

# **NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR**

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## **UNOE January General Meeting Elects 2017 Officers and Board Members**

**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**

**Congratulations and a big thank you to all those elected!!**

## **UNOE to Participate in 2017 Mardi Gras Parade**

The Franklin Street Mardi Gras Parade will be held this year on Saturday, February 25th at 4 pm. The parade will be coming down Franklin Street from Wabash Avenue to St. Joe Avenue. Be sure to dress up with your Mardi Gras outfits and retrieve some beads.

The United Neighborhoods of Evansville will have a float again this year. We will be meeting at the parade meeting place at Lamasco Bar & Grill at 3:00pm. All neighborhood members are invited to join in and walk or ride on the float. For UNOE information, call the office at 812-428-4243.

For more information about the parade, go to Facebook, Franklin Street Events or Mardi Gras Grand Parade 2017. See you there!

by Carolyn Stagg, Hilltop/WIA member



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

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

Hello Everyone!

I pray that you have had a wonderful holiday season and New Year. During the 2016 year, we really had some wonderful weather and we are so blessed to have been delighted with so many glorious days in 2016. Besides the Presidential storm that took place last year, Evansville's weather during 2016 was highly favorable. And for 2017 thus far, it has been off the chart remarkable! Rest assured that I spent my fair share of days outside chillaxing on the back patio basking in this great mild Evansville weather that we have been adorned with.

The Holidays are now over and the new year is getting older by the day. Since this is my first letter as President of the United Neighborhoods of Evansville organization, I wanted to take this opportunity and introduce myself to you. I am a married 45 year old Evansville native with two children. My oldest, Megan, is now 24 and owns a dance and massage studio on Green River Road. My step-son Mason is 17 and has lived at home with his mother and I since he was 7. He is now sporting braces and a used car (his new found freedom). I claim to have lived half of my life on the Eastside and half of my life on the Westside. (Sorry Northsiders, I love you too!) I grew up on the Westside of Evansville and graduated in 1989 from F.J. Reitz. Around the age of 21, I moved to the Eastside to lessen my commute to work.

Today, I am a Microsoft Certified Partner and Consultant and own a technology and consulting firm. I have owned my own business for almost 3 years now. Previously, I worked for Innovative Data Technologies for 7 years and Advanced Microelectronics for 4 years. Today, I carry several computer, server, Microsoft, Network, Infrastructure, and IT Security certifications. I provide technology solutions, end user support, and web/programming expertise to several Tri-State businesses and non-profit groups. You can learn more about me by visiting <http://evansville.guru> or you can email me at [brent@bdjackson.com](mailto:brent@bdjackson.com)

It is important that you know where I am coming from. It is important that you know what level of involvement I have with the City of Evansville. It is important that you know in my role as President of the United Neighborhoods of Evansville, I have no city or county contract, no financial ties or benefits with the city or county government or any of their coffers. I have no political agenda nor belong to any political party or group. I have been given no marching orders, I am truly acting on my own.

With that said, I wanted to make delivery of my first message as President of this organization and reach out to all of you! And to demonstrate that there are many boards, positions, and opportunities for people to become involved in our Great city AND in our local government at many, many levels. You don't need to have a political or financial agenda to become involved in the affairs of the community. There are over 20 City/County volunteer boards and 100's of positions and over 20+ non-profit community oriented organizations that you can get involved in the Tri-State Area. Real change happens here at home and at the local level. And If I can do it, so can you! For more information about getting involved with your community, please visit our homepage this month at <http://unoevansville.org> We have a challenging year ahead of us and I hope to keep you apprised of it.

Brent Jackson  
President  
United Neighborhoods of Evansville



**Don't Forget To Turn In Your 2017 NA Membership Packet !**

# **GET 2000 FREE COPIES TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**



A newsletter, flyer or postcard can go a long way in getting the word out about current events to your neighborhood or even the community of Evansville. The UNOE Board recognizes this importance and has voted again in 2017 to give all neighborhood associations **2000 free printed copies.**

One copy equals one side of an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper which costs 5 cents to print if being paid for. If both sides are printed on, it will cost a total of 10 cents. An 11 x 17 sheet of paper consists of four (4) 8 ½ x 11 sides (20 cents). Four (4) postcards can be printed on one piece of cardstock. Front and back of one sheet costs 10 cents or 2 ½ cents for each postcard for printing. A minimum of 200 pieces of mail is needed to use bulk mail postage rate.

**New bulk mail rates became effective January 26th, 2017. The bulk mail rate went from .131 to .133 per piece for mail in the zip code areas starting with 477, 476, and 424. In all other “out of area” zip codes, the rate went from .191 to .184 per piece.**

All neighborhoods associations are responsible for paying postage. Contact the UNOE office for details.

A bulk mailing can be as small as a post card, and as large as a 12 page newsletter. A single sheet needs to be tri-folded with 2 mailing seals. Two pages or booklet are half-folded or quarter-folded with 2 mailing seals.

Contact the UNOE Office if your neighborhood would like to take advantage of this service.

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## **Job Opening at United Neighborhoods of Evansville**

**We are seeking a person (part time) to assist in our office operations with the objective of becoming Operations Manager in the near future.**

**Qualifications include:**

**Ability to work with people**

**Organizations skills**

**Basic accounting knowledge**

**Strong computer skills**

**Knowledge of QuickBooks**

**Attention to detail**

**Communication skills**

**Punctual and reliable**

**Knowledge of Word, PDF, Excel and Publisher formats is helpful.**

**Salary is negotiable based on experience.**

**Contact Janice Ricketts, Operations Manager, at 812-428-4243.**

# Leadership Evansville To Facilitate a Stakeholder Session

Leadership Evansville alumni have come together with community partners to develop an innovative mapping tool that will overlay the incredible planning and projects happening in our city.

Leadership Evansville is facilitating a **Stakeholder Session Thursday, February 23, 2017, 4:00 pm at the Central Library Browning Room**. Significant stakeholders, like yourself, will be attending this session to inform the process and each other about current, ongoing, or future work in the community, such as utilities, connectivity, infrastructure, green space, etc. Your presence is important to us for resources and to build collaboration between people, organizations, and projects.

Please plan to attend to share your specific knowledge and ideas! Together, we have an amazing opportunity to further the growth and renewal of our city!

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me at (812) 499-4227 or [jennifer@leadershiveansville.org](mailto:jennifer@leadershiveansville.org)

Please share this with all neighborhood associations. Thank you!

Jennifer Cooke  
Alumni & Community Engagement Director



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## GET YOUR 2016 TAXES PREPARED FREE

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program of the IRS offers free tax return preparation for individuals with low to moderate income. You may qualify if:

You have taxable income of **up to \$60,000** with dependents

Appointments are available at the Legal Aid Society on Monday afternoons from **1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – January 30, 2017 through April 17, 2017**. Appointments are made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Call **435-5173** before 11:30 a.m. to make an appointment for the IRS VITA SITE at the Legal Aid Society in Room 105 of the Civic Center Complex.

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT and bring the following with you to your appointment:

- Driver's License or Picture Identification Card
- Social Security Card for *each* adult and child
- All Wage and Earnings Statements (W-2s, 1099, etc.)
- List of Itemized Expenses for Self-Employed Individuals
- Social Security Benefit Statements
- Unemployment Statements
- All Health Insurance Information for all family members
- All Interest and/or Dividend Statements
- Last Year's State and Federal Tax Returns
- Proof of Real Estate Taxes Paid
- Landlord's Name & Address and the Total Amount Rent Paid
- Child Care Provider's Name/Address/SSN/TIN# & Total Amount Paid
- Proof of Educational Expenses, including student loan information

**Program exclusions may prevent us from preparing more complex returns at this site**

Contact Legal Aid Society of Evansville, Inc. (812) 435 5173 with any questions.





Jeffery A. Allen  
Chief of Police

# Evansville Police Department

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## NOTICE TO NEIGHBORHOODS

DATE: 01/05/17

TO: CPO UNIT AND AFFILIATES

FROM: Sgt. Karges CPO Unit Commander

SUBJECT: Adverse weather policy

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This is a reminder of the policy that is in effect in the advent of adverse weather conditions.

It is the recommendation for the safety and wellbeing for those involved to cancel any and all meetings and minor events that involve the EPD/CPO unit. This policy is in place to help assist those involved to help determine if a meeting or event will be held. While we will attempt to make notifications when possible there may be times when these notifications may be missed. Below are some guidelines to follow if you ever question if a meeting will still take place.

1. When local news outlets or National Weather Center issue a weather advisory, a storm watch, storm warning, or other natural disaster that covers the time period of the meeting then that meeting will be cancelled.
2. If the EVSC or participating school systems close, then the meeting at those locations will also be cancelled. This may be harder to determine since individual schools may close. If in doubt contact the EVSC or school in question. If EVSC closes because of inclement weather, then meetings should be cancelled also.
3. Anytime the City of Evansville announces that the city is closed for whatever reason then all meetings will be cancelled.

This policy is to help insure the elderly, physically challenged, and anyone who walks to meetings stay safe and is not endangered. It is our goal first and foremost to keep people safe and sound. If the organization determines they still want to hold a meeting, that is their decision to do so, but they do so against the advice of the EPD and will do so knowing an officer will NOT attend the meeting.

If you are not sure if we have your contact information and do not utilize Nextdoor.com, or the EPD & CPO Facebook pages then call Linda (812) 435-6115 at the Crime Prevention Office and give us your information. If you have any questions, contact your beat CPO.



in partnership with the community



Armbands will be available for purchase at Lamasco Bar & Grill and Thyme in the Kitchen. ONLY 1,000 armbands will be sold. We sold out quickly the previous years!

**NEW THIS YEAR –  
WE ARE GOING GREEN!**

In order to reduce waste this year, we will have keepsake soup bowls and are asking you to bring your own spoon.

\* Spoons will be available for purchase for \$1 each OR bring your own and reuse.

## Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

### BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- »»» Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- »»» Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- »»» Never use your oven to heat your home.
- »»» Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- »»» Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- »»» Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- »»» Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- »»» Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- »»» Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



### Heating Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



### FACT

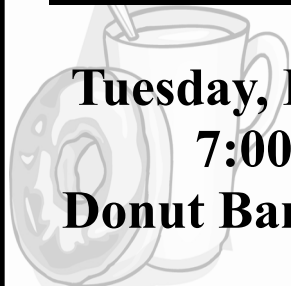
Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information  
 NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269



## Coffee with a Cop



**Tuesday, February 21st  
7:00-9:00am  
Donut Bank, St. Joe Ave**

## WeTip

**1-800-78-CRIME**  
Report Crime Anonymously

## Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program

**Wednesday, February 22nd  
5:30-7:00pm  
Dream Center Annex  
16 W. Morgan Avenue  
"Public Meeting on  
2017 Road Improvement"**

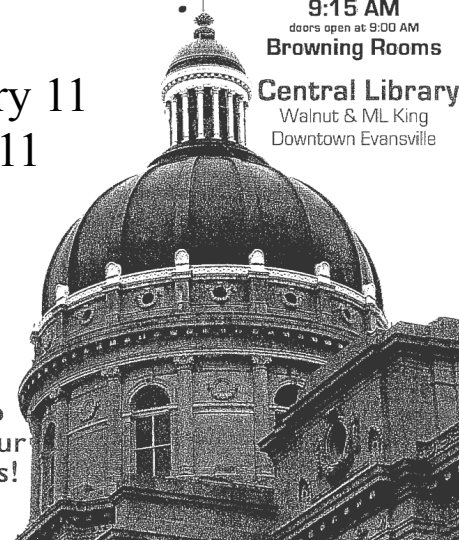
exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

## Meet *your* **Legislators**

**9:15 AM**  
doors open at 9:00 AM  
**Browning Rooms**

**February 11  
March 11  
April 8**

**Central Library**  
Walnut & ML King  
Downtown Evansville



**3 chances to  
influence your  
state officials!**

Tri-State Creation Care presents:

## Creating Backyard Habitat

**Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 7:00pm  
Downtown Central Library  
Browning Rooms**

**Sharon Sorenson, Speaker**

**For more information, go to Facebook at  
*Tristateinterfaithcreation care* or  
email [tristate.creation.care@gmail.com](mailto:tristate.creation.care@gmail.com)**

**RESTORING PRIDE**  
Let's work together to make Evansville a better place to live.

Please join  
**EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE**  
for

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Evansville**

Garvin Park: 1500 N. Main Street  
Saturday, February 4th, 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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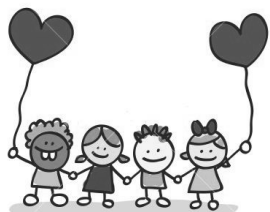
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*Neighborhood Associations working together to preserve, enhance and promote the Evansville and area neighborhoods.*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER !**

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, February 4th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, February 11th, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting - Wednesday, February 15th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.**
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, February 16th, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia
- **UNOE General Meeting—Thursday, February 23rd, 6:30pm at the CK Newsome Center, 100 Walnut Street.**

**Program: “Citizen’s Concern Portal Demonstration”  
“RNNC Update”**

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee Meeting**—March 2nd, 4:00pm, at the UNOE Office.



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

