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22ND ANNUAL SPARKPLUG RECOGNITION BANQUET THURS., OCTOBER 26TH TROPICANA EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER

“Reinventing Neighborhoods”



The 2017 Sparkplug Committee has been hard at work already planning the best yet Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet. The Banquet will be held Thursday October 26th at the Tropicana Conference Center in the Walnut Rooms. Some of the changes coming:

- ♦ A change in the way the Sparkplug Awards will be given. The recognition will be read from the podium so all can hear clearly, but the awards to each Sparkplug will be given at the tables.
- ♦ A special recognition for our Community Police Officers. But with that, CPOs will not be allowed to be Sparkplug winners unless they actually live in the neighborhood giving the award.
- ♦ The cost per ticket has been the same since 2014. UNOE has tried to keep the cost down and supplement the cost of the meal tickets. This year the decision was made to raise the price of the tickets to \$18.00 since the overall price of everything is going up. This is still half of the cost with UNOE supplementing the other half through sponsorships.
- ♦ The cost of ads have changed. The cost of a business card for the Neighborhood Associations ONLY will be \$25.00. All other business card ads will be \$50.00. Other size ads will still be available.
- ♦ Neighborhood Invitation Packets will go out the beginning of August.

**RNNC Volunteers—
We
Need
You!**



To register as a volunteer, please contact:

Kolbi Jackson

Community Development Specialist

Department of Metropolitan Development

812-436-7808

kkjackson@evansville.in.gov

-Or- Call the UNOE Office @ 812-428-4243

From the President

Getting Inside the Millennial Mindset and the Change of Venue, Part 2



Last month I spoke about the changing venue and the millennial mindset that is responsible for it. These changes are not isolated to our geographic area in Evansville, Indiana but it is being seen nationwide. One only needs to google the words “millennial and meeting places” to find an assortment of articles and commentary about the subject. As these changes occur across communities, it is up to us to recognize them and respond. UNOE’s mission is to continue to provide a relevant support structure for our neighborhoods. We’ll continue to print newsletters and fliers for those who find the weight of the paper in their hand a mark of importance and necessity. For those who want to expand past the physical boundaries of what communication is and what a neighborhood association looks like, we want to assist in this area as well.

Setting up a neighborhood Facebook group or twitter account can help your neighborhood be more actively engaged. UNOE also offers a page on our website that you can edit, customize or request changes. Our UNOE office and myself can help guide you into the realm of social media and cyberspace for neighborhoods. Give us a call and let us know what you are interested in. You can call the office at (812) 428-4243. We will setup a time to discuss these possible changes in your neighborhood.

The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference 2017 - UPDATE

Last month, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, the DMD and United Neighborhoods of Evansville made the official announcement of the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference coming to Evansville. We are now full speed ahead with the conference planning. We have secured the ONB Events Plaza ballroom and conference rooms. We have reserved nearly 200 rooms at the DoubleTree and 50 rooms at the Tropicana. We have nearly completed our RNNC swag bag items...which is a really big to-do item off of our plate. Thanks to all of those who were on the Swag Bag committee!

Starting this month, we will be making some of our final decisions on workshops, on the conference itinerary, and on the count of the volunteers that we will need. We have received over 30 workshop proposals and we are going to be forced to choose which ones will be selected for our conference. This is a good situation to be in. I want to apologize in advance to anyone or group that is not selected to be in our conference. These are hard decisions to make and none of it is taken lightly.

A RNNC Steering committee meeting is scheduled for June 15th. It is comprised of representatives from all of the participating cities in the conference. This meeting is where we will seek a final approval of our conference itinerary. The conference itinerary will include our workshop lists, tours, venues, and food options that we will be serving. We have not completely decided upon our entertainment options and we are still seeking some local and free to low cost artists or entertainers for our conference. You may submit entertainment ideas to our office email account office@unoevansville.org

Till next month! – Brent Jackson, President

For Conference information,
go to

www.rnnc2017.com

Registration will start mid-June.



Summer Safety Tips from the Evansville Fire Department

Beat the Heat:

Whether you're working or playing outside in the summer, anybody not accustomed to the heat is at risk for a heat-related illness. Take steps to protect yourself:

- ✓ Wear appropriate clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat
- ✓ Take frequent water breaks
- ✓ Apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15
- ✓ Never leave kids or pets unattended in a vehicle

Water Safety

More than one in five drowning victims are children 14-years-old and younger, and most incidents happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub. Keep your kids safe in the water:

- ✓ Find age-appropriate swim lessons for your child, but keep in mind that lessons do not make your child "drown-proof"
- ✓ Don't rely on lifeguards to watch over your children
- ✓ Never leave your child unattended



Preparedness in Your Pocket

Red Cross mobile apps offer the vital information you need to prepare and respond to emergencies—big and small.

To download, visit redcross.org/apps, text "APPS to 90999" or search "American Red Cross" in your mobile app store.



Blood App



Monster Guard App.



Shelter App.



Emergency App.



Pet First Aid App.



First Aid App.



Wildfire App.



Hurricane App.



Flood App.



Team Red Cross App.



Tornado App.

In 2017, the Vanderburgh Humane Society will celebrate its 60th anniversary as an organization. This would not have been possible without decades of support from right here in the Evansville community. VHS encourages the public to help mark this significant milestone by making a tax-deductible donation at www.vhslifesaver.org, or by calling (812) 426-2563 to find out how to get involved. Donors, volunteers, adopters, and fosters are always needed.

A celebratory Ice Cream Social Event will be held on Saturday, June 24, 11am-4pm at the shelter. It is open & free to the public.



A COMMUNITY-POLICE



COOPERATION PARTY



Wesselman Park

Tuesday, August 1 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.


- Children's Firefighting Challenge Course
- Rope Rappelling
- K-9
- SWAT Team
- Bomb Squad
- Meth Suppression Unit
- Soda Blaster

Family, friends and neighbors are invited to come out for a going away party for crime! Enjoy FREE food, games and fun for the community.

Please park in the Roberts Park lot using the Boeke Road entrance. Shuttles will take you to Wesselman Park.



Franklin Street Bazaar & Farm Market Opening June 17th, 9am - 1pm



General Announcements

Coffee with a Cop



Tues., June 20th
5:00-7:00 pm
Chick-Fil-A
Cross Pointe



Don't Forget !

Take Pictures Of
Your
Neighborhood
Association's

activities and turn them into
the UNOE Office for the
Sparkplug Banquet!

Special Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program



Saturday, June 24th
11:30am—1:00pm
Eastland Mall

The program will feature a presentation on lowering residential utility bills through Vectren's Home Energy Assessment Program and the Income Qualified Weatherization Program.

A representative of CLEAResults, a national energy efficiency services provider, will be present to answer questions and sign-up residents for a home assessment.

3rd Annual *"Splash into Summer"* Donation Drive

The donation drive is a project of the Evansville Parks Foundation in partnership with several local corporate sponsors and community supporters. The goal is to collect items that will be given to children and families to make swimming more affordable, and to encourage attendance at city swimming pools and participation in swimming competitions.



The cookouts will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays at Garvin Pool on June 10, Helfrich Pool on June 17, Lorraine Pool on July 8, Rochelle-Landers Pool on July 15, and Mosby Pool on July 22. A free hot dog, drink, a bag of chips and a cookie will be offered with each admission to the pool. Swimming suits, beach towels and other items collected during the donation drive will be available for families who cannot afford swimming attire.

Donated items may also be dropped off Monday through Friday during regular business hours at the Department of Parks and Recreation office located at the C.K. Newsome Community Center, 100 E. Walnut St. Tax-deductible cash contributions may be mailed to the Evansville Parks Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3112, Evansville IN, 47730.

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DATES TO REMEMBER !

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, June 3rd, 8:00am-Noon, 4-H Center. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, June 10th, 8:00am-Noon, old Walmart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, June 15th, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **Sparkplug Committee Meeting**—June 20th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, June 21st, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.

**UNOE General Meeting—Thursday, June 22nd,
6:30pm at the CK Newsome Center**

Program:

ORX I-69 Project

Please plan on attending this informative meeting!
Everyone is welcome!
