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the Evansville and  
Area Neighborhoods

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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Join Us for Our Annual Opportunity to Meet Your Candidates

# CANDIDATES FORUM



Thursday, September 27, 2018 6:00 pm

CK Newsome Center  
100 Walnut St

Hear the candidates.

Ask your questions.

### Contested Race Candidates Invited

- US Representative—8th District
- US Senator from Indiana
- State Senator—District 49
- State Representative—Dist. 76
- Vanderburgh Co. Prosecuting Attorney—1st Judicial Circuit
- County Commissioner—2nd District
- County Council—District 4
- German Township Trustee
- Knight Township Trustee
- EVSC School Board—Districts 1 & 2, At-Large

The other offices are uncontested in this election. These candidates are invited to attend, but will not be given speech time due to the number of contested candidates and limited time.

### TOOLS FOR VOTERS

Find direct links to these on our site at [www.unoevansville.org/candidateforum2018/](http://www.unoevansville.org/candidateforum2018/)

- **Online Voter Registration** - Indiana residents have until midnight on Monday, October 9, 2012 to register in order to participate in the November General Election.  
[www.in.gov/sos/elections/3685.htm](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/3685.htm)
- **Indiana Voter Profile** - Register to vote. Checking voting status. Find voting locations.  
<https://indianavoters.in.gov/>
- **Download the IN.gov app** - The IN.gov app acts as a warehouse for all apps offered by the State of Indiana.  
[www.in.gov/core/mobile/index.html](http://www.in.gov/core/mobile/index.html)
- **Vanderburgh County Voter Registration** - 812-435-5222 - 1 NW Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Civic Center Rm 214, Evansville [www.evansvillegov.org/county/departments/index.php?structureid=40](http://www.evansvillegov.org/county/departments/index.php?structureid=40)
- **Precinct Maps** - Vanderburgh County  
[www.evansvillegov.org/egov/documents/1501082235\\_93591.pdf](http://www.evansvillegov.org/egov/documents/1501082235_93591.pdf)
- **Absentee Voting** - Information and deadlines  
[www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm)

## From the President . . . .

1-800-782-7463



**See something.  
Say something.**

### **If you see something, SAY something!**

Too many times, I've heard it: Neighbors see something going on in the neighborhood, but they say nothing about it to anyone, especially to those who can do something about it.



**Brent Jackson**

When I talk to some of these neighbors and ask, "Why didn't you say something?" most just don't want to be known or identified as THE neighbor that called. I understand. This month's message is about SAYING SOMETHING! This includes ways to say something anonymously, because doing nothing, allows crime to continue and even increase!

Most of us have been conditioned to call and complain about things that we feel are wrong in our society. From my observation, quite often, nothing is done in this city or within our government without a call or a written complaint attached. Things don't get done in Evansville without someone complaining about them!

Potholes, crime, tall weeds, trash and more all require people contacting other people to get some action. Like most communities, we don't have a paid police patrol for weed and trash. We don't have a code enforcement department that makes unwarranted or surprise visits to inspect every house and structure in town to see if they meet code. There's no automated process that's going to catch criminals, code violators, or polluters. However, by legislation, ordinance, and sometimes by court decisions, in my opinion, we have evolved our enforcement and policing methods into a nearly 100% complaint-dependent and complaint-driven system. That is to say, nothing happens unless YOU are contacting someone.

When you move into an Evansville neighborhood, there are certain expectations that you should be able to count on experiencing. One is peace and quiet. Another would be an expectation of some measure of safety. In addition, you should be able to count on your neighbor next door to follow all of the laws and ordinances that the rest of us follow. When your neighbor does not follow the laws and ordinances of the community, they are imposing on you and the rest of the neighborhood.

Noise and fireworks calls, complaints about weeds, trash, road cave-ins and/or water main breaks are all quality of life issues and impede everyone's way of life. When these problems surface, they don't typically solve themselves. Instead, they require at least one person to initiate a call to at least one authority.

In numerous neighborhood meetings this subject has arisen. Some people are worried that their identity may be revealed when calling the police. This is not necessarily true. Please use the toll-free *WeTip Crime Hot Line* or its online form to report crimes anonymously. The very first thing you'll hear is "This is the *WeTip Crime Hotline*, do not give your name or identify yourself in any way." You can call from a pay phone if you're really that concerned about being identified, or dial \*67 before dialing to block your own number.

You can be assured that the Evansville Police Dept. and Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, and many other organizations (like UNOE), watch the Evansville crime statistics and calls for police help. We look at these numbers and work together to better understand our crime problems/trends and where to set our focus.

The Southeast Side Neighborhood Association's slogan is, "If you see something, say something!" Let's repeat that together. This time, don't just say it in your mind, say it aloud wherever you are: "If you see something, say something!" Kudos to the Southeast Neighborhood Association for this simple and striking neighborhood slogan!

'til next month, God Bless,  
Brent



<https://wetip.com/submit-anonymous-tip-2/>

# Register Now for the 23rd Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet

## SAVE THE DATE

**Thurs., Oct. 25, 2018**

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

**Walnut Rooms**

**Tropicana Executive Conference Center**

421 NW Riverside Dr

Evansville, IN 47708

**Energize Your Neighborhood**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Emily Parker**

Customer Service Representative

Vectren Corporation



United Neighborhoods  
of Evansville  
and the City of Evansville  
cordially invite you and your  
Neighborhood Association  
members to the  
**23rd Annual**  
**Sparkplug Recognition Banquet.**

Plan now to attend and participate  
in this evening of  
good cheer, great fellowship,  
celebration and recognition!

## Keynote Speaker

Our Keynote Speaker for this year's Sparkplug Banquet is **Emily Parker**.

Emily is a Customer Outreach Representative in the Low Income Programs Department of Vectren Energy Delivery, headquartered in Evansville, Indiana.

Her primary role is to provide process and policy education and issue resolution for Vectren customers who require special handling.

Emily is responsible for educating individual customers, agencies and various customer groups on policy, process and tools available to successfully transact with Vectren.



She facilitates community Poverty Simulations throughout the state of Indiana and Ohio and is a Lifetime Certified Bridges Out of Poverty trainer.

Emily is a board member of Legal Aid Society, the Jacobsville Area Community Corporation, Family Day in the Park and WNIN Advisory Board. She also volunteers for various community initiatives.

## Registration Information

The cost for both UNOE Neighborhood Association members and guests is **\$18.00 per person** and must be **paid in advance by the deadline of Thursday, October 11, 2018**. Registration packets were mailed 8/23/18 or can be downloaded from [www.unoevansville.org/sparkplugbanquet/](http://www.unoevansville.org/sparkplugbanquet/)

## Sponsorship Ads

Neighborhoods, businesses and other interested community members are invited to **purchase an ad** that will be part of the banquet program. The levels are noted below and details are in the registration packet or at the webpage above.

**Spark \$50** - 1/8-page ad    **Power \$250** - 1/2-page ad  
**Flash \$100** - 1/4-page ad    **Energy \$500** - Full-page ad

Our Presenting Sponsor for the banquet this year is the **Vectren Foundation**. We're grateful for their support!



## Neighborhood Photos Sought

Each Neighborhood Association may **submit up to 5 photos** of persons, projects, buildings, etc. that show something positive about your association's work and/or your neighborhood's assets or both, while trying to tie in with the banquet's theme.

A one-line caption should accompany each photo. The photos with captions will be used in a PowerPoint presentation at the banquet.

Photos must be **delivered/mailed** to the UNOE office or **emailed** to [office@unoevansville.org](mailto:office@unoevansville.org) by **Monday, October 1st**.



## Free Home Energy Assessment

We appreciate Vectren Foundation's sponsorship of the 23rd Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet!



“As a principal it's important to find ways to recharge your battery and conserve energy during the summer in preparation for the school year. What a great way to do that, by having a home energy assessment through Vectren. My assessment was very informative. My assessor was very knowledgeable and helped to jump start my energy conservation at home. Now I'm ready for a great school year! #GoBulldogs!

- Aaron Huff  
Principal at Bosse High School

Have you signed up for a no-cost home energy assessment with Vectren?

Bosse Principal Aaron Huff is living a more energy efficient life after having an assessment performed at his home!

Schedule your appointment now by calling  
1-800-473-4215 or online  
at [shekell.com/energy-assessment!](http://shekell.com/energy-assessment!)

## Coffee with a Cop



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

**Tue., Sept. 18  
7:00 - 9:00am  
Donut Bank  
Lincoln 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.**

## Southeast Side Invites You



## Castle Doctrine

**Nick Hermann**

Vanderburgh County  
Prosecutor's Office

**Tues., Sept. 11 6:00pm  
Covert Avenue Baptist Church**

What does the state law say about use of force in one's home?

The Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office will be speaking on Indiana's Castle Doctrine during the September meeting of the Southeast Side Neighborhood Association.

Join in for an interesting and informative look into Indiana's Castle Doctrine law. You'll soon learn what you see in movies and television shows is far from accurate!

## Front Porch Festival Coming Soon!

**LINCOLNSHIRE**  
2018 FRONT PORCH  
**FESTIVAL**

**FREE EVENT**  
FOR THE PUBLIC

**MUSIC & FOOD**  
3-6 PM

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

Underwritten by:  
The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana

Visit us on Facebook @lincolnshireporchfest or email [lincolnshireporchfest@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnshireporchfest@gmail.com)

## Meet with the Mayor & City Officials



### Special Traveling City Hall

**Saturday, September 29**  
**11:30am — 1:00pm**  
**Eastland Mall**

Evansville and Vanderburgh County have one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country.



Pre To 3 is a voluntary home-visiting program that provide free support to families until a baby is 3 years old. It's designed to reduce infant mortality and build health families by focusing on breastfeeding, postpartum depression, safe sleep, emotional and physical development, and stress management.

Door prizes will be given away, including a diaper bag with goodies, a safety-certified infant car seat and a child-safe portable crib.

Check the "Upcoming Events" section of the City of Evansville website for more information  
[www.evansville.in.gov](http://www.evansville.in.gov)

## Electronics Recycling Days

**Sep 20 & 21, 2018    Sep 22, 2018**  
**10am - 4 pm    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 Vanderburgh County  
 Solid Waste District  
 812-436-7800



## Exercise with the Mayor



### Fitness in the Bowl



#### Reitz High School

350 Dreier Blvd

\*The "bowl" field is on the north side of the school\*

**Saturday, September 15**

**9 to 11 AM**

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

**More Information**

**Call (812) 435-6162**



## Tox Away Day

**September 15, 2018**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Civic Center parking lot**

Get rid of old paint, pesticides and other chemicals at this free disposal program.

**Vanderburgh County households only**

For more information, call 812-436-7800.





## National Good Neighbor Day

**National Good Neighbor Day** is observed annually on **September 28**. This day was created to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of a good neighbor.



It's a blessing to have a good neighbor, but it is even a greater thing to BE a good neighbor. Good neighbors often become friends. They watch out for each other, lend a helping hand and are there for advice when asked. Neighbors offer that cup of sugar when we are short, collect our mail when we are on vacation, watch our homes and sometimes watch our children and our pets. Simply put, **being a good neighbor makes good neighbors** and develops lifelong friendships.

### HOW TO OBSERVE

To celebrate *National Good Neighbor Day*, do something nice for your neighbor. Use **#GoodNeighborDay** to post on social media.

### HISTORY

*National Good Neighbor Day* was created in the early 1970s by Becky Mattson of Lakeside, Montana. In 1978, United States President Jimmy Carter issued Proclamation 4601:

*"As our Nation struggles to build friendship among the peoples of this world, we are mindful that the noblest human concern is concern for others. Understanding, love and respect build cohesive families and communities. The same bonds cement our Nation and the nations of the world. For most of us, this sense of community is nurtured and expressed in our neighborhoods where we give each other an opportunity to share and feel part of a larger family...I call upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and activities."*

In 2003, *National Good Neighbor Day* was changed from the 4th Sunday in September to September 28.

Source: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com>

## Register for the 2018 RNNC

2018 Regional Neighborhood Network Conference will be held in **Dayton, OH, October 4-6, 2018.**



For more information about the conference or to register, contact the UNOE office or visit the website: <https://rnnconference.com/>

## Clean Up Event

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

Please join  
**EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE**  
for  
**CLEAN Evansville**

Parking Lot - St. Joe and the Lloyd Expressway.  
Saturday, September 1, 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](http://www.cleanevansville.org)

### LOOKING AHEAD... *Operation Hot Mess*

Saturday, October 6, 2018 — 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Clean up is set for the Cedar Hall School area

## 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

Sept 13 — 6:00pm

### EAST SECTOR

Sept 18 — 6:00pm

### WEST SECTOR

Sept 20 — 6:00pm



*"Communities work better (students perform better, crime rates are lower, kids are safer, people live longer) when neighbors know one another better. Knowing your neighbor on a first-name basis, as National Good Neighbor Day suggests, is a surprisingly effective first step toward a better America."*  
—Robert D. Putnam

## Back-to-School Safety Tips

### Back to School Safety

Use Extra Caution when School is in Session. As summer draws to a close, back-to-school season is in full effect. Remember to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists. Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they and the motorists around them take proper safety precautions.



### Send Kids Off to School Safely

Before your children head out, remind them of these year-round safety tips:

- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
- If texting, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk
- Never cross the street while using an electronic device
- Do not walk with headphones on
- Be aware of the surroundings
- Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available; if a child must walk on the street, he or she should face oncoming traffic
- Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street
- Cross only at crosswalks



### Tips for Drivers

- No cell phones while driving
- No extra passengers
- No speeding
- No alcohol
- No driving or riding without a seat belt



### School Days Bring Congestion

Yellow school buses are picking up their charges. Kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings. Harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

## Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips

**91% of July auto thefts show key control is the "key" to preventing you from becoming a victim**

In July of 2018, the Evansville Police Department filed 46 auto theft reports. Of the 46 reports, 42 indicate the suspect had access to the keys. While these are just the July numbers, the trend repeats itself on a monthly basis.



In some cases, access to the keys was obtained when the owner allowed the suspect to drive the vehicle and the suspect failed to return it. In other cases, a spare key was left in the vehicle and was found by the suspect when they were rummaging through the car looking for valuables. Victims also reported their keys were taken by someone who had been visiting their residence. Lastly, vehicles were taken when the owner left the keys in the ignition.

Seeing that 91% of the cases involved access to the keys, we want to highlight the importance of controlling access to your keys. If people can't get a hold of the keys, it greatly reduces the odds of them stealing the vehicle.



### Controlling Access to Your Vehicle Keys

- Do not leave spare keys in or on your vehicle
- Do not leave your keys lying around while hosting visitors
- Do not leave keys in the ignition while away from the vehicle
- Do not loan your vehicle to other people

These simple actions will help prevent you from being the victim of an auto theft. We also encourage vehicle owners to remove valuables from the vehicle and lock the doors. Source: nixle.com



## Neighbor to Neighbor

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Recycling Day** — Sat., Sep 1, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800
- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee** - Thu., Sep 6, 4pm, EVPL Central Library, 2nd Floor Sm. Conference Rm
- **Finance Committee** — Tue., Sep 11, 9:30am, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Energize Evansville** — Sat., Sep 15, 9-11am - TBA - More info: Evansville Parks & Recreation Dept. (812) 435-6162
- **Tox Away Day** — Sat., Sep 15, 9am-1pm; Civic Center parking lot.; Info: (812) 436-7800
- **Sparkplug Committee** — Mon., Sep 17, 4:30pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **UNOE Board Meeting** — Wed., Sep 19, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Marketing/PR Team** — Thu., Sep 20, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Electronics Recycling Day** — Sep 20 & 21 -10a-4p; Sep 22 -8a-12p; C&I Electronics, 1700 N Lafayette: (812) 423-9166

**UNOE GENERAL MEETING — Thurs., Sept. 27, 2018, 6:00pm**  
**CK Newsome Center, Rec Room**

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Please note  
time change

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FORUM



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