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Remembering a Past-President

In Memoriam

Charleen Williamson

Kenosha, WI
1942 – 2018



Charleen Williamson is fondly remembered by the staff and members of United Neighborhoods of Evansville who knew her.

She was the President-Elect of United Neighborhoods of Evansville for 2010-2011 and President of UNOE for 2012-2013. Charleen worked tirelessly for UNOE. During her presidency, UNOE was asked to be a part of the Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program, a partnership which continues today.

In her own neighborhood, Wheeler DRIVE Neighborhood Association (now Riverside NA), Charleen was Co-President in 2011 and President in 2013-2014. She worked with DMD and other neighborhood associations in reorganizing the downtown neighborhoods to best benefit the area and the neighbors within their boundaries. At that time, Wheeler DRIVE Neighborhood Association became Riverside Neighborhood Association.

Charleen loved taking care of two houses in the downtown area that she owned while in Evansville. She was always serving with various community organizations, such as St. Vincent DePaul, Operation City Beautiful, Convention & Visitors' Bureau and many more, to make Evansville a better and safer place.

She enjoyed reading and loved the animals that she had over the years. Charleen's greatest joy was taking care of her family.

Charleen A. Williamson, 75, of Kenosha, WI, formerly of Evansville, IN, passed away on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at her home with her loving family by her side. Charleen was born on November 16, 1942 in Evansville, IN to Fred and Cornelia "Sue" (Reitz) Newman. She was educated in the schools of Evansville and graduated from Reitz-Memorial High School. She then attended and graduated from Spalding University in Louisville, KY in 1965 with a degree in social work. Charleen married Michael Williamson in Evansville, IN in 1965 and the couple were together for 37 years before going their separate ways in 2002. Charleen enjoyed time with people and genuinely getting to know them and that is why she spent much of her time volunteering; as a hospice caregiver, with St. Vincent DePaul, Operation City Beautiful in Evansville, the support services and as a member of the catholic church and as a caregiver with a home health care service. She also worked for Lake Forest Florist. She also enjoyed reading, loved all of her animals over the years, but her greatest joy was being at home to take care of her family throughout the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Charleen is survived by three children, Brock (Michelle) Williamson of Pleasant Prairie, Ellen Williamson of Telluride, CO and Anne Claire Ewing of Champaign, IL; two grandchildren, Abigail Ewing and Cedar Williamson; her brother, Ron Newman as well as other family and many friends.

Services for Charleen will be announced at a later date. Any memorials in Charleen's memory may be made to the Kenosha Forgotten Friends.

Charleen's family would like to express their sincerest gratitude to all the staff at Aurora Medical Center and Aurora at Home Hospice for all the care and compassion they gave to her.

Obituary – Evansville Courier & Press, March 13, 2018

From the President

A Series about Evansville Housing Upkeep and the “Building Generations” – Part 3

To Rehab or Not to Rehab, That Is the Question

Over the last few months, I have talked about the life expectancy of building materials and household goods. I wanted to share some of these thoughts with you to put into perspective the amount of time and material that is needed for upkeep on a house. When you or your neighbors neglect this ongoing care and household upkeep, the costs to “rehab” a home grows. The house that I’ve owned for the past 25 years was built in 1930. I have replaced nearly everything inside of my house: kitchen cabinets, appliances, bathroom tub, sink, and commode, all windows and window trimmings, the carpet and other floors (twice), the roof and the brick chimney.



As our homes get older, they need more than just some paint and carpet. We start looking closer at the structural integrity, the foundation, the bricks and blocks, and the mortar used in the building, because at 100-years-old, these things begin to deteriorate more. A great example of this in our community is the sewer and water lines. At 100 years, the old brick and mortar sewer lines are caving in and the old cast iron pipes are rusty and bursting. We are replacing those things now, and it couldn’t have waited any longer.

When I look around town, I see houses in Evansville that are not getting new roofs, not getting new siding, not getting new sidewalks. I see it in my neighborhood, Presidents Neighborhood Association, and many older neighborhoods. Most of these houses in question are older and often have become rental units. Of those rentals, a greater portion of the neglected houses are owned by out-of-town investors who seem to think they can rent out a unit with no upkeep or oversight. As a neighborhood president, if it were possible to declare war with an enemy of a neighborhood, it would be out-of-town landlords who own property in Evansville as purely an investment strategy. Now, I know this statement is a rather broad generalization and that not all out-of-town landlords are bad. I’m only sharing some of my own personal experience from my own neighborhood and the negative encounters I have had with them. I wanted to go on record and use my position to weigh-in on this problem today.

At any given time, there are about 1000 uninhabitable homes in Evansville. I often wonder about these homes and what is keeping them standing. Are we waiting on probate court due to a death? Are we waiting on the bank to foreclose on it due to lack of payment? Are we waiting on the private sector to produce a sale? Maybe, has it been moved to the public sector? Is it on the list for the public auction? Or are we waiting on the VA or HUD to do something? Homes sitting vacant for long periods of time exponentially increase the likelihood of their becoming blighted and needing demolished. In the homes that I’ve investigated in my own neighborhood, I’ve discovered a myriad of reasons of why homes sit vacant. It is a case by case matter; however, the ones that seem to find the wrecking ball the most often have out-of-town owners.

Ten years ago, I believed that rehabbing a home was a much better option than rebuilding a home from scratch. With some exceptions, my opinion has changed a little bit on that. As I met more people involved with Evansville housing issues, discovered other related problems, and talked with some of our more mature and more experienced Neighborhood leaders, my opinion has changed over the last decade. Evansville’s oldest and longest serving neighborhood President, Bud Goodsen of STAR Neighborhood, has been very adamant about what to do with Evansville’s old houses. “Tear them down!” Bud would say, “Every last one of them!” I was sitting back listening to Bud talk one day about the old houses in Evansville and primarily the ones in his neighborhood. Bud revealed that, “These old homes don’t fit what the kids want today.” I realized he was right! I get it, and so did Bud! There were other reasons, but they’re not worth going into here today. Another long-term neighborhood President, Jim Morgan of Jacobsville, would say much of the same things that Bud Goodsen did. “Tear them down!” Jim would say.

Now, after ten years of neighborhood involvement, I can’t help but agree with them on some of these old box-style stick homes in Evansville. As a community, when we look at ourselves in the mirror, we must be honest with ourselves about what is going on and how we should handle these changes in our society. I will join with Evansville neighborhood Presidents Bud Goodsen and Jim Morgan to encourage the leaders and neighbors of Evansville to *tear them down!*

God Bless,

Brent Jackson

Safety Tips from EFD



Lightning Safety

Lightning may strike as far as ten miles from any rain.



Outdoors

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- **There is no safe place outside.** Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1.



Indoors

- Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You can use a cell or cordless phone.
- Do not wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes.

UNOE Newsletter Submissions

Do you have something that you'd 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.

Being a Good Neighbor



Tending to Animal Waste

The Animal Control Ordinance for the City of Evansville addresses the requirements for tending to your pet's waste products in public places and in your own yard.

"(6.05.040) (A) No person shall do the following prohibited acts: (2) Be a custodian of, or permit, an animal nuisance ... (16) No person shall fail to maintain in a sanitary manner the premises occupied by an animal, whether the animal is kept in a structure, fence, pen, or fastened, hitched, or leashed. Custodians of an animal shall regularly, and as often as necessary, maintain all animal areas or areas of animal contact to prevent unsanitary conditions on the property and to prevent odor from escaping from the property of the custodian."

The ordinance's definition (6.05.020) of an "animal nuisance" includes "an animal which:

- "(7) Damages, soils, defiles, or defecates on any public right-of-way;
- (8) Trespasses on, soils, defiles, defecates on or damages private or public property, including, but not limited to, the leaving of waste material; or
- (9) Is allowed to create any condition which poses a substantial risk of harm to the public health, safety, welfare, or environment."



When it comes to pets in your yard, the ordinance describes an owner's responsibility related to pet waste in the "Requirements for custodian of animals" (6.05.060) section regarding "(D) Primary Enclosures" —

"(6) Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the domestic animals contained therein and to reduce disease, hazards, and odors. Excreta must be placed in a sealed container and properly disposed of in a waste receptacle."

Violations by allowing your pet to become an "animal nuisance" (6.05.040) can involve being "subject to a fine, court order to comply, and revocation of licenses or permits issued, such revocation following notice and hearing." Fines can range from \$40 to \$500 based on the number of violations. For violating the "Requirements for custodian of animals" (6.05.060), fines can range from \$75 to \$1,000.

Questions or reports of violations can be reported to Animal Control at 812-435-6015. The Animal Control Ordinance can be found at www.evansvillegov.org/egov/documents/1501776962_05092.pdf

Tire Recycling Day

April 28, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Civic Center Parking Lot



The Solid Waste District conducts a tire recycling program each year in the spring for the residents of Vanderburgh County. This program provides an environmentally proper method of disposal of used tires so that they are kept out of the landfill and are not illegally dumped.

The first 4 car/light truck tires are accepted at no charge. There is a \$1 per tire fee thereafter. Semi tires are \$10 and tractor tires are \$25. Tires from businesses are not accepted.

The District **accepts an unlimited number of tires free of charge from neighborhood associations** and other civic groups who collect unwanted tires from alleys, roadsides and ditches.

Electronics Recycling Days Coming

May 3 & 4, 2018

10am-4pm

May 5, 2018

8 am - 12 noon

C&I Electronics, 1700 Lafayette

812-423-9166

A variety of electronic materials will be accepted at no charge. This includes, but is not limited to, computers and computer related equipment, DVD players, DVR/TiVo devices, digital cameras and fax machines.

Copy machines and appliances, including microwaves, will not be accepted. This program is for Vanderburgh County households only. Items from businesses will not be accepted.

For more information, call the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District at 436-7800.



Spring Heavy Trash Collection

March 26, 2018, through Friday, June 1, 2018 the heavy trash collection program will again be available for residents of the City of Evansville.

What is heavy trash? Heavy trash, or bulky trash, includes, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Furniture, such as sofas, tables, chairs, mattresses and box springs
- Appliances, including stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers and water heaters
- Building materials and construction debris

No more than two (2) of each type of appliance or furniture will be collected per address. Carpet must be rolled in sections no longer than 4 feet and no bigger than 2 feet in diameter.

Loose building materials and construction debris must be placed in trash cans or boxes. These containers should be no heavier than can reasonably be lifted by two average adults. Containers should be strong enough to not break while being lifted even if they're wet. No concrete blocks, bricks or steel poles are permitted. Privacy fence sections must be cut in half or to a smaller manageable size.

Heavy trash should be placed wherever garbage is normally collected from the home, whether at the curb or in the alley. All heavy trash items must be set out before 6 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.

The heavy trash contractor will not pick up trash that would normally be picked up as part of the regular weekly collection, nor will they pick up automobile parts, automotive or household batteries, tires, televisions, computer equipment or hazardous materials.

Please refer to the easier to view Heavy Trash Collection Map at www.evansvillegis.com/trash/ for your day of collection.

For more information, call the heavy trash contractor, Republic Waste Services at 812-424-3345.

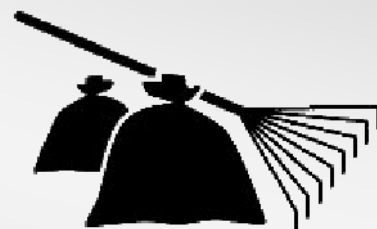
Spring Yard Waste Service

The Evansville Water & Sewer Utility announces the **Spring Yard Waste Annual Service**: Starting Monday **April 2 until Friday April 27** (4 Weeks) Republic Service, the Contractor for the City's Trash & Recycling Service, will pick up unlimited bags or containers of Yard Waste that are placed next to your Trash & Yard Waste City Cart.

This service assists residents with extra yard waste generated while cleaning up their yards in the spring. The yard waste needs to be properly contained in plastic bags,

in tied bundles or loose in containers. No special bags are required because the waste will go to the landfill with your regular trash.

Please contact Republic Services at (812) 424-3345 if you need additional service.



The GREAT Evansville Cleanup



Saturday, April 7, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am

at a park near you!

Join Keep Evansville Beautiful for the
2018 Great Evansville Cleanup Kickoff!

This is your chance help pick up litter
in an area near you (and get a free t-shirt)!
Register at <http://keepevansvillebeautiful.org/>

If you'd like to be a team leader or host a location of your
own, let KEB know by calling (812) 425-4461 or email
Sarah Roberts at sroberts@keepevansvillebeautiful.org!

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

Please join
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE
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CLEAN Evansville

Tepe Park and 1212 S. Garvin Street
Saturday, April 7th, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 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

Sponsored by the City of Evansville,
Keep Evansville Beautiful, and Republic Services.

www.cleanevansville.org

LOOKING AHEAD...

Saturday, May 5, 2018 — 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Clean up is set for the Howell Park area.

The meeting place will be Howell Park.

Meet with the Mayor & City Officials

Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program



Wednesday, April 25

5:30-7:00pm

Caze Elementary School

2013 S. Green River Rd.

Program: *Learn about "e is for everyone"*

Share stories and make connections



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

Exercise with the Mayor



Saturday, Apr 21
9 to 11 AM
Garvin Park

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

More Information

Call (812) 435-6162



Coffee with a Cop



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

Tue., Apr. 17 7:00 - 9:00am

**Donut Bank
Diamond Avenue**

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.

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If you choose to use H&R Block as a new customer to file your taxes this year, share the UNOE referral code below with your preparer, then our agency will earn \$20 from H&R Block because of your visit.

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Free Gardening Workshop

**Keep Evansville Beautiful Presents...
Gardening Workshop**

Who: All persons interested in gardening, novice to advanced

Where: Combs Landscape & Garden Center
3801 N. Burkhardt Rd. Evansville, IN

When: April 14th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Cost: FREE

Workshop Presenters

Larry Caplan, Purdue University Extension Educator

BEE Aware: Protecting Pollinators From Pesticides

Anne Butsch Advanced Master Gardener

Native Plants In the Home Landscape

Jim Bratt Advanced Master Gardener

Starting, Growing, and, Preserving Vegetables

Please RSVP by April 13, by calling KEB at 812-425-4461 or

Email at mmcgarr@keepevansvillebeautiful.org

REFRESHMENTS! DOOR PRIZES!

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS GET A 33% DISCOUNT

ON ALL PURCHASES ON APRIL 14, 2018!



Child Safety Seat Checks



FREE Car Seat Clinic

Simply stop by the date/time listed below to have your child seat checked by our certified seat technicians. They will be sure the seat is installed for the maximum safety of your little passenger.

Tuesday, April 24 | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
St. Vincent Medical Arts Building
3700 Bellemeade Avenue
Evansville, IN

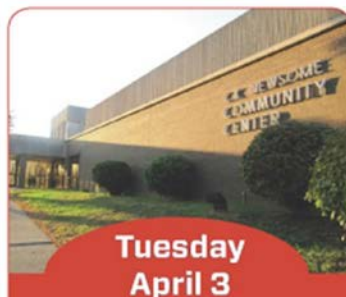


Join the Conversation


Community Conversations

Talk with the Project Team about preliminary alternatives and tolling for a new I-69 Ohio River Crossing.

We want to hear what you think.

**Tuesday
April 3**
C.K. Newsome
Community Center
5 - 7 p.m. | 100 Walnut St # 1,
Room 118A
Evansville



**Wednesday
April 11**
Henderson Public Library
5 - 7 p.m. | 101 S. Main St.
Henderson



**Tuesday
April 17**
Red Bank Library Branch
3 - 5 p.m. | 120 S. Red
Bank Road
Evansville



**Monday
April 30**
McCollough Library Branch
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | 5115 Washington Ave.
Evansville

● **Open house format, drop in when you can** ●

Can't make it to one of our community conversations? Stop by a project office.

**Project offices are open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., or by appointment
(888) 515-9756 • info@I69OhioRiverCrossing.com**

Evansville Project Office

Henderson Project Office

Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
320 Eagle Crest Dr., Ste. C
Evansville, IN 47715

Open Wednesday & Friday
1970 Barrett Ct., Ste. 100
Henderson, KY 42420



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Metro Planning Organization

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

Evansville MPO



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Apr. 12, 2018

May 10, 2018

Civic Center Complex

10:00am—**Technical Committee**, Room 318

4:00pm—**Policy Committee**, Room 301

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If you said yes to any of these questions, then let HOPE of Evansville help you obtain homeownership.

Evening Classes

5PM - 7PM

April, 9th and 11th

April 16th and 18th

October, 15th and 17th

October, 22nd and 24th

Locations

612 SE 4th St, Evansville, IN

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1212 S Garvin St, Evansville, IN

Morning Classes

9AM - 11AM

July, 9th and 11th

July 16th and 18th

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Call us now to schedule your Homebuyer Orientation at the HOPE office. *The cost of this orientation is \$35.*

Ready to take the next step and want to learn more? Take our homebuyer education for only \$80.

For more information please contact Anthony Ajibade at 812-423-3169 ext. 104 or email at anthonya@hopein.com



A HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency



Down on the Farm Learning

2nd Annual Vanderburgh County Ag Days Evening Session

Where does pizza come from? Do farmers make a lot of money? Is that a sheep or a goat? Does chocolate milk come from brown cows? Can you really use a pig heart inside the human body?

Join us at the 4-H Center to get all of these questions answered and so many more! Local farmers and 4-Hers will be on hand to present the many aspects of our local agriculture and explain to you what all goes on right here in Vanderburgh County! We will have a variety of presentations, as well as stations for you to stop and check out!

When: Tuesday April 10th, 2018 at 6:00pm
Where: Vanderburgh 4-H Center Horse Pavilion
Who: Anybody! Kids are welcome!
(Must be accompanied by an adult)

Cost: Admission is free. Free samples will be available!

If you have any questions or would like more information please call the Purdue Extension Office at 812-435-5287 or email Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.

We look forward to seeing you down on the farm!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee** — Thu., Apr. 5, 4:00pm, UNOE Office, 20 NW 4th St, Ste 501
- **Recycle Day** — Sat., Apr. 7, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800
- **Sparkplug Committee** — Mon., Apr. 9, 4:30pm, 3rd Floor Conference Rm, Hulman Bldg.
- **Recycle Day** — Sat., Apr. 14, 8-12noon; 4-H Center, 201 E Boonville-New Harmony Rd; 812-436-7800
- **UNOE Board Meeting** — Wed., Apr. 18, 4:00pm, Hulman Building, 3rd Floor Conference Rm (20 NW 4th St. at Sycamore)
- **Tire Recycling Day** — Sat., Apr. 28, 4-H Center, 9-12noon, Civic Center; Info: (812) 436-7800

UNOE GENERAL MEETING — Thurs., Apr. 26, 2018, 6:30pm
CK Newsome Center

PROGRAM:

When Cancer Comes Knocking ***How to Help or Seek Help***

All too often, our neighbors are affected by cancer. Care and support is available from many sources. Learn of one of those local resources.

Join us for an overview of Gilda's Club Evansville —what they do, how they help and how to access services and support

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dorothy Pergola,
Development Coordinator

