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to Preserve,
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the Evansville and
Area Neighborhoods

Neighbor to Neighbor

United Neighborhoods of Evansville



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UNOE to Host the August Traveling City Hall — Chat with the Mayor and City Officials

The August Traveling City Hall will be hosted by United Neighborhoods of Evansville at the EVPL Annex where the UNOE office is located.

Part of the responsibility we'll have in hosting is to encourage attendance. As members of UNOE, we encourage you to **rally your Neighborhood Association members to attend** this event.

UNOE will have a few moments in the program to **speak** about the work of the organization and upcoming events of both UNOE and our member Neighborhoods. We know of a few events that will be happening shortly after 8/28/19, but we've likely missed some.

If your Neighborhood is hosting an event to which you'd welcome others attending, please contact the UNOE office as soon as possible, so we can work it into our brief time during the program.

A **cookout** sponsored by *e is for everyone* will be part of the evening. Drop by for food and the chance to **chat with the Mayor and City officials**.



Traveling City Hall



Wed., August 28
5:30—7:00pm

Location: United Neighborhoods of Evansville
320 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
(Use rear entrance off Cherry St.
Parking is available on street & in the lot at Cherry & MLK Jr. Blvd)

Program: Learn about UNOE's mission and services, upcoming events and the coming activities of member Neighborhood Associations



is for everyone.

The evening includes a **FREE summer grill** sponsored by *e is for everyone!*

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



PHOTO (Left): UNOE Volunteers at the UNOE table during the January, 2019 Traveling City Hall, assisting guests with information in print, conversation, online and via the *UNOE Neighborhoods* app.

2019 Neighborhood Yard Sign Project Participants



With **22 Neighborhood Associations** participating in this year's **Neighborhood Yard Sign Project**, there will be **275 total signs** throughout the community to promote their vital work in the city and county!

Here are a few of the recipients with their signs that you'll soon see around the area ...



That's not Kilroy.
It's **Michael Harbison**,
President of Timber Park NA &
Chair of the UNOE Marketing
Team.

When you have a chance, let
Michael know how thankful we
are for his hard work to
prepare the yard sign designs
for sending to the print shop!

THANK YOU, MICHAEL!!

We're grateful
to ColorMax for
their generous
discount that
allowed for so
many of our
members to
purchase yard signs for promoting meetings,
special reminders for neighborhood visitors and
special events of meals, holidays, yard sales,
contests, work days and more!



Sparkplug Recognition Banquet

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for the evening of
Thurs., Oct. 24, 2019.



**sparkplug
recognition
banquet**

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS

Take and send **photos** of your Neighborhood activities. Send or take them to the UNOE office. Email (with a brief description for each) to office@unoeevansville.org.

CHOOSE YOUR SPARKPLUG

Consider who has gone above and beyond to benefit your Neighborhood and deserves to receive a **Sparkplug Award**.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Contact any business you know that would be willing to be a **sponsor** of the banquet. Ask the UNOE office for a Sponsor Letter to share with any potential sponsors or even door prize donors.

RECRUIT EVENT PARTICIPANTS

Early registration packets are available to download www.unoeevansville.org/sparkplugbanquet. Watch for the **Registration Packet** via postal mail and email to Neighborhood Presidents in August.

Citizen's Academy Alumni Event

Association of Citizen's Academy Alumni Event
August 8, 2019 - 5:00 - 7:30 pm
C.K. Newsome Community Center
EPD Foundation Room, 100 Walnut Street

Dinner buffet opens at 5:00 pm.

Menu: grilled hamburgers/hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, slaw, dessert

Program begins at 6:00 pm.

EPD's Homeless Outreach Program will explain how it coordinates with community agencies and social services to address homelessness in our community

This event is **free to 2019 ACAA members**.

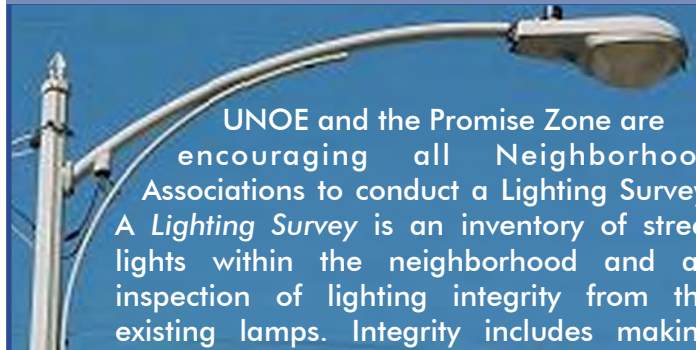
Non-members: \$10 per person

Guests are welcome to attend with Citizen's Academy graduates.

Checks (payable to Evansville Police Department Foundation) or cash will be accepted at the event check in table.

RSVP before August 2, to Jan Davies at jdavies@epdfoundation.org or 812-485-3056.

Neighborhood Lighting Survey



UNOE and the Promise Zone are encouraging all Neighborhood Associations to conduct a Lighting Survey. A *Lighting Survey* is an inventory of street lights within the neighborhood and an inspection of lighting integrity from the existing lamps. Integrity includes making

sure that the street lights installed are working properly, have poles in good condition and also do not have any obstructions, like trees or bushes, blocking the light from illuminating streets, sidewalks and alleys.

Maintaining and improving street lighting in a neighborhood has two perspectives with regard to crime prevention. First, it increases potential offenders' perception of getting caught, thus deterring them from committing a crime. Second, it demonstrates that that neighbors care, that they are interested in what happens on their streets and are more likely to notice and report suspicious activity.

UNOE and the Promise Zone are currently working with Vectren to provide the tools necessary to conduct a Lighting Survey in your neighborhood. These *Lighting Survey Kits* will be made available to each of the Neighborhood Associations to form teams and to conduct the survey later this summer and fall. As surveys are completed, Neighborhoods will send completed survey forms to the UNOE office. The UNOE staff will submit the completed surveys to Vectren to schedule any necessary repairs.

A *UNOE Neighborhood Lighting Team* is being formed to assist with preparing *Lighting Survey Kits* for distribution to UNOE member Neighborhood Associations. This team will also serve as liaison **for this project only** between all the neighborhoods and Vectren to track progress and report back to the neighborhoods at the general meetings. (For any outages or issues beyond this survey, customers should contact Vectren through normal reporting avenues.)

This project is **not limited to the Promise Zone**. **ALL Neighborhood Associations** throughout the areas which have Vectren-managed street lights **are encouraged to participate**.

For more information contact the UNOE office.

Responsibility Reminders

Being a Good Neighbor



Illegal Dumping

The city's Department of Parks & Recreation has employees who are assigned to tend to the mowing of the grassy areas on the city's boulevards. Many times extra time has been required to deal with illegal dumping before the mowing can take place.



Officials have asked UNOE to remind residents that those of us who reside in the city are responsible for disposing of our own refuse, which includes tree limbs, yard/garden waste, leaves, etc. Such waste should NOT be placed in the boulevard. The Department of Parks & Rec has stated that homeowners or residents who are caught illegally dumping will be reported and fined for doing so.



Report Crime Anonymously



1-800-78-CRIME

or online at

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



Care & Upkeep of Gifts

Over the past few years, several Neighborhood Associations have received gifts of some special blue signs with white sign posts to signify the location of their areas.

These signs were gifts to the Neighborhood Associations that are considered by the Department of Metropolitan Development to be "Focus Neighborhoods," since they

are in the Low-Moderate Income Census Tracts as per the 2020 U.S. Census.

Once received, these signs become the responsibility of the Neighborhood Association to take care of, clean, fix or otherwise see to their upkeep.

UNOE has been asked to remind sign recipients NOT to call DMD or the Dept. of Parks & Rec. for any sign maintenance matters.

Your neighborhood is responsible for the signs that were gifted to you.



Coffee with a Cop



Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation

**Tue., Aug. 20
7:00 - 9:00am
Donut Bank
St. Joe 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.

Water Line Insurance

Many if not all of our neighbors are already aware of an insurance program being offered in Evansville to help homeowners in case there are disruptions in the water and sewer lines on their property that are NOT part of the City's obligation to maintain.

The letters, while coming through with the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility logo, are NOT an arm of the utility or the City of Evansville.



The insurance is being offered by HomeServe USA, a company with an international presence. Locally HomeServe USA is offering plans that cover repairs to water, sewer and septic lines, and in-home plumbing, depending on the policy a customer buys. Monthly premiums range from about \$6 to \$13.

According to HomeServe USA, there are no deductibles associated with these plans.

According to the EWSU office, HomeServe USA donates 10 percent of its income from these policies back to Evansville where it becomes part of a fund managed by the Community Action Program of Evansville specifically to help lower income residents cope with catastrophic water bills (up to \$250 per household, per calendar year) – much as Vectren maintains a fund to help residents with catastrophic gas and electric bills.

Since 2017 CAPE reports it has processed more than 500 applications for water/sewer bill assistance and has awarded a total of \$100,885 to qualifying families.

Homeowners are advised to check with their homeowners insurance regarding coverage they may already have before signing up with HomeServe USA.

For more information about HomeServe USA, you can visit www.info@homeserveusa.com



For more information about the water/sewer bill assistance program, call CAPE at 812-492-3941.

(Thanks, Sara Corrigan, President of University South NA, for researching and writing this article.)

Clean Up Event

Please join
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE
for
CLEAN Evansville

Wesselman Park - 551 N. Boeke Road
Saturday, August 3, 2019 • 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 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...

Sat., Sept. 14 2019 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Clean up is set for the **St. Joe-Lloyd Exwy. area**

FREE Monthly Cooking/Nutrition Classes

Hosted by



United Neighborhoods
of Evansville

Presented by



**FREE
CLASSES**

for those eligible
for SNAP or WIC

Receive a free
kitchen item!



**3rd Tuesdays
1:30—3:00pm
EVPL Annex, Training Room
320 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd**

For More Information or to Register:

Contact Tena Jones at
812-435-5287 ext. 128 or jonestm@purdue.edu
www.eatgathergo.org

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)

NEXT CLASS:

Tues., August 20

1:30-3:00pm

Fall Heavy Trash Pick-Up Begins Monday, August 12

Expect Changes to Volume and Types of Items & Materials

The Evansville Water & Sewer Utility announces that Heavy Trash Pick-up will begin Monday, August 12, and is scheduled to run through Friday, October 18. This semi-annual curbside service is available to City residents who pay for trash service with their water bill. Apartment complexes, mobile home communities and business/commercial customers are not eligible.

The collection schedule, area maps, and included items for pick-up with limits are available on the City's GIS website – www.evansvillegis.com/trash – by clicking "Heavy Trash Pickup Dates" on the right. To help keep crews on schedule and prevent heavy trash from sitting out on the curb longer than necessary, the number of days allocated for collection in each specific area has been determined based on the volume of heavy trash set out in the past and the number of days required to collect the trash.

Heavy Trash must be placed where normal weekly trash is collected before 6:00 a.m. on the day collection is scheduled in an area. Heavy trash cannot be put out any earlier than the weekend before the scheduled pick up date.

Items that will be collected:

- **Carpet** – Must be rolled into sections no longer than 4 ft. and no wider than 2 ft. in diameter—
Limit of five (5) rolls of carpet

There will be a limit of 5 total items from the list below:

- **Furniture** – Sofas, tables, chairs, mattresses, box springs, dressers, bookcases etc.
- **Appliances** – Stoves, refrigerators/freezers, washing machines, dryers, water heaters, etc. (Refrigerants must be removed and tagged by a certified professional)
- **Electronics** – Stereos and such
 - ♦ NO Televisions
 - ♦ NO Computers or accessories
- **Limited construction/building material debris**
 - ♦ Must be in trash containers or the like of such size and weight that they can be reasonably lifted by two average adults (NO boxes or plastic bags)
 - ♦ NO piles or stacks of Construction/Building materials will be picked up
 - ♦ NO privacy fence sections will be picked up
 - ♦ NO concrete blocks, bricks or steel poles



Items that will **NOT** be collected include:

- Any trash that Republic Services would pick up as part of its regular residential waste collection contract
- Piles or stacks of Construction/Building materials
- Privacy fences of any kind
- Automobile parts
- Batteries
- Tires
- Hazardous materials
- Computers or accessories
- Concrete blocks, bricks or steel poles
- Televisions
- Yard Waste

Heavy trash that does not meet these requirements will not be picked up.

If a customer has put their heavy trash out according to the requirements above yet feels they were missed, they can call Republic Services at 812-424-3345 within two days to report a possible missed pick-up.

Note that many items not collected through the City's heavy trash pick-up can be properly disposed of through programs offered by the Solid Waste District, including Tire Amnesty Days, Electronics Recycling Days and Household Hazardous Waste Day (Tox Away Day).

Additional information about these programs and upcoming program dates is available in the Solid Waste Management's section of the City website (<https://bit.ly/2Yk5g7Z>) or by calling 812-436-7800.

Vanderburgh County Recycling

RECYCLE DAY

Saturday, August 3, 2019

8:00am—12:00 noon

old Walmart west

4551 University Dr

ITEMS TO BRING****ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN & SORTED****

- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Junk Mail
- Catalogs/Magazines
- #1-#7 Plastic Containers
- Bagged Shredded Paper

****NO GLASS, STYROFOAM OR PLASTIC BAGS******Upcoming Recycle Days**

August 10, 2019

4-H Center

200 E Boonville-New Harmony Rd

Vanderburgh County Households Only
 FOR INFO, CONTACT THE SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
 812-436-7800 | www.evansville.in.gov/recycle

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Aug 8 Sep 12

Civic Center Complex

10:00am—**Technical Committee**, Room 3184:00pm—**Policy Committee**, Room 301Learn more at www.evansvillempo.com**Save the Date****CANDIDATES FORUM**hosted by
UNOE
United Neighborhoods
of Evansville**Thurs.,
Sept. 26, 2019****UNOE's
Candidates' Forum**

with candidates from local contested races

WATCH FOR MORE INFO**Financial Education Opportunities****Fair Shot**Financial Education
for the Entire Family

Budgeting &	Aug 27	Sep 24	Oct 22
Banking	Nov 19	Dec 17	

Credit & Home	Aug 29	Sep 26	Oct 24
Ownership	Nov 21	Dec 19	

Learn more at
fairshot2019.eventbrite.com

National Night Out is August 6th

A COMMUNITY-POLICE

COOPERATION PARTY

**Wesselman Park**

Tuesday, August 6 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- Children's Firefighting Challenge Course
- SWAT Team
- Rope Rappelling
- Bomb Squad
- K-9
- Meth Suppression Unit
- Soda Blaster

Family, friends and neighbors are invited to come out for a going away party for crime! Enjoy FREE food, games and fun for the community.

Please park in the Roberts Park lot using the Boeke Road entrance. Shuttles will take you to Wesselman Park.

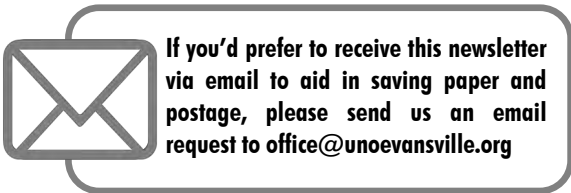
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Comm.** — **Thu., Aug. 1, 4:00pm**, C.K. Newsome Center, Conference Rm, 100 Walnut
- **Marketing/PR Team** — **Wed., Aug. 7, 5:30pm**, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Sparkplug Banquet Committee** — **Mon., Aug. 19, 4:30pm**, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **UNOE Board Meeting** — **Wed., Aug. 21, 4:00pm**, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Finance Committee** — **Tue., Sep. 10, 1:30pm**, EVPL Annex, Conference Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd

UNOE General Meeting — Thu., Aug. 22, 2019, 6:30pm
C.K. Newsome Community Center, 100 Walnut St., Rec Room

PROGRAM:

Life on the Beat

—A Reality-based Simulation Where
YOU Play the Role of a Police Officer



GUEST SPEAKERS:

from Evansville Police Department

- Sergeant Jason Cullum
- Officer Philip Smith
- Safety Officer Don Swain
- Sergeant Steve Kleeman



*Gain an
officer's perspective
on why police officers
do the things they do*