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Evansville and
Area Neighborhoods

Neighbor to Neighbor

United Neighborhoods of Evansville



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Coming Soon: 2018 Regional Neighborhood Network Conference

The **Regional Neighborhood Network Conference (RNNC)** is an inspiring three-day event hosted each year by one of 20+ Midwestern cities and 5 states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

It's a place where volunteers, corporations, governments, and community leaders gather to learn from each other and gain valuable ideas to help transform their own community.

RNNC features a wide variety of workshops about state-of-the-art approaches to neighborhood improvement, presentations by experts and leaders in urban and neighborhood development, and lots of fun, food, and entertainment!

The conference gathers together hundreds of community leaders, neighborhood volunteers, corporations, local government agencies, philanthropists, real estate developers and businesses together to exchange information and gain valuable ideas to take back and help improve or transform their own communities.

The RNNC features an array of workshops featuring many state-of-the-art approaches and best practices for neighborhoods, area redevelopments, crime, safety, and public & private investments.

In addition to these informative workshops, the RNNC is a great opportunity to network with your neighboring peers from other states as well as enjoy the amenities of the host city.

Website: <https://rnnconference.com/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/RNNConference/

2018 RNNC Dayton October 4-6



Education + Wealth + Leadership + Neighborhoods

DAYTON, OHIO TO HOST 2018

This year's RNNC will be held at
Dayton Convention Center
22 E. 5th St
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Registration opens July 5th, with the following pricing levels as the conference draws closer:

- Early Bird - July 5 - July 20 (\$107.49)
- General Admission - July 21 - Sept 6 (\$133.87)
- Late Admission - Sept 7, - Oct 6 (\$154.97)

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS SOUGHT

If you would like to present a workshop that can help attendees improve their neighborhoods and communities, please complete the form at the link below. Although the tracks (Education, Leadership, Health, and Wealth) are confirmed, organizers are happy to consider workshop concepts that fall outside these categories if they fit the theme of **Unique and United: Crossing Barriers, Building Communities.**

The **deadline** to submit RNNC 2018 Workshop Applications is **Friday, May 11, 2018.**

Applications are available at

<https://rnnconference.com/workshops/>

and can be mailed to:

City of Dayton,

Planning and Community Development Department

Attn: RNNC Workshop Application

101 W. 3rd St, Dayton, OH 45402

OR emailed to mark.riley@daytonohio.gov &

wmarvin1@udayton.edu

Questions? Contact Mark Riley at (937) 333-4809

or mark.riley@daytonohio.gov.

Or, contact the UNOE office at 812-428-4243 or office@unoevansville.org

From the President



Brent Jackson

Oftentimes I and other UNOE Board members and staff have mentioned hearing from several Neighborhoods that you're having a challenge with member participation and meeting attendance. This month, I'd like to share some thoughts and strategies from Nancy Thompson, with Useful Community Development, who was our speaker at the 2017 Sparkplug Banquet.

This is from Nancy's blog post called "New Ways of Reaching People Who Deserve a Say."

"Many of you have told us that your old ways of involving people in community planning and 'community doing' just don't work anymore. Sometimes it's the "how" that baffles you, but more often, you're concerned about 'who.' In most communities, whole blocks of people stay away from your scripted meetings.

"We agree that your results will be more representative and long-lasting if you engage a broader spectrum of people. If you have the same 15 or 20 people coming to civic-minded meetings all the time, and it takes tremendous effort to get input from others, let's tackle how to tap into the mindset of a much more varied range of people.

"Let's dispense with 'how' first. If you want the 'who' to be more representative so that you have solutions that are realistic and likely to receive enough support to be implemented, you may have to be much more flexible about "how" also.

"Experiment with techniques including:

- Social media beyond what you are already doing, especially adding short online polls,
- Fast conversations with people where they go anyway, such as the playground, the grocery store, or popular shopping areas, and
- Active listening instead of developing quantitative data from pre-developed questionnaires and surveys.

This alternative approach rests on inroads into networks of people, both formal organized groups and especially informal conversations where people gather. If you listen comprehensively throughout your community, you will deepen your significance by bringing in new voices. You'll also find that the people in one acquaintance network lead to other clusters, making your outreach more robust.

"Where do you look for these groups and networks that would be under-represented in your community engagement efforts otherwise? Below we're sharing our long list of examples, which can stimulate you to think of the categories that will work in your own community.

- Civic and service groups, such as Rotary and other service organizations, "good government" types of groups, civic leadership
- Business groups, including professional associations, labor unions, business associations for particular district or neighborhoods, large-scale business groups, and employee groups

"OK, OK, you already thought of those. But what about:

- "Same place same time" folks, who tend to get to know one another, such as gym patrons, laundromat customers, after-school hangouts, food pantry customers, season ticket holders, barbershop customers, apartment dwellers coming home from work, riders of the 92 bus, coffee shop patrons, bar regulars, vendors at a weekly farmers market or monthly flea market or hobby show, skateboarders at a popular location, playground moms
- Clients of various non-profits, especially those serving racial and ethnic minorities, lower-income populations, seniors, disability groups
- Schools, including students from about 4th grade up, parents, teachers, and boosters and grandparents who attend school plays and sports
- Churches and religious groups
- Youth organizations, including Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, and others
- Sports leagues for all ages

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From the President (continued)

- Neighborhood associations, or those who live on the same rural road, or in the same subdivision, manufactured home park, or migrant camp
- Classes, especially those likely to develop social bonds, such as vocational, ESL (English as a second language), or knitting classes
- Alumni associations, including especially sororities and fraternities
- People who don't miss a certain type of concert or a first Friday art walk

"Note that many suggestions don't involve a formal, organized group. They tap places people congregate, where they may share information with one another when motivated, and where you can talk with several people at one time to get a feel for how folks regard an issue, or the future of your community. Compromising a bit on methods can work for you, especially if your turnout is discouraging when you invite everyone to a traditional public meeting.

"If you really need specific information from a survey, try asking people to stop in the grocery store or church service on their way out. Vary your "where" if you must have a data output.

"Yes, you give up a lot if you settle for informal conversations without benefit of a stack of poster boards. It takes some work to scope out these informal opportunities. But you might gain a whole new perspective."

When your Neighborhood Associations are struggling, I hope you'll reach out to us at UNOE, so we can come alongside you and work together with you to overcome those challenges.

God Bless,
Brent

Metro Planning Organization

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 10, 2018 June 14, 2018
 Civic Center Complex
 10:00am—**Technical Committee**, Room 318
 4:00pm—**Policy Committee**, Room 301

Learn more at www.evansvillempo.com

Celebrating What's Good

Neighborhoods, we're reinvigorating one of the segments of the monthly General Meeting with you in mind.

Where we once listed "Neighborhood Announcements," we've changed the agenda item to "**What's Good in the Neighborhood? Announcements.**"



Whether your representatives, officers and/or members attend the General Meeting, we encourage you to consider an idea, progress, program, event, accomplishment, etc. that could be **described in 1-2 minutes**. Have someone ready to share **briefly** during that segment of the meeting.

If you have more info than can be shared in a brief time, we encourage you to email the information after the meeting to office@unoevansville.org for inclusion in an upcoming *News for Neighborhoods* e-newsletter that goes to Neighborhood Association Presidents and the UNOE Board for sharing further.

We look forward to seeing you at the monthly General Meeting!

SAVE THE DATE!



Fri., July 13, 2018
12:00noon - 4:30pm
Tepe Park

Connecting residents to resources in the places they live

Numerous local resource organizations!
 Lots of door prizes!
 Activities for children & youth!

More details coming later in May
Plan to Come & Get Connected!

City Ordinance Update

Good Neighbor Ordinance/Rental Registry

On Monday, March 12, 2018, the Evansville City Council voted to repeal the Good Neighbor Ordinance (GNO).

As it stood, the GNO enabled the City of Evansville to order evictions for rental property tenants whose conduct reached certain nuisance activity thresholds. If the landlord refused to evict, the City had the option of imposing fines upon that property owner.

However, following the passage of state legislation that subsequently prohibited penalizing landlords for the conduct of their tenants, the GNO was rendered ineffectual. As such, the local ordinance was repealed.

Bear in mind that **this has no bearing on** the Evansville *Rental Registry*, which requires owners of residential rental properties to register those sites with the Building Commission **each** year (with minor exemptions; see code 8.40 for details).

That requirement remains in place, and landlords who fail to register their rental sites face a civil penalty of up to \$100 for each violation.



More on the Rental Registry can be found in Evansville Municipal Code 8.40.

www.codepublishing.com/IN/Evansville/?Evansville08/Evansville0840.html

If you are a landlord, to register your property, find the Rental Registry portal at <http://rentalregistry.evansville.in.gov/>
For questions about the Rental Registry, call 812-436-7887

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.



Saturday, May 5, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am
at a park near you!

Join Keep Evansville Beautiful for the rescheduled
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!

Please join
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE
for
CLEAN
Evansville

Howell Park - 1101 S. Barker Ave.
Saturday, May 5, 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

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

LOOKING AHEAD...

Saturday, June 2, 2018 — 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Clean up is set for the Roberts Park area.
The meeting place will be Swonder Ice Arena.

Exercise with the Mayor

FREE!

Energize Evansville

with Mayor Lloyd Winnecke

Healthier U Walk

Partnering with Tony Maslan,
Fitness Expert- Bob's Gym

BOB'S GYM



Evansville State Hospital
3400 Lincoln Ave.

Saturday, May 19
9 to 11 AM

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult participating
in the Energize Evansville activities.
More Information
Call (812) 435-6162

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www.985fm.com
HIP HOP AND R&B

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
AND RECREATION**

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Meet with the Mayor & City Officials

Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program



Wednesday, May 23
5:30-7:00pm

Location: TBA

**Program: Evansville Police Department
VIPER Unit**

The Violent Incident Prevention Enforcement and Response unit was created to crackdown on repeat violent offenders and illegal guns while preventing young people from being crime victims themselves.



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

Electronics Recycling Days Coming

May 3 & 4, 2018 **May 5, 2018**
10am-4pm **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 Pickup Continues

Through Friday, June 1st, the heavy trash collection program is available for City residents.

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.

Please refer to the 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.

You're Invited to an Exclusive Showing of "Officer Involved"

Please join the EPD Peer & Family Support Team and the Evansville Police Department Foundation for an exclusive showing of the documentary film "Officer Involved" by Patrick W Shaver on Tuesday, May 15th at AMC Stadium 16 through Tugg.com

This film screening takes place during National Law Enforcement Memorial Week to honor law enforcement and their sacrifices they make for our communities. Awareness is also being raised regarding the importance of Peer and Family Teams.

- The **EPD Peer Support team** was formed in 2005 by recently retired Sgt. Dave Barron, Officer Jarrod McConnell, and Officer Jeff Breivogel. The purpose was to minimize the adverse effects of critical incident stress experienced by officers.
- The **Family Support team** was formed 2 years later by Lori Barron and Emily Sandullo in an effort to give the LEO families the emotional support needed during their officers critical incident and beyond.

These teams have been a model for Police Departments around the country that wish to start their own teams.



An opportunity will be provided to donate cash or checks to the local teams at the ticket table. The funds will be used to continue helping EPD officers and their families in their time of need.



"Officer Involved is a thoughtful feature-length documentary that examines officers who have been involved in deadly force incidents during their tours of duty. Through first-person interviews and testimony, both police officers and leading experts share their experience and knowledge to show some of the factors that go into an officer-involved shooting and the dramatic impact that they can have on the men and women who serve in law enforcement. Though it takes only a matter of seconds for a use of force incident to take place, the resulting action can stay with that officer for life and may have life-altering effects."

To reserve your tickets, visit the Tugg Event Page: www.tugg.com/events/officer-involved-sktw

Unlike a traditional movie showing, this Tugg screening requires that 87 tickets be reserved before the May 8th in order for the screening to occur.

Read more about the project at www.officerinvolvedproject.com/

Coffee with a Cop



Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation

Tue., May 15 7:00 - 9:00am
Donut Bank
Lincoln 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.

EPD Sector Meetings

The Evansville Police Department invites you to this month's sector meetings.

All meetings are held at the
 Crime Prevention Office
 401 E. Columbia St.

SOUTH SECTOR
 May 10—6:00pm

EAST SECTOR
 May 15—6:00pm

WEST SECTOR
 May 17—6:00pm



Streets Alive! Coming Soon



7th Annual Evansville Streets Alive! festival
Sunday, June 3, 2018
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Garvin Park
Admission is FREE for everyone!

Enjoy a car-free festival that will close Garvin park to vehicle traffic to create a community space for people to walk, dance, bike, skate, play games, make music and enjoy great fun with family and friends
www.walkbikeevv.org/streets-alive/

Join us at the UNOE booth to greet participants and raise awareness of the great work of Neighborhood Associations!

Let us know in the UNOE office if you'd like to participate. We'll contact you once we know the location of our booth and other details related to that day.

Play Highlights Neighborhoods

If you were able to attend UNOE's April General Meeting, you got a taste of one of the songs from this upcoming play. At least two scenes take place at a Neighborhood meeting.

Details are below in case you'd like to attend. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com or 1-800-745-3000. Learn more at www.theanswertoday.com

COMMUNITY WORSHIP ARTS PRESENTS...

THE ANSWER

Those who seek shall find

Victory Theatre
 600 Main Street
 Evansville, IN 47708

June 1&2 | 7 pm
 June 8&9 | 7 pm

EFD Safety Tips for Outdoor Entertaining

Summer outdoor parties are some of the best events of the year.

The warm balmy nights, food cooking on the grill, and friends and family spending quality time together in the backyard or around the pool create wonderful memories that last a lifetime. But, hosting outdoor events also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

Fortunately, following some simple safety tips and guidelines can help ensure you and your guests stay safe.



Consider the following when you host your next outdoor event:

- Have an adult present at all times when a portable fireplace is burning
- Use sturdy candle holders that won't tip over easily
- Keep anything that can burn, as well as children and pets, at least three feet away from open flames
- Use battery-operated flameless candles and solar-powered patio (tiki) torches in place of an open flame. Flameless candles come in all colors, shapes and sizes, and many are scented. Flameless candles look and feel like the real ones, and add a beautiful soft glow to any outdoor event.
- Electricity and water don't mix. Keep corded equipment and tools away from pools.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee** — **Thu., May 3, 4:00pm**, UNOE Office, 20 NW 4th St, Ste 501
- **Electronics Recycling Days**— Thu & Fri, May 3 & 4, 10am-4pm, C&I Electronics, 1700 N Lafayette; Info: (812) 423-9166
- **Recycling Day** — Sat., May 5, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800
- **UNOE Board Meeting** — **Wed., May 16, 4:00pm, Hulman Building, 3rd Floor Conference Rm** (20 NW 4th St. at Sycamore)
- **Sparkplug Committee** — **Mon., May 21, 4:30pm**, 3rd Floor Conference Rm, Hulman Bldg.
- **Recycling Day** — Sat., Jun 2, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800

UNOE GENERAL MEETING —Thurs., May 24, 2018, 6:30pm CK Newsome Center

PROGRAM:
**Resurrecting a
Front-Porch
Community**



Join in a discussion on **building a community that**

moves from the BACK PORCH,
where we've become
guarded, hidden and protected
from others,

GUEST SPEAKER:
Ashley Jordan, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Evansville African-American Museum

to the FRONT PORCH,
where we can
welcome, know and grow
with our neighbors