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

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From the President

4th of JULY...has come and gone, summer half over, year half over. What will you do to make the last half of the year better than the first half? What was some of your goals the first of the year? What did you want to do? What did you want to change?

One of the things I wanted for United Neighborhoods of Evansville was more exposure to different people. One thing I did this summer was to setup each Saturday at the Franklin Street Bazaar, expose people to our neighborhood information, let them see where boundaries for existing neighborhoods are, and answer questions. Some people said they never heard of neighborhood associations. I don't know where they have been. Some people gave me a scenario as to why they didn't want a neighborhood association and I found out they had a homeowners association instead. They were not happy with the homeowners association as they don't remember anyone telling them about this when they purchased the property. There is a lot of misinformation out there. I am trying to help people understand the difference between a neighborhood association and a homeowners association. A lot more work is to be done by all of us. People who seem interested give me their phone number and name and I pass this along to the Regional Vice Presidents to contact these interested persons.

We have a lot of interesting months ahead of us, some interesting speakers set for the United Neighborhoods of Evansville General Meetings. In July we have Tim Everly of the EPD who will share his information on Gang activity in our city. August will bring Blain Olivier from the Area Plan who will talk about the Comprehensive Plan, even though it won't be completed until Oct or so, Shannon Edwards, from the Records Office, will show us how to use the free public search computers to see the progress they have made on digitizing records back to 1818. September 17 & 24 will be two weeks of consecutive Candidates Night Forums. Come and hear the people who will be running for political office. Why not invite your neighbor to attend this general meeting with you?

October 29, brings on the Sparkplug Banquet and the time for your pick your Neighborhood "Sparkplug". November is Thanksgiving holiday and December brings on Christmas holiday.

Starting January 2016 we will be electing new officers. We really need people to step up to help move this organization onward and upward. If you would like to be an officer or if you have questions about an office position contact the office or Jayne Buthod, our Nominating Committee Chairperson this year. Bylaws state you can only be an officer for two years. So the membership representatives will be voting on a new President, Senior Vice President, Secretary and Finance positions. We are looking for some new faces. Oh, so you don't know how to do it? Well, we will help and support you. We offer free on-the-job-training. :)

Carolyn

UPCOMING UNOE DATES

July 14th-Finance Com Mtg

July 14th- Sparkplug Com Meeting

July 15th - Board Meeting

July 23rd - General Meeting

**NATIONAL
NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, August 4th
6:00-8:30pm
Wesselman Park**

**See information
inside.**

2015 RNNC Conference

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

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

**Find out what it is all
about!**

**See more information on
page 2 of the newsletter.**

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



Tropicana Conference Center The committee has more news! Theme Baskets Needed as Door Prizes !!

The theme baskets made by the neighborhoods have become so popular that the committee is asking for baskets as door prizes again this year.

Be thinking about what theme your neighborhood's basket might be!!

BEWARE of Door-To-Door Salesmen!

Door-To-Door salesmen can be legitimate, but some individuals may try to scam unsuspecting citizens. The Evansville Police Department wants citizens to be able to recognize potential scams. There are some things citizens should know when dealing with a Door-To-Door salesmen. You should never let Door-To-Door salesmen in your home. The person could be casing your home for a future burglary or you could become the victim of a more serious crime. They are required to get a permit from the City of Evansville. The City Ordinance information can be found at

www.vanderburghgov.org under Government – Departments D-K – Human Relations (5.20.010). If they cannot produce their permit, there is a good chance they are not legitimate. That does not mean they are trying to scam you, but it should definitely make you skeptical of doing business with them. Besides Door-To-Door Salesmen, you may get a knock on your door from someone asking you if you need home repairs. Again, you should be very skeptical of doing business with anyone knocking on your door. If you choose to do business, always get references and never give money up front.

If you feel you are the target of a scam, you should ask the person to leave and immediately call 911 if they refuse. Get a good description of the person, write down any vehicle information, and report the incident to the police.

Please report any suspicious person(s) or activity in your neighborhood regardless of how trivial you might think it is.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD

2015 REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CONFERENCE (RNNC)

It's that time of year. Time to sign up to attend the RNNC! This year the conference will be in Bowling Green, KY on October 1-3, 2015.

RNNC is a three-day event hosted each year by one of 22 Midwestern cities. It is a place where volunteers, corporations, government, and community leaders gather to learn from each other and gain valuable ideas to transform their communities. It features a wide variety of workshops about state of the art approaches to neighborhood improvement, presentations by experts and leaders in urban and neighborhood development, as well as lots of fun, food, and entertainment.

Visit <http://www.2015rnnc.com> for more details about this year's conference. You can review the workshops that are being offered. Maybe there is something that would help your neighborhood.

UNOE sponsors 4 delegates to attend this conference. One spot is already taken. Do you want to be one of the remaining three? Call the UNOE office at 812-428-4243 and talk to Janice. She will take care of registrations and hotel for you and answer any questions you may have. Early registration ends July 31st.

July Speaker @ Sector Meetings

Crystal Harper has been the supervisor of Weed and Trash for the past eight years and is being promoted to the position of Code Enforcement Coordinator – which involves all Code Enforcement including structures. Crystal will be the guest speaker all three sector meetings in July.

South Sector – July 9th @ 6pm – South Sector Office on Taylor Ave.

West Sector – July 16th @ 6pm – West Sector Office on E. Columbia St.

East Sector – July 21st @ 6pm – McGary School on Covert Ave.

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.

The Mapping of Evansville – A case of missed opportunity

7/1/2015

I was at a convenience store in Indianapolis just a few months ago looking at a City Map that was in a turn-style display rack at the end of the automotive aisle. I was thinking about how little we use these paper maps today and how limited their use has become to our society. Today, technology has changed the way we travel and how we research our path and mark our waypoints. Smartphones, GPS devices and tablets with built-in GPS have been the greatest change factors in how we travel. Many of us would not think twice about traveling to some place new, never before visited, without a GPS device of some sort. No longer do we shuffle through a glove compartment for that old map. Or tussling with an atlas the size of your driver's side door. Today, we have turn-by-turn driving (or in some cases walking) directions to get to and from nearly any destination in the world. These changes have moved the platform of map delivery from the local map scribers of yesteryear to the worldwide digital map makers of today such as MapQuest, Google, and other 3rd party GIS systems. This market change in mapping providers has changed the landscape entirely and has removed many of the personalization aspects and map features that once was a hallmark of any good hometown map.

With that said, today's map producers have done a rather fine job at making this new digital world come to life. However there is still much that needs to be done. Many of these map producers offer a public interface to add Points of Interest, locales, neighborhoods, and other signif-

icant landmarks in the area. This is good and bad both. Most commonly our mapping data, whether from GIS, Google, Lat/Long, or address, is far from perfect. As a matter of my experience, I would say that maps are one of the most inaccurate, yet one of the most desired data sets for any area to have. Some of the inaccuracies in maps have to do with incorrect data, markers, and waypoints being submitted to the mapmakers through the public interface. In the IT Industry, we call this "data pollution" and it often leads to other problems further down the line when building subsequential maps off of that data, references or points of interest.

Many of today's programs and apps for smart devices are relying more and more on these global mapping engines, such as the powerhouse Google Maps. Whether people are searching for the LST, a place to shop or eat, or where the local foot trails or bike paths are; Google Maps has become the premier flagship in delivering highly targeted and pinpointed information about one's nearby locale and your surrounding environment. Google Maps is also keeping track of historical data. Meaning that when we change a neighborhood, a boundary, a path, a road, a marker, Google keeps those changes on record and potentially for all of posterity.

This is why I have begun the Google Map Evansville project. I am seeking a deliberate, diligent, and mutually concerted effort of any and all parties of Evansville to become a part of this project. I am going to be asking for input and support from the Mayor of Evansville, the Trails Coalition, United Neighborhoods of Evansville, and the Chamber of Commerce to just name a few.

It's time that we put our neighborhoods on the map, our greenway on the map, our bike paths on the map, and all things that give feature and character to Evansville back on the map. All of these elements are standard components in the making of a well-organized, well-orchestrated, and a well-informed, cutting edge community. I pray that I receive your support on this endeavor.

Thank You!

Brent Jackson

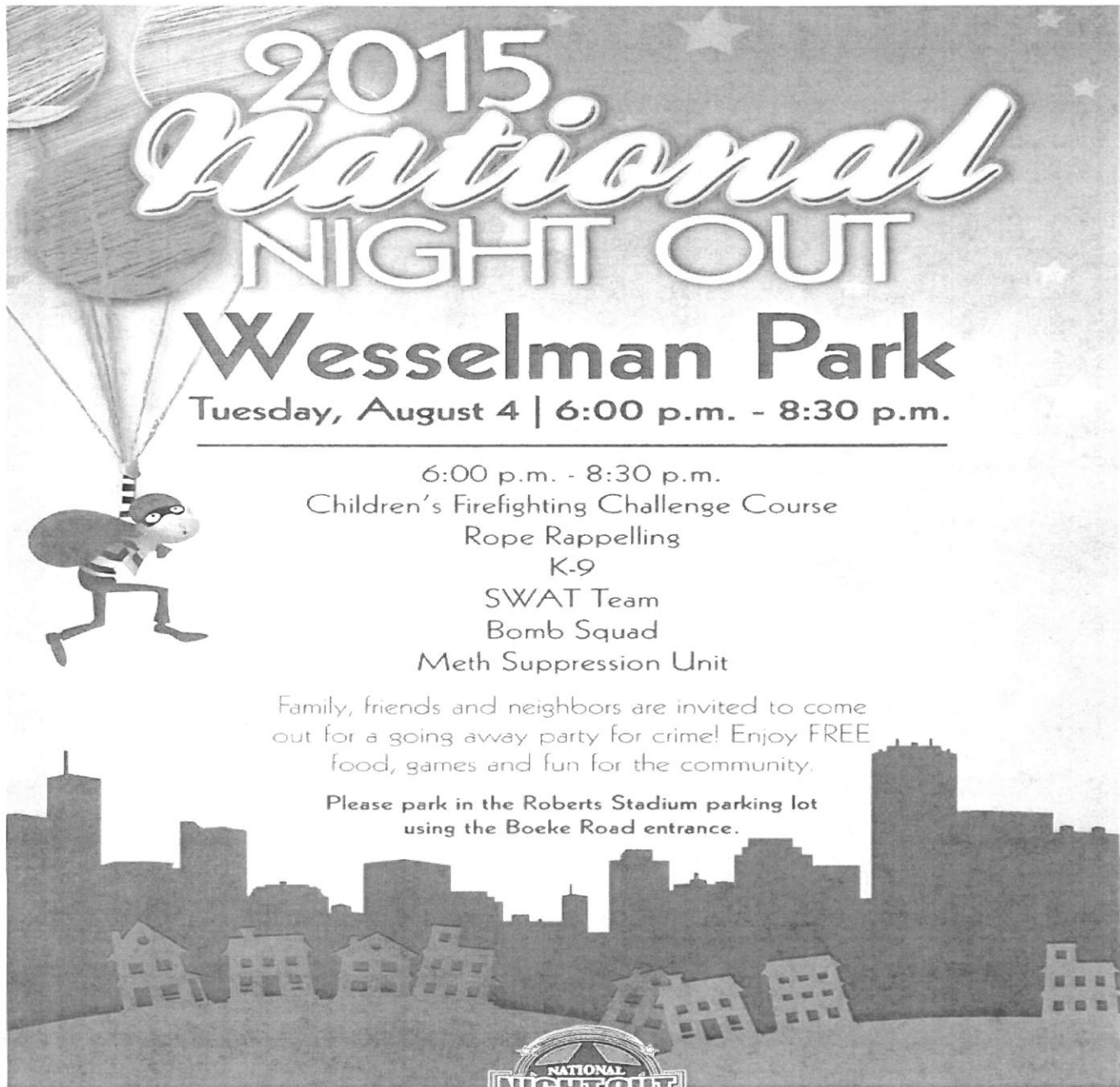
President of Presidents Neighborhood Assn
UNOE IT Chairman

Looking for a few good articles - - -

Has someone in your neighborhood won an award or done something to make your neighborhood proud? Has your neighborhood done something recently that you want to tell others about? Do you have information to share? How about a picture? Or you are having an event? Please send us the article of what's happening in your neighborhood. We'll even help write the article! We are always looking for good news!

Please send your information to the UNOE office by the 30th of each month. Thanks!





2015 National NIGHT OUT


Wesselman Park

Tuesday, August 4 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Children's Firefighting Challenge Course
 Rope Rappelling
 K-9
 SWAT Team
 Bomb Squad
 Meth Suppression Unit

Family, friends and neighbors are invited to come out for a going away party for crime! Enjoy FREE food, games and fun for the community.

Please park in the Roberts Stadium parking lot using the Boeke Road entrance.



A COMMUNITY-POLICE COOPERATION PARTY

WANTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!

AARP Experience Corps Evansville hosted by Carver Community Organization is seeking adults 50+ who are willing to dedicate a few hours a week at a local school tutoring and mentoring youth in Kindergarten through Third grade who struggle with reading and literacy skills. What an exciting way for you to give back to the community as an **AARP Experience Corps Tutor!**

Remember, **"It takes a village to raise a child."** Your experience is valuable. If you are interested in learning more about this excellent program, please contact Lorinda Taylor or Anna Outlaw at Carver Community Organization..... **(812) 402-3170**



- **South Sector Meeting** - Thursday, July 9th, 6:00pm, 315 Taylor Ave. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, July 11th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. For more info, call 436-7800.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**— Tuesday, July 14th, 9:30am at the UNOE Office.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, July 14th, 4:30pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** - Wednesday, July 15th, 4:00pm in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting**— Thursday, July 16th, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia St. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Paper Shredding Day** - Saturday, July 17th, 10:00am-1:00pm, Wesselman Park.
- **East Sector Meeting** - Tuesday, July 21st, 6:00pm, McGary School. For more info, call 435-6135.
- **UNOE General Meeting**—Thursday, July 23rd 6:30pm-8:00pm at the CK Newsome Center, 100 E Walnut St.
- **Parks, Trees and Beautification Committee Meeting** Thursday, August 6th, 4:00pm, UNOE Office.



Due to bad weather in June, the River Sweep is rescheduled for:

SAT., JULY 18th
8:00am-11:00am
Four Freedoms Monument

Traveling
City Hall
Saturday,
July 29th



Details coming.

FRANKLIN STREET BAZAAR

NOW until SEPT 19th
9 AM-1 PM
On the WEST LIBRARY LAWN

2000 W. FRANKLIN STREET

Every Saturday the bazaar will have locally grown produce, art, clothing, flowers, food, jewelry and lots of miscellaneous booths.

Put your walking shoes on, come on out and have some fun!!

Presented by
Franklin Street Events Association



Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, July 21st

7:00am-9:00am

Green River Rd. Donut Bank

Fitness
IN THE PARK

WATER AEROBICS

With The Tri-State Athletic Club

July 18th, 9am—11am

Lorraine Park

2399 South Boeke Road

Free exercise for all ages!

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initiative

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

Did U.N.O.E.?

2015 UNOE Board Officers:

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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

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, July 23, 2015

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

Program: **"Gang Activity in Evansville"**

Timothy Everly, EPD Gang Task Force



WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME
Report Crime
Anonymously