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the Evansville and area neighborhoods*

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From the President

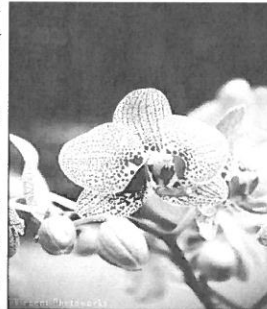
SPRING...COULD IT BE??? ... I know how each of us will miss the snow and ice. We could still have some. Hopefully, it will be short lived. The UNOE General Meeting is held monthly on the 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm at the C.K.Newsome Center. All are welcome as it is an open meeting. We have a short business meeting followed by our speakers each month. March speaker will be Ted Ziemer on Trash and Yard Recycling. Cody Morris from Keep Evansville Beautiful will also give us a KEB update.

Today I did something for myself....Do you ever do that and don't tell anyone until it's over? Well I visited the Mesker Park Botanical Garden, I was the only one there as it was close to closing time. The rain came inside the building, wow, it was like drops of magic fell on me. I kept thinking it was raining on the roof, but it wasn't, it was watering the trees and other plants. There is an orchid display until March 16, so I went late in the afternoon, with my camera. It was great. I took lots of pictures of all the orchids. After getting all the way down to the jaguar, I took pictures of the animals on my way out. The jaguar was awaiting his dinner and was pacing. The larger birds—spoonbills and other orange colored birds were out walking on the path that I would have walked out on so I got some good pictures this way. I didn't hurry them, didn't scare them off. They lingered while I took their picture. Sometimes you have to do something for yourself....this was my time. I will take the kids another time. Just don't tell them I went. Oh, by the way, if you have a family pass, be sure to investigate the grandparent pass. That is how I go so often.

I know you think why is she doing things for herself, and why does she write about it. Well, sometimes you need to replenish yourself. If you see and enjoy all the orchids, it could replenish you also. I have 8 orchids at my home, 6 are in bloom, but the ones at the Mesker Botanical Garden are a different species than what I have. Why not write an article about something you do for yourself, it will be welcomed for our UNOE newsletter.

There is also an on-going contest, listed in the February newsletter. Come on gang, find this article and respond by deadline of March 31.

Carolyn



UPCOMING UNOE DATES

Mar. 10th - Finance Cmte Mtg.

Mar. 18th - Board Meeting

Mar. 26th - General Mtg.

Hopefully you won't need this information any more this year!

"The City cleans the designated Snow Routes first. Then they will clean secondary roads as they are able.

To get on the list for cleaning secondary streets, call Dennis Hudnall, Street Maintenance, at 812-435-6000."

The 19th annual Celebration of Leadership and Jefferson Awards helps Leadership

Evansville (LE) and the community recognize and honor individuals, organizations, projects and businesses who make significant contributions to our community. LE intends to demonstrate and celebrate the depth of our citizens' commitment to our community. LE would like to celebrate local servant leaders and pay tribute to those continuing to make Evansville a better community.

Congratulations to our own

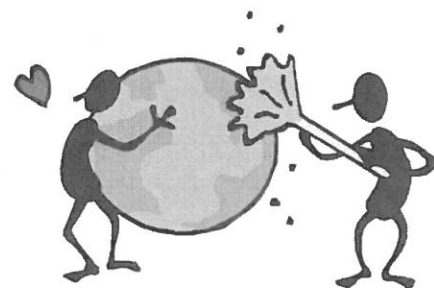
**CAROLYN STAGG
and CHRIS COOKE**

**for being nominated for
this great award.**

2015 GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Saturday, April 18, 2015

This is the 27th year for Global Youth Service in over 600 countries in the world. This is a family affair. With over 1 million participants with the purpose to clean areas, engage and honor youth for their service. The goal this year is to have 750 people involved in the cleaning of Howell, Garvin and 6 smaller parks and their surrounding areas. You are asked to name up to 6 parks which might need some time spent on cleaning. Gloves, bottled water and bags will be provided. Volunteers can wipe down playground equipment, clean up trash and whatever else needs to be done. **Call UNOE at 812-428-4243 by March 17 if you have a park you want to see someone cleaning in.** We also welcome the neighbors and the neighborhood associations. There will be family activities and food between 11am & Noon at Howell Park and Garvin Park. Radio stations will have music, dancing and other family activities. Join us for this cleanup activity and then have some family fun.



MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

Local state legislators make themselves available to answer questions on select Saturdays during each year's legislative session. All six state legislators whose districts include Vanderburgh County are invited.

The final two meetings for this 2015 session will be on the following Saturdays: March 21 and April 11 from 9:15 - 11 am at Evansville Central Library's Browning Room. Doors open at 9 am. Attendees may fill out slips as they enter if they wish to be called on to ask questions from the floor. Sessions are open to the public.

Meet Your Legislators sponsors are Evansville Teachers Association, the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, League of Women Voters of SWIN, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 136, Teamsters Local 215, United Neighborhoods of Evansville, the Izaak Walton League, and Valley Watch.

WNIN airs the sessions on Channel 12. The March 21 session will air on Friday, March 27 at 8 pm and SUNDAY, March 29 at 6 pm. The April 11 session will air on Friday, April 17 at 8 pm and SUNDAY, April 19 at 6 pm.



Thank you to all who came out
and walked or supported
United Neighborhoods
in the Franklin Street
Mardi Gras Parade.
It was a cold day but a fun one!

Would you like to receive
this newsletter by email?
Email us @
office@unoevansville.org

Clean Evansville to Help Kick-off the Great American Cleanup

Volunteers will target areas in Ward 6 for the monthly trash pick-up

(Evansville, Ind.) – Clean Evansville will target areas in Ward 6 on Evansville's West Side during the monthly trash pick-up this Saturday, March 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. Teams will gather at locations near Harmony Way and Maryland Street.

Volunteers will be picking up trash and litter near the following locations and surrounding neighborhoods: Helfrich Park Middle School, Tekoppel Elementary School, Mead Johnson Nutritionals, and VFW Post 1114 on North Wabash Avenue. Motorists are asked to drive with caution if they see pedestrians picking up trash along the side of the road.

All teams will meet in the parking lot of the Mesker Park Shelter House, 1545 Mesker Park Drive, to deposit trash collected by the volunteers. Clean Evansville partners with Republic Services to dispose of all trash.

In conjunction with this month's clean event, Keep Evansville Beautiful will host its kickoff to the Great American Cleanup. This is an opportunity for organizations and neighborhoods to register for a trash cleanup in 2015. Free supplies for all clean-ups will be provided.

Keep Evansville Beautiful coordinates volunteers for the monthly clean-ups. Anyone interested in joining or forming a



Hey UNOE! Here are some things that are going on at KEB in the next couple of months!

Path to Beauty Gala: Our first annual fundraiser is coming up fast! Join us April 18th at Tropicana for dinner, dancing, drinks and

an auction! We will be raising money for our upcoming beautification projects, recycling initiatives, and litter clean ups. Doors will open at 5. Please see our Facebook or website to purchase tickets!

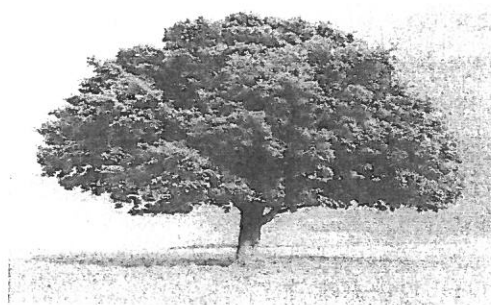
FREE Tree Workshop: We will be hosting another free tree pruning seminar on April 11th at the Hartman Arboretum. We will go over planting, spring pruning, plant propagation and tree identification. Seminar will run from 10am-2pm. This day is also open to anyone wanting to check out the arboretum, walk the grounds, or bring their families for a day of fun & outdoor beauty.

Garden Party at Combs: Join us for a fundraising event, April 3rd, at Combs Landscape & Gift Shop in Evansville. Combs is donating a percentage of all purchases made between 8am-6pm to Keep Evansville Beautiful. Please think of us when buying your plants & accessories this spring!

ARBOR DAY CONTESTS KICK OFF IN THE NEW YEAR!

Who: Any 3rd or 5th grader living in or attending school in Vanderburgh County

What: Two writing competitions, 3rd graders will write essays about their favorite trees and 5th graders will write tree-themed poems.



Keep Evansville Beautiful has begun its annual Arbor Day contests! Each year, KEB holds a writing contest to get kids excited about Arbor Day and the environment. Kids from all over Vanderburgh county get a chance to write an essay or a poem about trees with the hopes of winning some awesome prizes and being featured on our webpage and social media outlets! Essays and poems must be turned in for judging by April 1st and the 6 winners will be invited to attend an Arbor Day contest party on April 24th, 2015!

Don Mattingly & Major League Baseball bringing Youth League to Bellemeade Park

Evansville native, former NY Yankee great, and current LA Dodgers Manager Don Mattingly is establishing a youth baseball and girls softball program targeting Inner City Youth at Bellemeade Park. The Major League sponsored program is called RBI – “Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities”. The League will be Directed by Dean Hall a former USAF Chaplain and UE Tennis standout. “Although I received a Tennis scholarship, Baseball was my first and best sport until my junior year in high school. In fact, I batted behind Don in Babe Ruth All Stars when we were 13. Don has always expressed a desire to see more inner city youth playing Baseball and the timing and program are perfect!”

Don and Dean have been networking and establishing partnerships with other youth organizations like the Boy's and Girl's Club, Carver, YMCA, BoomSquad, and others. The goal is to help each organization establish teams for the League which games will be played at Bellemeade Park and Washington Middle School field this Spring and Summer. Neighborhood Associations are also invited to either field teams or facilitate neighborhood youth in forming teams.

The Don Mattingly RBI – Evansville league will be for ages 6 to 17 and range from T-Ball, Pitching Machine level, to potential Travel and Tournament Teams. “The great thing is that Major League Baseball is fully behind the effort and desire to help aspiring and talented youth play at the college and potentially professional levels and have a system in place through camps, clinics, and scholarships to help youth develop” says Hall. After school orientations are slated to begin mid April with League play beginning in May. Further details in the next issue.



Phase I Crime Free Multi-Housing Seminar will be Tuesday March 10th from 8-4 p.m. at the Vectren building 211 N.W. Riverside Dr. in downtown Evansville.

The training seminar is **FREE** and open to all rental property owners, managers, assistant managers, landlords and maintenance personal. Lunch will be provide and is free as well. The presentations for the day will include an introduction to the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, Legal Do's & Don'ts, Meth Suppression Unit, Gang Unit, Narcotics Unit and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. If you would like more information or would like to register yourself or a staff member please call Eric Krogman at 435-6116 or Kevin Corbin at 485-3061. The class size is limited so call to reserve your spot soon.

If you have already attended the seminar, we encourage others on your staff to be sent to the seminar as well. Managers, assistant managers, leasing agents are all welcome and encouraged to attend. Maintenance personnel are encouraged to come to the afternoon session (12-4p.m.) but may also stay for the entire seminar.

Be Street Smart:

Humans are creatures of habits and routines. We go through the same basic routine every day. Our mornings are the same in how we get ready. We take the same route to work each morning. We go to the same location for our workouts. We meet the same people at the same locations for socializing and we get comfortable at malls and shopping centers. Habits and routines can be good, but they can also make us complacent and cause us to lose focus. Criminals take advantage of complacent behavior. Don't be an easy target. It is important to always stay alert no matter what you are doing or where you may be. Pay attention to your surroundings. When you are out, send the message that you are confident and know what you are doing. Trust your instincts. If someone makes you feel uncomfortable, it is probably for a good reason. Know your neighborhoods and alternative routes to work. Be aware of important locations like police stations, fire stations, hospitals, and stores that are open late. If you start to feel uncomfortable, go to a place with lots of people and call 911 if needed. Changing up your habits and routines once in a while will force you to slow down, take your time, and pay attention to what is going. So change it up and try something new. It might turn out to be fun.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting**—Thursday, March 5th, 2015, 4:00pm, UNOE office.
- **Finance/Audit Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, March 10th, 9:30am in the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Meeting** - Thursday, March 12th, 6:00pm, 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, March 14th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more info, call 436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting** - Tuesday, March 17th, 6:00pm, McGary School, 1535 South Joyce. For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** - Wednesday, March 18th, 4:00pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, March 19th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia St. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, March 21st 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more info, call 436-7800
- **UNOE General Meeting**—Thursday, March 26th, 6:30pm-8:00pm at the CK Newsome Center,



Coffee With A Cop:

Monday, March 16

7101 E. Indiana (Chick-Fil-A)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Fitness IN THE PARK

ZUMBA & YOGA

9:00am—11:00am

**CK Newsome Community
Center**

Free exercise for all ages!

Go at your own pace!

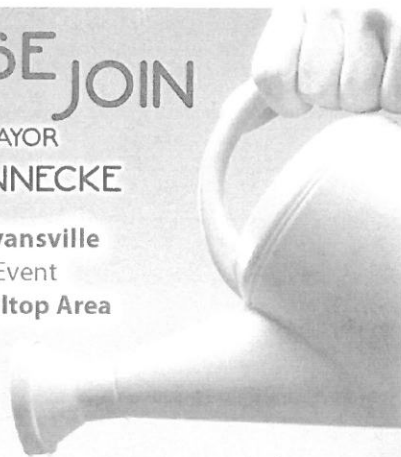
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PLEASE JOIN

EVANSVILLE MAYOR
LLOYD WINNECKE

For the **Clean Evansville**
Litter Clean-Up Event
Mesker Park/Hilltop Area



Saturday, March 7th

From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Trash Bags and Gloves Provided



To Volunteer For a Team:
Call Keep Evansville Beautiful at 425-4461
Evansville Parks and Recreation at 435-6164

Sponsored by the City of Evansville,
Keep Evansville Beautiful, and Republic Services.

Traveling City Hall

Wednesday, March 25th

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dexter Elementary School

917 S. Dexter Avenue

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to Higher-Paying Jobs***



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GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, March 26th, 2015
6:30-8:00pm, CK Newsome Center
Program:
TRASH & YARD RECYCLING

WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME
Report Crime
Anonymously