

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

A Publication of United Neighborhoods of Evansville

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

Volume 16 Issue 2

20 NW Fourth Street, Suite 501, 47708

February 2016

Website: www.unoeevansville.org

Email: office@unoeevansville.org

Phone 812-428-4243

LIKE US on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/unoeevansville/>

2016 OFFICERS & AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

At the United Neighborhoods of Evansville January General Membership meeting, the following Officers and Board Members at Large were elected to serve for 2016:



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

Lucy Williams—Glenwood NA

United Neighborhoods of Evansville holds their Board meetings the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00pm at the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building, January through November. UNOE General Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30-8:00pm at the CK Newsome Center, January through September. Our October meeting is our Annual Sparkplug Banquet which will be held this year on Thursday, October 27th at the Tropicana Executive Conference Center.

UNOE to Participate in Mardi Gras Parade

United Neighborhoods of Evansville will have an entry in the Franklin Street Events Association Mardi Gras Parade to be held Saturday, Feb. 6th. at 4:00pm.-5:00pm.

Onlookers can line up from Wabash Avenue to St. Joe Avenue.

Staging for all entries in the parade will start at 2:00pm in front of Lamasco Bar & Grill from 6th Street to Tin Man Brewery. Any one wanting to participate the United Neighborhoods should be at that location.

The weather is suppose to be around 50°. Get dressed in your Mardi Gras finery and come join the fun. There will be trinkets to pass out and dancing in the streets!

All neighborhood members are welcomed to join in or enjoy from the sidelines!!



Bob Thomas, Evie, Steve and Susan Harp
at last year's parade.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

The second month of 2016 is a very important month for our organization from a paperwork standpoint. That being said, I can't think of a better time than now to remind everyone of a few crucial sections within our United Neighborhoods of Evansville By-Laws than the following:



Chris

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 6. Responsibilities of Members: *A member Neighborhood Association must submit their City registration form, any boundaries or by-law changes to the United Neighborhoods of Evansville office annually. The UNOE Membership Renewal forms are due immediately following the individual Neighborhood Association's membership elections. The annual membership dues must be submitted to UNOE no later than March 1st of each calendar year.*

This is the month in which you must adhere to Section 6 under Article III of our By-Laws. Membership packets have been mailed to your associations during the month of January. These packets with their completed forms are due along with your annual membership dues no later than March 1st to the United Neighborhoods office. That makes the month of February the time to gather and update your information in order to send in to us and the City of Evansville. If you need assistance in completing the forms for your individual association, please contact the United Neighborhoods of Evansville staff members anytime during business hours (9-3, M-Th) at 812-428-4232 or via email at office@unoevansville.org.

While on the subject of our By-Laws, I want to direct everyone to review another article:

ARTICLE VIII STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees: *The standing committees of the United Neighborhoods of Evansville are divided into two categories: internal and external. The internal standing committees are Finance; Grant Writing; Personnel; Public Relations/Marketing; Sparkplug Banquet; and Technology. The external committees are: Disaster Preparedness/Safety Awareness/Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT); Government; Parks, Trees, and Beautification; and Zoning. A list of duties for each standing committee is on file in the UNOE office.*

I bring this article to your attention since many of our Standing Committees are in need of people to serve on them. Serving on a committee is thankless work, but is one of the most crucial parts of ours or any healthy organization. This I feel was best summed up by the 19th century English Writer Gilbert K. Chesterton when he said, "I've searched all the parks in all the cities and found no statues of committees". I ask that if you are interested in joining any of our Standing Committees that you contact any Officer, Board, or Staff Member of United Neighborhoods for details how you can get involved. Your involvement in this crucial piece of our group will help to build upon the positive momentum we have achieved in the past while reaching out toward our mutual goals as an organization in 2016 and beyond!

Chris Cooke, President
United Neighborhoods of Evansville



*We would like to congratulate
Chris Cooke and Jennifer Evans
on their engagement & impending marriage this month!*



GET YOUR 2015 TAXES PREPARED FREE

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program of the IRS offers free tax return preparation for individuals with low to moderate income.

You may qualify if:

- You have taxable income of **up to \$60,000** with dependents

Appointments are available at the Legal Aid Society on Monday afternoons from **1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – January 25, 2016 through April 18, 2016.** Appointments are made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Call **435-5173** before 11:30 a.m. to make an appointment for the IRS VITA SITE at the Legal Aid Society in Room 105 of the Civic Center Complex.

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT and bring the following with you to your appointment:

- Drivers License or Picture Identification Card
- Social Security Card for *each* adult and child
- All Wage and Earnings Statements (W-2s, 1099, etc.)
- List of Itemized Expenses for Self-Employed Individuals
- Social Security Benefit Statements
- Unemployment Statements
- All Health Insurance Information for all family members
- All Interest and/or Dividend Statements
- Last Year's State and Federal Tax Returns
- Proof of Real Estate Taxes Paid
- Landlord's Name & Address and the Total Amount Rent Paid
- Child Care Provider's Name/Address/SSN/TIN# & Total Amount Paid
- Proof of Educational Expenses, including student loan information

Program exclusions may prevent us from preparing more complex returns at this site

Thefts From Vehicles:

The Evansville Police Department is constantly investigating thefts from vehicles. Most of the items being taken from vehicles were easily seen from outside the vehicle. The criminals are always looking for easy targets and vehicle owners invite perpetrators into their vehicles by leaving doors unlocked, windows open, and items in plain sight. Although it is very difficult to prevent someone from breaking into your vehicle, there are still several things everyone can do. Never leave valuables (purses, wallets, money, electronics, tools, etc....) in your vehicle. If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, hide them, lock them in the trunk, or use a tamper proof box that can be bolted down and secured. Remove detachable stereos and faceplates every time you leave your vehicle. Park your vehicle in a locked garage when possible or try to park in a lighted area. Finally and most importantly, always lock your doors and window.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD

Thank you Monty for your wonderful and informative articles. -jr

Neighborhood Community Safety Grant proposal application

Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office
1 N.W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 Administration Bldg.
Evansville, IN 47708
wriggs@vanderburghgov.org

The Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office is excited to announce it will be accepting grant proposals for the first Neighborhood Community Safety grants.

The purpose of these grants is to make funds available to neighborhood groups to help sponsor programs and activities and promote safety within their individual neighborhoods.

Three grants will be awarded: one in the amount of \$500 and two each in the amount of \$200.

Instructions

Groups will submit the application attached and propose how to make their community safer. Our office is looking for an innovative, yet effective and simple way to decrease crime in each neighborhood.

The application must include specifics as to what the grant will be used for and the estimated date to which it will be used.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2016.

If approved, the applicant will be notified via phone by March 7, 2016.

Applicants must be part of the United Neighborhoods of Evansville.

No match is required for the grants.

Contact the email above for an application.

Check the EPD Out On Social Media:

Web Page www.evansvillepolice.com

Facebook www.facebook.com/EvansvillePoliceDept

Twitter @EvansvillePD

YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/EvansvillePolice>

Web page www.epdfoundation.org

Facebook www.facebook.com/EPDFoundation

Twitter @EPD_Foundation

VALENTINE DAY IS COMING!



BELT SOMEONE YOU LOVE!



Date for first open class for new CERTs is set.



Please think about recruiting your family members, co-workers and especially those from your neighborhood. Your neighbors may be the best able to help you in a time of disaster.

Dates, times and location are as follows: Each class is 6 -9pm at the 1430 Harmony Way Training Center.

Dates are Tuesday and Thursday nights for the 3 week period. One final disaster simulation and graduation will be on Saturday morning. See dates below:

Tuesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 7

Tuesday, April 12 and Thursday, April 14

Tuesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 21

Saturday, April 23 from 8:00am to no later than Noon

I have blank applications that I can have the applicant fill out or they may go by the EMA Office located at the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department. It is probably easier to just contact me by phone, text or email and I will make arrangements with you to get their app completed.

As you know, the background checks need some time to complete through the system, so the sooner we receive the completed application, the sooner the background check will be done.

My e-mail address is bweldon57@gmail.com and my phone is listed below.

Recruiting is extremely important to keep the CERT Program strong in Vanderburgh County. Please make an effort to find candidates you feel confident that fit the need and are willing to make the commitment.

Each new CERT must understand that the commitment includes attending the monthly meetings as often as possible. Continued training is paramount. This information will also be posted on our Facebook site: Evansville/Vanderburgh County CERT (official).

Please contact me with any questions and for added information for the candidate, they may visit the CERT website. Thanks, Bob

--
Robert Weldon
812-430-4885 - (cell)
CERT Instructor

Plan now to "Tech It Out" at the...

11TH Annual Technology Showcase

Kids collaborating, innovating and demonstrating their tech talents for you!

The public is invited to visit these free exhibits of student work celebrating technology! "Tech Out" what's happening in local schools! A smile making event for you!

WHEN? March 10, 2016 4:30 – 7:00 PM

WHERE? Ivy Tech Community College, Commons

3501 N 1st Ave, Evansville, IN 47710

WHAT? Robotics, 3D printers, microscopes, makerspace, graphic design & animation...

You will be amazed. Learn. Ask your specific technology questions (how does this iphone work?).

Try your hand at robot obstacle courses and more. Meet exceptional students and teachers.

For more information go to www.pefevansville.org or call 812 422-1699.

Live Demonstrations! Free! Learn! Door Prizes for All! Experiment!

Sponsored by:



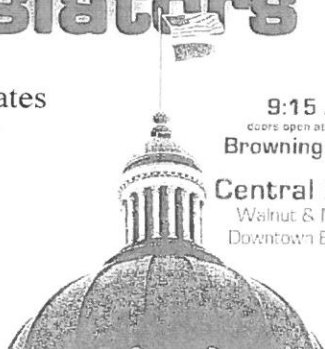
General Announcements

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

Meet *your* Legislators

The Meeting Dates are all Saturday mornings:

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



9:15 AM
doors open at 5:00 AM
Browning Rooms

Central Library
Walnut & ML King
Downtown Evansville

Energize Evansville

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke invites you to join him

**SAT. FEBRUARY 20th @ 9:00am
– Lloyd Pool, 6101 N. First Avenue**

**Aqua Aerobics
w/ Tri-State Athletic Club**

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult participating in the Energize Evansville activities.

For More information, call 812-435-6162

Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program

Wednesday, February 24th

5:30-7:00pm

Location to be Announced



Coffee with a Cop



Tuesday, February 16th

7:00—9:00am

**Donut Bank
Green River Road location**

Clean Evansville Targets Areas on the Southeast Side

Clean Evansville volunteers will target areas in Ward 2 on Evansville's Southeast Side during the monthly trash pick-up Saturday, February 6, from 9 to 11 a.m.

All teams will meet at the parking lot located at Vann – Pollack Park to begin the clean-up.

All teams will return to the parking lot at Vann – Pollack Park for the wrap up.

Keep Evansville Beautiful coordinates volunteers for the monthly clean-ups. Anyone interested in joining or forming a team should contact KEB at 812-425-4461, or go online to register at www.cleanevansville.org.

EPD Announcement:

With the bad weather we had last week, there was a lot of confusion and inquires as to if we were going to have the neighborhood meetings and sector meetings. Sergeant Karges came up with a plan that will hopefully help clarify meeting policies in the future, and will help keep attendees safe.

So the following is the plan:

1. If school has been cancelled due to the weather then any neighborhood meeting or sector meeting scheduled for that night will also be cancelled.
2. If the National Weather Service has issued a storm WARNING for any severe weather...snow, tornado, or any other severe event during the time frame a meeting is to be

held then the meeting will be cancelled.

This should hopefully help alleviate any misunderstandings, let you plan ahead accordingly, and if notification isn't made and anyone wanders if a meeting is to be held all they would need to do is listen to the news, radio, or weather radio. This should also help in keeping people safe from trying to get out when they don't need to. We will still try and contact the neighborhood or sector representatives but if somebody is missed then they still have the media outlets to refer to for weather bulletins to determine if a meeting will be held or cancelled.

Of course, you may contact our office if you have any questions or if you are not quite sure if your meeting is cancelled.

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

Non-Profit Org.
POSTAGE
PAID
Evansville, IN
PERMIT NO. 1087

Return Service
Requested

United Neighborhoods of Evansville Mission Statement
Neighborhood Associations working together to preserve, enhance and promote the Evansville and area neighborhoods.

Did U.N.O.E.?

DATES TO REMEMBER !

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, February 6th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE Participating in Mardi Gras Parade -Sat., Feb 6th. See details inside.**
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, February 13th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting - Wednesday, February 17th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.**
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, February 18th, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **UNOE General Meeting—Thursday, February 25th, 6:30pm at the CK Newsome Center. Program will be:**

“I Pick Here” by Karen Sue Conaway

I Pick Here is a localization initiative that focuses on collecting goods produced within 100 miles of the market location to optimize the physical and financial well-being of the community.

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