

# **NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR**

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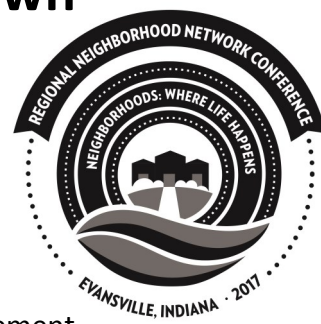
## **Annual Sparkplug Banquet's "Reinventing Neighborhoods" Photo Contest**



The Sparkplug Committee has come up with a new contest for the neighborhoods! With the banquet theme in mind, take a photo of whatever is "reinventing" itself in your neighborhood. It can be something new, serious or just plain silly and fun! The only request is it must include a person or people. The winning neighborhood association will receive a small 'reward' and a trophy that will travel between neighborhood associations year to year as a new theme with a new NA winner will be picked at the banquet every year. An entry form will be included in the Banquet Invitation Packet mailed to the NA presidents in early August.

Get your imagination going and get us a picture of how you are "reinventing" your neighborhood!!!

## **Nominate Your Own Neighborhood Hero!**



Do you know of someone  
in your neighborhood who:

Removes barriers

Promotes Neighborhood Involvement

Is a visionary

Builds Community Partnerships

The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference has established two awards by which nominees may be recognized for outstanding and innovative long term service to neighborhoods and communities in our region. They are: **Stella Stewart "Doing Good in the Neighborhood" Award** and the **Eric Turner Award**.

Please visit **[RNNC2017.com](http://RNNC2017.com)** to learn more about the awards. People can find the form to submit there, Then nominate your neighborhood leader!

Deadline for nominations is Tuesday, August 1st.

## **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](mailto:kkjackson@evansville.in.gov)

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

*From the President . . . .*

## How to Be a Good Leader



You will not find me talking much about the spring flowers, rainbows, and unicorns in town. Good leaders keep their stories short and without the horse and pony show. They express curiosity about the people around them. They are genuinely interested in what other people do and think. A good leader listens and learns. They accept the fact that they may not be right about a subject or topic of discussion. They know when to pause, when to surrender and when to move on. When new leadership comes into an organization and starts trying to make change without first listening to the feedback of their own people, then that is an early sign of poor leadership.

It is a flaw in our thinking that people are as interested in you as you may think they are. Be humble. Good leaders do not seek self-recognition. True leaders will eventually be recognized in their own due course. Whether it is working with their neighborhoods, cleanup projects, or some other service or project, good leaders are selfless and may never have a news article written about them or a park bench named for them. They may only reside in our memories, and that's okay.

Good Leaders are watched. When a leader starts pointing fingers and making waves, others will be looking back at him. Great leaders know that they must contain their emotions and not act out, even if they are the most effective and influential person to ever come along in an organization. A self-righteous neighborhood leader can be a very bad thing for a neighborhood. All leaders are afraid of failing by screwing up or looking stupid. But, what sets good leaders apart is that they act on behalf of those they represent. They act in the name of the organization and not in self-service.

Good leaders never ever talk trash. Most people would rather talk about the weather than hear about a leader trash talking. If a leader gossips about others in his community, those who hear him will remember the negative things said more than anything else he says or does. Negative comments are remembered ten times more than positive ones. So, be sure to have plenty of positive comments in life. Negative people are often left out of the loop (on purpose).

Good leaders have good communication skills. For example, emails should be short, friendly, and get directly to the point. Don't start forwarding jokes and other nonessentials to everyone in the neighborhood or on your organization's list. Good leaders also proofread and make sure every document is attached before hitting "send." Getting three consecutive emails about the same thing gets quite confusing. People will see a lack of preparedness. Slow down. Be careful. Be diligent. Above all, be respectful. When talking through emails, people often lose expression, connotation and context. Don't dilute words or statements with anything that cannot be documented, backed up, or quantified in some way. Before you speak, ask yourself, will this benefit to the group or current discussion? Or, do I want to just hear myself talk?

Until next month, God Bless!

Brent Jackson



**Don't Forget !**

**Take Pictures Of Your**

**Neighborhood Association's activities**  
**and turn them into the UNOE Office for**  
**the Sparkplug Banquet!**

**CHANGES IN NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSN MEETING DATES & PLACES**

**If your meeting date or place changes, please**  
**notify the office directly.** Don't depend on some-  
one else to tell us.

**For those going to meetings, please check with**  
**the contact listed on the website to verify the**  
**information.**



# ***EVANSVILLE HYDROFEST TO ROAR ON THE RIVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND***

A new event will be staged on the Ohio Riverfront in Downtown Evansville, Indiana USA over the Labor Day weekend in 2017. Evansville HydroFest™ will host the American Power Boat Association's North American Championships for 14 classes of Inboard Boats during the 3-day event, Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

All 14 classes of eligible APBA boats use inboard power-plants, as opposed to out-board motors, in a variety of hull designs, including flat bottom, V bottom, and hydroplanes. The classes are grouped by hull type, length, weight, and size and type of engine. Each class is distinguished by letters, such as Y, NMH, and GP.

A total of 33 teams have committed to compete in Evansville in 3 classes, including 1 Litre Y Hydroplanes, National Modified Hydroplanes NMH, and Grand Prix Hydroplanes GP. More classes are expected to compete.

The GP's are the loudest, fastest, and largest of the APBA Inboard Classes, using 468 cubic inch supercharged/fuel injected V8 engines running on methanol and producing upwards of 1500 horsepower. The current world straightaway record was set in Fall 2016 by GP15, driven by Jerry Hopp at 170.620 mph.

The Grand Prix's are organized and presented by Grand Prix Worldwide (GPW), a group of teams primarily from America's west coast. The Executive Director is Mr. Sam Cole, a longtime organizer of hydroplane racing.

Evansville HydroFest is presented by Evansville Events, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit entity of the Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Bob Warren emphasized: "We are presenting Evansville HydroFest because our residents and visitors have asked for a new form of boat racing on our beautiful Ohio River. They want more boats, closer competition, less downtime, cooler temperatures, and MORE ROAR! And we will deliver. We chose Labor Day weekend because high temperatures will be around 85 degrees. As for action, as soon as one race is completed, the next heat will begin.

Admission cost for Evansville HydroFest is \$10 total for all 3 days. 12 and under are free. The wristbands will go on sale June 29<sup>th</sup> at area banks, credit unions, businesses and organizations as well as online at [www.evansvillehydrofest.com](http://www.evansvillehydrofest.com). Bleacher Seating and Pit Tours will be available. Lawn chairs welcome. Limited size coolers permitted (no glass).

August 17, 2017  
Southern Indiana Career & Technical Center  
1901 Lynch Rd.  
Evansville, Indiana 47711

# VANDERBURGH CO. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

## REGISTRATION

Request a public safety ID (PSID) at:  
<http://www.in.gov/dhs/3880.htm>

Register for the course at:  
<https://acadisportal.in.gov/AcadisViewer/Login.aspx>

At the top of the toolbar, select the  
"Training & Events" tab.

Scroll down to "Browse or Sign Up for  
Training."

The workshop is listed under  
"Jurisdictional Disaster Preparedness  
Workshop."

Find the Vanderburgh County class.

Choose the class based on whether you  
are attending as a Participant or Observer.

You will receive a confirmation once your  
attendance has been approved.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) would like to formally invite your organization to participate in the Vanderburgh County Disaster Preparedness Workshop this August! This one-day HSEEP-compliant workshop and tabletop exercise is designed to bring together stakeholders from across the county for an in-depth discussion of whole-of-community emergency response efforts. It has been developed through joint effort between the IDHS Division of Planning and Assessment and the Division of Training & Preparedness, with the support of several public- and private-sector partners.

Recent emergencies and state-level exercises have drawn attention to the fact that incident response and business continuity plans are often developed internally, with awareness as to how external organizations coordinate, communicate, and access resources. This lack of integration can cause problems in disaster response, compromising public safety and security and threatening economic viability. The challenge for our participants is to answer questions about response protocols, diagnose underlying problems, and identify corrective actions that will make the difference when disaster hits – whether a tornado, earthquake, or cyberattack.

IDHS welcomes business continuity, emergency management, and decision-making partners from Vanderburgh County to join us as Participants in the workshop. Participants are asked to bring a copy of their organizational incident response plan, if available. Other interested parties from outside the county are welcome to attend as Observers, lending support and insight. Notes from the workshop will be consolidated into an After Action Report, which will be distributed to all attendees at a conference approximately one month after the event.

We appreciate your understanding of the importance of activities like these, especially in helping new partners understand their unique role in disaster response. Doors open at 8:30AM (CST), with Welcome Remarks beginning promptly at 9:00AM. A catered lunch will be served at no cost to Participants and Observers, and all parties are welcome to join us for the Hotwash/Networking Hour immediately after the workshop in order to exchange information with local partners.

*Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time! As the Southern Indiana Regional Services Program Director, I am always available to answer questions about this workshop and future IDHS events.*

## CONTACT

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## DRAFT WORKSHOP AGENDA

9:00AM - Welcome Remarks & Introductions

9:30AM - Regional Services Program Overview

9:45AM - Disaster Planning Best Practices & Case Studies

10:45AM - Break

11:00AM - Tabletop Exercise

12:00PM - Lunch (provided)

1:00PM - Tabletop Exercise (continued)

2:30PM - Discussion & Lessons Learned

3:30PM - Networking & Hotwash





**American  
Red Cross**

## **FREE Smoke Alarms and Installation**

The American Red Cross is offering a free smoke alarm and installation program. Smoke alarms are only guaranteed to work for ten years. Residents should test their smoke alarms monthly, change batteries every six months, and replace their alarms every ten years. **Alarms should be replaced if they are older than 2007.**

**To schedule an appointment for FREE smoke alarms and installation, contact the American Red Cross.**

**Phone: (812)471-7200**

**Business Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**



## **BEWARE of Door-To-Door Salesmen!**

Door-To-Door salesmen can be legitimate, but some individuals may try to scam unsuspecting citizens. The Evansville Police Department wants citizens to be able to recognize potential scams. There are some things citizens should know when dealing with a Door-To-Door salesman. You should never let Door-To-Door salesmen in your home. The person could be casing your home for a future burglary or you could become the victim of a more serious crime. They are required to get a permit from the City of Evansville. The City Ordinance information can be found at [www.vanderburghgov.org](http://www.vanderburghgov.org) under Government – Departments D-K – Human Relations (5.20.010). If they cannot produce their permit, there is a good chance they are not legitimate. That does not mean they are trying to scam you, but it should definitely make you skeptical of doing business with them. Besides Door-To-Door Salesmen, you may get a knock on your door from someone asking you if you need home repairs. Again, you should be very skeptical of doing business with anyone knocking on your door. If you choose to do business, always get references and never give money up front.

If you feel you are the target of a scam, you should ask the person to leave and immediately call 911 if they refuse. Get a good description of the person, write down any vehicle information, and report the incident to the police.

Please report any suspicious person(s) or activity in your neighborhood regardless of how trivial you might think it is.

- Lt. Monty Guenin, EPD



## **Keep Foods Safe at Summer Picnics**

Fresh air and exercise, friends and family, and coolers of favorite homemade dishes are the ingredients for a happy summer picnic.

Keep your food from spoiling in the warmer temperatures by following these safety tips from the US Department of Agriculture:

- Wash hands, utensils, containers, and work surfaces before handling food to prevent harmful bacteria from spreading.
- Cook food the same day as the picnic, not in advance, to give bacteria less time to grow. Cool food quickly by spreading it out in shallow containers and refrigerating.
- Keep mayonnaise-based foods cold.
- Wash melons and tomatoes before cutting, in case bacteria are present on the rind or peel. Refrigerate the cut pieces immediately.
- Keep cold food in an insulated cooler with plenty of ice or frozen gel packs. Transport the cooler in the passenger area of your car, not in the hot trunk. At the picnic site, cover the cooler with a blanket and place it in the shade.
- Wrap hot dishes in towels or newspaper and place in boxes or sturdy paper bags. At the picnic site, keep hot food warm on the grill or eat within 1 hour.
- Bring a food thermometer to be sure grilled foods are cooked enough. Bring hand sanitizer if your picnic site doesn't have hand-washing facilities.
- Throw out leftovers that have been sitting out for more than 1 hour. Store the rest in a cooler that still has ice. If all the ice has melted, throw away the food.

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.*



## **Coffee with a Cop**



**Tues., July 19th**  
**7:00—9:00am**

**Donut Bank**  
**Lincoln Ave./Hwy 41**

## **Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program**



**Wednesday, July 26th**  
**5:30-7:00pm**

### **Garvin Park Shelter House**

The meeting will feature a presentation on WGU Indiana. Free tickets will be given away to watch the Evansville Otters play the Travers City Beach Bums that night at Bosse Field.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ZOO--**

### **July 22nd—Fur & Feathers 5K**

Runners of all ages can participate in a run around the zoo! Race includes a 5K Run/Walk, One Mile Family Fun Run, and a Kids Dash.

*Event entry required*

### **August 5th—Animal Enrichment/ Family Fun Day**

See firsthand how zookeepers provide a healthy and enriching environment for our animals. We'll also have a fun filled day of family friendly activities and entertainment!

*Included in regular zoo admission*



### **DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET**

**Between 3rd & 4th Sts.**  
**By Lloyd Expressway**  
**EVERY FRIDAY**  
**8AM—1PM**

### **Tepe Park General Meeting**

**Monday, July 17th at 6:30 pm**

**Tepe Park Community House**

**1212 S. Garvin Street**

**(located in front entrance to the park.)**

We will have an update on the neighborhood goals and plans!



**Join us on Saturday's through September 16 on the lawn of the West Branch Library.**

Beginning at 9am every Saturday until 1pm we will have locally grown produce, meats and eggs, baked goods, food trucks, coffees, fresh prepared foods, fresh cut flowers, art, hand crafted items, ceramics, non profits, give-a-ways, live music, a beer garden, and so much more!

**We also have free yoga and guitar lessons.**

**Visit Franklin Street Events Association page on Facebook for weekly schedule of events.**



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## DATES TO REMEMBER !

- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, July 8th, 8:00am-Noon, North High School. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday, July 11th, 9:30am, UNOE Office.
- **UNOE Sparkplug Committee Meeting**—July 11th 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room.
- **South Sector Meeting**—Thursday, May 13th, 6:00pm at CK Newsome Center.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, July 15th, 8:00am-Noon, old Walmart West. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting**—Tuesday, July 18th, 6:00pm at McGary School.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, July 19th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.
- **West Sector Meeting**—Thursday, July 20th, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.



**General Meeting**  
Thurs., July 27  
6:30 pm  
CK Newsome Center

**DON'T BE A VICTIM OF**

**CYBER CRIME**

Guest Speaker: **Brad Mathis**  
Certified Information Systems Security  
Keller Schroeder & Associates