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Working Together
to Preserve,
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the Evansville and
Area Neighborhoods

### Neighbor to Neighbor

## **United Neighborhoods of Evansville**



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**UNOE Candidates' Forum: Our Annual Opportunity to Meet Your Candidates** 



Join us for the 2019 Candidates' Forum during our September General Meeting on Thurs., Sep. 26 – 6:00pm at the C.K. Newsome Community Center, 100 Walnut St., Rec Room.

Candidates in the following contested races have been invited to speak:

- Mayor of Evansville
- City Council 1st Ward
- City Council 2nd Ward
- City Council 3rd Ward
- City Council 4th Ward
- City Council 5th Ward
- City Council 6th Ward
- City Council At-Large

Each candidate will be given 2 minutes to speak, introducing themselves and their issues. Then, you'll have an opportunity to ask questions and hear their replies.

For offices with uncontested races, the candidates will not be given time to speak, but are encouraged to attend.

We look forward to meeting the candidates, hearing about their campaigns, key issues and how their concerns relate to neighborhoods and the people who reside within them.

#### **TOOLS FOR VOTERS**

Find direct links to these on our site at www.unoevansville.org/candidatesforum2019

- Online Voter Registration Indiana residents have until midnight on Monday, October 7, 2019 to register in order to participate in the November General Election.
  - www.in.gov/sos/elections/3685.htm
- Indiana Voter Portal 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

 Vanderburgh County Voter Registration - 812
 -435-5222 - 1 NW Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Civic Center Rm 214, Evansville
 www.evansvillegov.org/county/department/index.php?structureid=40

#### **Neighborhood Lighting Survey Underway**

The Neighborhood Lighting Team began distributing Lighting Survey Kits at the August General Meeting. Team members include Vera and Carisa Campbell-South Dexter NA (East), Lisa Barnett-Tepe Park NA (South) and Fred Mulfinger-Lamasco NA (West). The team will reach out to those Neighborhood Associations who were not at the meeting.

Once Neighborhoods receive their kits, each Neighborhood recruits volunteers, schedules and coordinates its own area's lighting survey. The **deadline** for returning completed survey forms to the UNOE office is **Monday, November 11, 2019**.

Questions? Contact the UNOE office: office@unoevansville.org or 812-428-4243

#### Being a Good Neighbor



We all know that we can't dump used oil down a storm drain – after all, the city storm drain system empties into the Ohio River. The Evansville Municipal Code (chapter 13.25) has a term for thisan illicit discharge. The code names several things that are bad for our waterways and considered illicit discharges: "sanitary wastewater, septic tank effluent, car wash wastewater, oil disposal, radiator flushing disposal, laundry wastewater, roadway accident spillage, household hazardous wastes, <u>and</u> deliberately concentrated yard waste."



What this means is that it is illegal (with a fine of up to \$2,500) to deliberately blow or sweep clippings, yard waste or leaves into the street. If these materials make it to our streams or the river they decay and contaminate the water. If they accumulate on storm grates they block the flow of storm water. So not only is it unlawful, but it can cause flooding problems. If you have a storm grate adjacent to your property, the city relies on you to keep it clear, so watch it and remove any debris that accumulates.

Here are some best practices for yard cleanup and routine maintenance:

- Blow or rake leaves and grass clippings back into the lawn to add nutrients to the lawn.
- Use a mulching blade on your mower.
- If you bag when mowing, empty the clippings into your trash can. Do not put in ditches or swales.
- If you have the space, use a compost pile or compost barrel.

(Source: Fred Mulfinger, Chair of the UNOE Parks, Trees & Beautification Committee & President of Lamasco Neighborhood Association)

#### **Yard Waste and Lawn Clippings in Our Streets**





Lorraine Park NA recently organized their own clean up which included clearing storm grates. Above, Derek Russ, President of LPNA, clears a grate of vegetation and trash. (Photos provided by Derek Russ.)



# Looking Back at Neighborhood Activities

Members of Western Terrace NA cleaning up the Clem Frank Nature Preserve



Glenwood NA recently held their annual appreciation banquet.



Cathy Davidson of Tepe Park NA experiencing part of the *Life on the Beat* simulation with EPD at the August UNOE General Meeting



Volunteers from North Country Club NA at the 2019 National Night Out



meet a

#### Nazarene Baptist Church parking lot

867 E Walnut St

Use parking lots east and north of the church or on-street parking.

8am Coffee, Donuts,

Registration, Assignments

8:30-11:30am Ballard Community Cleanup

11:30am-12:30pm Lunch

Thank you for bringing gloves, rakes (leaf & landscape), shovels, brooms, dust pans, weed-eaters and plastic bags!

#### More Info:

- Sr. Jane Michele McClure, Habitat for Humanity of Evansville jmcclure@evansvillehabitat.org 812-430-2159
- Justin Neeley, Ballard Neighborhood Association justin neeley@yahoo.com 812-730-7470



Bud Goodsen of STAR NA volunteering at the 2019 National Night Out

#### **Celebrate Community**

Thurs., Sept. 19, 2019 5:30-7:30pm Parking lot at the

corner of Washington & Kentucky

Celebrate the collaboration & connection of neighborhoods

# FREE FOOD FREE MUSIC FREE GAMES FREE FUN









**Vanderburgh County Recycling** 

# RECYCLE DAY

Saturday, September 7, 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
October 5, 2019
Old Walmart west
4551 University Dr

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

**Report Crime Anonymously** 



#### 1-800-78-CRIME

or online at

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

#### Coffee with a Cop



Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation

Tue., Sep. 17 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.

#### **Electronics Recycling**

Thu & Fri., Sept. 19 & 20 Sat., Sept. 21

10am - 4pm

8 am - 12noon

**C&I Electronics** 

1700 N Lafayette 812-423-9166

Vanderburgh County households only.

Items from businesses will not be accepted.

A variety of electronic materials will be accepted at no charge. This includes but is not limited to TVs, DVD players, DVR/TiVo devices, digital cameras, fax machines, computers and computer-related equipment, printers and scanners.

**Items Not Accepted:** Copy machines and appliances, including microwaves.

More information:

Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District 812-436-7800



#### **All-Sector Meeting**

City-Wide Neighborhood Association/Crime Prevention

"Partnership
Meeting"



100 Walnut St

- Crime Prevention Officers and Sgt. Karges will be in attendance
- See what you have in common with the other sectors
- ♦ Meet people from other sectors
- Questions from the audience

For more information, call 812-435-6115 www.evansvillepolice.com

#### **Redistricting Reform Awareness**



#### Gerrymander Meander September 5, 2019 5:30 - 7:30 PM St Lucas UCC

33 West Virginia St.
Join the League of Women
Voters of Southwestern
Indiana for this event to
raise awareness of the need
for redistricting reform.

The event will include a one-mile walk around a portion of District 77 to highlight how gerrymandering divides voters and reduces our impact. (Those who cannot participate in the walk are welcome to remain indoors and wait for the group to return.)

Following the walk, there will be a petition available to sign as well as postcards for sending messages to your legislators to ask them to support redistricting reform in Indiana. Light snacks and water will be served.

For more information on the **League of Women Voters:** 

lwvswin.org@outlook.com or www.lwvswin.org

LWV

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

#### **Metro Planning Organization**



#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Sep 12 Oct 10 Civic Center Complex

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

4:00pm—Policy Committee, Room 301 Learn more at www.evansvillempo.com

#### **Meet with City Officials**



# Traveling City Hall

Sat., Sept. 28 11:30am—1:00pm

**Location:** Eastland Mall, JC Penney Court

**Program:** TBA

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

#### **Speaker Resource**



Alter • Adopt • Adore

The **Vanderburgh Humane Society** is in the beginning stages of developing an outreach program for pets and their families in underserved areas of the community, especially targeting the 47713 zip code.

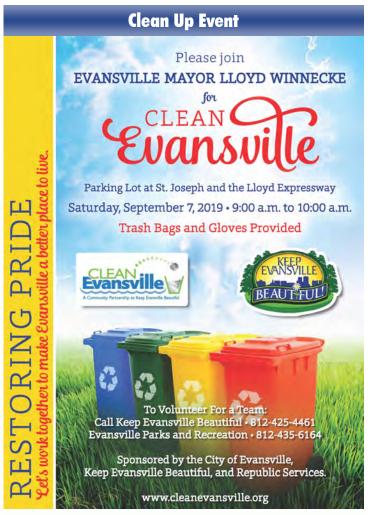
Caring for family pets is an important part of the bigger human services picture that is often overlooked.

VHS would love to start the conversation with those who live and work in the area to see how this outreach can be most beneficial for families and reach the greatest number of underserved pets!

If your Neighborhood Association is in the 47713 zip code,

#### TO SCHEDULE A SPEAKER, CONTACT:

Amanda Coburn, Development Coordinator a.coburn@vhslifesaver.org OR 812-426-2563 x 218



**LOOKING AHEAD...** 

Sat., Oct. 5 2019 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Clean up is set for the Cedar Hall School area

#### **Smoke Alarm Safety Reminders**

The following information and safety tips have been shared **EVANS** by Mike Doran, Deputy Fire Marshal, with the Evansville Fire Department.





Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms.



#### **Smoke Alarm Tips**

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org

#### **Volunteers Will Be in STAR & CHAIN**

On Fri., Sept. 13 & Sat., Sept. 14 from 8:30am-1:00pm, volunteers through the American Red Cross will be in the STAR and CHAIN neighborhoods to provide free fire safety information, test smoke alarms, replace batteries and install free alarms where needed.

#### **Sparkplug Recognition Banquet**

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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



#### **MEMORIALS**

We are aware of at least one past Neighborhood President who has passed away since our last banquet. If you know of a past UNOE or NA President who should be included in this year's memorials, please contact the office with names, obituaries and/or a photo if available.

#### **DOOR PRIZES: BASKETS or WREATHS**

The Sparkplug Banquet Committee is again asking for Neighborhood Associations to participate this year by making a themed basket or wreath for a door prize. This is a fun way for your neighborhood to get involved and participate in this great evening. See the **Door Prize Donation Form** in your packet or online.

#### **SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS**

Take or gather **photos** of your Neighborhood activities. Send or take them to the UNOE office. Email (with a brief description for each) to office@unoevansville.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. (The letter can also be downloaded from the webpage below).

#### REGISTRATION

Neighborhood Registration Packets were sent via postal mail to Neighborhood Presidents in August. If you did not receive your packet, please contact the office or the entire packet and separate forms are available to download on the UNOE website:

www.unoevansville.org/sparkplugbanquet

For any individuals, groups or businesses who are not part of a Neighborhood Association and would like to attend the banquet, please use the Dinner Registration Form on page 7 to make your paid reservations by October 10, 2019.

#### SPARKPLUG RECOGNTION BANQUET—DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

for Individuals & Small Groups not registering through a Neighborhood Association

	-	•		
Name/Group/Business/Organization				
Contact for Reservations:		Phone	Email:	
Your dinner choices are as follows:				
PORK CHOICE: Pepper Crusted Pork Loin w/sauce	es on side, Roasted R	ed Bliss Potatoes, V	Vhole Green Beans w/bacon	
• VEGETARIAN CHOICE: Eggplant Cannelloni w	v/Herb Angel Hair Pa	sta & Roasted Red	Pepper Sauce, Whole Green Be	eans (no bacon)
List the names of persons attending & no	ote each one's	dinner select	ion. ( <u><b>Please print.</b></u> )	
<u>Name</u>			<b>/egetarian</b> (check <u>one</u> p	per attendee)
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(Please add a	dditional copies	or use the bac	k for more than 5 regi	strations.)
Love My Neighbor Gift — You're invited to reservation. This gift would allow someone to attend who mi	ight not otherwise be Purchase for	able to because of a Others	the cost and/or help offset cost	s not covered by tickets or sponsors. <b>FOTAL ENCLOSED</b>
Number Attending: x \$18.00 e	each = \$	+ \$	_ in Gift Tickets =	\$ CHECK #
Please make your check payable to "UNG Send or deliver your completed form & p United Neighborhoods of Evansy	OE." payment by <b>Th</b> u	ırsday, Octo	<b>ber 10, 2019</b> to	, <del></del>



**United Neighborhoods** of Evansville and the City of Evansville cordially invite you to the

24th Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet!

recognition banquet

Thursday, October 24, 2019

> 5:30 p.m. Registration begins 6:15p.m.

> > Dinner

**Tropicana Executive** Conference Center

**Walnut Rooms** 

421 NW Riverside Drive, Evansville

**MUSIC BY** 

Sina Moore with Bob Green, Pianist It's a Beautiful Day in Every Neighborhood

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Charlie Stocker

The Garden Guy



COST:

\$18.00 per person (advance ticket sales only due Thursday, October 10) Registration Packet available at www.unoevansville.org/sparkplugbanquet

or through the UNOE office 812-428-4243 or office@unoevansville.org 320 SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Ste. B (Mon-Thu, 9a-3p)

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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- EPD Partnership Meeting (All Sectors) Wed., Sep. 4, 6:00pm, C.K. Newsome Center, EPD Foundation Rm, 100 Walnut
- Parks, Trees & Beautification Comm. Thu., Sep. 5, 4:00pm, C.K. Newsome Center, Conference Rm, 100 Walnut
- Recycling Day Sat., Sep. 7, 8am-12noon, 4551 University Dr. (old Walmart west); Info: 812-436-7800
- Finance Committee Tue., Sep. 10 (tentative date), Time TBD, EVPL Annex, Conference Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- Tox Away Day Sat., Sep. 14, 9am-1pm, Civic Center; Info: 812-436-7800
- Sparkplug Banquet Committee Mon., Sep. 16, 4:30pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- Coffee with a Cop Tue., Sep. 17, 7:00-9:00am, Donut Bank, Lincoln Ave
- Make It SNAPpy— Tue., Sep. 17, 1:30-3:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- UNOE Board Meeting Wed., Sep. 18, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- Marketing Team Wed., Oct 2, 5:30pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd



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