

<u>UNOE's 21st Annual Sparkplug</u> <u>Recognition Banquet Is Finally Here !!</u>



"Learning from the Past, Planning for the Future"

The Banquet will be held Thursday, October 27th, at the Tropicana Executive Conference Center. Registration starts at 5:30pm, the program will begin at 6:00pm with dinner being served at 6:15pm.

Cost of the evening is \$15.00 per person. There is a choice of chicken or vegetarian plate. Registration with payment should be made before Thursday, October 20th, at the UNOE Office. If any one person attends from your neighborhood association, your association will receive a <u>free</u> 2017 UNOE Membership grant (\$25 value) as an incentive for your neighborhood members to attend this important event.

The UNOE Office is looking for Sparkplug Nominations and Door Prizes. Forms are on the website www.unoevansville.org. Call the office if you have questions—812-428-4243.

<u>Don't Forget To Turn In</u> <u>Pictures Of Your Neighborhood</u> <u>Assn. Activities. We need</u> <u>them for the Banguet!</u>

ADS & SPONSORSHIPS ARE NEEDED

We are still looking for sponsors and ads for the banquet program. Ads are: 1/8 page—\$75, 1/4 page—\$150,

1/2 page—\$300 and full page ad—\$550.

The program ads will be in color this year.

Funds raised support the neighborhood associations' activities and programs.

For more information, contact the UNOE office at 812-428-4243 or office@unoevansville.org.

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Greetings Neighbors!

The month of October marks one of the most exciting times of the year to be involved in a United Neighborhoods of Evansville member neighborhood association. We are just weeks away from our annual celebration, the Sparkplug Banquet. I would like to personally thank all the members of the Sparkplug Banquet Planning Committee for their hard work and leadership over the past several months to make this a special night for all who attend.



Chris

We will be presenting UNOE's 21st Annual Sparkplug Banquet on Thursday, October 27th. This year's theme will be *"Learning from the Past, Planning for the Future"*. We are thrilled to announce the keynote speaker will be Wil Marquez, w/Purpose urban and public design firm, from Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Marquez is an authority on urban and public design and has led collaborative projects on creative place making, branding, and design.

Our annual celebration of Evansville's neighborhoods formally recognizes community "Sparkplugs," individuals who go above and beyond to serve their neighbors and neighborhood, with a banquet style awards program. Over 300 neighborhood and community leaders attend each year, and we hope you will be among them! For us to reach such a goal, we need to encourage reservations. We will not be able to achieve it without your help! Now is the time for you to approach your members and neighbors regarding this event. It is my opinion that this banquet is a great tool for recruiting new members and leaders for your association. The registration and payment deadline is Thursday, October 20th.

Additionally, we are selling ads in the banquet program. Advertisements start at \$75 each and excess funds generated from their sales will go back to the membership in the form of additional neighborhood grants that are given out throughout the evening. If you would like to help us sell or would like to purchase an advertisement for yourself, neighborhood association, or business, please contact the UNOE office. Furthermore, we are actively seeking donations for attendance prizes and baskets to be given out at the banquet. If you know of or have a donation, please contact the UNOE office for the form. Return the form to the office with any donation you receive. Both donation and advertising forms can be downloaded directly from our website as well at <u>www.unoevansville.org</u>. As always, contact any UNOE staff member with questions that you may have.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone in advance for their help in making this annual event a continued success. Without YOU, we would never be able to meet our goals for this event. Remember that the strength of UNOE and your NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION lies within each individual member, while the strength of each MEMBER is within the neighborhood association! One can't survive without the other! **MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY! I look forward to seeing everyone on the 27th of October!**

Chris



There will be only one UNOE newsletter for the months of November and December. The UNOE Nov/Dec newsletter will come out the week of November 14th. Anyone wanting to put an article or announcement in the newsletter, it will need to be in the office by Thurs., Nov. 10th.

RNNC 2016 Highlights—-

Another year, another Regional Neighborhood Network Conference has passed. The Evansville crew had a great time visiting in Champaign-Urbana, IL, learning from the workshops and getting to know wonderful people from other areas around the Midwest. We brought back a lot of solid information to present to the city and for each association leader to bring back to his or her neighborhood in the hopes of making it a better place.

Some of the highlights of the conference include:

- A forum on community policing and race relations featuring a presentation by Sharon Cooper, sister of Sandra Bland, a woman who died in police custody in 2015. Everyone who attended said they found it impactful with engaging and respectful discussion.
- A tour of drainage improvements including parks and rain gardens that serve as multi-use drainage basins. Evansville will be utilizing a similar type of system when Renew Evansville turns Bee Slough into one of the largest wetland treatment plants in the US.
- Hip-Hop Express- an initiative that combines the history of hip-hop, STEM education, and community engagement in a traveling format in order to reach more youth and communities.

Evansville made a HUGE splash Saturday morning with our presentation inviting attendees to visit us next year at RNNC 2017. Brent Jackson and Kate McKinney got a lot of laughs, The slide show and videos incited oohs and aahs from the audience. We definitely got the message across that Evansville is a dynamic and exciting place to live and visit. Multiple people let us know how impressed they were and how they can't wait for next year.

Community Development Specialist Kolbi Jackson at the Department of Metropolitan Development proclaimed to the attendees of RNNC 2016 that they'd better watch out, because we are going to blow all the other conferences out of the water!

That's where YOU come in! The RNNC 2017 will be held in Evansville October 5-7th next year. We are going to need a LOT of volunteers to help our conference run smoothly. If you are interested, please call Kate McKinney at (812) 428-4243 or email <u>kmckinney@unoevansville.org</u>. We are working on developing committees and of course, as the weeks progress, we'll need lots of people to help us out with the nuts and bolts of putting together an amazing conference! Thank you in advance for your help!



This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

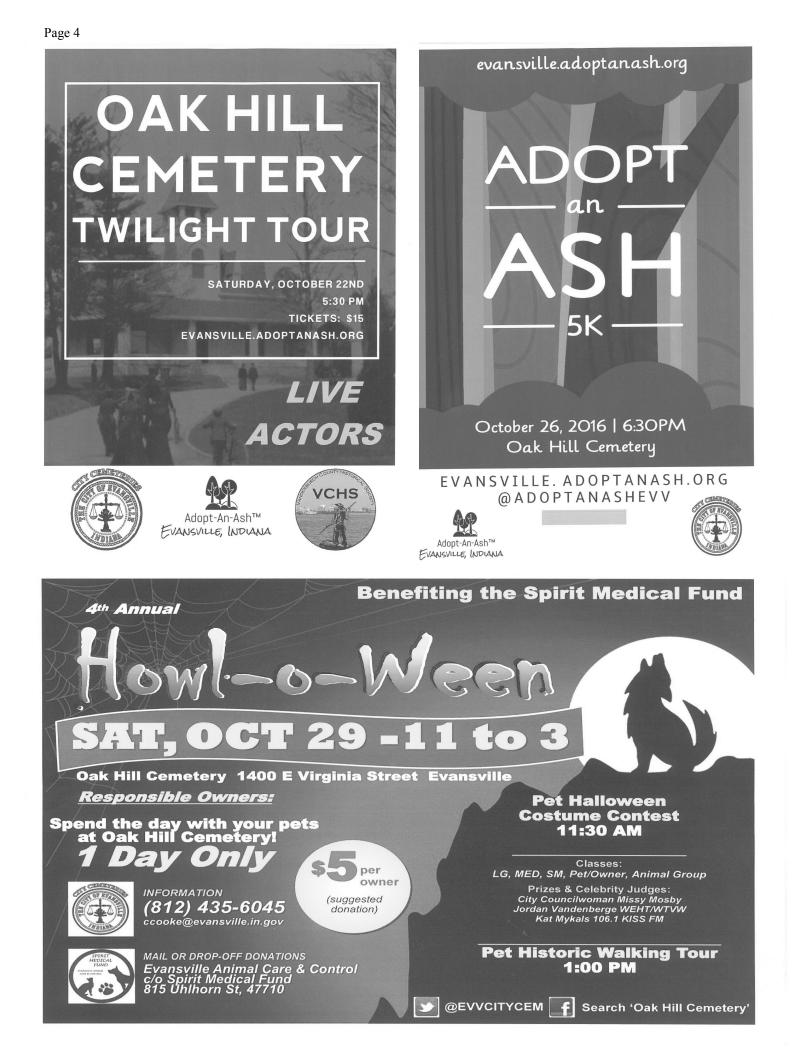
Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of those and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.



Instructor Jerry Steckler, jsteckler@evansvillefiredepartment.com





Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, October 17th

5:00-7:00pm

Chick-Fil-A Cross Pointe



Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program

Wednesday, October 26th 5:30-7:00pm Location To be Announced



<u>Shred Day</u>

Friday, Oct. 14th

10:00am—1:00pm

Wesselman Park



WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME Report Crime Anonymously



Do you have something you would like to share in our newsletter? Recognition for someone or an event coming up?

Email it to the UNOE office at office@unoevansville.org or call the office at 812-428-4243. Neighbor to Neighbor UNOE Office 20 N.W. Fourth Street Suite 501 Evansville, IN 47708

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United Neighborhoods of Evansville Mission Statement

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

DATES TO REMEMBER !

- Parks, Trees & Beautification Com Meeting—Thursday, October 6th, 4:00pm, UNOE office
- Sparkplug Committee Meeting—Tuesday, October 11th, 4:30pm, Third Floor Conference Rm.
- UNOE Board Meeting—Wednesday, October 19th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.
- West Sector Meeting—Thursday, October 20th, 6:00pm at CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, October 22nd, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.

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- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, November 5th, 8:00am-Noon, old Walmart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- UNOE Board Meeting—Wednesday, November 16th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.