes don't consider what we need to do to keep our pets safe during this wonderful time of year. Did you know many holiday plants like holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, and lilies are poisonous to your pets. They can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and even death. Check with your vet for any questions, but be on the safe side by keeping your pets away from holiday plants. There are also several ways your pets could get injured while investigating your Christmas tree. Keep your pets from chewing on live or fake needles. The needles will not digest and could be painful. Do not let your pets drink tree water. It could contain toxic chemicals. Secure your tree to the wall to prevent rambunctious pets from tipping it over and never decorate with real food. Avoid decorating with glass ornaments or tinsel. Both can be very dangerous if eaten. A simple barrier around your tree can avoid most hazards. Be careful with candles. Pets, especially cats, can be attracted to the heat and light and may hurt themselves or cause a fire. Let's all be safe this season and watch out for our smaller family members.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD

### **\*\*2015 MEMBERSHIP PACKETS COMING IN JANUARY\*\***

The 2015 UNOE Membership packets will be mailed to all 2014 NA Presidents at the beginning of January. Be sure to fill out all of the paperwork and return the required forms to the UNOE office.

We are asking again this year that those of you who would rather receive the UNOE newsletter via e-mail to check the box under your officer information. This will save us not only time but printing and postage. Be sure to keep us updated with any new addresses, phone numbers or emails as we get requests for the latest NA information from the city and other organizations throughout the year.

Also please consider signing up for a committee as they are listed in the packet. If you would like more information on the various committees, you can call the office at 428-4243.

Your cooperation helps the office run smoothly for the staff and everyone!

# ARE YOU READY? ? ?

Whenever there is a conversation about disaster preparedness people say, 'well it's not going to happen here, or to me, or don't have the time to prepare, or I don't have the money or the space to prepare. But I'd like to if it was only easy, and then of course I don't know how to get started!

So here is a easy to get started list that will help you under all kinds of different and challenging situations.  
SO GET READY... 'cause here it comes!

1. First, of course, is having **EXTRA WATER** stored in case you need it. The least expensive way to do this is 2 liter soda bottles well rinsed, a couple drops of bleach added, and filled with tap water- dip the lid in a mild solution of bleach water, seal and date. Store them in the back of a closet, on the shelf, or under the bed so you'll have it when you need it. Do not use milk jugs because you can't reliably remove the milk sugars. If you start with city water you should be safe for drinking, cooking, and hygiene. Rain or puddle water can be collected to flush toilets.

2. Second, a reliable and safe **SOURCE of LIGHT**- a good choice is flashlights and extra batteries, and light tubes ( check out the after Halloween sales.) Plan to not use candles since they are so often the cause of fires, or at least place your burning candle in a shallow pan with water in the bottom. Include a lighter & matches.

3. Third- Put away several days at least, of several of your favorite **FOODS** that do not need heat to eat or refrigeration to stay safe. Don't forget a hand operated can opener-while you may not need it today, you might become a hero to someone else tomorrow.

4. Start today to keep your **CAR KEYS** where you can always find them. Even if you're cool with losing 10 minutes every time you need them, the day will come when minutes count and you will thank yourself for this change of behavior.

5. **CASH!** We're pretty lucky because our electrical outages generally don't last very long, ice storms not included, but think about how you go about your daily business now. Do you use your plastic cards to buy fast food, or gasoline. If you're stocked up on supplies maybe you wouldn't need to leave your house or use your credit card in an emergency, but if you wanted to buy bottled water, and the ATM machine was- n't working, or if you needed food or baby diapers or cigarettes and you didn't have any cash, are you then searching the couch cushions for quarters?

It's a good idea to stash small denominations of paper money so that you have the option when you need it. Remember, you don't want to have one 50 dollar bill and need to buy 5 dollars worth of batteries because people aren't going care about making change for you!

6. Get a **CRISIS BUDDY!** Have that chat honestly with a friend, or neighbor you trust, and decide to have each others back when things get tough. We're not talking about adopting each other's children, just finding a comfort level based on mutual reliance.

7. Build a "**GRAB and GO BINDER**"--This is how you keep your paper life safe, portable and accessible in an big emergency. Do you know anyone who could produce proof of who they are, knows all the telephone numbers and account numbers, and all the passwords, and all the companies, and billing addresses of all of the obligations in their lives? Could you pay your mortgage, prove this is your lost dog and that he has had his shots or reclaim your car? Without proper documents how do you get your medicines replaced, show you have health insurance or prove this is your child if you were separated! How do you claim your savings or bank accounts, retirement income, or get a new job?

Start immediately to gather your important papers and build a ring binder with copies of your vital information. If you are computer savy, flash drives can be the answer. Think about ways to safely store this information, including leaving a copy with someone you trust, and/or tell someone else the location and then keep it in a different location fir back up.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS!

I'll bet you would want your family and friends to know that you're safe, discuss how to join up together, or let them know if you need their help! But how do you do this if you have no pre-designed plan of communication, or the electric grid is down, or you don't have your phone and your list of contact numbers?

First you create a plan that everyone knows. Perhaps an out of town person is the central contact that can receive texts from out of state. This way you only have to know one contact number and they can help coordinate info coming in. Often long distance numbers or text messages can get thru when local calls or voice messages are clogging lines and causing dropped calls. The Red Cross mans telephone info boards to take messages between people. You could agree among family members to follow a certain walking or driving route to get home or to pick up the children and/or leave a written message posted on a pre-agreed wall or tied to a tree, telling each other if you've had to take a different path home or that you can reassemble at a pre-agreed or new location.

9. Take a **FIRST AIDE** and a **CPR COURSE**. Be a hero and save some one you love, or even someone you don't even know. Maybe someone will save or help you! **RED CROSS** courses and info are online so you can check it out in your jammies at home. The new guidelines for CPR are done with chest compressions only, so they are less up close and personal. **CHECK IT OUT!!!**

10. **JUST GET STARTED !!!** In the movies when the plane is in trouble and the oxygen masks drop down, the staff always says put on your mask first before you try to help someone else! So remember, this is the most important time to take care of yourself first. Because if you don't, you can't take care of anyone else either!

So be a hero, and start now to **GET READY!**

\*\*\*This is a quick overview compiling lots of information that is readily available online and in print. For more depth and further explanation check the Evansville Public Library in the 613's for a large selection of excellent resources. But whatever you do....**DO SOMETHING NOW!**



- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting**—NO MEETINGS UNTIL MARCH, 2015.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, December 6th, 8:00am-Noon, old Walmart West. For more information, Contact Solid Waste Management at 436-7800.
- **THERE ARE NO BOARD OR GENERAL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER.**
- **Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, January 13th, 9:30am in the UNOE office.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** - Wednesday, January 21st, 2015, 4:00pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **UNOE General Meeting** - Thursday, January 22nd, 2015, 6:30 at the CK Newsome Center.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS:

Over the past month, the American Red Cross has been canvassing the 47714 neighborhoods and attending UNOE neighborhood meetings in an effort to educate the neighbors on fire safety. Thus far, they have covered Weinbach to Dexter and Washington to Covert touching over 1,000 homes with either a door hanger or education. The goal is to save lives and reduce the number of injuries/deaths resulting from home fires by 25% over the next five years.



The strategy to accomplish this is by asking residents:

Do you have smoke alarms?

Are they working?

How often do you test them?

Is the smoke alarm less than 10 years old?

If the batteries need replaced, the Red Cross is replacing them for free and then test the alarm to make sure it is working! If the alarm doesn't work or there is no alarm, an appointment is scheduled to install up to 3 per residence while the supply last!

You can help us canvass or make contacts with the neighborhoods as we go forward the next five years. Thanks for your support in saving lives!

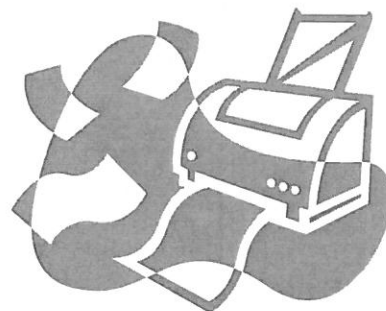
### Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program

**There will be no program  
in December**

### **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 yrs.

As in 2014, each neighborhood will receive **2000 free copies** after their UNOE dues are paid in 2015.



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



The Officers and Staff of  
United Neighborhoods of Evansville  
would like to wish  
You and yours a  
wonderful holiday season  
and the best in the coming year.  
See you in 2015 !!

NO GENERAL MEETING  
In December



**WeTip**

1-800-78-CRIME  
Report Crime  
Anonymously

