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PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAP!

**We need a THEME for the
REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD
NETWORK CONFERENCE
coming to EVANSVILLE
OCTOBER 5-7, 2017**

RNNC THEME CONTEST

The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference will be held in Evansville October 5-7 next year. It was last held in Evansville in 2003. The theme that year was "*Encouraging the Next Generation.*" the coming Conference will be a time to show off our city and share with other communities a diversity of workshops to better all neighborhoods. Commit-

tees are forming for plans for the approx. 400 people from more than 20 cities in 5 states that will be attending.

The Theme Contest starts at UNOE's May General Meeting and will continue on until June's General Meeting. Entries can be emailed to the UNOE office. The email address is office@unoevansville.org. A winner will be announced in early July. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card.

Theme ideas from the past are: *Celebrating Success and Diversity*, *Doing Good in the Neighborhood*, *Reinventing Neighborhoods*, *Hats Off to Neighborhoods*, and the list goes on!

What do you think would be a good theme for the RNNC in Evansville next year??? Please let us know!



Katharine "Kate" McKinney

New Gal in the UNOE Office

UNOE would like to welcome our new employee! Katharine "Kate" McKinney is our new Media Specialist. A life-long west sider and Reitz graduate, Kate comes to us with many years of experience as a writer and social media consultant. Kate will be working hard with our Operations Manager Janice Ricketts and the board to bring RNNC to town as well as assisting with our website, social media, and general office duties. Kate is the mother of four children who attend Tekoppel and Helfrich Park. In addition to working with us she works part time at Wesselman Nature Society as a guest services representative, is a private marketing consultant, and freelance writer. Kate is the director of Evansville's production of *Listen To Your Mother*, a Mother's Day show performed annually in forty two cities across the United States and Canada. Kate

is the chair of the marketing committee of Little Lambs, a non-profit helping to lower infant mortality rates. You can reach Kate by emailing kmckinney@unoevansville.org or calling the office. Welcome to the team, Kate!

From the President

Greetings neighbors,

The month of June is here and my challenge is for each of us to go “All IN” on our community efforts in our neighborhoods. That being said, we are partnering with the Literacy Center who are hosting the #All_In_EVV Block Party, a program of Indiana Humanities on the afternoon of Saturday, June 18th.

The #All_IN_EVV Block Party is a community-wide event where people of all ages complete a series of fun and thought-provoking challenges that...



Chris

Picture an area full of Hoosiers thinking, talking, sharing and doing things that take them just slightly out of their comfort zone. They are having fun, they're meeting new people and they are learning about Indiana and our community.

Participants will circulate to booths run by different community organizations like ...



WNIN, Willard Library, United Neighborhoods of Evansville, Wesselman Woods, Barnes & Noble, Ivy Tech Community College, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Interfaith Committee, TSCCA Chinese School, Soldier Dogs for Independence and of course, The Literacy Center. At each booth participants will complete an activity/challenge to complete their scorecard, then turn the scorecard in to win prizes.

The goal of the event is to learn and engage our community and to celebrate the Literacy Center's fifty years of service to the community.

That is what the #All_IN_Evv Block Party will be all about. We think it will be a great way to celebrate fifty years of proving service to our community.

This 100% FREE Party Starts on Saturday, June 18th at the Tropicana Events Plaza from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

If you would like to help with our UNOE table at the event, please email me at ccooke@unoevansville.org or call at 812-455-5121.

Chris

The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference or RNNC is coming to Evansville in 2017!

Representatives and other neighborhood leaders from 20 member cities from five States will be visiting Evansville for the 2017 RNNC on October 5th, 6th, and 7th.. The RNNC was last held in Evansville in 2003.

The RNNC is a time to highlight community assets and innovative initiatives. These initiatives connect existing civic engagement efforts to a regional network that will enable local neighborhood leaders to gain and upgrade their neighborhood skills and know how. The RNNC provides 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.

All neighborhoods and all potential neighborhood leaders would benefit from participating in the RNNC. During our upcoming June meeting, Brent Jackson, Senior Vice-President will be hosting a presentation on the RNNC. Where he will bring actual video footage from past RNNC's to showcase. "I would like to encourage all of our neighbors who are involved in their neighborhood to participate in this presentation.", Jackson said. At the end of the presentation, Brent will reveal a way that you can become a RNNC Conventioneer for FREE! That's over a \$100 value!!!



EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB), a non-native, Invasive pest that is killing Ash trees across America, is now in all counties of Indiana except for Vanderburgh, Gibson and Knox counties. This means that EAB will be in Evansville very soon, if not already here. If you have an Ash tree, and if it is worth saving, and you want to save it, this year would be the time to start treating it. To protect Ash trees worth saving, it is recommended they be treated before an area is infested. Once trees are infested, it may be too late to save them.

This link [://www.emeraldashborer.info/documents/Multistate_EAB_Insecticide_Fact_Sheet.pdf](http://www.emeraldashborer.info/documents/Multistate_EAB_Insecticide_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

This is a helpful guide for property owners to know what options are available for treating trees. If you have property in Evansville, and would like a Certified Arborist to look at your tree to determine its condition and if it is worth saving, call Shawn Dickerson at 812-436-5752 or by email at sdickerson@evansville.in.gov.

"Earthquakes in the Midwest - A Reality Check"

For some time, there have been concerns about just what might happen to our city and all the surrounding counties if a devastating earthquake did take place. After learning more about the Wabash Valley Fault Zone, I am even more convinced it could affect our area worse than the more well-known New Madrid Zone which is farther to our south.

We are right in the Wabash Valley Fault Zone which has been proven to have magnitudes of 7.5 or higher and is way overdue for another.

I think many of you as CERT's may be surprised as to how important your training with CERT would help you in this real event.

Folks, this is a very real threat to our community. It just could be the most serious incident to happen to our area in our lifetime and we as CERT's may be the only people in our neighborhoods with the leadership and training to help save lives.

I cordially invite you to come Tuesday night, June 14 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm to the CERT Training Center at 1440 Harmony Way for this informative presentation. I look forward to seeing you there.

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



MADE POSSIBLE WITH FUNDING FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Watch out for the Spring Rains & Water

The City encourages you to take the following precautions when recreating along local waterways:

- o *Avoid contact with urban streams during and three days after rainfall.*
- o *Alter recreational activities to ones that do not involve contact with water. For example, walk or bicycle along a stream rather than swimming, wading or water skiing.*
- o *Always wash your hands after contact with water in urban streams, especially before eating*
- o *Use a waterless hand sanitizer at outings that occur near urban streams.*

Clean waterways are a priority for the City of Evansville. The City is implementing projects to improve our waterways and reduce combined sewage overflows. The Long Term Control Plan will significantly reduce the overflows and effects to Pigeon Creek and the Ohio River.

DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE FARMERS MARKET

, sponsored by Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau, opened Friday, May 20. The Market is open each Friday from 8 AM to 1 PM, from May 20 to September 30. The Market is located in Downtown Evansville at Second and Sycamore. Returning and new Producers from a 100 mile radius of Evansville have been added to create a variety of crops. New and returning Food Trucks will offer unique and delicious foods. Customers will be able to take home cold fresh milk in glass bottles, a great accompaniment to sweet treats and bread offered by other Vendors.

Espresso and iced coffee will be available. Add a slice of pie or cake to a meal under the big tent, and enjoy the music of one of the three bands that will be playing this 2016 Season.



Patio Night Returns Bringing Family Fun and Entertainment to C.K. Newsome

The Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce the relaunch of Patio Night at the C.K. Newsome Community Center. This time, the Parks Dept. is teaming up with the AIDS Resource Group to provide fun educational games and activities free to the community once a month on Fridays in May, June and July from 6 to 9 p.m.

Patio Night Schedule:

- Friday, June 17, Talent Night (\$50 Gift Card given to the winner)
- Friday, July 22, Recreation Night

Patio Night is a way for the community to enjoy a relaxing evening in Downtown Evansville at a family-friendly event featuring free music, games, activities, and snacks. Providing structured activities in a safe and secure environment, Patio Nights are designed to promote family fun while encouraging local residents to visit the Community Center.

On Patio Night, the front lawn of the C. K. Newsome Community Center will be a play area for physical activities such as soccer, volleyball, and other games and competitions. Tri-State Trophies will provide medals for the first Cornhole Tournament on May 20. Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to watch the excitement and cheer on the participants.

The fun continues inside the building in the atrium where families may listen to music or play cards and board games. Additional tables and chairs will be provided. The gymnasium will be open for visitors to play volleyball or take part in other structured activities.

Join in June 15th — Jacobsville Join In Day!

No project is too small, or too BIG!

1. Form a team or go it alone.
2. Plan a project to serve a neighbor, street, park, or organization.
3. Register your project with Jacobsville Join In.

4. Follow projects on Facebook [teamjacobsville](#)...We will highlight the collective impact YOU and the neighborhood makes on June 15th.



To register, visit [jacobsvillejoinin.com](#) "News & Information" to download the form, or stop by Jacobsville Join, 621 N. Main St. to pick up a copy. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER JUNE 12, 2016**

Be part of the team doing great things for our *GREAT* neighborhood!! Participants will receive a #teamjacobsville t-shirt — limited supply.



- - - For Planning ANY Neighborhood Service.

1. **Identify the needs of the people or places around you.** Neighbors may be too busy or shy to ask others for help, so just ask them what they may need help doing. Take a walk around the place you live or work. Look for areas that need sprucing, or a touch of beauty. Reach out to service organizations in the neighborhood to find out what they might need help doing. Most nonprofits have a laundry list of "To Do" items and very little time to complete them or recruit volunteers. Ask about fixer-up projects, programs or events in the works.
2. **Do something you love!** Do you love to cook? Read? Be outdoors? Use your passion to serve the community. Offer to cook for a neighbor, the elderly, or even your co-workers. Collect books for schools or children organizations. Cleanup litter, gutters (sewer), or pull weeds along sidewalks.
3. **Keep it simple.** You don't need to reinvent the wheel with a service project. If you're already doing something to serve the neighborhood and can expand on it June 15th, then by all means keep it simple and do what you're great at!

Mayor Announces Meetings on Mesker Amphitheater Future

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke is pleased to announce a series of public listening sessions on the future of Mesker Amphitheater. The meetings will be held on June 20, 21 and 22 at Mesker Shelter #3 located on Mesker Park Drive near Mesker Amphitheater and the main entrance to Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden.

Meetings on June 20 and June 21 will start at 5:30 p.m. with self-guided tours of Mesker Amphitheater followed by a facilitated discussion led by Leadership Evansville at 6 p.m. The meeting on June 22 will start at 11 a.m. with self-guided tours of Mesker Amphitheater followed by a facilitated discussion led by Leadership Evansville at 11:30 a.m.



Fireworks Safety:

Summer time is here and with that brings increased outdoor gatherings and celebrations. Here are some reminders and facts about fireworks. If fireworks are legal where you live and you decide to set them off on your own, follow these simple safety tips:

- Do not allow children to play with or light fireworks. This is an adult only task.
- Keep a bucket of water near where fireworks are being used, in case of a fire or mishap.
- Fireworks should be lit on a smooth, flat surface away from the house or any other building and not near dry leaves or other flammable materials.
- If a firework does not ignite, do not try to relight it. Submerge it in water, then properly dispose of it.



- Sparkler information:
 - * Sparklers burn at 1200 degrees
 - * Glass melts at 900 degrees
 - * Wood burns at 575 degrees
 - * Cakes bake at 350 degrees
 - * Water boils at 212 degrees

The best advice is to take your kids to see a professional fireworks display rather than using fireworks at home. The show is sure to be safer and much more spectacular.

Instructor Jerry Steckler
jsteckler@evansvillefiredepartment.com





WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME
Report Crime Anonymously



Traveling City Hall

Saturday, June 25th, 2016

Eastland Mall

1:00pm

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 2nd

6:00-8:30pm, Wesselman Park

Is your neighborhood association involved?
Lots of volunteers are needed!!

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

Coffee with a Cop



Monday, June 20th

5:00—7:00pm

Chick-Fil-A

Cross Pointe

2016 RNNC Conference

**Thursday, Sept. 29th-
Saturday, Oct. 1st
Champaign-Urbana, IL**

The theme this year is
***“Making Our
Neighborhoods Stronger”***

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



Clean Evansville Targets Areas in Ward 5 for the Monthly Clean-Up

(Evansville, Ind.) – Clean Evansville will target areas in Ward 5 on Evansville’s Northside during the monthly trash pick-up Saturday, June 4, from 8 to 11 a.m. Teams will gather at Ivy Tech Community College, 3501 N. First Avenue.

Teams will start on First Avenue and move south towards Diamond Avenue. Another team will start on First Avenue and move north towards Mill Road. Other teams will be working in the North Park Shopping Center Area.

Teams will meet in the parking lot at Ivy Tech to deposit trash collected during the clean-up. Clean Evansville has partnered with Republic Waster to dispose of all trash.

Keep Evansville Beautiful coordinates volunteers for the monthly clean-ups. Anyone interested in joining or forming a team should contact Mike McGarrah at 812-425-4461 or sign up at www.cleanevansville.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER !

- **Tox Away Day**—Saturday, June 4th, 9:00am-1:00pm, Civic Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800. See inside.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, June 4th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, June 11th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-Mart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, June 15th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, June 16th, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **UNOE General Meeting**—Thursday, June 23rd, 6:30pm at the CK Newsome Center. Program will be:

“Getting Ready for RNNC 2017”

- Brent Jackson, UNOE Sr. VP

- **JULY 4th -CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY !!**
- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Meeting**—Thursday, July 7th, 4:00pm, UNOE Office

