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UNOE's 21st Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet Was a Blast !!

"Learning from the Past, Planning for the Future"

The Banquet was held Thursday, October 27th, at the Walnut Rooms of the Tropicana Executive Conference Center. Our President Chris Cooke emceed the evening with help from various officers of UNOE and Neighborhood Associations. The generous sponsors allowed for 32 Neighborhoods attending to receive their UNOE membership dues to be paid for 2017—a total of \$800. They also allow us to give out thirteen grants totaling \$600 to the neighborhoods for their use in the coming year.



UNOE President Chris Cooke welcoming everyone to the Banquet.

Neighborhood Associations Drawn For Grants at Banquet

The following neighborhood associations were drawn for the following grants at our recent Banquet:

\$25 Grants: Business 41 Improvement, CHAIN, Eastview, First Avenue West, Poplar Grove, and Southeast Side

\$50 Grants: Bellemeade-Bayard Park, Goosetown, South Dexter, and STAR

\$75 Grants: Diamond-Stringtown, and Presidents

\$100 Grant was given to Westside Improvement Association.

By attending the Banquet, these Neighborhood Associations will have their 2017 UNOE member dues paid by the generosity of our Sponsors:

AKIN PARK, ARCADIAN ACRES, BELLEMEADE/BAYARD PARK, LAMASCO, BUSINESS 41 IMPROVEMENT, CHAIN, CULVER, DIAMOND-STRINGTOWN, EASTVIEW, GLENWOOD, GOOSETOWN, GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE, HELFRICH, HILLTOP, MIDTOWN, MOUNT AUBURN, NORTH COUNTRY CLUB, FIRST AVENUE WEST, OAK HILL, PLAZA PARK, POPLAR GROVE, PRESIDENTS, RIVERSIDE, SOUTHEAST SIDE, SOUTH DEXTER, SOUTH LINCOLN PARK DR, STAR, TEPE PARK, UNIVERSITY SOUTH, VOGEL-SPRING PARK, WESTERN TERRACE, AND WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT.

From the President

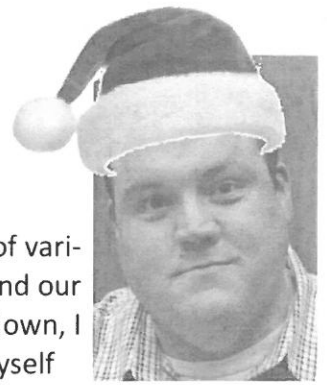
Happy Holidays Neighbors!

The months of November and December have arrived and they signal the fact that we have made it through another year. 2016, like many other years prior to it, has been full of various challenges and great accomplishments for both United Neighborhoods of Evansville and our individual member Neighborhood Associations. As my time as your President is winding down, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support that you have given to myself and this organization over the past year. I

also ask that you continue your efforts going forward so that we can together build upon the positive momentum for neighborhood associations within our city. By the volume of calls and inquiries that our office and board members receive daily, I know that our work is far from finished. Vince Lombardi says it best when he states, "Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." Each of us needs to use the holidays to reflect upon what we have accomplished within our individual associations and continue to use these special traits into 2017 and beyond. Don't be afraid to continue outside of the box while sharing your stories with others within our organization. I have often times felt that doing something is far greater than sitting on the sidelines doing nothing. Always share your neighborhood experiences and thoughts, both positive and negative, with other associations within UNOE. Through this shared communication, each of us will continue to grow and move the ball forward for many years to follow!

My continued promise is to serve you and promote each neighborhood association in the coming year. Our team has a solid "Game Plan" for the future and by its execution we will continue to make United Neighborhoods one of the finest organizations in all of Evansville! Like Vince Lombardi, it's what each of us uses that sets us apart from the others who choose to sit upon the sidelines doing nothing to better the areas in which we all call home!

Happy Holidays to everyone and may 2017 bring each of you both continued success and happiness!



Chris

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UNOE HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The UNOE Office will close
Monday, December 19th and
reopen Tuesday, January 3rd.



SAFE HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The holiday shopping season is a time when people are busy, stressed out and can become victims of theft and other holiday crime. The EPD would like to remind you of some simple common sense shopping tips:

- Look confident, purposeful and alert to your surroundings. Thieves will look for the easiest target.
- Don't walk or shop while talking on your cell phone or listening to your iPod. Again, thieves will look for someone who is distracted and not paying attention. This is particularly true when walking through the parking lot to your car.
- Get your keys out of your purse before leaving the store and walking through the parking lot. Thieves will be looking for someone burdened down with packages and digging through a purse to find keys. If you aren't paying attention, the thief could walk up on you before you realize what is happening.

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***Thanks to the Neighborhood Assns
& Sponsors who donated Baskets
for door prizes!***

Neighborhood Assn:

Akin Park
Arcadian Acres
Belle Vi Med Spa
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Bellemade-Bayard Park
CHAIN
Culver
Diamond-Stringtown
Eastview
Goosetown
Goosetown
Helfrich
Lorraine Park
Mount Auburn
Mount Auburn
North Country Club
Oak Hill
Plaza Park
Poplar Grove
Riverside
Sam's Club
South Dexter
Tepe Park
University South
Western Terrace
Westside Improvement

Basket:

Welcome
Beans & Baristas
Basket #1
Basket #2
Holiday Basket
Armour-All Kit
Fall
Winter Comfort
Surprise
Clean Up
Surprise
Watering Can
Christmas
Relaxing Spa
Relaxing Too
First Aid
Enjoy Autumn
Handyman
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Holiday Baking
Give Thanks
Car Detail Kit
Pamper Your Car

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21st Annual Sparkplug
Recognition Banquet**

***Thank you for your sponsorship
and caring about
our neighborhoods.***

SAFE HOLIDAY SHOPPING continued -

Be aware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Con artists try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking money or belongings. If you get bumped and someone tries to engage you in a conversation, this is a red flag.

Don't leave your purse or wallet unattended. Don't leave it in your shopping cart while shopping, or while loading packages into your vehicle. If possible, leave your purse at home and keep a credit card or small amount of cash in your coat pocket.

When shopping online, go directly to a store website. Don't click on links from unsolicited e-mail. This could be a trick to direct you to a fraudulent site created to look like a real store webpage.

Always check your credit card statements for unauthorized purchases.

For those of you brave enough to battle the Black Friday crowds, don't get caught in a mob! Stay on the sidelines and be a good witness. Don't get involved in the fight. No purchase is worth getting hurt over!

Never park in an unlit area, even if more convenient.

Hide your packages in the truck of your car if you are not going directly home. Don't make yourself an easy target!



**The Evansville Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit wishes
all of our citizens a very safe and fun holiday season!**

2016 Sparkplug Winners



Akin Park **CPO Chad Diedrich**

Chad Diedrich is a great officer. He comes to all our meetings. He listens to our concerns and tries to solve them. He also talks to kids and gave stuff to them while he was at our meeting. Great man!



Culver **Carol McClintock**

Carol has been a member of Culver Association for several years and has always been willing to get involved and help out the association. This year she was instrumental in getting an information outreach program off the ground and going at full speed.



Arcadian Acres **CPO Anna Gray**

Officer Anna Gray, has served as our CPO the past few years, not only in name, but through her display of leadership and daily involvement in our neighborhood. Officer Gray consistently goes above and beyond in support of our neighborhood association.



Eastview **Rev. Randy Owens**

Rev, Randy Owens is secretary of Eastview Neighborhood Association. As Pastor of Fair-lawn United Methodist Church, he hosts our monthly meetings and volunteers when needed. He puts action behind his heart for service offering free dinners and family fun days. Our neighborhood is so blessed to have Randy.



Bellemeade-Bayard Park **Beth Heil**

Beth has been with the East Branch Library for 18 years. She attends all of our meetings and is instrumental in keeping us informed of the activities for offered to children and adults at the library.



Glenwood **Andrew and Breanna Boudurant**

The Bondurant's wasted no time getting involved in GNA. They immediately expressed an interest in engaging Glenwood youth by chairing a block party at Caldwell Park which was a huge success. The Bondurant's bring a fresh prospective and new outlook are just the spark the neighborhood needs to make Glenwood the best that it can be.

Note: Breanna could not attend so we have no picture of her.



Business 41 Improvement **CPO Eric Krogman**

Officer Krogman is our Crime Prevention Officer. He attends all of our meetings and does an excellent job. He gives us detailed crime reports and helps us with our neighborhood problems. Many thanks, Eric!



Goosetown **Lauren Legate**

We have nothing but praise for her as a Vice-President. Lauren has been a great "right-hand man," always making sure the meetings are good to go and helping keep order. Lauren has been a great asset with her help with the administrative work of managing a neighborhood association. You can always count on Lauren to lend a hand.



CHAIN **Francis Easterly**

Francis is a new member of CHAIN, but he is well known in our area. He cleans up the trash on Cedar Street, Cody Street, the alleys, the greenway and now Cedar Hall's playground nearly every day. He also mows some of the neighbor's yards and part of the Greenway. We like to claim him as mayor of Cedar Street, who looks after his neighbors.



Greater Lincolnshire **Chris Mills**

Chris Mills is our neighborhood hero. We were experiencing a rash of vandalism and vehicle break-ins. Chris installed cameras on his property. He also hired, at his own expense, the private security firm Lawman to patrol late at night, and he accompanied the patrols. One night, Chris's camera alerted his phone to the presence of an intruder. Chris captured the suspect while in his bathrobe, armed with a cell phone and a gun. Chris Mills is our Bathrobe Batman!



Helfrich Lindsey Schenk

Lindsey has been a wonderful asset to our neighborhood. She never hesitates to report unusual activity and has done wonders in reporting open drug activity when she sees it. She always has fresh ideas on attracting new members and helping build our neighborhood association.



Mount Auburn Chris Borries

Chris is a wonderful neighbor who keeps the neighborhood connected with the "happenings" on our street. She is caring and thoughtful, always sharing in her gardening bounty, and is often the go-to person for pet-sitting. Chris is a true friend to our neighborhood families.



Oak Hill Councilman Dr. H. Dan Adams

Dr. Adams has proven to be a true community leader, not just by his ideas and suggestions, but by his actions. In the past year we have approached Dr. Adams on multiple occasions for a variety of different issues. Each time he was receptive to our concerns and taken a personal approach to the resolution of some of our issues.



Riverside Pam Guthrie

Pam Guthrie has lived in the Historic District since 1972. Since 2011 Pam has organized the Historic Homes House Tour. Monies raised were used for Historic District signage and has helped fund the replacement of cobra head lights with safer and more historically appropriate lighting.



South Dexter Mikki Spencer

Mikki volunteered to letter and paint yard signs inform neighbors of our monthly meetings. These signs immediately sparked interest among our neighbors. Thanks to Mikki's signs attendance at our meetings has increased. Mikki's idea and sharing her talent has been the Spark we needed!



South Lincoln Park CPO Jason Pagett

Although our meetings were reduced this year, Jay kept contact with Block Leaders and was instrumental in helping us express neighborhood concerns to those capable of assisting and alleviating the problems. Thank you for your interest and participation, Jason!



Southeast Side CPO Andy Carlile

Andy is more than a crime prevention officer. He is part of our community. He goes above and beyond the duties of a police officer. He protects our neighborhood every single day. He is never more than an email or a phone call away. He works long hours and makes sacrifices to ensure our neighborhood association is informed.



Tepe Park Community One & Crossroads Church

These organizations have shown great dedication to the community by assisting in activities in the neighborhood and beyond. They are dedicated to improving our housing through rehabilitation.



Vogel-Spring Park Ruth Hall

Ruth Hall consistently serves our neighborhood year in and year out as treasurer and a block captain. But this year, Ruth undertook a major project when she led our Neighborhood association to collect plastic lids and bottle caps, which we had recycled into a park bench for Wesselman's Park playground.



Western Terrace Gus & Dorothy Hunter

Gus and Dorothy have lived in our neighborhood for over 50 years. They have been involved in many activities and events throughout this time. Currently they have been block captains and passed out

newsletters for ten years. They decorate their yard for every holiday. They also maintain our corner at Helfrich and Mount Vernon Avenue, planting flowers and decorating for each season.



Westside Improvement Association Helfrich Park Gateway Committee:

Charlie Stocker, Steve Craig and Gordon Dingman, Chr. Over the years, WIA dreamed of someday taking the whole corner at St. Joe and Maryland Street. These 3 got their heads together. They plotted, planned and brought their vision to the Board. We never imagined the corner would come to fruition with so much creative thought, artistic vision, and just plain tenacious get 'r done attitude. These guys worked night and day for a project that will benefit not only the west side but Evansville as a whole.

Nominating Committee Report -

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of UNOE Officers and Members at Large for the 2017 calendar year. If you have someone in your neighborhood who would be interested in running for one of the following offices, there is still the opportunity to be put on the ballot. We will be voting at our January General meeting.

2017 Election Nomination Slate:

President: Brent Jackson, Presidents NA

Sr. Vice President: Fred Mulfinger, Lamasco NA

Regional Vice Presidents:

East Sector—Steve & Susan Harp, Oak Hill NA

South Sector—Rocky & Kathy Rosa, Tepe Park NA

West Sector—Bob & Jenny Thomas, Diamond-Stringtown NA

Secretary—Linda Jones, CHAIN

Treasurer—Kelly Al Nashmi, Greater Lincolnshire NA

Member At Large: (elect 5)

Leonard Collins, Goosetown NA

Nancy Currie, Plaza Park NA

Richard Eich, Arcadian Acres NA

Jenny Triggs, Helfrich NA

Lucy Williams, Glenwood NA

**REMEMBER - ONLY
NA REPRESENTATIVES CAN
VOTE AT
JANUARY ELECTIONS!
Make sure your
representatives are up to
date in the office!**



2017 MEMBERSHIP PACKETS COMING IN JANUARY

The 2017 UNOE Membership packets will be mailed to all 2016 NA Presidents at the beginning of January. Be sure to fill out all of the paperwork and return the required forms to the UNOE office.

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 not only time but 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.

Also please consider signing up for a committee as they are listed in the packet. If you want more information on the various committees, you can call the office at 428-4243. Your cooperation helps the office run smoothly for all of you and the staff!

WANTED

Do you have something you would like to share in our newsletter? Recognition for someone or something or an event coming up? We are always looking for articles that are interesting and helpful to the neighborhoods! Just let us know!

Email it to the UNOE office at office@unoevansville.org or call the office at 812-428-4243.



Joy
is not in
things ..
it is in us.
Richard Wagner

What is Your Neighborhood Association Doing in 2017?

United Neighborhoods of Evansville would like to know what is going on in your neighborhoods. Does your neighborhood association have any festivals, nights out or activities that involve the whole neighborhood? We would like to put together an office listing and describing what activities the neighborhoods put on to bring everyone in the neighborhood together. It will be a way for neighborhoods that need activity ideas to find out what the other neighborhoods are doing. We would like to hear from each neighborhood association, so if you could e-mail, drop off, or call-in a description of activities that your neighborhood participates in or puts on, we would love to hear about it and add it to our list!

Ideas to Get YOUR Neighborhood Association More Active

Schedule regular board meetings and membership meetings.

Create a newsletter about what is going on in your neighborhood to give to each member, new comers, businesses, schools, and churches.

Make sure to list your meeting schedule. The UNOE Office would glad to help with a newsletter.

Get involved with community organizations and offer to volunteer your time!!! Make it a group effort by making a committee for each organization you plan to work with.

Combine projects and programs with other neighborhood associations close to yours.

GET ACTIVE!!! Make litter pick-up a way to get clean up your neighborhoods and to get your exercise...but do it in groups of 3 or 4.

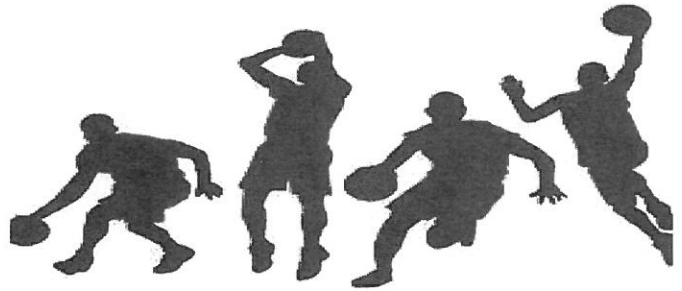
Stay connected to what's going on in Evansville by visiting <http://www.evansvillegov.org/> for a list of events and news topics.

Beat Back The Flu:

Flu season is upon us and millions of Americans will experience a cold or the flu at least one time in a calendar year. There are several things all of us can do to help prevent catching a cold or getting the flu and help prevent passing it on to others. Taking care of yourself is one of the best ways stay healthy during this season. Regular exercise along with a healthy diet and proper sleep can reduce the risk of a cold or the flu by keeping your immune system strong. A strong immune system is better equipped to withstand the onslaught of infection. Washing your hands with soap and warm water helps to eliminate germs. It is recommended you should wash your hands for at least 20 seconds and don't forget about your fingernails. Try singing your ABCs to help you. It is also a good way to get your young children to wash their hands and teach them proper hygiene. It is recommended every person get a flu vaccine between October and November, but later in the flu season will still help prevent infection. Clean your house with disinfectant, but make sure to wash those sponges and rags once a week. Sponges and rags can become a source for germs if proper care is not taken. Be mindful of your co-workers and stay home if you are sick. I can't guarantee you won't get sick this holiday season, but following a few simple steps might make all the difference.

GET A FLU SHOT!

Older people who got a flu shot were 19 percent less likely to be hospitalized for heart disease than those who didn't, according to a study in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. Researchers think influenza and pneumonia may trigger heart disease by damaging blood vessels and limiting blood flow.



Evansville Parks and Recreation to Host 1st Annual Mini Basketball Camp Instructional skill training at C.K. Newsome Community Center December 22 and 23

The Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation in collaboration with Black Heart Basketball is excited to announce the first annual Mini Basketball Camp on December 22 and 23 at the C.K. Newsome Community Center, 100 E. Walnut Street.

The camp is open to boys and girls 8- to 17-years-old and will be divided into two different sessions each day. The session for girls will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The session for boys will be held from 1 to 3 p.m.

Among the instructors from Black Heart Basketball participating in the camp will be former University of Evansville basketball player Lucious Wagner and former Vincennes University Assistant Coach David "DJ" Ragland.

The camp is \$20 per child and includes a free T-shirt with registration. To register, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 812-435-6162.

DEAR COMMUNITY LEADER: Please share the following information at meetings of the groups you're involved with, in your publications and on your websites. The text below can be copied in newsletters, handouts, etc. *You may save someone's life and prevent some serious injuries and illnesses.* Thank you!

2016-17 HEATING ADVICE TO STAY SAFE AND SNUG AND SAVE MONEY

Don't be flustered by winter's bluster.

Fuel to heat our homes can mean high bills. And heating increases the risks of fire, explosion and carbon monoxide poisoning. But a heating system that works efficiently can mean more warmth, more safety—and more money left for other things.

The Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Commission, Evansville Fire Department, Vanderburgh County township fire departments, American Red Cross, Vectren Corp. and your local heating and air conditioning contractors want to alert the citizens of Evansville and Southwestern Indiana to the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, fire and explosion from a malfunctioning furnace, a blocked flue or chimney, a broken gas line or inadequate air for combustion.

There could be hidden damage to your furnace, gas piping, flue or chimney. We are recommending that all citizens have their furnaces, space heaters, ranges, water heaters, gas lines, chimneys, flues and other heating equipment checked by a licensed heating contractor without delay. (You should do this every year.) You will protect yourself and your family this winter and **save on heating bills.**

Carbon monoxide replaces the oxygen in the air we breathe when fuel-burning equipment is operating and the vent or chimney is obstructed or there is not enough air to let the equipment burn fuel efficiently. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless and catches its victims unaware, sometimes as they sleep. If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, leave your home and call 911 or your local fire department.

Families in Evansville and across the country have been killed by carbon monoxide poisoning, and many others have become seriously ill. Symptoms may be similar to the flu, including headache, dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath. There may be fatigue and confusion. **But you may go to sleep and never wake up.**

Always use portable generators **outdoors**, far away from the home and any openings. Candle fires also have killed families. Be careful using candles during power outages and other times! And make a family fire escape plan.

Help alert your family with carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors, available at all hardware stores, home centers and department stores. Regularly test detectors and change the batteries.

THEY CAN HELP

Evansville Urban Enterprise Association offers **free** carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors, while supplies last, to residents of the Enterprise Zone and the service areas outside the zone who have not received them in the past. Phone (812) 426-2490.

Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE) handles the Indiana Weatherization Assistance Program in Vanderburgh, Posey and Gibson counties. (Every county in Indiana has an agency for the weatherization program.) CAPE may repair or replace faulty heating equipment and make other energy-efficient improvements. CAPE also helps with heating bills. CAPE has income limits. Phone (812) 492-3928.

Memorial Community Development Corp. offers emergency home repairs. The program covers repairs urgently needed to protect the residents. The home must be occupied by the owner, and there are income limits. Phone (812) 402-5530.

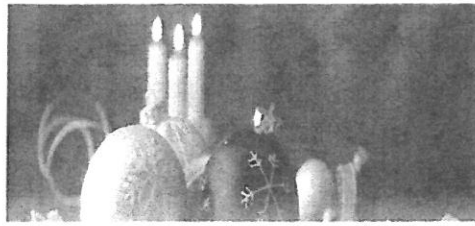
Vectren Corp. has details on **no-cost** home energy assessments and energy-saving products, income-qualified weatherization and **rebates** for purchases of qualifying furnaces, programmable thermostats, insulation and duct sealing. Phone (866) 240-8476 or visit Vectren.com/SaveEnergy.

Community One offers volunteer-based basic home repairs and weatherization to low-income people who own and occupy their homes, especially the elderly and disabled. Phone (812) 250-6888.

Handy Chore will change furnace filters, install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, provide fire extinguishers, make some windows and doors weathertight, repair storm doors and outer doors and pump out flooded basements. Handy Chore serves homeowners who are disabled or at least age 60. Phone SWIRCA & More at (812) 464-7817.

Faith-based organizations, social agencies and township trustees may help with heating bills and needs.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Safety Reminders



- * Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- * Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.

Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away. Page 2

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- * Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- * Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- * Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- * Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- * Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- * Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- * Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Stay safe,

Children's Museum of Evansville in Partnership with Old National Bank Foundation Announces Access Program for Low-Income Families

Museums for All to increase accessibility of high-quality museum learning resources

Evansville —During a press conference and check presentation on Thursday, October 20th at 2:00pm, the Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville (cMoe), will announce that it has joined *Museums for All*, a signature access program of the Association of Children's Museums (ACM) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to encourage families of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum habits. The program will enable low-income families to visit cMoe for a minimal fee of \$3 per person with the presentation of an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. *Museums for All* is part of the cMoe's broad commitment to seek, include, and welcome all.

"cMoe believes that all families – regardless of income – should be able to visit the Museum and access its resources, so we are thrilled to be bringing this program to the Evansville area," said Stephanie Terry, Executive Director of the Children's Museum.

"Through philanthropic contributions with community partners, the Museum has been able to offer bi-monthly family free nights to children in need, but we didn't have an organized program to offer discounts to individual families," Terry continued. "When we discovered the Museums for All initiative, we knew that this was the perfect way for us to ensure that our local residents could take advantage of the educational opportunities offered by our facility. We hope that families will visit the museum more regularly and build lifelong museum habits helping their children develop new skills and interests, ignite creativity and enrich social connections."

The Museums for All initiative represents a long stride toward the goal of reaching more children and parents, especially those living in poverty, with the valuable learning resources of museums.

Children's museums, with their unique focus on bringing children, families, and communities together, are committed to providing access to all. Each year, children's museums host more than 31 million visitors. The Museums for All initiative will allow children's museums to further expand their reach and impact.

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Winterizing Garden Tools

As the growing season ends and gardeners mow, snip and spade for the final time this fall, it's time to think of proper cleaning and storage of all that equipment. A little preventative maintenance now can prevent frustration and expensive repair in the future. Proper maintenance also extends the life of tools and equipment and makes working with them easier and more efficient.

While hoses don't need a great deal of care, the care that we provide is important if we want them to last. Store hoses on hose supports or reels or coil loosely rather than hanging them on nails. Hose supports or reels prevent sagging and kinking. Before storing hoses away for the winter, drain all the water from them and store in a dry location.

Remove caked on soil or vegetation from all tools using a wire brush, scraper or a strong stream of water. I like the wire brushes marketed to clean grills since they usually include a scraper. Lubricate all tool pivot points and springs. Sharpen hoes, spades, pruners, loppers and saws.

Check all tools thoroughly for loose screws or nuts and tighten them accordingly. Replace or repair broken handles and other bent or broken parts. Finally, spray all bare metal parts and cutting edges with penetrating oil such as WD-40 to prevent rust. Wipe wooden handles with boiled linseed oil to help prevent wood from cracking and drying. Or paint handles red or orange for quick location in the garden or your neighbor's garage. Colored tapes can also be used for quick location. Hang tools in their proper storage spot.

All sprayer parts should be thoroughly washed and rinsed. Most pesticides recommend triple rinsing of sprayers. Apply oil to moving parts as listed in owner's manual. Tip the sprayer upside down or hang upside down when not in use so that they can drain and dry thoroughly.

Wheelbarrows, carts and wagons may also need some attention before winter. Clean them thoroughly and touch up paint chips with spray paint to prevent exposed steel from rusting. Grease wheels to prevent squeaking.

Power equipment, such as lawn mowers, tillers and chippers, require additional winter preparations. Always refer to the owner's manual for specific information. However, in general, the following steps can be taken to winterize lawnmowers.

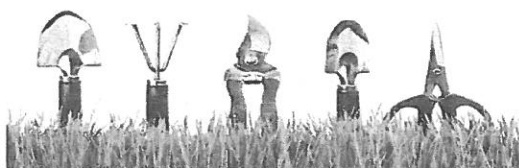
Wipe the equipment to remove collected grease, dirt and plant material. Theoretically this should be done after each use. Tighten loose screws and nuts.

Sharpen cutting edges and wipe with an oily rag if this wasn't done earlier. If your equipment has a four-cycle engine, change the oil by following instructions listed in your owner's manual. Remove all gasoline from tank by running engine until it stops or remove most of the gasoline with a meat baster and run it until it stops. Do not return meat baster to kitchen. I guarantee your spouse will know. Remove spark plug and squirt a little oil into the cylinder head. Give the engine a turn or two to coat the cylinder walls with oil, and then replace the plug.

Two-cycle engines, or engines that run with a gas and oil mixture, also should have the oil-gas mixture removed for the winter. Run the engine with the choke open to remove fuel from the lines. Check the spark plug and replace if it is worn. Replace other worn or damaged parts as well.

Avoid storing gasoline over the winter. Old gasoline does not ignite easily, making the machines using it work harder.

This is the time of the year when many gardeners feel they've finally caught up with all their activities. However, don't put your feet up until after the maintenance projects have been completed.



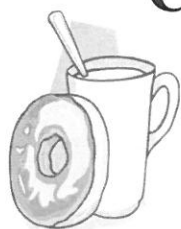
General Announcements



Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program

There will be no program in
December due to the Holidays.

See You in January 2017!



Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, December 20th

7:00-9:00am

Donut Bank

Lincoln Avenue

WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME

Report Crime Anonymously



Progress Continues on *Renew* Evansville Projects

Join us for an update on the proposed Renew Evansville projects, including visuals on the Bee Slough project stages. There will be an in-depth presentation and project representatives will be available to answer your questions.

When:

Tuesday, December 13

Presentation:

5:30pm (Central Time)

with open house

immediately following

Where:

**Browning Rooms A & B
at the Central Library**

200 SE Martin Luther King Blvd
Evansville, IN 47713

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PLEASE JOIN

EVANSVILLE MAYOR
LLOYD WINNECKE

For the **Clean Evansville**
4700 E. Morgan Ave.
(Bud's Harley Davidson)

Saturday, December 3rd

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.

Neighbor to Neighbor
UNOE Office
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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—WILL NOT BEING MEETING UNTIL MARCH 2017. SEE YOU THEN!**
- **UNOE Board Meeting—Wednesday, November 16th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.**
- **Recycle Day—Saturday, November 19th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.**
- ***Have a Great Thanksgiving!***
- **Recycle Day—Saturday, December 3rd, 8:00am-Noon, old Walmart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.**
- **There will be no board or general meeting in December.**



*We wish the best for every
Neighborhood in 2017.
The UNOE Board & Staff*