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New & Expanding Neighborhood Associations

INTRODUCING...

Reitz Hill Neighborhood Association

Holding its first organizational meeting in August of 2018, Reitz Hill Neighborhood Association chose its borders to be Barker Ave to the west, Pennsylvania St to the north, Lemke Ave to the east and Claremont Ave to the south.

By October, RHNA joined UNOE as the newest member Neighborhood Association.

Monthly meetings are held on
3rd Mondays

at **6:30pm**

in the basement of

Forest Hills Baptist Church, 2800 Hartmetz Ave.

Webpage: unoevansville.org/reitzhill



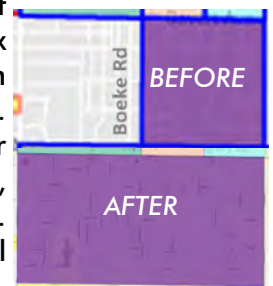
Inclement Weather Policy

UNOE office policy states that if the EVSC schools are closed due to inclement weather, the UNOE Office will be closed also.

ANNOUNCING...the expansion of

Southeast Side Neighborhood Association

The original boundaries of Southeast Side formed a box bordered by Covert Ave, Vann Ave, Pollack Ave and Boeke Ave. As 2019 begins, after outreaches and talks last fall, SSNA is expanding westward. Their western boundary will become Weinbach Ave, doubling their geographic size.



In 2018, several neighbors from the new area had been showing up periodically at monthly meetings. SSNA has also been seeking new members. With the increased interest from an area without a Neighborhood Association, SSNA members voted to expand and welcome their westward neighbors.

The Neighborhood is glad to also be able to connect with two more churches and an elementary school with the expansion.

The first meeting of 2019 will be held at Fairlawn United Methodist Church, 2001 S Parker on the **first Thursday, January 3 at 6:00pm.**

(Remaining 2019 meetings will be at the usual Covert Avenue Baptist Church, 3100 Covert Ave)

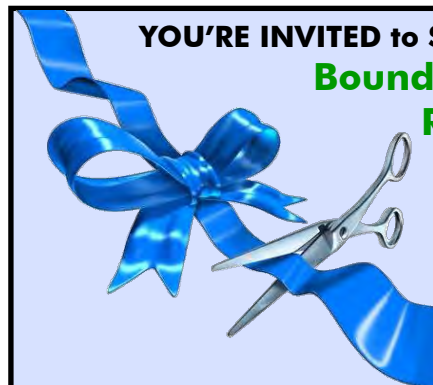
Webpage: unoevansville.org/southeastside

Facebook: www.facebook.com/evvsouthside.watch

YOU'RE INVITED to Southeast Side's...

**Boundary Expansion
Ribbon Cutting
Ceremony**

**Sat., Jan. 5, 2019
12 PM – 1 PM
Fairlawn United
Methodist Church
2001 S Parker Dr**



From the President . . .

Being President

Happy New Year! This will be the last month that I write a UNOE *President's Message* since my term ends this January. As President over the last 24 months, we've accomplished quite a few things with everyone's help. I'm extremely thankful to everyone as we worked together toward achieving certain goals.



Brent Jackson

My journey to President of UNOE began on October 1, 2014, as I started a new business and opened my own computer and technology consulting firm in Evansville. This new startup was done without any outside assistance, loan, or grant from any person or entity. I had scratched and saved most of my life to build up enough funds, so that I could achieve the goal of someday owning my own computer and technology business. This new business gave me an opportunity to volunteer in the community to a greater degree, including holding the office of UNOE President. In 2019, I'm ready to change gears and continue building the business to a new level, which has already started demanding more and more of my time. It's time to make a change in my life and fulfill my lifetime business goals.

Looking back over the last two years as President, others and I helped UNOE through the 2017 *Regional Neighborhood Network Conference*, hosted at the Old National Events Plaza. It was last hosted in Evansville in 2003. We completely booked up the hotels with out-of-town participants to teach best practices related to neighborhoods and neighborhood issues. It was a grand success!

At the end of 2017, I encouraged the UNOE Board of Directors to move our office to better facilities. By June of 2018, we had a new home. Looking back, we made the right decision to move when we did.

This year we changed the room layout and format of our monthly General Meetings to be more like a council of neighborhoods, rather than an audience of neighborhoods. This change empowers our neighborhoods to be more involved in UNOE and our community with more interactions and more discovery of the successes and challenges in one another's neighborhoods.

During my time as UNOE President, I built an Android and iPhone app that allows people to identify in what neighborhood they are and learn when/where neighborhood meetings occur.

Support UNOE with Your FREE Assessment

When you sign up for a no-cost home energy assessment as part of Vectren's Neighborhood Weatherization Program (meet income qualifications), you also support United Neighborhoods of Evansville.

Use the information below to schedule your appointment and give the code "UNOE" as you do. For each referral and completed assessment, UNOE will receive \$20 toward ongoing work we do to support member Neighborhood Associations."

Thanks in advance!





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can help us.

Schedule a personalized energy
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UNOE - United Neighborhoods of Evansville
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With your no-cost, personalized energy assessment you'll receive:

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-  A personalized assessment report
-  Installation of energy-saving products and services like LEDs, faucet aerators, and showerheads
-  Weatherization upgrades like air sealing, duct sealing or insulation, if your home qualifies

The personalized energy assessment is available to Vectren customers with homes that are more than five years old. You will also need to meet the income eligibility guidelines.

Schedule today!

Visit VectrenHomeAssessment.com
or call 1-855-298-5390 to schedule
your appointment with code UNOE



From the President . . . (continued)

Thank you, Janice Ricketts, our former Operations Manager, for all the patient coaching and knowledge that she shared over the years. (She is retiring at the end of January, 2019.) Thank you, Kat Isbell, our current Operations Manager and former Media Specialist, for making me look good over the last year and a half.

Thank you, board members and other volunteers, who have helped keep our organization going. And, thanks to the Winnecke administration for the years of support!

God Bless!
Brent Jackson

Clean Up Event

Please join
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE

for
**CLEAN
Evansville**

Northbrook Shopping Center - First Avenue & Buena Vista

Saturday, January 5, 2019 • 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

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www.cleanevansville.org

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

LOOKING AHEAD...

Saturday, February 2, 2019

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Clean up is set for the **Howell Park area**

EPD Sector Meetings

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

SOUTH SECTOR

Jan 10 — 6:00pm

2nd Thursday of odd months

EAST SECTOR

Jan 15 — 6:00pm

3rd Tuesday of odd months

WEST SECTOR

Jan 17 — 6:00pm

3rd Thursday of odd months



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

Meet with City Officials



Traveling City Hall

Deaconess Midtown Hospital

Johnson Hall

Wednesday - January 23, 2019

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Arc of Evansville

Learn about services - Preview The Really Big Show

The Mayor and city department heads will be present to talk one-on-one with citizens about any issue involving local government.

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

Exercise with the Mayor

**Energize
Evansville**
with Mayor Lloyd Winnecke

Line Dancing Meets Hip Hop

Partnering with Judy Fortune-Herr
Liz Garrett & Darin Landers

Saturday, January 19 9 to 11 AM

CK Newsome Community Center

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

More Info: 812-435-6162

Energize Evansville Participant Survey

Organizers of the Energize Evansville events are seeking feedback from those who participate in their monthly events.

You can find the survey at

<https://nikki559.typeform.com/to/hs20zN>

If you're unable to access the online survey, yet would like to share feedback, contact Lisa Wube, Program Services Director, Evansville Parks & Recreation Department at (812) 435-6162 or by email at lwube@evansville.in.gov

Nominating Committee Update

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of UNOE Officers and Board Members At-Large for the 2019 calendar year. Below are a few comments about each of the current nominees to help you become a bit familiar with them.

If you have someone in your neighborhood who would be interested in running for one of the offices listed, there is still the opportunity to add to the ballot. We will be voting at our January General meeting. Please send new nominees, noting which office, to office@unoevansville.org or call (812) 428-4243.

Current 2019 Election Nomination Slate

President: *Dave Ballew, Culver NA*

Dave served as President of Culver NA for over twelve years. Dave has served in the offices of President, Sr. Vice-President and Member At-Large with UNOE. He has also been involved with various community endeavors including serving as an instructor with the Evansville/Vanderburgh County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Sr. Vice President: *Lorie Van Hook, Mt Auburn NA/ Westside Improvement Association*

Lorie brings many years of experience serving as Mt. Auburn's Treasurer, Secretary and President as well as the Co-Chair of the Trails Committee and web manager for WIA. Lorie has dedicated herself to supporting our community through partnerships and collaborations.

Regional Vice Presidents:

• **East** — *Susan & Steve Harp, Oak Hill NA*

Susan served for over eleven years as President of the Oak Hill NA. She and Steve have been Regional Vice-Presidents with the East Sector since 2013. Susan was a Presenter at the 2017 RNNC and Steve served as a volunteer during the conference. Both have provided volunteer assistance for numerous UNOE projects, meetings and events and have participated in many community events.

• **South** — *Cathy Davidson, Tepe Park NA*

Cathy serves as part of the Tepe Park NA leadership team as well as a co-founder/co-leader of Southside Stars Youth Zone. She has been the Regional Vice-President with the South Sector since 2018. Cathy stays aware of a variety of community issues and resources in order to inform and empower neighbors.

• **West** — *Bob & Jenny Thomas, Diamond-Stringtown NA*

Bob is President of Diamond-Stringtown NA. Bob and Jenny have served as Regional Vice-Presidents for over six years. Both serve on the Sparkplug Committee and volunteered at the 2017 RNNC, various UNOE events and community activities.

Secretary: *Linda Jones, CHAIN*

Linda has served as Secretary and is a Past-President of CHAIN. She has served as Secretary for UNOE in nine different years. She has served on numerous UNOE committees over the years. She is the chairman of National Night Out for Evansville and is very involved in many community endeavors.

Treasurer: *S. Mercedes Arredondo, University South NA*

Mercedes has served as the UNOE Representative for her neighborhood association since 2009. She also held the offices of USNA Treasurer in 2009 and Secretary in 2012-2014.

Member At-Large: (elect 5; continued pg. 5)

Leonard Collins, Goosetown NA

Leonard has been the President of Goosetown NA for over seven years. Formerly, he served as a Regional Vice-President for the South Sector and has been a Member At-Large for four different years with UNOE. He has served as a volunteer with the 2017 RNNC and other UNOE events.

Pam Grewe, South Dexter NA

Since the formation of South Dexter NA over seven years ago, Pam has served as Secretary, UNOE Representative, Vice-President and is the current President. She has served as a Member At-Large with UNOE for one year. She also served in several vital ways with the 2017 RNNC.

Carolyn Stagg, Westside Improvement Association

Carolyn is the Past-President of Hilltop NA. She served with UNOE's Board of Directors as President, President-Elect and Member At-Large. She served as a volunteer at the 2017 RNNC and has volunteered in the UNOE office to help assemble neighborhood newsletter mailings as well. She participates in various community events and activities.

Annual Election of Officers

Thu., Jan. 24—6:30pm
C.K. Newsome Community Center
Final nominations & voting will take place
during the **January General Meeting**



2019 Election Nomination Slate (continued)

Member At-Large: (continued)

Larry Samples, Westside Improvement/Helfrich/ Wesselman Park/CHAIN/STAR/Poplar Grove/ Diamond-Stringtown

Larry was previously involved with Hilltop NA and has more recently joined Westside Improvement Association and 6 others. He participates with the UNOE Marketing Team, Sparkplug Banquet Committee and Nominating Committee. Larry has volunteered in the UNOE office to help assemble neighborhood newsletter mailings. He is avidly interested in being aware of needs and supportive of solutions for community issues.

Melanie Stagg, Western Terrace NA

Melanie has been the President of Western Terrace NA for over six years. She has been a Member At-Large with UNOE for over five years, serving as the Chair and member of the Marketing Team too. She also served on the 2017 RNNC Core Committee. Melanie has volunteered in the UNOE office to help assemble neighborhood newsletter mailings as well.

Jenny Triggs, Helfrich NA

Jenny is a Past-President of Helfrich NA. She has served as a member of the UNOE Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Sparkplug Banquet Committee and Marketing Team. Jenny has been one of UNOE's Members At-Large for 2 years.

Lucy Williams, Glenwood NA

Lucy has been the President of Glenwood NA for twelve out of thirteen years, while serving as the GNA UNOE Representative for two years. She has been a Member At-Large with UNOE for ten different years.

UNOE Office Hours

SPECIAL HOLIDAY CLOSING

We will be **closed** in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr Day - **Mon., Jan. 21**

UNOE Office Hours

Mon - Thu.

9:00am - 3:00pm

Please avoid **parking** near the clinic entrance
on the opposite side from our front door
or in Youth Care Center designated parking spaces.

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

2019 Membership Packets Mailed in January

2019 Membership packets will be mailed and emailed to all 2018 Neighborhood Association Presidents at the beginning of January. If your officers have already changed, please pass the packet along to the current President or whomever you've designated to complete the forms.

The 2019 UNOE Membership packets will include a **new streamlined form** that will serve as the UNOE Membership Application and the City/County Registration. Forms will be available in **print format** and a fillable **electronic form** that will be available through an email attachment and to download from our website at

www.unoevansville.org/membership

Submit all forms to UNOE, by the deadline in the packet, for processing. Then your registration form, by-laws and map will be sent electronically to the City and/or County on your behalf.

All Neighborhood Association Officers & UNOE Representatives will be sent the UNOE Newsletter. If you or other leaders in your association would rather receive the UNOE newsletter via email, please check the box under your contact information. This will save not only time, but printing and postage costs. The second form will provide room to add others who'd also like to receive the UNOE newsletter.

Please keep the UNOE office updated with any new addresses, phone numbers or emails as we get requests for the latest Neighborhood Association information from the city and other organizations throughout the year.

Coffee with a Cop



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

**Tue., Jan. 15
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.

VOLUNTEERS — the Life Blood of UNOE

One of the unique characteristics of United Neighborhoods of Evansville is its nature as a **volunteer-led** community advocacy nonprofit organization.

LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Every member of UNOE's Board of Directors is a volunteer. In addition, each board member has also held or currently holds a leadership role within their own Neighborhood Association.

At the start of each year, member Neighborhood Associations have the opportunity to nominate and vote on those who will lead this agency that serves as an umbrella organization to assist and support the work of preserving, enhancing and promoting the Neighborhood Associations throughout Evansville and Vanderburgh County.

PLANNING VOLUNTEERS

A major part of UNOE's work of supporting/serving Neighborhood Associations is done through **Teams or Committees**. The Chair of each planning team is appointed by the UNOE President and holds a seat at the Board's table each month, sharing updates on the efforts, plans and progress of each team. Members of these planning teams come from Neighborhood Associations and community members who support the work of neighborhoods.

PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

UNOE engages volunteers from Neighborhoods and various community partners for office tasks and other projects that support member Associations. Not only is the **cost of staff time saved** for such tasks as folding/taping closed newsletters and flyers, but the interaction among Volunteers, Board/Neighborhood members/leaders and staff has proven to **raise awareness of the work of UNOE** as well as help volunteers to **better connect with their own Neighborhood Associations**. Look for emails called "Volunteer Opportunities," or contact the office to let staff know that you'd like to be called or emailed when help is needed.

EVENT VOLUNTEERS

When UNOE is invited to participate through an informational table or booth or by hosting a float at community events, volunteers who **understand neighborhood work** are needed. The Marketing Team will be offering simple tools to equip those who **enjoy meeting people** and **speaking casually or formally** of the great work of Neighborhood Associations.



PLANNING & EVENT VOLUNTEERS: The Marketing Team and other recruited volunteers gathering for pre-event preparations before the **UNOE Open House** in July 2018.



Tri-Sector Group of Neighbors (L to R):
South-Tepe Park;
West-Diamond-Stringtown; and
East-Plaza Park

Multi-Group Crew (Clockwise from L):
Lamasco,
University South,
Ross Center,
Habitat for Humanity of
Evansville



Multi-Group Crew (L to R):
Habitat for Humanity,
AARP Volunteer,
Habitat,
Courier & Press staff,
RSVP Volunteer

PROJECT VOLUNTEERS (above) from throughout the community assembling mailings for Neighborhood Associations.

EVENT VOLUNTEERS :
UNOE Information Table at RSVP Event - July 2018
Volunteers from
Goosetown and
Greater Lincolnshire
discussing the work
of Neighborhood
Associations



EVENT VOLUNTEERS :
UNOE Information Booth at the Lincolnshire Front Porch Festival - Oct 2018
Volunteers from Tepe Park and
Timber Park sharing the
work of Neighborhood
Associations &
supporting GLNA

Get Involved with a Committee in 2019

Transform your skills and interest into actions and ideas to better ALL the neighborhoods in our city and county. Consider joining a committee or team listed below and in the 2019 Membership Packet.

Connecting Externally with the Community

- **Disaster Preparedness/Safety Awareness Team**—Communicate awareness, information and training opportunities offered by EMA/CERT, Red Cross & other related agencies
- **Government/Zoning Team**—Stay aware and advise of issues that impact neighborhoods and means to communicate w/government
- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee**—Work cohesively with the city and other community organizations in these matters



Planning Volunteers:

The 2018 Sparkplug Banquet Committee putting finishing touches on the plans for the 23rd Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet.

Handling Internal Organizational Matters

- **Finance Committee**—Attend bi-monthly meetings and guide the UNOE budget
- **Grant Writing Team**—Find, co-write and process grants
- **IT/Technology Team**—Maintain, suggest and acquire technology used at the office, at UNOE events and borrowed by Neighborhoods
- **Marketing Team**—Promote the mission and work of UNOE throughout the community
- **Personnel Committee**—Foster healthy and lawful employee relationships
- **Sparkplug Banquet Committee**—Plan & coordinate the annual banquet
- **Strategic Planning Committee**—Coordinate long-range planning for the organization to benefit Neighborhoods

For more information on the different teams or committees, call the office at (812) 428-4243 or email office@unoevansville.org

FREE Cooking/Nutrition Classes

Share this opportunity with anyone in your Neighborhood who is eligible for SNAP or WIC benefits!

UNOE will be hosting Purdue Extension: Nutrition Education Program's **Make It SNAPpy!** classes on the **3rd Tuesdays** of **January, February** and **March**. (The first class was held in December.)

There's **NO CHARGE** to participate.
See the details below.

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FREE
CLASSES
for those eligible
for SNAP or WIC

Receive a free
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Make It SNAPpy!

Tuesday, January 15, 2018
1:30—3:00pm
EVPL Annex, Training Room
320 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

Parking: Please use the lot at the corner of Cherry & MLK,
near the stoplight & bus shelter
Entrance: Use the back door, facing Taylor Auto Body (follow signs/arrows)

Cook together.
Learn together.
Eat together.

For More Information or to Register:
Contact Tena Jones at
812-435-5287 ext. 128
or jonestm@purdue.edu

REMAINING SESSIONS:
3rd Tuesdays: Feb. 19 & Mar. 19



EVENT VOLUNTEERS from Diamond-Stringtown, Presidents, Oak Hill, Western Terrace, Westside Improvement and the former Iroquois Gardens representing UNOE during the Mardi Gras Parade in February 2018.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Recycling Day** — Sat., Jan. 5, 2019, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800
- **Sparkplug Committee Venue Visit** — Tue., Jan. 8, 4:30pm, City View, 1310 W. Illinois St
- **Meet Your Legislators** — Sat., Jan. 12, 2019, 9:00am; EVPL Central Library, Browning Rm Info: (812) 428-8200
- **Finance Committee** — Tue., Jan. 15, 9:30am, EVPL Annex, Conference Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Nominating Committee** — Tue., Jan. 15, 11:00am, EVPL Annex, Conference Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **UNOE Board Meeting** — Wed., Jan. 16, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Marketing/PR Team** — TBD, 5:30pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Recycling Day** — Sat., Feb. 2, 2019, 8-12noon; old Walmart West, 4551 University Dr.; Info: (812) 436-7800

General Meeting/Annual Elections — Thu., Jan. 24, 2018, 6:30pm
C.K. Newsome Community Center, 100 Walnut St.

January's General Meeting will include the election of officers for 2019!

REMINDER:

ONLY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION UNOE REPRESENTATIVES CAN VOTE in the elections! Make sure your UNOE Representatives' names & contact information are up-to-date with the UNOE office **by Jan. 22nd!**

PROGRAM:

Souvenirs

Brief reports from a few who attended the 2018 Global Leadership Summit and the 2018 Regional Neighborhood Network Conference



Takeaways by UNOE Ambassadors Who Attended Fall Conferences