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preserve, enhance, and promote  
the Evansville and area neighborhoods*

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## **From the President**

### **TEAM WORK.....**

You know what teamwork is. Well, many of you know that I am tearing off my old deck and reinstalling one, same size, same everything....I have had multiple people give me their ideas. I listen, some I think on, others I just let it flow thru the tunnel. We were supposed to have a team of 4 workers. The team and I have all discussed this work for almost a month now. Last Saturday, was to be the first work day, Come between 9-9:30am. The first one was there at 9:20, second one at 9:30 am, and the third one never showed. We called, no answer. We went to his house, he had gotten a job but failed to tell anyone. The fourth one came about noon after 2 telephone calls, He was hungry and had to eat first, then he went to work. But you see, #3 of the team failed to show, #4 was very late. It put our work on the first day...already behind. By supper we were humming along, almost seemed hard to stop, but I knew the workers were hungry, and I had promised them supper. They cleaned up and ate supper. Everyone was tired when they went home. Sunday, work continued after church and lunch. Two workers showed up to work. They were very tired when I fed them later and they left. Memorial Day, no work. We are over half way with tearing off the deck. What happened to our team?... More to come later.

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June is the month the Board appoints a Chairman for the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee can have anyone he/she chooses to help them to obtain the slate of people to run in 2016 for the President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Vice Presidents. Please consider being on this committee when asked. They have until November to come up with this slate.

When the Regional Vice Presidents first came on board, these were people to come thru the ranks, so to speak, for the officers. They would know and already understand what neighborhoods are about. Someone who isn't involved with their neighborhood and other neighborhoods does not understand what United Neighborhoods of Evansville is about. It takes a while in which to understand the layout so to speak. We spend so much time teaching them of this organization, I think we seem to be losing ground.

If someone asks you to consider running for an office, please consider this, and don't come up with the excuse, "I am already busy." Everyone on our board is already busy. This is a non-paying job, so we all get the same salary. The satisfaction of when a new neighborhood starts or helping a neighborhood become better is tremendous.

*Carolyn*

## **UPCOMING UNOE DATES**

**June 9th- Finance Com Mtg**

**June 16th- Sparkplug Com Meeting**

**June 17th - Board Meeting**

**June 25th - General Meeting**

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**Tuesday, August 4th**

**6:00-8:30pm**

**Wesselman Park**

Is your neighborhood  
association involved?

Lots of volunteers  
are needed!!

## **2015 RNNC Conference**

**October 1-3, 2015  
Bowling Green, KY**

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

**If you are interested in  
attending or want more  
information, please  
contact the UNOE office.**

**20th Annual Sparkplug  
Recognition Banquet is  
Thursday, October 29th,  
Walnut Rooms**



**Tropicana Conference Center**

The committee has its first announcement to make!

The speaker for the evening is coming to us all the way from California. He is Mr. David Chipman, Sr. Vice President of Public Safety Solutions. Mr Chipman will be talking about the

 **ShotSpotter**® Program and its benefits to neighborhoods.

**UNOE Neighborhood Tool Kit  
Being Updated**

Neighborhood Associations are provided with a United Neighborhoods of Evansville Tool Kit binder when registering with UNOE. Included in this binder is a collection of information documents and other information to help new neighborhoods and established neighborhoods as well.

Rene McCormick and Kelly Al Nashmi have graciously taken on the task of going over the current information and updating the tool kit. After their work is complete, each NA president will receive a copy of the updated version via snail mail. Thank you Rene and Kelly for your efforts!!

**Firework Safety Tips:**

Everyone loves the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and setting off fireworks is just as popular as getting together with family and friends. The Evansville Police Department wants everyone to have a great time, but not at the expense of personal safety. Fireworks can be very dangerous, so please be careful. Never let your children handle, play with, or light any fireworks. Store your fireworks in cool, dry places that children can't reach. Only use fireworks outside in open areas and keep a water supply or fire extinguisher nearby. Keep spectators at a safe distance and never aim, point, or throw fireworks at anyone. Now that you will be safe, remember to also be respectful of your neighbors. Evansville City Ordinance 9.10.020 allows for the use of fireworks during certain times of the year. The specific dates and times for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Season are June 29th through July 9th from 5:00 pm to 11:30 pm and July 4th from 10:00 am to 12:00 am. Fireworks are only permitted to be used on private property with the permission of the owner. The use of fireworks is prohibited from being used on any public street, public park, or public area. Have a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD

**June General Meeting will have  
“Life On The Beat”**

The Evansville Police Department will present “Life on the Beat” at our June General Membership Meeting. The Life on the Beat program was pioneered by the Cleveland Police Department in response to the public backlash following the fatal shooting of a Somali National who brandished a knife in an encounter with an officer. Police Departments nationwide use programs such as Life on the Beat to offer the community a non-hostile public forum in which information can be openly shared.

Over the last year, there have been many stories about police actions that have made local and national headlines, with Ferguson, Missouri taking center stage. Most of the stories, including some right here in the Tri-State, have involved the public's outrage towards how the police have handled some of these situations. The fact of the matter is that unless you have been a police officer, and in those situations, it can be very tough to judge exactly what happened and who did what to whom. Sometimes the police are wrong and sometimes their actions are not only justified, but necessary.

It is for that reason, the Evansville Police Department has brought the program to our city called “Life on the Beat”, which puts the citizens in the shoes of the police officers by participating in reality based scenarios, in which the citizen plays the part of the police officer.

The purpose of the program is not to train people how to be a cop, but rather to give citizens a much better understanding of how and why officers react as they do to certain situations. There will be an open discussion following each scenario with the hope of opening better lines of communication between the public and the police.

During this program, EPD officers will lead discussions concerning ticketing practices, officer conduct and the use of lethal force. Additionally, there will be several opportunities for audience members to role play as officers in potentially violent situations, using training pistols against digital threats in police training simulators. Personally, I was able to participate in this aspect during the program last fall and until you're forced to think in the moment, you can't fully understand and appreciate what an authority figure is going through. I assure everyone who attends our June meeting that they will gain a deeper appreciation and respect of what our local law enforcement officers face on a daily basis patrolling the streets of our city! Very few programs I have participated within as a neighborhood association President for 15 years have made me think as much as this one did. I fully encourage each of you to attend so that you step outside your own comfort zone into what life is really like on the beat!

- Chris Cooke

**CHANGES IN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN  
MEETING DATES & PLACES**

**If your meeting date or place changes, please notify the office directly. Don't depend on someone else to tell us.**

**For those going to meetings, please check with the contact listed on the website to verify the information.**

# Severe Weather

**Severe weather is prevalent during the summer months in Indiana. Thunderstorms can produce large hail, flash floods, heavy rain, lightning, strong winds, and tornadoes that can reach speeds in excess of 300 mph, be more than a mile wide, and cover approximately 50 miles during destruction. Thunderstorms, flash floods, and tornadoes can all appear suddenly with little warning, and may only last a few minutes, but have the strength and power to cause a great amount of damage.**

## **Things to Know:**

**Watch:** conditions are favorable for a thunderstorm, flood, or tornado.

**Warning:** a thunderstorm, flood, or tornado is occurring or is likely to occur soon.

## **Before Severe Weather Strikes:**

- Keep trees trimmed to avoid falling onto buildings, cars or people.
- If hail or strong winds are reported, park your vehicle under a shelter to avoid damage.
- Contact your insurance provider if you are in a flood plain. Many insurance companies do not include flood damage unless you ask.
- If in a flood plain, put hot water heaters, electrical panels, and furnaces away from the ground.
- When making a disaster kit, make sure you can take it with you in case of evacuation.
- Have basements waterproofed.
- If flooding is possible, try to create a barrier between your house and the water.



## **During Severe Weather:**

- Postpone or cancel outdoor activities and listen to weather reports on the radio or television.
- Seek shelter inside a building or in a hardtop vehicle, but do not touch the metal inside.
- Do NOT go near tall trees or any other tall objects, or near downed power lines.
- Do NOT go under overpasses. Wind speeds increase and can cause serious injuries.
- If in a vehicle, get out and go into a strong building if possible. If not, lie in a flat ditch or low area and cover your head. Be aware of low lying areas that may flood.
- If you live in a mobile home, get out immediately. Shelter in a building with a strong foundation.
- If caught out in the middle of a body of water, return to shore as soon as possible.
- Basements, inner rooms, and storm cellars provide the best protection during a thunderstorm or tornado. Stay in the center of the room, away from doors and windows.



For more information on severe weather preparedness,  
visit [GetPrepared.in.gov](http://GetPrepared.in.gov)

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# Severe Weather

## Evacuating:

- If flooding is possible, evacuate your house and get to higher ground. Know your town and make sure you know alternate escape routes in case one is blocked.
- Take pets with you if you evacuate. However, many shelters usually do NOT allow pets inside due to sanitary conditions, so plan accordingly.
- Do NOT try to drive through water. As little as a few inches of moving water can wash most cars away with the current.
- Do NOT drive through water rushing over a roadway. It can easily sweep your car away.
- Do NOT try to cross moving water on foot. As little as a few inches can knock you off your feet.



## After Severe Weather:

- If injured, seek necessary medical care.
- If you can safely, help others who may be trapped or injured.
- Stay out of damaged buildings and any building surrounded by flood water.
- Avoid entering ANY building (home, business, etc.) until local officials indicate it is safe.
- Report broken utility lines to the appropriate authorities.
- Wear sturdy shoes and use extreme caution when entering buildings.
- Use battery powered lanterns or flashlights when examining buildings.
- Examine foundations, walls, floors, doors, staircases, and windows for cracks or other damage to ensure that the building is not in danger of collapsing.
- Watch for loose plaster, drywall, and ceilings that could fall.
- Look for fire hazards and beware of possible water, gas, or oil leaks.
- Watch out for animals, especially poisonous snakes that may have come into buildings with the floodwaters.

## After Returning Home:

- Take pictures of the damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance claims.
- Throw away food that has come into contact with floodwater.
- If water is questionable purity, boil, and distill drinking water before using.
- Pump out flooded basements gradually (about one-third of the water per day) to avoid structural damage.
- Service damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits, and leaching systems as soon as possible.
- Contact your local health department before making repairs to septic systems.



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- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, June 6th 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more info, call 436-7800.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, June 9th, 9:30am in the UNOE Office.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, June 16th, 4:30pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** - Wednesday, June 17th, 4:00pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting**— Thursday, June 18th 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia St. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, June 20th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more info, call 436-7800.
- **UNOE General Meeting**—Thursday, June 25th 6:30pm-8:00pm at the CK Newsome Center, 100 E Walnut St.
- **Parks, Trees and Beautification Committee Meeting** Thursday, July 2nd, 4:00pm at the UNOE Office.
- **JULY 4th -CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY !!**



## TOX AWAY DAY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection  
**JUNE 6**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT**

**FOR INFORMATION: 436-7800 or**

[www.evansville.in.gov/recycle](http://www.evansville.in.gov/recycle)

## Traveling City Hall

**Saturday, June 20th**

**12:30-2:00pm**

**Eastland Mall**

**Center Court**

## Relighting of the Greyhound

On the Restored Bus Station

June 18th, 8:30pm

Corner of Sycamore & Third Sts.

An Ice Cream Social will follow.



## Coffee with a Cop

**Tuesday, June 16th**

**7:00am-9:00am**

**First Avenue Donut Bank**

## Fitness IN THE PARK

**Healthier U Walk**

**Resistance Band Workout**

**June 20th, 9am—11am**

**Sunrise Park**

**Waterworks Road & Riverside Drive**

**Free exercise for all ages!**

**Go at your own pace!**

*an Energize  
Evansville  
initiative*

**FREE EVENT 6-9 PM**

# PATIO NIGHT

Good Food - Good Music - Good Friends

#PatioNightsEVV

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MAY 8th

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AND RECREATION

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

### 2015 UNOE Board Officers:

**Carolyn Stagg, President**  
Hilltop Neighborhood

**Chris Cooke, Sr. Vice President**  
Eastview Neighborhood

#### **Regional Vice-Presidents**

**Susan & Steve Harp**, East Sector  
**Kathy & Rocky Rosa**, South Sector  
**Jenny & Bob Thomas**, West Sector

#### **Richard Eich, Secretary**

Arcadian Acres Civic Neighborhood

#### **Rene McCormick, Treasurer**

South Lincoln Park Drive NA

**Charleen Williamson, Past-President**  
Riverside Neighborhood

### 2015 UNOE Board of Directors:

#### **Members At Large:**

**Leonard Collins**, Goosetown Neighborhood  
**Nancy Currie**, Plaza Park Neighborhood  
**Terri Eich**, Arcadian Acres Neighborhood  
**David Hodges**, Downtown Neighborhood  
**Linda Jones**, CHAIN Neighborhood

#### **Committee Chairmen:**

**Disaster Preparedness - Jayne Buthod**, WIA  
**Finance - Fred Padget**, WIA

**Government - Chris Cooke**, Eastview NA

**Parks/Trees/ Beatification - Susan Harp**, Oakhill NA

**Personnel - Bill Currie**, Plaza Park NA

**Pub. Rel./Marketing - Melanie Stagg**, Western Terrace NA

**Technology - Brent Jackson**, Presidents NA

**Zoning - Fred Padget**, WIA

### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 25th, 2015

6:30-8:00pm, CK Newsome Center

Program:

**"Life on the Beat"**

**Evansville Police Department**



### **WeTip**

**1-800-78-CRIME**  
**Report Crime**  
**Anonymously**