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

Neighbor to Neighbor

United Neighborhoods of Evansville



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Join Us for Our 23rd Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet

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

23rd Annual sparkplug recognition banquet

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!

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 can be downloaded from www.unoevansville.org/sparkplugbanquet/
Or, use the Quick Form on Page 3.

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!



VECTREN
Live Smart

Neighborhood Photos NEEDED!

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 by **Monday, October 1st.**

YOUR PHOTOS ADD SO MUCH TO THE EVENT!

Thank you, to those who've already submitted photos!

From the President

When it comes to traveling, we often get Rights and Privileges confused.

It was June 18, 2015. I was part of the crowd that had gathered around the newly renovated exterior of the former Greyhound Bus station. The lighting of the outdoor neon sign was to be the apex of that night's event. A crowd of 600+ spilled over into the streets surrounding the building. The Mayor, City Council and the Mayor's staff gathered around the front of the entrance to announce the partners in the project and the lighting of the sign. Every news station was there. Smartphones and cameras were rolling from every which way you looked. The glow of cellphone screens was prominent, casting white ambient light on every other face. People from all walks of life from the Evansville area could be seen. Automobile traffic came to a halt at least a block in every direction. It was a standing-room-only event. I don't think the Mayor's office or any of the promoter's knew that many people to show up for the unavailing of the renovated historic building.



Brent Jackson

Later that day, EvansvilleWatch (a group of volunteers who listen to the Evansville/Vanderburgh County 911 scanner and report incidents on Facebook), reported that a 911 caller had complained about pedestrians in the street around the bus station. The comments on the posts were interesting, especially when the Evansville Police Department chimed in. EPD commented, "It is a social event. Drivers need to drive like they have some sense and be aware of the pedestrians in the street." That was a great statement that EPD made! It's a good reminder of who has rights and who has privileges in such situations.

Mr. Don Henry was my Driver's Education teacher at Reitz High School in 1987, having taught there for over 30 years. Mr. Henry was one of those teachers that would not let you drive until you passed his driving tests with a 100% score. There were no extra points, and 99% on a test was a failing score. Mr. Henry was the kind of teacher who would drive to Indianapolis to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to talk with the State Commissioner about the errors he found in the Indiana Driver's manual. He eventually became a member of the board and helped to make ongoing corrections to the Indiana Driver's manual, often doing so while in class teaching.

In nearly every chapter of the Indiana Driver's manual in 1987, Mr. Henry would have us make corrections, even minute ones. One correction stood out the most pertained to a topic about who has the right-of-way in Indiana: pedestrians or drivers? One scenario he described involved a car, a motorcycle, a pedestrian and a commercial truck all arriving at a four-way intersection simultaneously, each from a different direction. Which one of them has the right of way? The manual suggested that each one slowly creep out into the intersection and each proceed carefully. Mr. Henry corrected the manual and stood solidly on the notion that the pedestrian had the right-of-way and should go first. He then posed this situation to the class: "If you don't think the pedestrian has the right-of-way, then let them get into an accident together. Who do you think is going to win in court? Of course, the answer is the pedestrian! We license and insure drivers, not pedestrians!"

When I hear drivers complain about kids or adults walking in the streets, I often think to myself that these drivers have forgotten that *they* are the *licensed* ones. They are the **privileged** ones that have been granted special permission through motor vehicle licensing to use a regulated vehicle, approved by Indiana laws, for safe travel. They seem to have forgotten that when we sign our Driver's License, we are agreeing to be held accountable to the Indiana laws on public transportation. These laws do not apply to pedestrians. As a matter of fact, the US Supreme Court ruled in *Kent vs. Dulles*, that pedestrians and those who do not use a motorized vehicle for hire have the right to travel and that it is a part of the liberty of which the citizen cannot be deprived without due process of law under the [Fifth Amendment](#). From this viewpoint, we can go so far to say that walking, jogging and running along a public thoroughfare is a person's constitutional **right**.

When you think of walkers, joggers and bicyclists in town, do you think of a protected class of people? If you are a licensed driver using an automobile, you should. Our laws define them as such and the courts seem to agree. All I am trying to say this month is "Make way for the walkers! Make way for the joggers! Make way for the bicycle riders! It's the neighborly thing to do."

'til next month, God Bless,

Brent

Sparkplug Banquet Quick Registration Form



Banquet Ticket Cost
\$18.00 per person or **\$144** per table of 8



Dinner Choices
 CHICKEN CHOICE: Supreme Breast of Chicken w/Spinach & Mushroom Sauce
 VEGETARIAN CHOICE: Eggplant Cannelloni w/Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

Neighborhood Association _____

Please print the names of persons attending.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Choice of Dinner</u> (check one per attendee)
1.	_____	_____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian
2.	_____	_____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian
3.	_____	_____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian
4.	_____	_____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian
5.	_____	_____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian

(Please add additional copies for more than 5 registrations.)

of people attending: _____ **x \$18.00 each = \$** _____ **Check#** _____

Please send the completed the registration form and your payment to
 United Neighborhoods of Evansville, 320 SE ML King Jr Blvd, Suite B, Evansville, IN 47713.
 Please make your check payable to "UNOE."

All tickets must be **paid in advance** by the **deadline of Thursday, October 11, 2018**.

Full registration packets containing all forms can be downloaded from
www.unoevansville.org/sparkplugbanquet/ or call the UNOE office at 812-428-4243.

QUESTIONNAIRE - UNOE's Support of Neighborhood Associations

For the Fall 2018 Neighborhood Summit, the questions below were asked of Neighborhood Associations to provide insight to UNOE as we carry out our mission of *Working together to preserve, enhance and promote the Evansville and area Neighborhoods*.

If your neighborhood has not yet submitted responses, please take some moments to share your thoughts in response to the questions below. Feel free to add extra pages or email your responses to each question.

Your Neighborhood Association _____

1. How can UNOE best support your Neighborhood Association through PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES?

2. How can UNOE best support your Neighborhood Association in ACCESSING NECESSARY RESOURCES?

3. How can UNOE best support your Neighborhood Association organizing WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & MEETINGS?

4. How can UNOE best support your Neighborhood Association through other SERVICES & TECHNICAL SUPPORT?

Please send/deliver your responses **by 10/15/18** to UNOE, 320 SE ML King Jr Blvd, Ste B, Evansville, IN 47713
 or scan/email to office@unoevansville.org *Thank you for sharing your thoughts!*

Clean Up Event

Please join
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE

for
**CLEAN
Evansville**

Cedar Hall School - 2100 N. Fulton Ave.

Saturday, October 6, 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, November 3, 2018 — 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Clean up is set for the Washington Middle School area

Meet with the Mayor & City Officials



Traveling City Hall

Wednesday, October 24

5:30am — 7:00pm

Lloyd Pool

6101 N First Ave

Deputy Mayor Steve Schaefer will offer details about
a new indoor pool to replace Lloyd Pool.



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

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Everyone in the community
is welcome to attend the
**Mickey's Kingdom
Ribbon Cutting & Dedication**
Sat., Oct. 27 9:30am
Evansville Riverfront

The 10-day Mickey's Kingdom Community Build was
a huge success, with over 3,500 people registering
to help build the 20,000 square-foot play structure
on the downtown riverfront.

Learn More:

<https://mickeyskingdomdowntownevansville.com>

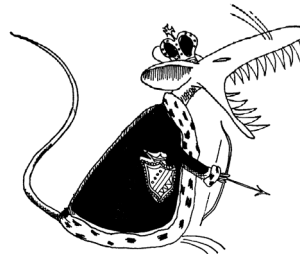
Neighborhood Impact at Work!

A wonderful thing happened at the Sept. 24 City
Council meeting: A residential neighborhood in
Jacobsville defeated a multi-property owner and his
attorney who had been pursuing a zoning variance
that would have gutted an entire block of East
Indiana Street, an historically R-2 neighborhood,
and installed a large commercial/industrial "multi-
tenant" warehouse in place of homes.

When the issue went before Area Plan Commission
(where zoning variance request originate), a handful
of nearby neighbors organized a protest to what
they saw as the inevitable deterioration of their
quality of life. They were vocal and persistent in
their opposition, according to City Council
representative, Dr. Dan Adams, who serves on the
Area Plan Commission.

They were unyielding, according to the property
owner's attorney, Krista Lockyear. And Monday
night, they prevailed: At Adams' behest, all eight of
the council members who were present for the final
decision voted "nay."

We wish there had been a few Jacobsville
remonstrators on hand to celebrate their success at
the council meeting. But, without belaboring the
obvious, we want to point out that this is **what can
happen when neighbors pay attention** to each
other and what's going on in their neighborhoods;
when they **communicate** with each other and their
elected representatives; and then remain **dedicated
to following-through** with their demands.



There is a vintage play with the
title "The Mouse that Roared." And
this week Jacobsville did just that.

(Source: Neighbors without Borders -
www.facebook.com/sacorrigan; Image:
The Dramatic Publishing Company)

Cooking on a Budget

Make it SNAPpy!

Let's get
cooking

Let's cook on a budget together!
Eat together as a community!
Supporting each other to end food insecurity
in our community.

4 Partners, 4 Community Meals
Oct 11 & 25 Nov 8 & 15th 10:30am-12:30pm
at Potter's Wheel, 333 Jefferson Ave, Evansville

You will receive a kitchen gift each time!
Come to all 4 and receive a
cookbook and other gifts!



PURDUE EXTENSION NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM



Free Workshop Focused on Youth



YOUTH WORKER CAFÉ



Community Discussion and Resource Fair

State of the Child:

Key Challenges and Solutions for Our Kids

Thurs., Oct. 11, 2018 8:30am - 3:30pm CST

CK Newsome Community Center, 100 E. Walnut St.

FREE: Lunch will be provided

What are the top challenges for children and youth in Vanderburgh County and what do we do about them?

The Indiana Youth Institute, Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Board, Inc.'s Youth Committee, and FACES/Vanderburgh County System of Care invite you to attend a community discussion and resource fair to learn about what youth and families are facing and how we, as individuals and as organizations, can work together to impact the wellbeing of young people.

Schedule:

8:30-11:30 am – Leadership Session

11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Lunch & Resource Provider Fair

12:30 – 3:30 pm – Direct Service Session

Registration: www.iyi.org/calendar

More Info: Joe Shrode jshrode@iyi.org

or Makenzie Coulter mcoulter@flanersinc.com

Donate to Aid Moms & Babies

In preparation for its second Neighborhood Baby Shower, the Vanderburgh County Health Department is currently collecting donations for the gift bags distributed at this shower.

If you or your neighborhood would like to take on finding or donating any of these items, please let contact Mikelle Rabuck know at (812) 435-2400 Ext. 5813 or mrabuck@vanderburghcounty.in.gov

To fill up the gift bags with matching items from the last shower (held in the Bellemeade Bayard Park area or 47713 zip code), they are looking for the following items in quantities of up to 65:

- 65 receiving blankets
- 65 pairs socks
- 65 full-size wash cloths
- 195 hand-size wash cloths
- 65 bibs
- 65 outfits

If you know an expecting mom who may have challenges with getting baby items, share the event information with her.

Neighborhood Baby Shower

November
4th

Between
2 pm – 4 pm

To register:
812-435-5813

Nativity Catholic Church | 3635 Pollack Ave. Evansville, IN 47714

Visit www.nativitybabyshower.eventbrite.com

When you are pregnant, it is important to get the care you need to stay healthy and have a healthy baby. Learn valuable information from health care professionals. Enjoy a free lunch and prizes!

You must sign up in advance to attend this event!

Space is limited to the first 100!



Update on the Bridge & Route

Surveys and Field Work Continuing for I-69 Crossing—Preferred alternative expected this fall
The I-69 Ohio River Crossing (I-69 ORX) Project Team is conducting additional survey and field work as the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet move closer to identifying a preferred alternative and publishing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement this fall.



**OHIO RIVER
CROSSING**

Letters were recently mailed to more than 700 property

owners on both sides of the river alerting them to possible survey and investigation activities on their property. The people receiving letters are property owners who could be affected by one of the project alternatives. Crews started field activities late last week. The activities include visually inspecting the property, taking measurements and taking soil samples. Team members are not entering homes or other structures on the property.

In addition to the survey work, the Project Team is continuing its field work and engineering analyses. Recent field work has included bat surveys and wetland delineation. Mussel surveys will be conducted in the near future when conditions for the Ohio River and water levels are favorable. The surveys are an important part of the environmental process.

Wildlife biologists recently visited a number of bridges and overpasses in the project area, looking for any signs of bats. Bats can use bridges for day and night roosts, and it's important to document their locations. The information is shared with the Project Team, which helps the team make informed decisions and consider mitigation, if necessary.

Teams are also in the midst of wetland delineation, mapping the boundaries of wetlands in the project area. Wetlands are regulated under the Clean Water Act and it's important to determine where wetlands begin and end. The team looks at hydrology, soil and plants in the area to make the determination. The Project Team will use the information gathered to determine how the I-69 Ohio River Crossing fits best within the community.

Find more information at www.i69ohiorivercrossing.com or contact Mindy Peterson, I-69 Ohio River Crossing, spokesperson 502-595-8704 or mindy@c2strategic.com

Exercise with the Mayor

FREE!

**Energize
Evansville**
with Mayor Lloyd Winnecke

Cardio for Canines

VHS
Vanderburgh Humane Society

Vanderburgh Humane Society
400 Millner Industrial Drive
We will walk dogs from the Humane Society to Garvin Park

Saturday, October 20
9 to 11 AM

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 MEETING

October 11 November 8

Civic Center Complex

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

4:00pm—**Policy Committee**, Room 301

Learn more at www.evansvillempo.com

UNOE Office Hours

UNOE Office Hours

Mon - Thu.

9:00am - 3:00pm

Please use the front entrance near the intersection of Cherry & ML King Jr Blvd
Ring the UNOE door bell
& we'll welcome you inside.

National Coffee with a Cop



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

**Wed., Oct. 3
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.



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

Play Volleyball This Fall



Introducing:

Drop-In Volleyball

**Fridays
in October and November**

(Except October 26th, November 2nd, and
November 9th)

6:30pm-8pm

At the CK Newsome Center

100 Walnut Ave

Free

***Open to Everyone Who Can Hit the
Ball Over the Net***

Fall Festival Child Safety Tips



- Before you arrive at the Festival, talk with your child and tell them about the large number of people that will be there. Tell them that there will be numerous Police Officers and Officials that your child can safely approach if they become lost or separated from you. Describe what Police Officers wear.
- After you arrive at the Fall Festival, point out Police Officers & Deputies in uniform. Tell them they can go to anyone wearing a similar uniform for help. Also point out Nut Club members to your child & the distinctive straw hats with the various bands (bolo's) around their hats. Tell them they can also seek out Nut Club Members for help.
- Make sure you as a parent are constantly aware of your children's whereabouts. Children are easily distracted at the Fall Festival, with all its sights, sounds and smells. It's a prime spot to be easily distracted, even for adults.
- It is always best for parents of younger children to hold that child's hand when walking in or around the Fall Festival for numerous safety reasons.
- Make mental notes or write down what your child/children is/are wearing or take a picture on your cell phone. If you become separated from one of your children, do not panic. Seek out the closest Police Officer, Deputy or Nut Club Member for assistance. The clothing color and style will be helpful for Officials actively looking for your child. (The better the description or photo, the easier it will be for Officials to spot your child.)
- For your children who are older and/or adults in your group, have a pre-determined meeting spot if anyone in your group becomes separated.
- If you feel your child is old enough to wander around without you, it's best if they pair up with a sibling or friend of similar age. Have them check in with you by calling or texting every 15-30 minutes to update their location. Have a pre-determined time & location in order to meet at that spot when you are leaving the festival.
- Parents, it's recommended that you not allow any child younger than high school age to walk around in the games/rides area on Friday or Saturday nights without adult supervision. This becomes a VERY congested area and is known for altercations.

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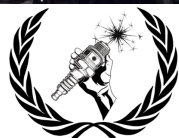


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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee - Thu., Oct 4, 4pm**, EVPL Central Library, 2nd Floor Sm. Conference Rm
- **Recycling Day** — Sat., Oct 6, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800
- **Recycling Day** — Sat., Oct 13, 8-12noon; 4-H Center, 201 E Boonville-New Harmony Rd.; Info: (812) 436-7800
- **Sparkplug Committee** — Mon., Oct 15, 4:30pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **UNOE Board Meeting** — Wed., Oct 17, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Marketing/PR Team** — Thu., Oct 18, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Shred Day** — Fri., Oct 19—10a-1p; Wesselman Park; Info: (812) 423-9166

Sparkplug Recognition Banquet — Thurs., Oct. 25, 2018, 6:00pm
Tropicana Executive Conference Center, Walnut Rooms



**sparkplug
recognition
banquet**

*Join us for an evening of fellowship, inspiration and recognition
among your neighbors from throughout
Evansville and Vanderburgh County!*

More details at www.unoevansville.org/sparkplugbanquet and on pages 1 & 3.