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CITY COUNCIL CUTS MEAN UNOE CHANGES

THE United Neighborhoods of Evansville lost nearly half (46%) of their operating budget for 2016 this past November. In what turned out to be a surprise budget cut during the final minutes of the City Council meeting, UNOE was left with no real options. UNOE is not alone, many not-for-profits saw their budgets cut significantly for the 2016 year. UNOE has prided itself on the fact that through volunteers and other fund raisers, we have never approached the City Council for any new funding since 2004. UNOE has remained frugal and a good steward of our funding. UNOE has a good working relationship with the city and the Department of Metropolitan Development and will continue to do so. Unfortunately, cuts to our budget means cuts or changes in the UNOE operations.

In order to deal with the contract deduction, United Neighborhoods of Evansville Board of Directors has made necessary cuts to reflect a portion of these changes.

Office hours have been cut and until further notice, **the UNOE office will be open Monday-Thursday, 9:00am—3:00pm. If you need something beyond those hours, please call the office and arrangements will be made.**

Janice Ricketts, Operations Manager, will be handling the office and paperwork as the lone employee. It was a decision by the Board that was not taken lightly and not without some contentious debate. Going forward, please allow Janice extra time to process your paperwork and newsletters. We are seeking office volunteers to

come and help fold and process newsletters and other needful projects. If you have an hour or two to spare and can help, please call Janice at 812-428-4243. She will appreciate the help. Janice said she will have the coffeepot going.

Neighborhood Outreach and involvement continues to be a service that UNOE will strive to meet. However, grants and donations are now being sought to preserve, enhance and promote the neighborhoods and our community. Most grants available do not cover operating expenses. Donations in kind are welcome.

United Neighborhoods of Evansville will continue to serve the neighborhood associations with the same service as they have in the past.

****2016 MEMBERSHIP PACKETS COMING IN JANUARY****

The 2016 UNOE Membership Packets will be mailed to all 2015 NA Presidents at the beginning of January. Be sure to fill out all of the paperwork and return to the UNOE office.

Again we are asking 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 time, 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.

**UNOE office
policy states if the
schools are closed
due to
inclement weather,
the UNOE office will
be closed also.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT—HAPPY JANUARY 2016:

This will be the last time I write as President of United Neighborhoods of Evansville. It has been a great venture in writing articles for everyone who receives our newsletter.

At the January 28th, 2016 General Meeting you will vote on new Officers. The only people who will be able to vote is your Neighborhood Representative. Last month I wrote an article on the Neighborhood Representatives tasks. The Neighborhood Representative is to represent YOUR neighborhood and not their own opinion. Do you have a good Representative? You may like to re-read this article.



The **OFFICER DUTIES** for UNOE are as follows:

President- He/she will preside at the Board of Directors Meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday at 4 pm monthly. He/she will facilitate the UNOE General Meeting which is held on the 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm monthly. Signs checks and generally speak for the associations who are members of the United Neighborhoods of Evansville.

Sr. Vice President – will sit in whenever the President is absent at any of the above meetings. He/she is also the one who plans the Sparkplug Banquet which is held usually in October each year.

Finance Officer – maintains accurate ledgers of our monies. He/she is a member of the Finance Committee.

Secretary – takes notes and writes a report after each meeting. These notes must be complete and accurate, as we sometimes must return to these notes to check what had transpired in that meeting. So it is a very important office to hold.

Regional Vice Presidents (one for each sector, West, East & South). They are the liaison person(s) between the Neighborhood Associations and the United Neighborhoods of Evansville organization.

I have attended many neighborhood meetings as President, but I will tell you about the Regional Vice President for each sector of the city. The Regional Vice Presidents - the Harps in East Sector, the Rosas in South Sector and the Thomas' in West Sector have attended a great deal of your neighborhood meetings. They have helped setup new neighborhoods, attended your meetings and parties and offered you their advice. The Regional Vice President represents United Neighborhoods of Evansville at your meeting. They attend your neighborhood meetings to offer advice, but not to run your meeting. They are truly a needed asset to our organization.

Looking forward to seeing you in January at the UNOE General meeting.

I wish everyone well in this coming year. 2016 is to be a greater year because of you. Keep up the good work.

Since this is the last article as President, I want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the many people who have assisted me or offered advice. Your comments have been well taken. As you know, some comments are accepted and others just don't fit the present job. Good Luck to the new Officers.

Carolyn

Nominating Committee Report & Nominations

The Nominating Committee is still accepting nominees for the upcoming election at the January 2016 General Meeting. As of December 31st, 2015 the ballot reads:

President - Chris Cooke, Eastview NA

Sr. Vice President—Brent Jackson, Presidents NA

Secretary - Linda Jones, CHAIN NA

Treasurer - Fred Mulfinger, Lamasco NA

Regional Vice Presidents:

East - Steve & Susan Harp, Oak Hill NA

South - Kathy & Rocky Rosa, Tepe Park NA

West - Bob & Jenny Thomas, Diamond-Stringtown NA

Board Members at Large:

Dave Ballew—Culver NA

Leonard Collins—Goosetown NA

Nancy Currie—Plaza Park NA

Richard Eich—Arcadian Acres NA

United Neighborhoods of Evansville is a vital part of Evansville community growth. Please consider being a part of the UNOE Board of Directors. Have your neighborhood association heard in making decisions that effect the whole community. The Board meets the third Wed. of the month at 4pm the the Hulman Bldg.

REMEMBER - ONLY NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES CAN VOTE AT THE JANUARY ELECTIONS! MAKE SURE YOUR REPS CAN ATTEND OR EMAIL THE OFFICE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO DESIGNATE A NEW REPRESENTATIVE.

Space Heater Safety:

December weather in 2015 was very mild, but I am sure Old Man Winter will give us a few fits in 2016. Many people will rely on extra heat sources to stay warm when he finally decides to visit. One of those sources of heat will undoubtedly be a space heater. Although space heaters can supply a little extra warmth, they can also be a huge safety issue. The National Fire Prevention Association reported electrical and kerosene heaters are the leading cause of home fire during the winter months. So, what can everyone do to stay safe while using space heaters? Only use heaters that

have been certified and approved by a national testing laboratory. Almost every model these days has a "tip switch." A "tip switch" will automatically turn off your space heater if it falls over. Make sure it is working and replace old models that do not have one. Keep your space heater at least three feet away from anything and put a protective guard around to prevent little ones from getting burnt. Never leave your space heater unattended while it is on and make sure your smoke detectors are working. Remember, if a fire starts, get out. Items can be replaced, people can't. Be safe this winter and have a wonderful 2016.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD

Applications now being accepted for Winter Energy Assistance Programs

VANDEBURGH COUNTY APPLICATION SITE

- Application by appointment only
- 401 S.E. 6th St. Ste 001 / Walker Bldg (former Welborn Hospital)
- CAPE ENTRANCE LOCATED ON CHERRY STREET (812)492-3928 or (812)425-4241
- VANDERBURGH COUNTY – Customers whose gas & electric is completely turned off will be seen on Fridays on a walk-in basis
- Customers with pink "Return Slips" must return Monday thru Thursday before 11 a.m.
- **Households with all utilities included in rent do not qualify for this program.**
- Utility bill must be in the name of a current household member age 18 or older, the landlord or Power of Attorney.
- This program DOES NOT PAY to have utilities switched into the name of the applicant.
- If a household member is 18 years of age and still in high school, you must provide a current letter stating attendance, a current class schedule or a current report card
- HOMEOWNERSHIP WILL BE VERIFIED
- All renters must have a copy of a CAPE Landlord Affidavit available at CAPE offices, Trustee offices & other agencies.. IF HOME IS OWNED BY A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE APPLICANT BUT THE OWNER DOES NOT LIVE IN THE HOME, THE APPLICANT MUST HAVE A COMPLETED LANDLORD AFFIDAVIT

• CUSTOMERS APPROVED FOR THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE WINTER MORATORIUM (12/1/15 thru 3/15/16) IF THEIR UTILITY BILL IS IN A DISCONNECT STATUS ON DECEMBER 1, 2015

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE PAST 12 MONTHS MUST BE AT OR BELOW THE FOLLOWING:

Number in Household / Income

1 / \$17,655

2 / \$23,895

3 / \$30,135

4 / \$36,375

5 / \$42,615

YOU MUST HAVE PROOF OF INCOME OR NO INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AGE 18 AND OVER FOR THE PAST 12 MONTHS, YOUR UTILITY BILL WITH THE ACCOUNT NUMBER, ACTUAL SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANT'S PHOTO ID OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETED.

Vanderburgh County Solid Waste Management District
1 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Room 327
Evansville, IN 47708
812-436-7800
www.evansville.in.gov/recycle

2016 Drop-Off Days 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

January 9	- old Walmart west
January 16	- 4-H Center
February 6	- old Walmart west
February 13	- 4-H Center
March 12	- old Walmart west
March 19	- 4-H Center
April 9	- old Walmart west
April 16	- 4-H Center
May 7	- old Walmart west
May 14	- Evansville Day School
June 4	- 4-H Center
June 11	- old Walmart west

July 9	- old Walmart west
July 16	- North High School
August 13	- old Walmart west
August 20	- 4-H Center
September 10	- old Walmart west
September 17	- 4-H Center
September 24	- Evansville Day School
October 1	- old Walmart west
October 22	- 4-H Center
November 5	- old Walmart west
November 19	- 4-H Center
December 3	- old Walmart west

ITEMS TO BRING: (Please be sure items are clean and sorted.)

Aluminum cans, Cardboard, Junk Mail, Catalogs/magazines, Metal food cans, Newspaper,
Glass containers, #1-#7 plastic containers
no Styrofoam or plastic bags

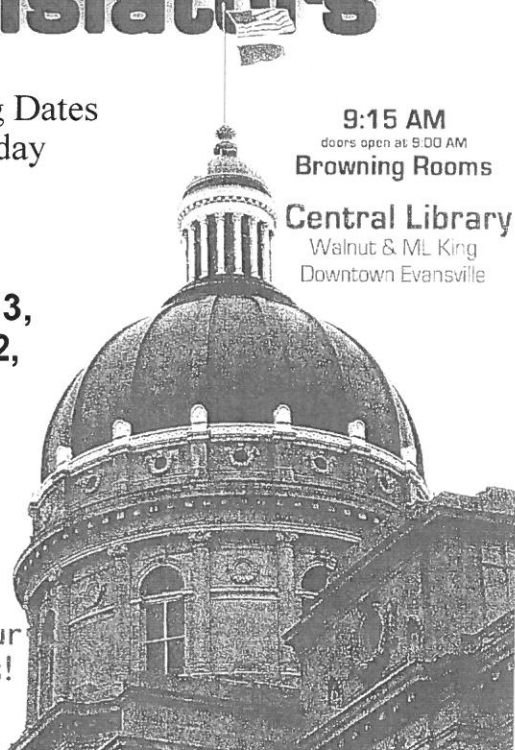
exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

Meet *your* **Legislators**

The Meeting Dates
are all Saturday
mornings:

**January 9,
February 13,
& March 12,
2016.**

**3 chances to
influence your
state officials!**



9:15 AM
doors open at 9:00 AM
Browning Rooms
Central Library
Walnut & ML King
Downtown Evansville

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

PLEASE JOIN

**EVANSVILLE MAYOR
LLOYD WINNECKE**

For the **Clean Evansville**
Litter Clean-Up Event
Vann/Pollack Park area

Saturday, February 6th
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 812-425-4461
Evansville Parks and Recreation at 812-435-6164

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

www.cleanevansville.org

DATES TO REMEMBER !

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, January 9th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, January 12th, 9:30am in the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Meeting**—Thursday, January 14th, 6:00pm at CK Newsome Center.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, January 16th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting**—Tuesday, January 19th, 6:00pm at McGary School
- **UNOE Board Meeting - Wednesday, January 20th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.**
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, January 21st, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **UNOE General Meeting—Thursday, January 28th, 6:30pm at the CK Newsome Center.**
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, February 6th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.

Mayor's Traveling



City Hall Program

Wednesday, January 27th
5:30-7:00pm
CK Newsome Center, Room 118



Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, January 19th

7:00—9:00am

Donut Bank

Diamond Avenue location

2016 Energize Evansville — ARE YOU READY?!

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke invites
the community to join him....

SAT. JANUARY 16th @ 9:00am
— C.K. Newsome Center
featuring **LINE DANCING**
w/ **Shari Chestnut**

Please share with your friends, co-workers, and
family!

We hope to see you there!



Does your Neighborhood Association have something to be announced? a special activity?, some good deed? a fundraiser?

Has someone in your neighborhood won an award or done something special you would like to share?

Let the UNOE office know by the first of the month and we will get it into the UNOE newsletter. We welcome pictures too!

ANNOUNCEMENT

UNOE Newspaper Notice

Since the office staff has been cut, I will do my best to accommodate the various requests from the many neighborhood associations UNOE serves.

PLEASE give the office as 48 hour notice when you need our services. Sometimes with the volume of work we receive, it is impossible to do it immediately. By giving us a prior notice, we can plan to get your mailing, copies, project, etc. done to your satisfaction. The bulk mail office now closes at 3:00pm each day so this also limits our time.

As always, we are glad to do whatever we can to help the neighborhoods. If you need assistance or help with



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United Neighborhoods of Evansville Mission Statement
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OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

NEW 2016 HOURS

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General Meeting:
Thursday, January 28th
6:30 pm
C.K. Newsome Center

Program:
Officer & Board Election
Comprehensive Plan Review