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## ***From the President . . . .***

Let me be the first to welcome everyone to 2017 and the start of a HUGE year for the United Neighborhoods of Evansville as we look towards hosting the Regional Neighborhood Networking Conference with the Department of Metropolitan Development. That being said, it is once again the time in which many Americans make their New Year's Resolutions. Granted based on reported data, less than 50% maintain these "declarations"; however, there is one common resolution that is gaining in popularity within all demographics for the upcoming year. From published reports, it appears that if you have a passion for something, 2017 will be the year for you to make volunteerism a top area of attention on your list by giving this devotion the time it deserves. Think about how a few moments of your donated time could benefit countless local non-profits and initiatives in ways that can't be put into dollars. However, it would be considered priceless to everyone involved. Imagine a society in which a few hours of your time are given to make a difference. I personally challenge each of you reading this to make a list of resolutions for the New Year and to include making time for a neighborhood cause in which you are each passionate about. The rewards are many, not just for the initiative, but for your overall mental well-being by

completing a goal in something you are truly motivated about. Modern society is built upon a backbone of small steps which have led to much greater successes. Be the change and make a difference in 2017 for we are only as strong as our weakest link.



In closing, as the incoming President of our organization a year ago, I made a commitment to each and every one of you as well as to this organization that together we will help to promote the positive growth of United Neighborhoods of Evansville and educate the local citizens on neighborhood associations in general. As my time in the lead fades, I am reminded of the following quote.

***"How do geese know when to fly to the sun? Who tells them the seasons? How do we, humans know when it is time to move on? As with the migrant birds, so surely with us, there is a voice within if only we would listen to it, that tells us certainly when to go forth into the unknown." – Elisabeth Kubler-Ross***

Just like the geese, I know that now it is my time to move on to a role as

a member of our Board of Directors. The steps we have taken together over the past year have both prepared and ensured that our organization will endure for many years to come. The daily world of 2017 needs strong and vibrant neighborhoods and neighborhood associations now more than ever. I ask that each of you continue to focus on doing the small things in your member associations well and in an efficient manner. I am a firm believer in by doing the small things right daily, our organization will be better prepared for the tough challenges that our member associations will face in the coming year.

Vince Lombardi said it best when he stated that, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." I ask that you step forward and answer the continued call to make your neighborhood the best that it can be! The UNOE Officers, Board Members, and Staff are here to assist you!

*Chris Cooke, President  
United Neighborhoods of Evansville*

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

## **Nominating Committee Report & Nominations**

The Nominating Committee is still accepting nominees for the upcoming election at the January 2017 General Meeting. As of December 31st, 2016 the ballot reads:

**President - Brent Jackson, Presidents NA**  
**Sr. Vice President—Fred Mulfinger, Lamasco NA**  
**Secretary - Linda Jones, CHAIN NA**  
**Treasurer - Kelly Al Nashmi, Greater Lincolnshire NA**  
**Regional Vice Presidents:**  
    **East - Steve & Susan Harp, Oak Hill NA**  
    **South - Rocky & Kathy Rosa, Tepe Park NA**  
    **West - Bob & Jenny Thomas, Diamond-Stringtown NA**

### **Board Members at Large:**

**Leonard Collins, Goosetown NA**  
**Nancy Currie, Plaza Park NA**  
**Richard Eich, Arcadian Acres NA**  
**Jenny Triggs, Helfrich NA**  
**Lucy Williams, Glenwood NA**

United Neighborhoods of Evansville is a vital part of Evansville community growth. Please consider being a part of the UNOE Board of Directors. Have your neighborhood association heard in making decisions that effect the whole community. The Board meets the third Wed. of the month at 4pm the the Hulman Bldg.

**REMEMBER - ONLY NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES CAN VOTE AT THE JANUARY ELECTIONS! MAKE SURE YOUR REPS ARE CURRENT AND CAN ATTEND. IF THEY CANNOT, EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO DESIGNATE A NEW REPRESENTATIVE.**

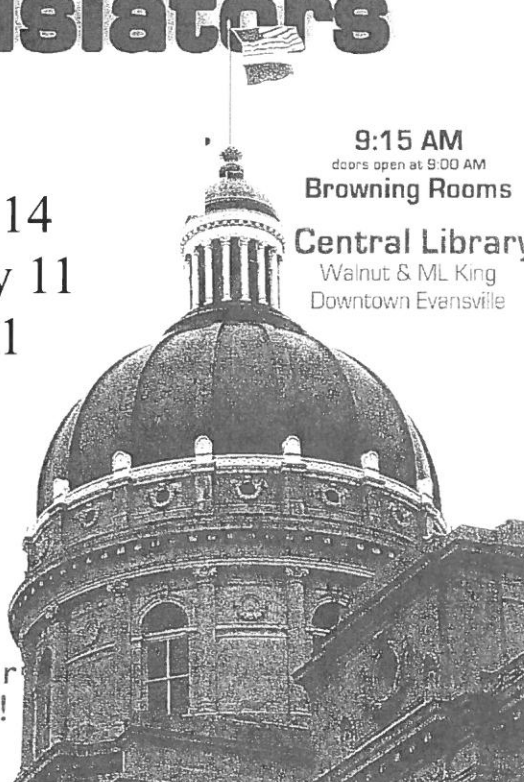
exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

Meet *your*  
**Legislators**

January 14  
February 11  
March 11  
April 8

9:15 AM  
doors open at 9:00 AM  
Browning Rooms  
Central Library  
Walnut & ML King  
Downtown Evansville

4 chances to  
influence your  
state officials!



### **WESTERN TERRACE NA ANNOUNCES WINNER FOR BEST DECORATED YARD**

Western Terrace Neighborhood awarded 1300 Genesta with the best decorated yard in the terrace for Christmas. We notice people in our neighborhood really take pride in their yards. We started awarding best decorated yard for July 4th, Halloween and Christmas. The winner receives a \$25 gift certificate and a sign to boast their achievement.



# HOLIDAY RECYCLING

Saturday

January 7, 2017

8:00 am – 12:00 noon

OLD WALMART WEST  
PARKING LOT

(4595 University Drive)

## ITEMS TO BRING:

(Please be sure items are clean and sorted.)

Christmas trees	Greeting cards
Gift wrap/boxes	Cardboard
Junk Mail	Bagged shredded paper
Aluminum cans	Metal food cans
Newspaper	Catalogs/magazines
Telephone books	#1- #7 plastic containers

**\*\*NO glass, styrofoam or plastic bags\*\***

**\* \* \* FREE MULCH \* \* \***

Please bring your own container.

Vanderburgh County Residents Only

FOR INFORMATION CALL THE SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
436-7800

[www.evansville.in.gov/recycle](http://www.evansville.in.gov/recycle)

## **10 TIPS TO SAVE MONEY, ENERGY & PROTECT YOUR HEALTH DURING WINTER**

1. Check your HVAC system to lower utility bills. Check for dirt in your HVAC systems. Change your air filter at least every 3 months. Arrange an HVAC checkup to make sure your system is operating at peak performance. <http://www.energystar.gov/homeimprovement>
2. Download EPA's free Apps to help protect your health. The AIRNow allow users to get current particle pollution and ozone levels and forecasts, hourly forecast of the UV radiation levels from the sun. The app is available for Apple and Android phones: <http://m.epa.gov/apps/index.html>
3. Decorate for the holidays with Energy Star light strings. Energy Star-qualified light strings use 65% less electricity than incandescent light strings and are now available.
4. Lower the temperature in your home and save. Lower your home's temperature while away or asleep by using one of the preprogrammed settings.
5. Save Water and save about \$170 per year. The average household spends as much as \$500 per year on their water and sewer bill, but approx. \$170 per year can be saved by installing water-efficient fixtures and appliances. <http://www.epa.gov/watersense>
6. Reduce your food waste. Food is the single largest type of waste going to landfills and incinerators. Americans disposed of approx. 33 million tons of food waste in 2010. That means 214 lbs. of food waste were discarded from every single American in a year. When excess food, leftover food, and food scraps are disposed of in a landfill, they decompose and become a significant source of methane - a potent greenhouse gas.
7. Look for the Design for the Environment label during cleaning. EPA's Designed for the Environment (DfE) logo differentiates products that use only the safest ingredients to protect people, our pets, and the environment. In 2011 using DfE products cut the use of harmful chemicals by more than 756 million lbs. <http://www.epa.gov/dfe/>
8. Test your home for radon gas. 1 in 15 homes may have elevated levels. Radon, a colorless gas, is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and levels can increase during colder months. Purchase an affordable kit online or at a local hardware store to determine the level in your home. <http://www.epa.gov/radon>
9. Learn before you burn and reduce firewood use. The Burn Wise program has best burn practices to help better protect your home and your health. Never burn garbage, cardboard, ocean driftwood or wet wood. If you replace an old wood stove with a more efficient one, efficiency can increase by 50%, 1/3 wood can be used for the same heat and 70% less particle pollution indoors and out are produced. <http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/>
10. Prevent Pests. Now is the time when pests such as insects and rodents may try to move indoors. Eliminate sources of food, water, and shelter to reduce pest problems. Prevent pests by using caulk to eliminate cracks, repair water leaks, remove clutter, and clean up crumbs and other food sources. If you decide to use a pesticide, read the label carefully. <http://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/>

## **METS to Launch New Sunday Routes, Expanded Night Service, New Rate Structure Starting January 2, 2017**

The Metropolitan Evansville Transit System is preparing to implement new bus fares, Sunday bus service and expanded night service on select routes effective January 2, 2017. The changes were recommended as part of the METS Comprehensive Operational Analysis conducted in 2015.

Bus fares for all passengers will decrease and bus transfers will be eliminated. Adult fares will change from \$1 to \$0.75 per ride, student fares will change from \$0.75 to \$0.50 per ride, elderly and disabled fares will change from \$0.50 to \$0.35 per ride, and Mobility fares will change from \$2 to \$1.50 per ride. Sunday bus service will be available on five routes from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting January 8, 2017. The

Sunday routes are Howell/Mary, First Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Covert Avenue and East Connection. Expanded night service will be available on the Lynch/Walnut route Monday through Saturday from 6:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. The Mary A Route will be combined with the Howell Route to create the new Howell/Mary Route and allow for restructuring of additional bus routes. To accommodate the new routes, A buses on the Lincoln, Riverside, Covert and Washington routes will not run between 10:45 a.m. and 12:45 a.m. each day.

METS riders are encouraged to use the new DoubleMap bus tracking system. DoubleMap allows riders to use smartphones to track the exact location of any bus in real. To track METS using DoubleMap, visit: <https://mets.doublemap.com>.

Riders with questions about the new bus service, rate structure or DoubleMap tracking system should call METS at 812-435-6166. For TDD/Hearing Impaired, please use Relay Indiana 1-800-743-3333. Information is also available online at [www.evansville.in.gov/mets](http://www.evansville.in.gov/mets).



## General Announcements



### Coffee with a Cop

Not Announced At This Time

**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](mailto:office@unoevansville.org) or call the office at 812-428-4243.



## Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program

Wednesday, January 25th  
5:30-7:00pm

Pine Haven Health & Rehab Center  
3400 Stocker Drive

Program: METS Service,  
Fare & Route Changes

## WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME

Report Crime Anonymously

## 2017 MEMBERSHIP PACKETS ARE MAILED!

The 2017 UNOE Membership Packets have been mailed to all 2016 NA Presidents. If your NA has not received it by January 10th, please let the office know. Be sure to fill out all of the paperwork and return to the UNOE office.

We are asking again that those who would rather receive the UNOE newsletter via e-mail to let the office know.

Upon return of your UNOE 2017 Membership Registration Forms, \$25 dues and City Registration, your association will receive 2000 free copies this year to help get the word out!

**UNOE OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday—Thursday  
9:00 am—3:00pm.

If you need something from the office after 3:00pm, please call 812-428-4243 or email [office@unoevansville.org](mailto:office@unoevansville.org) so that we can accommodate you.

Please join  
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE

for  
**CLEAN  
Evansville**

Garvin Park: 1500 N. Main Street

Saturday, January 7th, 2017 • 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Trash Bags and Gloves Provided



To Volunteer For a Team:  
Call Keep Evansville Beautiful • 812-425-4461  
Evansville Parks and Recreation • 812-435-6164

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Keep Evansville Beautiful, and Republic Services.

[www.cleanevansville.org](http://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  
*Neighborhood Associations working together to preserve, enhance and promote the Evansville and area neighborhoods.*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER !**

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, January 7th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, January 10th, 9:30am in the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Meeting**—Thursday, January 12th, 6:00pm at CK Newsome Center.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, January 14th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting**—Tuesday, January 17th, 6:00pm at McGary School.
- **UNOE Board Meeting - Wednesday, January 18th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.**
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, January 19th, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **UNOE General Meeting—Thursday, January 26th, 6:30pm at the CK Newsome Center. Officer & Board Member Elections will be held. Program to be announced.**

*Happy New Year*