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UNOE's 22nd Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet: Reinventing Neighborhoods

The banquet was held Thursday, October 26th at the Walnut Rooms of the Tropicana Executive Conference Center.

We were led through the evening's program by Brent Jackson, UNOE President, Fred Mulfinger, UNOE Senior Vice President, Richard Eich with Arcadian Acres Civic Tom Littlepage of Southeast Side Association, Neighborhood Association, Janice Ricketts, UNOE Operations Manager, and Carol McClintock with the Downtown Neighborhood Association.

Special guest, Abraham Brown, shared his enthusiasm as a brand champion with the city's "e is for everyone" campaign.

Our keynote speaker was Nancy Thompson, Urban Planning Consultant and former Executive Director of the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations. Nancy inspired us with "The way to change the world is through neighborhood work," and several simple yet practical reinventing steps toward enhancing and neighborhoods. More resources can be found at www.useful-community-development.org

Neighborhood Grant Recipients

Sponsors of the banquet made it possible for the following Neighborhood Associations to receive grants:

\$50 Grant

Helfrich Neighborhood Association

\$100 Grant

Akin Park Neighborhood Association

\$150 Grant

First Avenue West Neighborhood Association





Nancy Thompson encouraging banquet attendees.

Sponsorships Cover Association Dues

Through the generosity of the sponsors of this year's banquet, 31 Neighborhood Associations in attendance will receive their UNOE membership dues paid for 2018.

The following Neighborhoods are the beneficiaries:

Akin Park **Arcadian Acres**

Bellemeade-Bayard Park

Business 41

CHAIN

Downtown

Culver

Diamond-Stringtown

Eastview

First Avenue West

Glenwood

Goosetown

Greater Lincolnshire

Helfrich

Lamasco

Lorraine Park

Mount Auburn North Country Club

Oak Hill

Plaza Park

Poplar Grove Presidents

South Dexter

South Lincoln Park Drive

Southeast Side

STAR

Tepe Park

University South

Vogel-Spring Park

Western Terrace

Westside Improvement

From the President

2017 will go down in the books as one of our busiest and most productive years for our organization. This year, the United Neighborhoods of Evansville played a lead role in helping to host the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference (RNNC).

In case you don't know, the RNNC is a 3-day, multi-state conference that is hosted in a different city every year through a circuit of 20+ cities. The conference was held October 5th - 7th at the Old National Events Plaza in Evansville. It was jointly hosted by the City of Evansville's Department of Metropolitan Development and UNOE.



Brent Jackson

This conference was going on during the busiest week of the year: the week of the Fall Festival. The Fall Festival is notably an event that draws from our entire volunteer pool of people and resources available in the community. Pulling this conference off during the week of the Fall Festival was truly a remarkable accomplishment that we achieved. It goes to show you the great strength that our community has when we can all pull together. We used the proverbial bat and knocked this one out of the park! Evansville, give yourself a pat on the back, because you raised the bar to a new level on this conference!

I want to tell you that I received over three dozen compliments from our out-of-town, mostly out-of-state visitors about how well the conference went. These compliments, although well-deserved, really go to the 150+ Evansville volunteers and Workshop Presenters who participated in October's neighborhood conference. I wish I had the space in this newsletter to name them all, but please take this small acknowledgement with just as much weight. I do want to specifically thank the Mayor and his wife, Lloyd Winnecke and Carol McClintock, for their dedicated support and involvement in the conference. All the other cities that were visiting couldn't believe how deeply involved the Mayor was in the conference.

Moving on, last month, we hosted another successful Sparkplug Recognition Banquet. The Sparkplug Banquet Committee has been looking for ways to change things. This year the Sparkplug award process, the CPO highlights and adding the Photo Contest were all delightful changes! Great job to those who participated in the Sparkplug Banquet!

With everything that has been going on this year, it has been a rigorous year for our volunteers and our staff. However, our work and outlook into 2018 and beyond is already beginning to unfold. UNOE has been making steps to reinvent itself in many ways. Last month at the Sparkplug Banquet, we revealed the new and long-awaited UNOE logo design, for which the audience showed strong enthusiasm.

This month, we are introducing our new logo in the *Neighbor to Neighbor* newsletter with a related design in the header. I pray that you like it. You are seeing the black and white rendition of the logo (below on the left) and a version that will be useful when we want to include our website as part of the image (below on the right). On the last page of the newsletter, you can see our version that supports the city's "e is for everyone" brand campaign. The full color logo can be seen on our website and our social media outlets. Please visit us at www.unoevansville.org

In closing this year, I want to welcome Kat Isbell onboard our UNOE staff. Since mid-June, Kat has been a significant help with the RNNC, social/web media and helping us develop a new look and layout in our newsletter.

Looking forward, we plan to continue to integrate and further develop our new logo and artwork into our banners, social media, stationery, and website. More changes are on the horizon for 2018! You're invited to be a part of the reinventing process.

God Bless,

Brent





2017 Sparkplug Recognition Banquet - Brent Jackson recognizing the UNOE Board of Directors

We're Grateful for Our Sponsors

United Neighborhoods of Evansville proudly acknowledges the sponsors of the 22nd Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet:

- Vectren, as Presenting Sponsor, along with
- Arcadian Acres Civic Association
- Diamond Valley Federal Credit Union
- Fetter Properties Management, Inc.
- Friends of Mayor Winnecke
- Gerling Law Offices
- Leadership Evansville
- Our Times Newspaper
- Southwest Grafix & Apparel, Inc.
- Southwestern Healthcare
- Thrifty Car Care Center
- Westside Improvement Association, Inc.
 Thank you for your sponsorship and for caring about our neighborhoods!

Congratulations Photo Contest Winner!



Aligning with the "Reinventing Neighborhoods" theme, Neighborhood Associations were encouraged to take a photo of whatever is "reinventing" itself in their neighborhoods.

The winning photo was submitted by North Country Club. Their caption was "Out with the old and in with the new!" for this photo where members gathered near a construction site at First Avenue and Concord Boulevard.

Baskets Donated for Door Prizes

Thanks to the Neighborhood Associations that donated Baskets for door prizes!

Neighborhood Association

Akin Park Arcadian Acres

CHAIN Culver

Diamond-Stringtown

Goosetown Helfrich

Mount Auburn North Country Club

Oak Hill
Plaza Park
Poplar Grove
South Dexter
University South
Western Terrace
Westside Improvement

Basket

Fall Basket

Gale's Specialty Popcorn Armor-all Care Gift Pack

Autumn Fest Seasonal Basket Surprise Specialty Welcome Wreath

Mystery Fruit Basket

A Cheesy Good Time Dinner & Symphony Household Galore Italian Evening An Evening Out Fall Flowers Wine & Winter



Jenny Thomas preparing baskets for the banquet

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EAST SECTOR



Oak Hill Nancy Tabor

Nancy has encouraged her students to help in disaster relief, supplies delicious cookies for meetings and serves as secretary. She is also a strong advocate for neighborhood preservation.



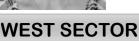
South Dexter Vera Campbell

Vera brought cake and punch, starting a tradition of food at meetings. She makes calls to get street lights replaced, volunteers at National Night Out, and helps with litter pickup and more!



Vogel-Spring Park Sylvia Seng

Sylvia has been Secretary since 2007, when her area was annexed. She always has a positive attitude as she faithfully takes careful notes and clearly reads our monthly meeting minutes.





Business 41 Improvement Linda Stilwell

Linda helps with the neighborhood clean -up, chairs the Christmas Party and assists with the summer picnic. She also maintains the landscaping at the corner of Hwy. 41 and Morgan Ave.



Helfrich Trina Doepker

Trina is a great champion and example for dedication, involvement and taking action. When reporting neighborhood concerns, she calls in *and* follows up until something is done.



sparkplug award 2017 Winners



Southeast Side Patrick & Taina Gallman

Patrick and Taina are founding members. They attend all meetings and participate in community activities to support this neighborhood association.



Their support is appreciated. Others in the neighborhood know they can be counted on to always be there to help with anything needed.



First Avenue West Bill Schafer

Bill is dedicated to this neighborhood, being very involved in meetings and events. He faithfully informs of what's happening and any action needed. When he's called, he will be there.



Mt. Auburn
Jon Ruthenburg

Jon cleared two trails through Mesker Park woods and has single handedly maintained them for over 15 years. Thus, his neighbors have been able to enjoy walking the trails in woodland beauty.

2017 Sparkplug Winners

WEST SECTOR (continued)



Poplar Grove George Lumley

With Paul Condi and neighborhood children, George helped start the Poplar Grove garden. His work has provided free vegetables for all, including pick-your-own strawberries in the spring.



West Terrace Ava Phillips

Ava, age 10, serves the neighborhood in many exemplary ways: cleaning storm drains, checking for litter, helping find a lost dog, attending meetings, aiding with newsletters and volunteering at events.



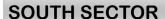
STAR Katherine Cyphers

Katherine has been active in STAR since high school and is the current Vice-President. She works on projects, such as *Cars in the Park* and delivering our neighborhood association's newsletters.



Westside Improvement John Dillingham

John has always been willing to pitch in whenever necessary with anything asked of him. This year he and his crew poured extra effort into the look, longevity and success of the Fall Festival booth.





Akin Park Roberta Heiman

Roberta, serves as a block captain and assists in writing the newsletter. She facilitated the placement of dog waste stations in Akin Park and continues to work on planting new trees there too.



Culver Gunny Fannberg

Gunny donated her artistic talents to create the drawings that have become the signs that now outline the Culver Historic District.



Greater Lincolnshire Kim Moors & Tim Zifer

Kim was the primary coordinator of this neighborhood's first *Front Porch Festival*, handling logistics, soliciting vendors, fundraising and public relations, to create success through her initiative and leadership.



Tim, also an active planner in the Festival, is a strong participant in our neighborhood: leading the Welcome Committee and organizing the litter cleanups. He's committed to the betterment of Greater Lincolnshire.



Glenwood Wilbert Robinson, Jr.

Wilbert is the Appreciation Banquet Coordinator, Bylaws Chairman, and GNA's voice at City Council. He will refute any misinformation and speak his truth, no matter how deeply it cuts.



Tepe Park Lisa Barnett

Lisa exhibited a strong commitment through social media before joining the neighborhood. Since joining, she leads, assists others with tasks, and is driven to make this neighborhood a success.



Goosetown
Steve Schaefer

Steve has helped recruit high-profile speakers for meetings, is a member who attends regularly and has advocated for Sunday bus routes. He's involved in many causes of neighborhood concern.



University South Mitch Luman

Mitch, the current President, conducts orderly meetings that are highly relevant. He follows up on residents' concerns, reporting back and involving all in decisions.

Free Workshop



Fall is the best time of year for planting trees!

Join Keep Evansville Beautiful for this free workshop to learn about proper tree planting and care. Light refreshments will be provided, and you could even have the chance to win a door prize!

Following the "Right Tree - Right Place - Right Way" theme, specific topics to be covered include:

- The 5 worst trees to plant in Evansville;
- · Why topping matters; and
- How to prevent nuisance trees.

The workshop is entirely free, but registration is required. You can register by contacting Keep Evansville Beautiful at 812-425-4461 or keb@keepevansvillebeautiful.org

Monthly Storytime Opportunity







Strength Workout -

With fitness expert
Tony Maslan from Bob's Gym

Saturday, November 18th 9 to 11 AM

> Swonder Fitness Arena 209 N. Boeke Rd.

Children <u>MUST be accompanied by an adult</u> participating in the Energize Evansville activities.

More Information

Call (812) 435-6162



December Clean Up Event





The 23rd Annual Celebration of Leadership will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at Old National Events Plaza!

Celebration of Leadership is a remarkably diverse and inclusive annual event whereby Leadership Evansville publicly seeks out and honors individuals, projects or organizations who make significant, collaborative contributions that improve and transform our community. Celebration of Leadership recognizes examples of outstanding community and public service in the following categories: Arts, Community & Neighborhood, Education, Environment, Government & Public Service and Health & Social Service.

Leadership Evansville intends to demonstrate and celebrate the depth of our citizens' commitment to our community. Therefore, we offer a special thanks to anyone who takes the time to recognize and nominate our honorees. Without you, there is no celebration.

Nomination Instructions

Volunteer or professional leadership nominations may be made in three divisions. Each division has six categories. Only individuals are considered for the Jefferson Award. Nominating yourself, business/organization, project is encouraged. Awards may be presented in each division and each category.

Nominations must be thorough and complete. If you need assistance, please contact the Leadership Evansville office at 812-425-3828. Upon submitting a nomination, a confirmation email will be sent to the nominee and nominator.

The format of the nomination form may change at the discretion of the Leadership Evansville Board of Directors. All nominators will be contacted in the case of a change to the nomination form. Nominate now for the 2018 Celebration of Leadership.

3 Divisions: Individual Business/Organization Project

The *Individual Nomination Form* is including on the next page of this newsletter. *To request a form for a different division*, please use the Online Submission method noted below or contact the UNOE office for the other forms.

Each Division has 6 Categories: Arts Community & Neighborhood Environment

Education Government & Public Service Health & Social Services

When nominating in a Division, you'll need to select ONE Category into which your Nominee best fits.

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

Nominations can be made online at http://leadershipevansville.org/celebration-of-leadership-2/col-nominations/.

The deadline for submitting all 2018 nominations to Leadership Evansville is midnight on Sat., Dec. 23, 2017

PAPER SUBMISSIONS

If you prefer to submit your *Individual Nomination* via the form provided on page 8 and have UNOE staff submit your information online for you, the *legibly handwritten or typed forms must be turned into the UNOE office no later than Thurs., Dec. 14*. After that date, no guarantee is made for third-party online submissions. You may send or drop off your completed form to office@unoevansville.org or to UNOE, 20 NW Fourth St., Ste. 501, Evansville, IN 47708.

Individual Nomination Form

	Arts Community & Neighborhood Education Environment
	Government & Public Service Health & Social Services
	PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY or type.
NOMINEE INFORMATION	
	Contact Last Name (required)
Individual Address (required)	
Individual City (required)	Individual State (required) Individual Zip (required)
Individual Phone # (required)	Individual Email (required)
NOMINATOR INFORMATION	
Your First Name (required)	Your Last Name (required)
Your Address (required)	Your State (required) Your Zipcode (required)
Your City (required)	Your State (required) Your Zipcode (required)
Your Phone # (required)	Your Email (required)
How has the Individual inspired otle the second sec	ners to a common vision? (required) ollaborative leadership? (required)
How does the Individual embrace o	liversity? (required)
How has your Individual gone abov	ve and beyond the call of duty to impact the community beyond the normal job duties? (required)
Provide a one to two sentence ove	rview of your Individual. (required) Max 1000 characters; Attach extra sheet as needed;



Thanksgiving & Christmas Safety Reminders



- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids.
 The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, and the like.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Insure natural trees are watered frequently.
- Have excessive combustible waste, (wrapping paper, boxes, et al) disposed of promptly. Keep such materials away from sources of ignition.
- Remind Santa to send safety gear with dangerous wheeled presents such as scooters, bicycles, hover boards, etc.

Happy Holidays! Fire Marshal Mike Doran mdoran@evansvillefiredepartment.com

First Thursdays at cMoe



2017 Christmas Parade Coming Soon!



Coffee with a Cop



Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation

Tue, Nov. 21 – Chic-fil-A Cross Pointe – 7am - 9am Tue, Dec. 19 – Donut Bank Lincoln & US 41 – 7am - 9am

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and to get to know each other as people.

Building relationships. One cup at a time.

DEAR COMMUNITY LEADER: Please share the following information at meetings of the groups you're involved with, in your publications and on your websites. The text below can be copied in newsletters, handouts, etc. <u>You may save someone's life and prevent some serious injuries and illnesses.</u> Thank you!

2017-18 HEATING ADVICE TO STAY SAFE AND SNUG AND SAVE MONEY

Be bold against the cold.

Fuel to heat our homes can mean high bills. And heating increases the risks of fire, explosion and carbon monoxide poisoning. But a heating system that works efficiently can mean more warmth, more safety—and more money left for other things.

The Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Commission, Evansville Fire Department, Vanderburgh County township fire departments, American Red Cross, Vectren Corp. and your local heating and air conditioning contractors want to alert the citizens of Evansville and Southwestern Indiana to the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, fire and explosion from a malfunctioning furnace, a blocked flue or chimney, a broken gas line or inadequate air for combustion.

There could be hidden damage to your furnace, gas piping, flue or chimney. We are recommending that all citizens have their furnaces, space heaters, ranges, water heaters, gas lines, chimneys, flues and other heating equipment checked by a licensed heating contractor without delay. (You should do this every year.) You will protect yourself and your family this winter and <u>save on heating bills</u>.

Carbon monoxide replaces the oxygen in the air we breathe when fuel-burning equipment is operating and the vent or chimney is obstructed or there is not enough air to let the equipment burn fuel efficiently. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless and catches its victims unaware, sometimes as they sleep. If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, leave your home and call 911 or your local fire department.

Families in Evansville and across the country have been killed by carbon monoxide poisoning, and many others have become seriously ill. Symptoms may be similar to the flu, including headache, dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath. There may be fatigue and confusion. But you may go to sleep and never wake up.

Always use portable generators <u>outdoors</u>, far away from the home and any openings. Candle fires also have killed families. Be careful using candles during power outages and other times! And make a family fire escape plan.

Help alert your family with carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors, available at all hardware stores, home centers and department stores. Regularly test detectors and change the batteries.

THEY CAN HELP

American Red Cross volunteers will install <u>free</u> smoke detectors, test existing detectors and talk briefly about fire prevention. The Red Cross also installs specialized bedside alarms for residents who are deaf or hard of hearing. Phone (812) 471-7200.

Evansville Urban Enterprise Association offers <u>free</u> carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors, while supplies last, to residents of the Enterprise Zone and the service areas outside the zone who have not received them in the past. Phone (812) 426-2490.

Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE) handles the Indiana Weatherization Assistance Program in Vanderburgh, Posey and Gibson counties. (Every county in Indiana has an agency for the weatherization program.) CAPE may repair or replace faulty heating equipment and make other energy-efficient improvements. CAPE also helps with heating bills. CAPE has income limits. Phone (812) 425-4241.

Memorial Community Development Corp. offers emergency home repairs. The program covers repairs urgently needed to protect the residents. The home must be occupied by the owner, and there are income limits. Phone (812) 402-5530.

Vectren Corp. has details on <u>no-cost</u> home energy assessments and energy-saving products, income-qualified weatherization and <u>rebates</u> for purchases of qualifying furnaces, programmable thermostats, insulation and duct sealing. Phone (866) 240-8476 or visit Vectren.com/SaveEnergy.

Community One offers volunteer-based basic home repairs and weatherization to low-income people who own and occupy their homes, especially the elderly and disabled. Phone (812) 250-6888.

Handy Chore will change furnace filters, install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, provide fire extinguishers, make some windows and doors weathertight, repair storm doors and outer doors and pump out flooded basements. Handy Chore serves homeowners who are disabled or at least age 60. Phone SWIRCA & More at (812) 464-7817.

Faith-based organizations, social agencies and township trustees may help with heating bills and needs.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of UNOE Officers and Board Members at Large for the 2018 calendar year.

2018 Election Nomination Slate

President: Brent Jackson

Sr. Vice President: Dave Ballew
Regional Vice Presidents:

East Sector — Susan & Steve Harp
 South Sector — NO NOMINEE

• West Sector — Bob & Jenny Thomas

Secretary: Linda Jones Treasurer: Kelly Al Nashmi Member at Large: (elect 5)

Leonard CollinsPam GreweLarry SamplesMelanie StaggJenny Triggs

If you have someone in your neighborhood who would be interested in running for one of the offices listed above, there is still the opportunity to be put on the ballot. We will be voting at our January General meeting.

Please send new nominees, noting which office, to office@unoevansville.org or call (812) 428-4243.

REMINDER

ONLY

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES CAN VOTE in the elections during the January 2018 General Meeting!

Make sure your representatives are up-to-date with the UNOE office!

UNOE HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

The UNOE Office will be closed Monday, December 18, 2017, until reopening
Tuesday, January 2, 2018

when normal hours resume Mon - Thu., 9:00am - 3:00pm.

2018 Membership Packets

The 2018 UNOE Membership packets will be mailed to all 2017 Neighborhood Association Presidents at the beginning of January. Be sure to fill out all of the paperwork and return the required forms to the UNOE office.

If you would rather receive the UNOE newsletter via email, please check the box under your officer information. This will save not only time, but printing and postage costs.

Please keep the office updated with any new addresses, phone numbers or emails as we get requests for the latest Neighborhood Association information from the city and other organizations throughout the year.

Get Involved with a Committee in 2018

Transform your skills and interest into actions and ideas to better the neighborhoods and our city. Consider joining a committee listed below and in the Membership Packet.

Connecting Externally with the Community

- Disaster Preparedness/Safety Awareness/Community Emergency Response Team
- Government
- Parks, Trees & Beautification
- Zoning

Handling Internal Organizational Matters

- Finance
- Grant Writing
- Personnel
- Public Relations/Marketing
- Sparkplug Banquet
- Technology

For more information on the different committees, call the office at (812) 428-4243 or email office@unoevansville.org

UNOE Newsletter Submissions

Do you have something you would like to share in the UNOE newsletter? Would you like to recognize someone or something or promote an upcoming event?

We are always looking for articles that are interesting and helpful to the neighborhoods!

Email your submissions to office@unoevansville.org or call the office at 812-428-4243 by the 1st of each month from January to November.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- West Sector Meeting Thurs., Nov. 16, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **Recycle Day** Saturday, Nov. 18, 4-H Center, 201 E Boonville-New Harmony Rd. For more information, call Solid Waste Management at (812) 436-7800.
- East Sector Meeting Tues., Nov. 21, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- Recycle Day Sat., Dec. 2, old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr. More info: call (812) 436-7800.
- UNOE Board Meeting Wed., Jan. 17, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Building at 4th & Sycamore
- UNOE GENERAL MEETING —Thurs., Jan. 25, 2018, 6:30pm, CK Newsome Center

Annual Elections

January's General Meeting will include the election of officers for 2018.

