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From the President

Animal Cruelty & Human Violence

With my neighborhood president, crime, and safety hat on, I wanted to bring a little light to a problem that I've seen in the community that, in my honest opinion, does not get enough air time or consideration. The problem is animal neglect and cruelty. In a 2005 report released by the Chicago Police Department titled, "A *Statistical Summary of Offenders Charged with Crimes against Companion Animals July 2001-July 2005*," a correlation between those who commit crimes against companion animals and those who commit violence against human targets is noted. Of those arrested for animal crimes in Chicago from 2001-2005, 65% had been arrested for battery against another person. In another study done in 11 metropolitan cities (see citation below), pet abuse is one of four predictors of domestic partner violence. In both domestic violence and child abuse situations, "abusers may manipulate and control their human victims through threatened or actual violence against family pets." Researchers have found that between 71% and 83% of women entering domestic violence shelters reported that their partners also abused or killed the family pet. Another study found that in families under supervision for physical abuse of their children, pet abuse was concurrent in 88% of the families.

In yet another study of 36 convicted murderers, 46% admitted to committing acts of animal torture as adolescents. They concluded that animal abuse, in the form of neglect, is often one of the first indicators of distress in the household. Whether owing to lack of empathy, mental illness, or substance abuse, a person who fails to provide minimal care for the family pet is more likely to neglect the basic needs of other dependents in the household. In many cases, children found living among the

squalor of neglected pets are taken into foster care.

These statistics and reports are rather damning and reveal another level of crimes being committed that are related to more heinous acts and crimes. Although many of the above statistics used in the reports were not polled from our own community per se, I cannot fathom that we wouldn't see the same kind of results, numbers and reports generated if the same kind of studies were performed here in our community.



Brent

This month I have stepped out of my box to wave the "animal abuse/neglect IS real!" flag. I have also asked for a list of panel of experts to have an open discussion about this subject at this month's United Neighborhoods of Evansville August General meeting. The Evansville Police Department, Humane Society, It Takes a Village, Prosecutors Office and several elected City and State officials will participate in this month's meeting and discussion. Please join us for this important community topic and forum!

God Bless,

Brent Jackson

All sources and reports can be found at this link on the Humane Society website:

http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/abuse_neglect/qa/cruelty_violence_connection_faq.html



Sparkplug Banquet Update

“ Reinventing Neighborhoods”



The Sparkplug Committee is pleased to announce Nancy Thompson, AICP, Urban Planning Consultant and former Executive Director of the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations as our keynote speaker for the 22nd Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet.



Nancy Thompson is a certified community planner. Her professional collaborators bring specialized experience and a critical eye. Nancy earned a master's degree in urban and regional planning, and has served as a planning director in city and county governments. Often her department has been responsible for capital improvements, community development projects, and code enforcement too. She currently maintains a consulting practice specializing in neighborhood plans, community development work, and non-profit strategic planning.

Nancy is an avid community and neighborhood volunteer herself, having served as an officer and board member in metropolitan, community, and neighborhood level non-profit organizations. Her recent experiences in facilitating neighborhood leadership training also influence the site.

Nancy maintains a web site at <http://www.useful-community-development.org>

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’. A plaque will hang in the UNOE office with the picture and name of the winning association until banquet next 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!!!

Banquet Dinner Choices:

Chicken Dinner:

Green Salad w/ Monterey Cheddar,
Grape Tomatoes & Cucumbers
Roasted Supreme Breast of Chicken
w/ Sundried Tomato Cream Sauce
Potato and Roasted Corn Hash

Vegetarian Dinner:

Green Salad w/ Monterey Cheddar,
Grape Tomatoes & Cucumbers
Eggplant Cannelloni
Herbed Angel Hair Pasta
w/ Roasted Red Pepper Sauce
Fresh Grilled Vegetables

All meals will have:

Rolls

Chef's Cheesecake w/ Seasonal Fruit Topping
Coffee, Decaf, Iced Tea & Lemonade



Don't Forget to take Pictures of your Neighborhood Association's activities!

Volunteers Needed

at the
Regional Neighborhood Network Conference

Oct. 5 - 7, 2017
Old National Events Plaza
in Evansville

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Greeters:** Welcome arriving conference Guests at buses and entrances
- **Ushers:** Guide & help Guests during the event
- **Room Hosts:** Assist Presenters & Guests during workshops
- **Tour Guides:** Describe key sites of Evansville on walking or bus tours

To Volunteer or for More Info:

812-436-7808

volunteer@rnnc2017.com

www.RNNC2017.com/volunteers

Deadline to sign up is Thurs., Aug. 31



The UNOE Office has information from RIGHT RESPOSE Responsible Fundraising if any Neighborhood Association would be interested in doing fundraising for their group. It is selling various kinds of first aid kits.

For more information, contact www.RightResponseFundrasing.com or call the UNOE Office or talk to Susan Harp.

Register Early for the RNNC & Save

Early Bird Tickets are only \$100 for the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference.

After August 15th, ticket cost increases to \$125.

You'll have 30 different workshops from which to choose, with well over half being led by local talent!

Be a part of welcoming visitors to our city from over 20 Midwestern cities in five states!

Register at www.rnnc2017.com/registration



The UNOE Office is putting together a list of volunteers that will be needed in the UNOE Office BEFORE the Conference.

Please call Janice at 812-428-4243 and ask her about dates that they will need help.



There are a lot of very exciting things happening across our community. The **e is for everyone** initiative is intended to highlight the unique personality of our community and all that it has to offer. It relies on the entire communities' involvement.

Visit www.eisforeveryone.com to see how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity.

why a branding campaign

- Growing and thriving communities around the country are seeing the value in being able to effectively tell their story. We are no different.
- Having a strong brand with a strong story gives individuals and businesses a reason to choose our community over others.
- And most importantly, having a strong brand identity helps all of us see the great things happening across our community.

why “e is for everyone”

- Our vision is to continue to build a community that respects each other and each other's ideas, and to create opportunities along with an environment that supports innovation.
- We want to become a community of cultural diversity and economic vitality in the Midwest. Are we fully there yet, no. But we believe that this effort will go a long way to help us achieve that vision.

the process

- There was a lot of research conducted to understand what's important to our residents, business community and those outside our community.
- Over 100 individuals or community groups were engaged and provided input. Through that work, we've arrived at a new community brand identity.

key messaging

Through extensive research and development work, we've arrived at a community brand identity that shows and tells who we are and brings our strengths and personality forward:

Vibrant Energy

Whether you are a single millennial, a young family, or have lived here your entire life, our community has energy for every person and pace.

Thriving Economy

Steady improvement and reinvestment in our community equals growth that's good for business and great for living.

Boundless Opportunity

Our community is sized for success - just big enough to provide opportunities for business prosperity and personal achievement and just small enough to allow people and businesses to stand out and make a tangible impact on our community.

Cultural Diversity

Cultural diversity is important to any growing community. With many diverse cultures and backgrounds represented and valued in our community, we continually strive to embrace cultural diversity.

Bonded by Community

No matter your interest, age, ability or background, being part of our community binds us together by purpose and gives each of us our own place to belong as we support each other, back local business and fuel our economy right here at home.

If you would like more information on how you can be involved in this initiative, please email - Champion@eisforeveryone.com



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Back to School Safety

Use Extra Caution when School is in Session. As summer draws to a close, back-to-school season is in full effect. Remember to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists. Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they and the motorists

around them take proper safety precautions.

Send Kids Off to School Safely

Before your children head out, remind them of these year-round safety tips:

- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
- If texting, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk
- Never cross the street while using an electronic device
- Do not walk with headphones on
- Be aware of the surroundings
- Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available; if a child must walk on the street, he or she should face oncoming traffic
- Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street
- Cross only at crosswalks



Tips for Drivers:

- No cell phones while driving
- No extra passengers
- No speeding
- No alcohol
- No driving or riding without a seat belt



School days bring congestion: Yellow school buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings and harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.



UTILITY ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF MOBILE APP AND CUSTOMER PORTAL



July 26, 2017 – The Evansville Water & Sewer Utility (EWSU) announces the launch of the MyWater EWSU mobile app and online customer portal. The mobile app for smartphones and desktop customer portal are a free resource designed to help better engage residents, businesses and stakeholders by providing secure access to accounts, payment processing, and data and usage information. The mobile app is available on both iOS and Android platforms, and customers may set up the online portal by visiting mywater.ewsu.com from any desktop computer.

“The MyWater EWSU app and portal demonstrates that EWSU is committed to providing customers with easily accessible information on usage patterns, efficiency and conservation programs, and outage messages. It is our hope that providing this information will help change behaviors and promote sustainability,” said Allen Mounts, Director, Water and Sewer Utilities, EWSU.

About EWSU

EWSU provides high-quality, safe, dependable water and sewer services to the Evansville metro area. For more information, visit www.ewsu.com or contact customer service at (812) 436-7846.

About Smart Energy Water (SEW)

Smart Energy Water (SEW) is the leading provider of award-winning cloud-based Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solutions for customer engagement, workforce mobility, and big data intelligence and analytics to the energy, water and gas utility sectors. Rapid deployment solutions integrate seamlessly to reduce costs and complexity, enabling clients to reduce operational and IT costs.

SEW is headquartered in Irvine, California. For more information, please visit www.smartenergywater.com or call (909) 217-3344 or connect on LinkedIn or Twitter.

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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 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 1st, Saturday September 2nd, and Sunday September 3rd, 2017.

Admission cost for Evansville HydroFest is \$10 total for all 3 days. 12 and under are free. The wristbands will go on sale June 14th in a variety of Evansville and Tri-state locations, as well as online at www.evansvillehydrofest.com. Bleacher Seating and Pit Tours will be available for additional at the event.

**General
Announcements**

Chicken with a Cop



Tues., August 15th
5:00—7:00 pm
Chick-fil-A
Cross Pointe

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ZOO--

**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



Join us on Saturday's through Sept. 16 on the lawn of the West Branch Library. Beginning at 9am every Saturday until 1pm Visit Franklin Street Events Association page on Facebook for weekly schedule of events.

**Mayor's Traveling
City Hall Program**



Wednesday, August 23rd

5:30-7:00pm

EVPL—Central Library

299 SE MLK Jr. Blvd

COME LEARN ABOUT:

**NEW MOBILE APPS
FOR WATER & SEWER UTILITY,
METS,
& CITIZEN ACTION CENTER**

Please join
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE
for
**CLEAN
Evansville**

Civic Center Parking Lot
Saturday, August 5th, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 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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www.cleanevansville.org

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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, August 12th, old Walmart West, 4551 University Drive. More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**— **Wednesday, August 16th, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Bldg.**
- **Recycle Day** — Saturday, August 19th, 4-H Center More information, call Solid Waste Management at 812-436-7800.
- **West Sector Meeting** —August 17th, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **Traveling City Hall Program**— Wed, August 23rd, More info inside.



General Meeting
Thurs., Aug. 24
6:30 pm
CK Newsome Center

**Caring,
Not Hurting**

A Panel Discussion
about Ending
Animal Abuse

Be
One
Less
Person
Harming
Animals

