

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

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From the President

HAPPY SPRING !!

The daffodils are blooming, some of the other very early bulbs are blooming or just about blooming. Oh, the promise of spring. The weather will be warmer, even though we sometimes get the storms which accompany the rain we need, it will get warmer. Bring on the warm weather. I am tired of being cold.

I am sure you have heard :

**"If you do what you've always done,
then you will get what you've always got".**

I know a lot of neighborhood people say, If only we had some young people involved in the neighborhood. Be sure you know what you wish for. Having young people involved means YOU have to step outside the box., YOU will be changing the way you do some things... Changing the place where you meet, the time, the day, the way you hold your meetings, etc. I know we all want more young people involved, but things will be done differently than what you have previously done. Are YOU ready for the change? Getting out of your comfort zone will be a big change. It can be done.

Young people want things streamlined, a business meeting without all the extra conversing. They have families, jobs to attend to, things to get done at home. For starters, have a convenient time for a meeting, perhaps only have e-mail conversations at first, or a meeting place where they can both eat and have a meeting at same time. In discussing the meeting idea and not getting involved with neighborhood associations, younger people (I am talking younger than myself) have different ideas of what should transpire. How are you going to see that this happens. We need to have speakers that they can relate to. Anyway, I am asking that you consider having the young people join in. We could post signs "Neighborhood Meeting here tonight at 6 pm" or something similar, be sure it is easy to see from the street for passing automobiles. A reminder for the meeting tonight. Perhaps we have some new neighbors, someone who doesn't know about the neighborhood association, this sign could perhaps call them inside to the meeting tonight. Having a written agenda for everyone to see, Start the meeting on time and end at your designated time. We also could call on our neighbors, whether it is by phone, a visit with a written invite showing date/time/etc of our meeting. Perhaps we could just take one or two blocks every week to contact these neighbors. Try some snacks or drinks. Anyway, this is some of the ideas which I am passing on to you as perhaps how to increase your membership for our neighborhood associations. We all say, I tried that a couple of years ago and it didn't work. Well, sometimes we need to try over and over again. A positive attitude would be great also as a negative attitude will spill over onto others and keep them away. These are just a sampling of ideas which you might want to try Good Luck.

As your President, I am always open to suggestions for this article and for speakers at our General meetings. Have a great month.

Carolyn

UPCOMING UNOE DATES

Apr. 15th - Board Meeting

Apr. 23rd - General Mtg.

RNNC is proud to host
its 2015 Conference,
October 1-3, 2015 in
[Bowling Green, KY.](#)

The theme is
***Neighbors Geared to
Lead: Grow, Equip,
Advance, Renew***

PLEASE JOIN

EVANSVILLE MAYOR
LLOYD WINNECKE

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

Saturday, April 11th
From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Trash Bags and Gloves Provided

Restoring Pride
Let's work together to make Evansville a better place to live.

CLEAN Evansville
A Community Partnership to Keep Evansville Beautiful

KEEP EVANSVILLE BEAUTIFUL

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.

City to celebrate Arbor Day with Tree Planting at Roberts Park

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – The City of Evansville is planning a community celebration to commemorate Arbor Day with the planting of 200 native species trees at Roberts Park. **The planting will take place on April 24, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The trees are to be planted along the eastern border of Roberts Park and along the western border of the property near Boeke Road.**

The trees to be planted are native to Wesselman Woods and the State of Indiana. Local arborist Tom Guggenheim and community volunteer Josh Croll are coordinating the project with city arborist Shawn Dickerson, head of the City of Evansville Urban Forestry Department. Croll suggested the idea for a massive community tree planting on Arbor Day during one of the VOICE visioning session conducted by Leadership Evansville in 2014.

The Evansville Parks Foundation is accepting \$10 donations from community residents interested in sponsoring a tree and help offset planting costs. Corporate donations are also welcome. To donate, contact the Evansville Parks and Recreation Department at 812-435-6161.

The Parks and Recreation Department is coordinating volunteers to assist with the tree planting. Anyone interested in getting involved should call Parks and Recreation Dept. Deputy Director Brian Holtz at 812-435-6141.

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY UPDATE SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015 9 AM – 10:45 AM.

Final update for Global Youth Service Day. The neighborhood associations along with students from the YMCA will meet at the following parks at 9:00 am to 10:45 am. The kids will be delivered by the “Y” bus and have gloves, bags, rakes, etc. Parks to be cleaned are: Burdette (meet at the pool parking lot), Culver, Fulton/Franklin St, Garvin Park, Howell Park, Igleheart, Lorraine & Vann Parks. Volunteers from the the Neighborhood Associations will also be assisting in this cleanup. At 1:00 am - 12 noon there will be lunch served at Garvin and Howell Parks, followed by family activities including free putt-putt golf, Frisbee, DJ with dance contests, tennis and much more.

OPEN HOUSE & TREE WORKSHOP When: April 11th, 1-am-2pm Where: The Hartmen Arboretum 5939 Spirit Trail, Evansville, IN

Why: To enjoy the beautiful Hartmen arboretum during the spring and learn how to identify, plant, and prune trees!

For further information, contact Mike McGarrah at Keep Evansville Beautiful 812-425-4461

Distracted Driving:

Did you know April is “Distracted Driving Awareness Month?” Unfortunately thousands of lives are lost and hundreds of thousands of injuries occur from drivers being distracted by hand held devices and food. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe. Be ready for your trip by eating, checking emails, making calls or texts, and finishing getting ready before you get in your car. Stay focused. Keep your hands on the steering wheel. Refrain from answering your phone. Let passengers handle the phone and control the radio. If you have to make a call or text, pull over in a well-lit area. Even hands free communication can be dangerous because it takes your mind off of the road. Promise yourself you will not text and drive. Talk to your children about the dangers of using a cell phone, especially texting while driving. Don’t get in a hurry. It is better to stop and eat. It may take you longer on your trip, but it will give you a chance to unwind, stretch, and relax for a few minutes before continuing. Never try to read the paper or a book while driving. Trying to watch a video or a movie is just as bad. Don’t become a statistic. Be safe and stay alert.
- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD

Please get the word out that the tax bills will be mailed out April 17th which is still ahead of schedule. That should give everyone enough time to pay before the deadline of May 11th ☺
Susan K. Kirk, Treasurer
Vanderburgh County, Indiana
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812-435-5256
skirk@vanderburghgov.org

- **South Sector Meeting** - Thursday, April 9th, 6:00pm, 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Finance/Audit Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, March 10th, 9:30am in the UNOE office.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, April 11th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more info, call 436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting** - Tuesday, April 21st, 6:00pm, McGary School, 1535 South Joyce. For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** - Wednesday, April 15th, 4:00pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting**— Thursday, April 16th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia St. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, April 18th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more info, call 436-7800
- **UNOE General Meeting**—Thursday, April 23rd, 6:30pm-8:00pm at the CK Newsome Center, 100 E Walnut St.
- **Parks, Trees and Beautification Committee Meeting** Thursday, May 7th, 4:00pm at the UNOE Office

Traveling City Hall

Wednesday - April 22nd,

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Boys & Girls Club

700 Bellemeade Ave.

Focus on Jobs

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

Meet *your* Legislators

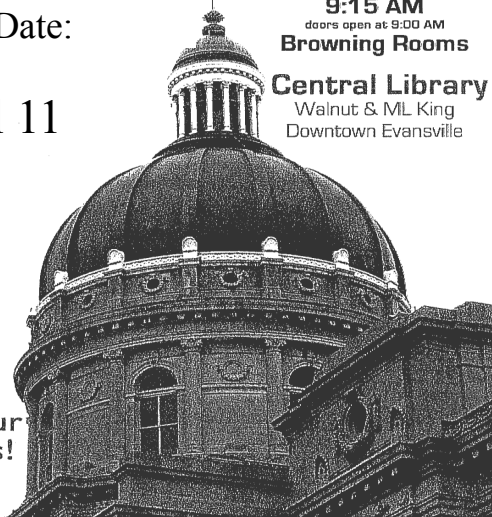
Remaining Date:

April 11

9:15 AM
doors open at 9:00 AM
Browning Rooms

Central Library
Walnut & ML King
Downtown Evansville

4 chances to
influence your
state officials!



Fitness IN THE PARK

Healthier U Walk

April 18th

9:00am-11:00am

Wesselman Park

Free exercise for all ages!

Go at your own pace!

an **Energize
Evansville**
initiative

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Before you know it, August will be here and with it comes National Night Out. We are collecting new or lightly used small stuffed animals to give away in the Corn Hole Toss Booth. If you have any small stuffed animals you would like to donate, please call: Terri or Richard Eich 812-471-0283, Carolyn Stagg 812-491-3627 or Melanie Stagg, 812-483-9750 and we will make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you for your help!



Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, April 15th

7:00-9:00am

Donut Bank

2128 N First Avenue

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

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

Did U.N.O.E.?

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Arcadian Acres Civic Neighborhood

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Technology - Brent Jackson, Presidents NA
Zoning - Fred Padget, WIA

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 23rd, 2015
6:30-8:00pm, CK Newsome Center
Program:

Shawn Dickerson, City Arborist will be talking about Tree Benefits,
Emerald Ash Borer, Oak Galls, and our Champion Tree Program.



WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME
Report Crime
Anonymously