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Who Doesn't Love to Eat?

I hear from many neighborhood associations about how can they get their neighbors involved. From my several years of working with UNOE, I have learned 2 things; 1) you need to get them out of their houses, and 2) they will come if you feed them.

Now a full course meal is not necessary. How about some danish, donuts and coffee on a Saturday morning? Pass out a flower or some seeds to plant when they come by. Maybe a Sundae Social on a Sunday evening. Have plenty of chairs so your neighbors can sit and visit. Have them write down their name and phone# for a door prize. Save the slips for later to call to remind them of your meeting.

Or you can even think bigger! Many neighborhoods have block parties or picnics in parks, etc. For activities where insurance is needed (such as blocking off a street or using public land), UNOE can provide a Certificate of

Insurance for these occasions. It is free of charge as long as there is no alcohol, bounce houses, sport or athletic event and you are not charging. The UNOE office does have information for a business with bounce houses that provide their own insurance. Call the office for more information.

Give the UNOE office a call or email and let me know what you have tried and what has worked for you. I will publish your ideas in future newsletters. I know West Terrace has a Weiner Roast in the fall. Lorraine Park has a picnic every year. Greater Lincolnshire is having a Block Party this month. And there are many others who are getting their neighbors out of their houses and joining in the fun.

Don't be discouraged about how many don't come. Be happy for those who do come. Talk to those people and find out what they are interested in, what would help them and how they might like to help. Shake their hand or pat them on the back. Smile and be positive. It will spread.....!

- Janice, Op Mgr

Another way to get neighbors involved is to come and help out in the community with United Neighborhoods. We are always looking for volunteers to help with booths that we have at various activities during the year. We have a table at each monthly Traveling City Hall program where we can always use a volunteer or two. UNOE will have a booth at the Franklin Street Bazaar starting June 16th. Each week we will need two volunteers/shift to pass out brochures and talk to visitors about the neighborhoods and what is available in their area. There are 2 1/2 hour shifts available; 9:00-11:30am and 11:30am-2:00pm each Saturday through out the summer. Fred Mulfinger is in charge of this booth. I am sure he would love to have your neighbors volunteer to help out. There are some good eats at the Bazaar also. :)

Another neighborhood opportunity coming up is UNOE will have a booth at STREETS ALIVE, May 15th, 1-4pm, at Garvin Park. UNOE will have a fun version of Hungry, Hungry Hippos for our activity as well as bubbles, bubbles, bubbles! You can have some fun too!



If you want to assist with any of our UNOE sponsored activities, please email office@unoevansville.org or call the office at 812-428-4243.

From the President

Greetings neighbors,

Considering that the topic of Parks and Beautification that has been brought up at several recent meetings, I want to use my time this month to remind everyone of a very important program that is available for Neighborhood Associations to participate in. This program is Keep Evansville Beautiful's Great American Clean Up. In 2015, the work of more than 4 million volunteers and participants of the Great American Cleanup nationwide returned more than \$175 million in measurable benefits across more than 20,000 participating communities.



Keep America Beautiful believes that people and places are profoundly interconnected. Whether you live in a big city, a suburb or a small rural town, the Great American Cleanup is a shining example of how lasting, positive change happens when people work together.

Through programs like the Great American Cleanup, Keep America Beautiful transforms public places into beautiful spaces helping to make communities that are environmentally healthy, socially connected and economically sound. They're better places to raise a family, start a business, or go to school. They're better places for living our lives.

Going forward, I challenge all of our member associations to participate in the 2016 Evansville event so that Keep Evansville Beautiful can have more volunteers and remove even more pounds of trash from our neighborhoods! Neighborhood Associations can schedule cleanups at any time. Additionally, you can schedule multiple cleanups as well that fall within the program. Your cleanup supplies and tracking forms will be provided to you by the Keep Evansville Beautiful Office or can be picked up on Saturday, May 7th at Wesselman Park.

Here are some important information to remember regarding this event:

When: May 7th, 11am-2pm

Where: Wesselman Park Shelter House

Why: To sign up for a neighborhood/organization cleanup in 2016. Come register your group, grab your supplies, play some games, and eat some food with us!

For more information and to register please contact:

Amanda Green at (812) 425-4461 or at agreen@keepevansvillebeautiful.org

Additionally, you can contact the United Neighborhoods office or visit Keep Evansville Beautiful's website at www.keepevansvillebeautiful.org, for additional information. By all of our members working together and participating in this event, it will help us to continue to strive toward our goals of preserving, enhancing, and promoting the neighborhoods within the City of Evansville!

Chris

SPRINGTIME REMINDERS from the EPD

Spring is upon us and I don't know about you, but I am ready for a little warm weather consistency. Our minds are going to get side tracked on spring chores and it becomes easy to get lost in the weather. We don't want to have our heads so far up in the clouds that we forget about some simple tips to keep us safe. We have discussed most of the tips in past articles, but a little reminder never hurts. I have said this many times, but make sure you check out your surroundings when you leave a building, are exercising, or just enjoying the weather. Play the "what if" game. If a dog chases you, what would you do? If confronted by a stranger, what would you do? The weather is getting nice, but keep those windows shut while away and sleeping. You don't want those burglars to have easy access. Criminals hate the light, so get those outside lights up and working. It is easy to forget, but the simplest thing is to lock that front door. It is important to have your house number visible, so police can easily locate your home. Don't let solicitors or strangers in your house. Lock your cars and get those valuable out, especially guns.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD

Lt. Monty Guenin announced at our last general membership meeting he will be moving into another division of the Evansville Police Dept soon. Lt. Guenin has served on the UNOE Board as our EPD liaison for the last couple of years.

UNOE has appreciated his concise and informative reports and newsletter articles.

He wish Monty much continued success in the future.

**Thank you &
Good Luck Monty**

**RNNC 2016 Conference,
Sept. 29th—Oct. 1, 2016
in Champaign-Urbana, IL**



“Making Our Neighborhoods Stronger”

The goal of the conference:

- ♦ To highlight community assets and innovative initiatives across the Champaign-Urbana micro-urban community and other member cities of the RNNC.
- ♦ This initiative will connect existing civic engagement efforts to a regional network that will enable local neighborhood leaders to gain and upgrade skills.
- ♦ To provide a forum for neighborhood leaders, municipal staff, elected officials, community development practitioners, service providers and corporations to gather and learn from each other, encounter best practices and gain valuable insight to effect positive change and transformation in their own communities.

What is RNNC? – The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference (RNNC) is a three-day event hosted by one of 24 Midwestern cities. It's a place where community leaders, volunteers, corporations, local government agencies, and businesses gather to exchange information with one another in order to gain valuable ideas to take back and help improve or transform their own communities. RNNC features a wide variety of workshops about state of the art approaches to neighborhood improvement, led by experts in urban and neighborhood development. In addition to these informative workshops, RNNC is a great opportunity to network with your peers and enjoy great food and entertainment!

The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference will be in Evansville in Fall 2017. The Department of Metropolitan Development along with United Neighborhoods of Evansville will be hosting this event. Lots of volunteers will be needed to host approx. 400 members from other cities who will attend this event. UNOE Sr. Vice President Brent Jackson will be the program of our June General Membership Meeting to explain more about RNNC and what will be needed from the neighborhood associations in the way of volunteers. Please plan on attending!!

Mothers at War Ministries and Resource Center, INC.

Mothers at War Ministries and Resource Center, INC. (M.A.W.) has been in existence for 14 years. We are a monthly support group for Mothers who have or have had children incarcerated. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at C.A.P.E. , located at 401 S.E. 6th St. Suite 001 (The Walker Building) @ 6:00 p.m. We have speakers come in from the judicial system and the community. We offer

monies to mothers who cannot afford to go visit their children and we also provide hotel accommodations when traveling out of town. We have a scholarship for children from Kindergarten through college who have a parent or parents incarcerated. The deadline for this application is July 8, 2016. Juliette's Jewels is given away in December for Christmas gifts for children who have a parent(s) incarcerated.

If you are interested in joining this group or need additional information, contact Angela Watson Founder/President @ 812-449-8930.

American Red Cross

Making Impact One Community At A Time

National Home Fire Campaign

The American Red Cross has launched a nationwide campaign to reduce the number of deaths and injuries from home fires in this country by as much as 25 percent.



65% think they have *twice as long* to escape a burning home as they really do.



American
Red Cross

#firesafety

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just two minutes to escape?

Our partners and volunteers want to help you, your family and our communities stay safe. Remember to test your smoke alarms monthly and practice your fire escape plan.

Check your Smoke Alarms!

Smoke alarms expire after 10 years

FREE smoke alarms and installation

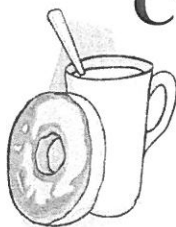
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29 S Stockwell Road, Evansville, Indiana 47714 -
Phone: 812/471-7200 -
www.redcross.org/in/evansville



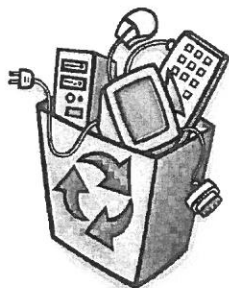
General Announcements

Coffee with a Cop



Tuesday, May 17th
7:00—9:00am
Donut Bank
Washington Avenue

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAYS



C&I Electronics
1700 N Lafayette
812-423-9166

May 5 & 6, 10:00am - 4:00pm
May 7, 8:00am - Noon

Fee charged - TVs \$20 each/Projection TVs \$40 each

Annual SWIMGA Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7
8 am - 5 pm

Vanderburgh 4-H Center
ONLY ONE DAY THIS YEAR!

WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME
Report Crime Anonymously



Traveling City Hall

Swonder Ice Arena

209 N. Boeke Road

Wednesday - May 25, 2016

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN

EVANSVILLE MAYOR
LLOYD WINNECKE

For the Clean Evansville
Wesselman Park Area
551 N. Boeke Road

Saturday, May 7th

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

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

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United Neighborhoods of Evansville Mission Statement
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DATES TO REMEMBER !

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting**—Thursday, May 5th, 4:00pm, UNOE Office
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, May 7th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, May 10th, 9:30am, UNOE Office
- **Sparkplug Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, May 10th, 4:30pm, Third Floor Conference Room
- **South Sector Meeting**—Thursday, May 12th, 6:00pm at CK Newsome Center.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, May 14th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting**—Tuesday, March 17th, 6:00pm at McGary School
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, May 18th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, May 19th, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St
- **UNOE General Meeting**—Thursday, May 26th, 6:30pm at the CK Newsome Center. Program will be:
“Leadership Evansville” - Julie Moore, Program Director
- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting**—Thursday, June 2nd, 4:00pm, UNOE Office