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## “NEIGHBORHOODS: Where Life Happens”

— is the theme for the 2017 Regional Neighborhood Network Conference (RNNC) being co-hosted by the City of Evansville’s, Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) and United Neighborhoods of Evansville (UNOE).

The 2017 RNNC is a three day event that runs from October 5th - 7th, 2017. The RNNC is a cooperative network of 24 Mid-western cities and 5 States; Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

**The following workshop tracks are being considered for RNNC 2017:**

*Community Gardens and Food Stability*

*Climate, Environment, Sustainability & Green Energy*

*Planning, (re)Development & Infrastructure*

*Community Policing and Public Safety*

*Social Media and Tech Innovations*

If you would like to present a workshop that can help our attendees improve their neighborhoods and communities, please contact Kate at [kmckinney@unoevansville.org](mailto:kmckinney@unoevansville.org).

Our tracks are not yet set in stone and we will be happy to consider workshop concepts that fall outside these categories if they fit our theme and purpose.



For more information

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*From the President . . . .*

## **Prioritizing YOUR Time with YOUR Neighborhood Association**



It sickens me to think of all the people who rush to the voting booths “to vote the bums out”, but never once bothered to show up at a neighborhood meeting, a traveling city hall, or a county meeting about some important topic of interest or debate. Additionally, it is amazing to me to see so many people on my Facebook and Twitter feeds who are preoccupied with what is going on at the federal level of government while at the same time skipping on the local government meetings, “Meet your Legislatures”, cracker barrel and other public forums in the Tri-State. Do they not realize that it is these local events and forums that has the most influence and effect on our daily lives?!?

Every morning when we wake up and look out the front window, many people do not realize that most of the world that we see before us was built with local tax dollars by either the city or county governments. Did you know that most of our roads & sidewalks, most of our police staff, and most of our parks are all managed or operated by our city or county governments? When we talk about the influence and relationship that our government has with us, we **MUST** talk about our relationship with our **CITY** government first. And our county government second. And if you have kids, ok, your relationship with the EVSC (a different entity entirely) might make take precedent in your life.

As a community, it behooves us to grasp this important distinction between local, state, and federal governments. It is important that we understand that our local government is the closest to us in our daily lives. That, like it or not, there is a relationship that we citizens have with our city & county governments. And like all relationships, it is up to you to help to maintain it. It is up to you to make it better. It is up to you to make relationship changes. It is up to you to improve that relationship with your government. And for many, your neighborhood association has become an important factor in that relationship between you and the local city and county governments. Neighborhood associations have been long sought after as the go to voice of the local community. And often, without an active neighborhood association, voices of the community go unheard. Problems go unresolved. And bigger problems eventually settle into those inactive neighborhoods.

It is important that as individuals, we partner with our neighborhood associations and participate in some of their meetings, some of their projects, and some of their initiatives. Because, today— more now than ever—local, state, and even federal governments are seeking public comments found at neighborhood meetings. More to the point, state and federal grants now come with “public participation” and “public buy-in” criteria for awarding grants. And with the Promise Zone designation coming into full swing this year in Evansville, the voices of the neighborhood associations have just gotten louder! And those neighborhood associations, and those people who participate in those neighborhoods, are going to be an important component to the outcome of the promise zones projects.

As the President of UNOE and a sitting member of the Promise Zone governance committee, I can tell you that they are interested in hearing our neighborhood voices. They are eager to reach out into the neighborhoods and collect data about problems, issues, and talk with people about them. They want to gather the data and review it. They hope to align grant opportunities with the community needs (or perceived community needs). And it’s up to **YOU** to give them that information and direction! It’s time for **YOUR** voice to be heard! The opportunity is here and now! Get involved and pass the word!

Brent Jackson  
President of UNOE



**Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**  
**OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS**

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) has completed a draft update of the 2018-2021 *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* for the Evansville, IN – Henderson, KY urbanized area, including Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Henderson counties.

You are invited to an Open House meeting for public review of the *Draft TIP*, and to acquire information on projects presented in the TIP; learn about other transportation proposals; discuss areas of concern with the MPO staff; and submit comments on the Draft TIP (which will be included in the document). Three public open houses will be held.

**Evansville Open House Meetings:**

**Meeting 1:**

**Time:** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**Date:** April 13, 2017

**Place:** Washington Square Mall Food Court  
 South Green River Road  
 Evansville, IN

**Meeting 2:**

**Time:** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**Date:** April 17, 2017

**Place:** Evansville Central Library  
 Browning Rm. B  
 200 SE MLK Jr. Blvd.  
 Evansville, IN

**Henderson Open House Meeting:**

**Meeting 3:**

**Time:** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**Date:** April 19, 2017

**Place:** Henderson County Public Library  
 101 South Main Street  
 Henderson, KY

For more information please call 812-436-7833, or visit [www.evansvillempo.com](http://www.evansvillempo.com).





## **Evansville Police Department Social Media**

**EPD Web Site:**

<http://www.evansvillepolice.com>

**EPD Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/EvansvillePoliceDept>

**EPD Crime Prevention Unit Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/EPD-Crime-Prevention-780835575393601>

**EPD Twitter:**

@EvansvillePD

**EPD Instagram:**

@EvansvillePoliceIN

**EPD Snapchat:**

Evansville Police Department

**EPD Crime Free Multi-Housing Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/EPDCrimeFreeProgram>

## **EPD Foundation Social Media**

**Evansville Police Department Foundation Web Site:**

<http://epdfoundation.org>

**EPD Foundation Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/EPDFoundation>

**EPD Foundation Horse Detail Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/EPDHorseDetail>

**EPD Foundation SWAT Challenge Facebook:**

[https://www.facebook.com/EPD-Foundation-SWAT-Challenge-184776815275255/?hc\\_ref=PAGES\\_TIMELINE&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/EPD-Foundation-SWAT-Challenge-184776815275255/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE&fref=nf)

**EPD Foundation Twitter:**

@EPD\_Foundation



## **Spring Yard Waste Service**

To assist residents with extra yard waste generated while cleaning up their yards in the spring, the City's Automated Trash Program provides an annual service for unlimited yard waste to be picked up during the first four full (4) weeks of April. The yard waste needs to be properly contained in plastic bags, in tied bundles or loose in containers. No special bags are required because this waste will be going to the landfill with your regular trash.

The current Trash & Recycling Program only allows for the emptying of one (1) trash and one (1) recycling cart which are supplied by the City. Extra materials outside the carts will not be picked up except during the "Annual Spring Yard Waste" four (4) week period and the "Fall Leaf" eight (8) week period.

We encourage residents to recycle as much as possible to make room for additional volume in their trash and yard waste cart. If you require additional service for trash or recycling, you may contact [Republic Service's](#) Customer Service desk at (812) 424-3345. A one-time service fee of \$100 will be charged per request, which entitles you to additional service at no additional monthly cost. The City of Evansville will supply an additional Cart with each request. Please note that only City of Evansville-supplied carts will be emptied.

Please contact [Republic Services](#) at (812) 424-3345 if you need additional service.



## **Master Gardener Plant Sale**

Nearly 15,000 plants will be for sale at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center on Saturday, May 6 during the “Dig...Plant...Grow!” Plant Sale sponsored by the Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association, Inc. (SWIMGA) and Tucker Publishing Group.

Perennial and annual flowers for sun and shade gardens as well as succulents, water plants, vegetables, herbs, house plants, and beautiful Mother’s Day gifts will be available from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Central time. Master Gardeners will be on hand throughout the day to answer questions about the plants being sold, and Master Gardener Ernie Hicks will be available to address questions about backyard gardening, growing tomatoes, and the use of raised garden beds.

The Vanderburgh 4-H Center is located at 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Road north of Evansville.

This plant sale provides the financial resources needed by SWIMGA to maintain nearly 20 public gardens in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Posey counties including the 1.2-acre Master Gardener Display Garden in Evansville. In addition to managing the exquisite floral gardens, 10,000 pounds of vegetables are harvested by the Master Gardeners and donated to the Tri-State Food Bank each year.

For more information about the Plant Sale, please contact Rita Howell at 812.582.0762 or [howell@psci.net](mailto:howell@psci.net).



## **Home-Made Pesticides Not a Good Idea**

I was at a meeting the other day. During a lull in the business, a woman sitting next to me asked, “I read on the internet about making my own weed killer out of...” I stopped her before she could get any further.

Purdue University does not recommend using homemade pesticides. In some instances, homemade remedies are inferior or economically unsustainable. Some materials have not been evaluated due to a lack of feasibility on a large scale or a complete lack of evidence that the material has any pesticide properties. Some homemade materials even cause plant injury or environmental contamination. If you are unsure of the legality of a pesticide or its use, contact your local Extension office.

Michigan State published an interesting article earlier this month about the legal issues of using some of these home-made concoctions: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/are\\_homemade\\_pesticides\\_legal](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/are_homemade_pesticides_legal).

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### Lighting Safety:

Lightning may strike as far as 10 miles from any rain.



### Outdoors:

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1.

### Indoors:

- Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You **can use** a cell or cordless phone.
- **Do not** wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes



**— SATURDAY, MAY 20 —**  


**2017 EPDF SWAT CHALLENGE**

 Find us on **facebook** **EPD FOUNDATION SWAT CHALLENGE** 

**5K OBSTACLE COURSE IN DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA**  
Open to ANY ONE, ANY AGE, who is ready for a challenge!  
For information and registration - [www.epdfoundation.org](http://www.epdfoundation.org)

## General Announcements

### Coffee with a Cop



Tues., April 18th  
7:00-9:00 am

**Donut Bank**  
**Washington Ave Location**

## Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program



**Wednesday, April 26th**

**5:30-7:00pm**

**American Red Cross Building**  
**29 S. Stockwell Road**

**Program:**  
**Home Fire Campaign**  
**Reducing Fire-Related Deaths**

*Save the Date!*

## **National Night Out**

It will be on **August 1, 2017**  
at **Wesselman's Park**  
from **6-8:30pm.**

We are making plans now.  
Please put the date on your calendar!

## **WeTip**

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

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

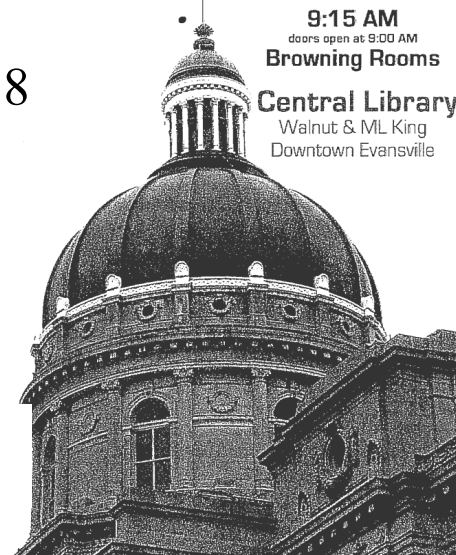
Meet *your*  
**Legislators**

**April 8**

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

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

Your  
LAST  
chance to  
influence  
your  
officials!



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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, April 8th, 8:00am-Noon, old Wal-mart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, April 11th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, April 19th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, April 20th, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, April 22nd, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE General Meeting**—Thursday, April 27th, 6:30pm  
at the CK Newsome Center.

**Program: “Electric Grid Modernization Plan”**  
**- Kelley Chase, VP– Marketing & Communications,**  
**Vectren Corporation**

*Please plan on attending this meeting! Open to the public!*

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