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Neighborhood Associations Working Together to Preserve, Enhance and Promote Evansville and Area Neighborhoods

# **Neighbor to Neighbor**





UNOE Is Moving!

#### **SPECIAL DEADLINES & DOWN TIMES**

**MOVING DAY** 

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On Tues., June 12, the UNOE office will be moved to its new home in the EVPL Annex at the corner of Cherry St and SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.

We're grateful to **Two Men and a Truck** and **Lang Company** for their assistance with moving all the furniture, equipment and supplies!

Our phone number will remain the same, yet our new address will be 320 SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Suite B Evansville, IN 47713

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Due to the timing of moving the office and getting equipment set up and networked in the new space, the printing and copying of newsletters, postcards, flyers and the like for neighborhoods will be affected in June:

PRINTING/MAILING SERVICES AVAILABLE

June 4 - 7 June 18 & going forward

NO printing/copying/mailing services will be available during the week of June 11—14.

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**EVPL** Annex

Large Meeting Room 320 SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

DETAILS TO COME!

From the President . . .

#### Air Pollution, Light Pollution, and Noise Pollution are all forms of trespasses

"Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Trespassing is the topic for this month's President's message. What is a trespass? According to most dictionaries it is, "entering a property without the owner's permission." When we pollute the air with toxins, that's a form of trespass. Those toxins in turn, pollute a neighbor's breathing air and crosses property lines without their specific permission. When a neighbor puts



Brent Jackson

up a bright light that shines directly into your bedroom window, that is a form of trespass too. When that same neighbor turns on a stereo at 1:00AM and sends window-rattling sound waves into your house, that too is a trespass. All these types of trespasses are forms of air pollution according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Today studies are available that have never been available before. These studies implicate all types of noise pollution, linking it to short and long-term health conditions alike.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has documented adverse health/social effects from noise pollution, whether occupational, social or environmental: hearing impairment, interference with spoken communication, cardiovascular disturbances, mental health problems, impaired cognition, negative social behaviors and sleep disturbances. Sleep disturbances are considered the most detrimental non-auditory effect because of the impact on quality of life and daytime performance. WHO found that poor sleep causes endocrine and metabolic measurable anxiety and is associated with several cardiometabolic, psychiatric and social negative outcomes in adults and children. Nocturnal environmental noise also provokes measurable biological changes in the form of a stress response, and clearly affects sleep architecture, as well as subjective sleep quality.

Sleep deprivation can lead to excessive daytime sleepiness, emotional difficulties, poor job performance, obesity and a lowered perception of quality of life. Many sleep deprivation studies have shown that sleep loss alters normal functioning attention and disrupts the ability to focus on your other needed duties in life. Lack of sleep has been implicated as playing a significant role in tragic accidents involving airplanes, ships, trains, and nuclear power plants. I could drone on and on about this, yet I pray that you will not simply take my word for it. Take the time to research all this for yourself. It's important that you understand what's at stake.

I'm addressing this subject now because earlier this year, Councilman Dr. Dan Adams introduced a new rendition of the city noise ordinance. It would lower the existing noise threshold and introduce a decibel meter as a new tool to take audible samplings and measurements. While listening to the City Council debate the noise ordinance back in March, something seemed off to me about the whole thing. On a hunch, I asked the Evansville Police Department for a list of all the public records for noise complaint calls from last year. The list provided to me included 1,985 entries made in Evansville during the 2017 calendar year. (This number does not include calls about fireworks or shots fired. Those calls are tracked separately in the system.) Taking the list of calls for noise complaints, I aggregated the data onto a map of Evansville to see from where all these calls were being made. I discovered that Evansville was saturated with noise complaint calls. It wasn't just one geographic area or one side of town, it was everywhere! I also found that 98% of the calls made in 2017 were residential neighbors calling on other noise-making residential neighbors. Only 2% of these calls were made on bars, entertainment venues, or businesses in general for noise.

From the map and call list, I grouped together a frequent flyer address list that had 10 or more calls made against them in 2017. This list of offenders included one address that had 24 calls made against it in one year! 4 in one day! The largest group of noise complaint calls/offenders were from apartment complexes.

Let's be honest about this, nobody wants to see anyone get fined over noise or even loud music. Trespasses should be forgiven! In most cases, a neighborly phone call or a warning by the EPD ends the noise problem. But in those extreme cases where we have frequent flyers with chronic trespassing conditions, other measures should be taken. It's really a sad day in society when we must have ordinances such as this because a little common courtesy and being a good neighbor is missing from the total equation.

God Bless, Brent View/download the **2017 Noise Complaint Data Summary** at www.unoevansville.org/noisecomplaintdata2017/

#### **Neighborhood Submission**



The Importance of Participation by Sara Anne Corrigan

University South Neighborhood Association

For the past year or so, my colleague Pam Martin and I have been attending public meetings - most notably the Building Commission (which adjudicates building code complaints), the board of Zoning Appeals (which oversees changes in land and building use), and City Council.

These entities determine in large part how the quality of life in any given neighborhood is affected.

We have learned that attending these meetings (and speaking out) has an impact on the decision making process. Remonstrators are welcomed yet virtually no one ever shows up.

Right now there are two critical issues in Evansville that will impact how we live in our neighborhoods. First there is the largely misunderstood (and therefore contentious) Noise Ordinance. You can read details about that in UNOE President, Brent Jackson's report in this newsletter, or look for a copy of it online.

Second: The Area Plan Commission plans to update all of the City's building codes over the next year or two. This will impact all neighborhoods as it applies to property owners' legal use of their rental properties.

These are important issues; we urge you to educate yourselves: The Noise Ordinance will be heard next at the June 11 (5:30 p.m.) City Council Please try to have an educated meeting. representative from your neighborhood attend that meeting.



Meet with the Mayor & City Officials



## Wednesday, June 27 5:30-7:00pm

**Location: Boys & Girls Club** 700 Bellemeade Ave.



**Program: Summer Grill with** e is for everyone

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

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### Metro Planning Organization

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



**UPCOMING MEETINGS** June 14, 2018 July 12, 2018 **Civic Center Complex** 10:00am—Technical Committee, Room 318 4:00pm—Policy Committee, Room 301

Learn more at www.evansvillempo.com



**Chick-Fil-A Cross Pointe** 

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.

## Be a Part of Promoting Neighborhoods

Do you have a knack for spreading the word about activities or events?

# **YOU**'re invited to join the UNOE Marketing/PR Team!



UNOE member Neighborhood Associations benefit from the work of this team, which works to convey to the community about the work to preserve, enhance and promote Evansville and Vanderburgh County neighborhoods.

Here are the details for the next meeting in 2018:

#### UNOE Marketing/PR Team Thu., June 21 - 4:00pm EVPL Annex, Large Meeting Room 320 SE ML King Blvd (parking available in the EVPL lot across Cherry St) Please RSVP to office@unoevansville.org

For more information, please contact Michael Harbison, Chair, at mharbison@twc.com

### **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



June 8&9, 2018 | 7-9pm

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### **Clean Up Event**

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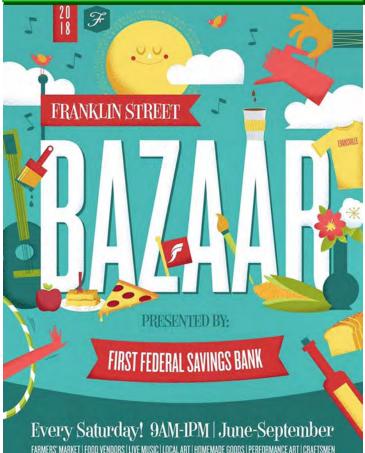
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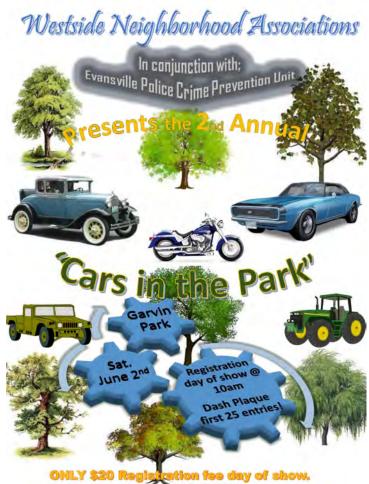
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### **Cars in the Park**



ONLY \$20 Registration fee day of show. Cash/Check ONLY.

All makes models of vehicles welcome; Cars, Trucks, 4x4's, Motorcycles, Tractors etc.



Contact: Linda Jones, Eric Krogman, Jay Pagett or Bill Schafer @ 812-435-6115 for more information

## Neighborhood Invitation



### **Streets Alive! Festival**



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!

If you can serve an hour at the UNOE booth, promoting Neighborhoods, contact Michael Harbison, Marketing/PR Team Chair, at mharbison@twc.com or call the office at 812-428-4243.

#### **Exercise with the Mayor**



Healthier U Walk Partnering with Mark Goltiao, of Evansville Power Yoga



9 to 11 AM <u>Shirley James Gateway Plaza</u> 1501 W. John Street \*\*the Mead Johnson Trailhead by the Greenway south of the Lloyd\*\* We will walk from Shirley James Gateway Plaza to the Four Freedoms Monument, participate in Yoga, then walk back to Shirley James Gateway Plaza

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

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Call (812) 435-6162

#### Neighbor to Neighbor Program



The next session of Catholic Charities' **Neighbor to Neighbor program** begins on Tuesday, June 19.

This five-week program, which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6–8:30 pm, is focused on personal change, goal setting and money management.

It is for individuals who are employed or actively seeking employment. Financial incentives may be earned by class participants who meet certain benchmarks.

> Please contact Bianca at (812) 423-5456 or bgroves@evdio.org to schedule an appointment to enroll.





Bring your ideas of how the CISMA can help in your county!



Light Refreshments Provided



Invasive species are a growing problem in Vanderburgh County. Come out and learn how the CISMA can help combat invasive species. A Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area is a group working towards awareness of invasive species through education.

Don't know what a **CISMA** is? Come to the Call-Out Meeting and find out more information about how the **CISMA** can work in your county.

Wednesday, June 13th at 5 p.m. Vanderburgh Co. SWCD

> 921 North Park Drive Evansville, IN 47710

RSVP at Vanderburgh Co. SWCD at (812) 423-4426 x3



#### **EFD Summer Safety Tips**

#### **Beat the Heat**

Whether you're working or playing outside in the summer, anybody not accustomed to the heat is at risk for a heat-related illness.

Take steps to protect yourself:

- Wear appropriate clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat
- ✓ Take frequent water breaks
- Apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15
- Never leave kids or pets unattended in a vehicle





#### Water Safety

More than one in five drowning victims are children 14-years-old and younger, and most incidents happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub.

Keep your kids safe in the water:

- Find age-appropriate swim lessons for your child, but keep in mind that lessons do not make your child "drown-proof"
- Don't rely on lifeguards to watch over your children
- Never leave your child unattended

## FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY CONCERT SERIES



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Recycling Day Sat., Jun 2, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800
- Franklin Street Bazaar Every Saturday, June September, 9am-1pm (Neighborhood Day July 28)
- Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee Thu., Jun 7, 4pm, Hulman Bldg., 3rd Floor Conference Rm
- MOVING DAY Tue., Jun 12, Hulman Bldg. to EVPL Annex, 320 SE MLK Blvd, Suite B

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- Recycling Day Sat., Jun 16, 8-12noon; 4-H Center, 201 E Boonville-New Harmony Rd; Info: (812) 436-7800
- Sparkplug Committee Mon., Jun 18, 4:30pm, EVPL Annex, Large Meeting Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- UNOE Board Meeting Wed., Jun 20, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Large Meeting Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- Marketing/PR Team Thu., Jun 21, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Large Meeting Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd

## UNOE GENERAL MEETING —Thurs., June 28, 2018, 6:30pm CK Newsome Center



An Update from the Evansville Trails Coalition





Executive Director Evansville Trails Coalition

Learn more about their work to **connect** people and places, **promote** active lifestyles, and **advocate** for the development of multi-use trails