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United Neighborhoods of Evansville



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New UNOE Officers & Board Members Elected for 2018

President: Brent Jackson, Presidents NA

Sr. Vice-President: Dave Ballew, Culver NA

Regional Vice-Presidents:

- **East** — Susan & Steve Harp, Oak Hill NA
- **South** — Cathy Davidson, Tepe Park NA
- **West** — Bob & Jenny Thomas, Diamond-Stringtown NA

Secretary: Linda Jones, CHAIN

Treasurer: Kelly Al Nashmi, Greater Lincolnshire NA

Members At-Large: (elect 5)

Leonard Collins, Goosetown NA

Pam Grewe, South Dexter NA

Melanie Stagg, Western Terrace NA

Jenny Triggs, Helfrich NA

Lucy Williams, Glenwood NA

Congratulations! Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Be a Part of the UNOE Float in the Mardi Gras Parade



**MARDI
GRAS
PARADE**

Sat., Feb. 10, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Franklin Street

Join the fun as part of the UNOE float in the Franklin Street Events Association's **5th Annual Mardi Gras Grand Parade!**

Wear your Mardi Gras attire. All neighborhoods are welcome to join in!

Sign up ahead of time to *ride* the float. Those who show up the day of the parade will need to be prepared to walk.

For more information about day/time/location of decorating the float and the parade lineup or to let us know you'd like to participate, contact Susan Harp at 812-455-5292 or lablady13@aol.com or the UNOE office.

For more information about the parade, go to the Facebook event: "Mardi Gras Grand Parade 2/10 ~ Franklin Street" or facebook.com/FranklinStreetEventsAssociation.



From the President

A Series about Evansville Housing Upkeep and the “Building Generations” – Part I

Building on last month’s message where I touched on the growth of Evansville’s downtown, the Evansville food desert and hinted at the aging housing problems that Evansville is seeing today, this month I begin a three-part series to deliver a much-needed dataset of information about Evansville’s housing and a deeper understanding of the upkeep that comes with some of Evansville’s older homes.



Brent Jackson

All building materials have a life expectancy or the expected amount of time before the material would normally decompose and need to be replaced. Vinyl, plastic, brick, wood, tile, concrete, steel and aluminum are all materials that we have used to cover or build our homes. Each choice of surface material has its pros and cons. For example, I have long admired the copper roofing used on some of the old local Catholic churches in Evansville. These copper roofs have a life expectancy of quite possibly a thousand years. The Berlin Cathedral built in Germany in 1465 still sports the original copper top roof today. The longevity of copper roofing is a tremendous PRO to buildings in Evansville. It weathers well, does not rust or suffer from much deterioration, and is a very low-maintenance product. The CON is that it is very expensive to install and usually a specialist is needed to do the work.

Evansville has seen many different building materials, building periods, and building generations that have come to pass. By “different building generations,” I’m not referring to an ancestral generation, such as Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials or the like. I’m talking about the different materials used in constructing homes, the availability of those materials, and how they have changed some of our construction methods and expectations. Over the last 100 years, every 25 years or so, a new “building generation” has introduced new ways to build homes.

Most homes built in Evansville prior to 1955 had simple wood or painted wood exteriors. I’ll call this building generation the “Wood Shake generation.” It later became mandated in Evansville that wood exteriors had to be painted or covered with some other material such as metal or even tar roofing shingles were acceptable. Exposed wood exteriors typically have a short lifespan. Depending on the wood species, the type of wood product, and/or the final treatment given, wood exteriors lasted between 10-20 years. This time span can vary greatly depending on its exposure to the elements. For example, a dry piece of wood that never sees moisture could last for 1,000 years--unlikely, but possible. However, exterior wood is typically well exposed to the elements of the weather. Unpainted particle, chip, wafer, and/or MFD boards may last only one to two years in the weather. A well-painted wood exterior could add 20-80 more years to the lifespan. An owner’s choices and the timeliness of the paint and protective layers used on the wood are deciding factors.

Starting around the 1960’s, we began covering many (not all) of our old wooden homes in Evansville with painted (typically white) aluminum sheet metal or “aluminum siding.” Let’s call this the “Aluminum Siding generation.” New and old houses alike were sporting this new, cheap supply of painted aluminum siding. Today, many of these homes that installed the white aluminum siding have reached the expected lifespan of the baked on white paint that was applied to them. Many of these aluminum-sided homes are suffering from paint oxidization causing white-paint streaks to appear on the sides of homes and buildings. Since painting aluminum exterior is not a requirement to keep a house in Evansville, I can’t help but wonder about the odd future we may see as the paint oxidizes away to silver. In my neighborhood, I often think to myself, “Will there ever be a day in our future where we will see all of these random silver-boxed houses around town looking like the aluminum Airstream campers from the 60’s?”

I’ll be expanding more on this topic next month.
Until then, God bless!

Brent Jackson

Bulk Mail Postage Increase

Attention Neighborhoods

As of January 22, 2018, the bulk mail postage rate has increased to \$.141/piece.

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 and announcements 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 25th of each month** from January to November.

Meet Local Legislators

February 10 & March 10 9:15 am
(doors open at 9:00am)

2018
Meet *your*
Legislators
exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana



Evansville Central Library, Browning Rooms

FREE!

**Energize
Evansville**
with Mayor Lloyd Winnecke

**Aqua Aerobics
at Lloyd Pool**
with TSAC instructors
6101 N. First Avenue
at Igleheart Park just north of
Central High School

Saturday, February 17
(3rd Saturdays)
9:00am - 11:00am

*Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult participating
in the Energize Evansville activities.*

More Information
Call (812) 435-6162

Metro Planning Organization



Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization committees meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb. 8, 2018 Mar. 8, 2018
Civic Center Complex

10:00am—**Technical Committee**, Room 318
4:00pm—**Policy Committee**, Room 301

Learn more at <http://www.evansvillempo.com>

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email lhill@unitedwayswi.org**

Opportunity to Learn More about the Work of EPD Officers

EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

Do you want to learn more about the men and women protecting your community?

- INFORMATION -

WHO? Anyone interested in learning about the Evansville Police Department.

WHAT? A 10 week program offered FREE OF CHARGE to participants to build citizens' awareness of police procedures and policies.

WHEN? On Tuesday nights from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

WHERE?

**CK Newsome Center
100 E. Walnut Street
Evansville, IN 47713**

WHY? The goal of the EPD Citizen's Academy is to give members of the community an inside look at the various units of the police department and to create a better understanding and communication between citizens and police through education.



**2018 SPRING SESSION
FEBRUARY 20-MAY 1**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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PHONE 812-436-4948 OR
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www.evansvillepolice.com**

- PRESENTATIONS -

- NEW THIS YEAR
 - ON-LINE CHILD EXPLOITATION
 - S.W.A.T. TEAM
 - HORSE PATROL
 - GANG TASK FORCE
 - SEX CRIMES UNIT
 - NARCOTICS UNIT
 - K-9 DEMONSTRATIONS
 - BOMB SQUAD
 - DISPATCH AND JAIL TOURS
 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT
 - CRIME SCENE UNIT
 - Q & A WITH CHIEF, PROSECUTOR AND MAYOR
 - RIDE-ALONG WITH MOTOR PATROL (OPTIONAL)
 - AND OTHER TOPICS
- All presentations are given by officers who specialize in that area.

Coffee with a Cop



*Join your neighbors
and police officers
for coffee and
conversation*

**Tue., Feb. 20 7:00 - 9:00am
Donut Bank
St. Joseph Ave.**

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.

FREE Training Opportunity



CERT is made up of volunteers from the community, working together for the benefit and safety of the community.

**Learn how YOU can become a CERT in Evansville & Vanderburgh County
www.facebook.com/VanderburghCERT**

Learn more about the Evansville/Vanderburgh County CERT at www.evvcert.com.

For 2018 training dates and to register, contact Bob Weldon, Program Manager, at 812-430-4885 or email vanderburghcert@gmail.com.

EPD Weather Policy



Billy Bolin
Chief of Police

Evansville Police Department

15 N.W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Evansville, Indiana 47708

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INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: 12/12/17

TO: CPO UNIT AND AFFILIATES

FROM: Sgt. Karges CPO Unit Commander

SUBJECT: Adverse weather policy

This is a reminder of the policy that is in effect in the advent of adverse weather conditions.

It is the recommendation for the safety and wellbeing for those involved to cancel any and all meetings and minor events that involve the EPD/CPO unit. This policy is in place to help assist those involved to help determine if a meeting or event will be held. While we will attempt to make notifications when possible there may be times when these notifications may be missed. Below are some guidelines to follow if you ever question if a meeting will still take place.

1. When local news outlets or National Weather Center issue a weather advisory, a storm watch, storm warning, or other natural disaster that covers the time period of the meeting then that meeting will be cancelled.
2. If the EVSC or participating school systems close, then the meeting at those locations will also be cancelled. This may be harder to determine since individual schools may close. If in doubt contact the EVSC or school in question.
3. Anytime the City of Evansville announces that the city is closed for whatever reason then all meetings will be cancelled.

This policy is to help insure the elderly, physically challenged, and anyone who walks to meetings stay safe and is not endangered. It is our goal first and foremost to keep people safe and sound. If the organization determines they still want to hold a meeting, that is their decision to do so, but they do so against the advice of the EPD and will do so knowing and officer will NOT attend the meeting.

If you are not sure if we have your contact information, do not utilize Nextdoor.com, the EPD & CPO Facebook pages then call the West Sector office and give us your information. If you have any questions, contact your beat CPO.



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Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- »»» Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- »»» Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- »»» Never use your oven to heat your home.
- »»» Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- »»» Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- »»» Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- »»» Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- »»» Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- »»» Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**

Evansville Fire Dept.

www.evansvillefiredepartment.com



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Clean Up Event

Please join
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE

for
**CLEAN
 Evansville**

Garvin Park

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Trash Bags and Gloves Provided



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 Call Keep Evansville Beautiful • 812-425-4461
 Evansville Parks and Recreation • 812-435-6164

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RESTORING PRIDE
Let's work together to make Evansville a better place to live.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Saturday, March 3, 2018 — 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Clean up is set for the First Avenue/Allens Lane area.
 The meeting place will be Diamond Valley Park.

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If you choose to use H&R Block as a new customer to file your taxes this year, take this ad with the UNOE referral code and our agency will earn \$20 from your visit. Thank you in advance for your support!

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Interact with the Mayor & Other City Officials

Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program



Program: Hiring Blitz!

The City of Evansville will conduct a hiring blitz at the February Traveling City Hall meeting.

Employment opportunities will include part-time summer jobs at the Parks Department (including Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden and city pools), and current full-time job openings at the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System, the Evansville Water & Sewer Utility, and other city departments.

The City of Evansville is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

For a list of city job openings, visit
www.evansville.in.gov/city

Wednesday, February 28

5:30-7:00pm

Location: TBD

Please check the "Upcoming Events" section of the City of Evansville website later for more information
www.evansville.in.gov



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **South Sector Meeting** — Thurs., Feb. 8, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **Recycle Day** — Sat., Feb. 10, 4-H Center, 201 E Boonville-New Harmony Rd. Call (812) 436-7800
- **West Sector Meeting** — Thurs., Feb. 15, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **UNOE Board Retreat** — **Sat., Feb. 17, 12:00 - 4:00pm**, CK Newsome Center
- **East Sector Meeting** — Tues., Feb. 20, 6:00pm at the CPU Office, 401 E. Columbia St.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** — **Wed., Feb. 21, 4:00pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Hulman Building at 4th & Sycamore**
- **Recycle Day** — Sat., Mar 10, old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr. More info: call (812) 436-7800

UNOE GENERAL MEETING — Thurs., Feb. 22, 2018, 6:30pm
CK Newsome Center

**GUEST
SPEAKER:**
Meg Connolly



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PROGRAM: One Person, One Vote: Redistricting Reform

- Every 10 years, following the census, the constitution says states are to look at changes in population distribution and, if necessary, redraw legislative districts for US Representatives. States also look at district lines for state legislators. The next census is in 2020.
- Since we have been drawing lines for legislative districts, parties (or groups drawing the lines) have tried to do so to maximize their own influence on the legislature. This is known as gerrymandering.
- During the 2018 Indiana Legislative Session there will be discussion of Redistricting and a new senate bill: SB 136. Be an informed constituent. Join us at the General Meeting in February!