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Neighborhood Associations
Working Together
to Preserve,
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the Evansville and
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Neighbor to Neighbor

United Neighborhoods of Evansville



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Join Us for Our 24th Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet

You're
invited!

United Neighborhoods
of Evansville
and the
City of Evansville
cordially invite you
to the
**24th Annual Sparkplug
Recognition Banquet!**

MUSIC BY

Gina Moore

with

Bob Green, Pianist

24th Annual



sparkplug recognition banquet

Thursday,
October 24, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Registration begins

6:15 p.m.

Dinner

**Tropicana Executive
Conference Center**

Walnut Rooms

421 NW Riverside Drive, Evansville

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Charlie Stocker

The Garden Guy

It's a Beautiful Day in Every Neighborhood



COST: \$18.00 per person

(advance reservations 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)

Handling Street Lighting Concerns Throughout the Year

When your Neighborhood Association or individual neighbors have concerns about lighting in your area or the community at any time, the following information can be helpful.

Reporting Streetlight Outages throughout the Year

Vectren, a Center Point Energy Company, will contract with a third party to inspect the condition of poles. This inspection is done during daylight hours. Most of Vectren's service calls for streetlights being damaged or burnt out come from customers who contact them to report a problem. To report such a problem *at any time* during the year:

CALL: 1-800-227-1376

EMAIL: radiatorroom@Vectren.com

ONLINE: <https://www.vectren.com/contact/online>

WHAT TO CONVEY: Location and type of problem



How to Add a Dusk-to-Dawn Light in an Alleyway or on Your Property

Dusk-to-Dawn lights turn on as the sun sets or at dusk and turn off when the sun rises or at dawn. Vectren adds the cost of running these lights to a resident's electric bill. Arrangements can also be made through Vectren for multiple residents jointly pay for the light.

CONTACT: Samantha Stewart

CALL: 1-800-227-1376 or 812-791-5190

EMAIL: Samantha.stewart@centerpointenergy.com

ONLINE: <https://www.vectren.com/contact/online>

WHAT TO ASK:

- What is the cost and process of installing a dusk-to-dawn light?
- How can neighbors share the expense of the light?



Trees or Shrubs Blocking a Light

Trees or shrubs that may **block a light** from illuminating a street are the responsibility of **Vectren** to trim. If a tree in your neighborhood needs to be trimmed, use the above contact information. However, if a tree **needs to be removed**, the **City's Arborist** must be consulted before any action is taken. If in doubt about trimming or removal, call the Arborist.

CONTACT: Shawn Dickerson, City Arborist

CALL: 812-436-5752

EMAIL: sdickerson@evansville.in.gov

WHAT TO CONVEY: A tree is blocking light from a street light and it may need to be removed or trimmed.



Requesting New/Additional Streetlights in Your Area

Requests for additional street lights must go through the City of Evansville's Engineering Office, who then will work with Vectren to determine where lights will be added.

- Indiana State Code requires that the City provide lighting only at the intersections. The City does not have a separate budget for streetlights, but the contract with Vectren allows for a limited number of lights to be installed each year.
- The City maintains a request list, with highest priority given to those at the intersections and then to lights requested for other areas. Lighting in alleyways has the lowest priority and is rarely installed.



- An alternative when a lighting request has low priority is to install a dusk-to-dawn light. (See left column.)

To ask that an additional light be put on the request list:

CONTACT: Jennifer Blankenship

PHONE: 812-436-4971

EMAIL: jblakenship@evansville.in.gov

WHAT TO CONVEY: The location of where you would like the light added and why, to help determine priority.

Neighborhood Lighting Survey

Thank you to all our member Neighborhood Associations who are participating in the Fall 2019 *Neighborhood Lighting Survey!*



REMINDER: Completed Survey Forms & 1 Marked-up Map are to be **returned to the UNOE office by Mon., Nov. 11, 2019.**

You may mail or deliver them during office hours (Mon-Thu, 9a-3p) or place them into an envelope and drop them into the locked "UNOE" mailbox near the front entrance.

After you've submitted your forms, if you have concerns, follow-up information or questions **about streetlights that were reported on your forms**, you may reach your sector liaison at the info below.

- East - Vera & Carisa Campbell - 812-479-8848
vcampbell2360@gmail.com
- South - Lisa Barnett - 812-746-4100
lisa@southsidestars.com
- West - Fred Mulfinger - 812-425-1037
fred.mulfinger@gmail.com

If you have NEW lighting problems not reported, please use the info on this page to report those. The liaisons will not be relaying new concerns.

Sparkplug Recognition Banquet Preparations & Registration

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. The entire packet and separate forms are also available to download on the UNOE website: www.unoevansville.org/sparkplugbanquet

Tables at the banquet seat 8 individuals. If your group is larger, as you send in names on your registration form, feel free to suggest those who would like to sit together at nearby separate tables in order to accommodate your entire group.

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 below to **make your paid reservations by October 10, 2019.**

DOOR PRIZES: BASKETS or WREATHS

Neighborhood Associations are invited to participate again this year by making a themed **basket or wreath** for a door prize. This is a fun way for your neighborhood to get involved in this great evening. Use the **Door Prize Donation Form** in your packet or online to **submit by October 10, 2019.**

CHOOSE YOUR SPARKPLUG

Consider who has gone above and beyond to benefit your Neighborhood and deserves to receive a **Sparkplug Award**. Use the **Sparkplug Award Nomination Form** to name your winner and share in 50 words or less

Why does this individual, group, business, or organization deserve a Sparkplug Award?

Please note: **ONLY ONE** Award may be nominated for each Neighborhood Association. **Deadline: 10/10/19**



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. **Photos are needed by October 10, 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 **by 10/10/19.**

SPARKPLUG RECOGNITION 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/sauces on side, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Whole Green Beans w/bacon
- VEGETARIAN CHOICE: Eggplant Cannelloni w/Herb Angel Hair Pasta & Roasted Red Pepper Sauce, Whole Green Beans (no bacon)

List the names of persons attending & note each one's dinner selection. **(Please print.)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Choice of Pork or Vegetarian</u> (check <i>one</i> per attendee)
_____	_____ Pork _____ Vegetarian
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_____	_____ Pork _____ Vegetarian

(Please add additional copies or use the back for more than 5 registrations.)

Love My Neighbor Gift – You're invited to consider sponsoring the cost of someone else to be able to attend the banquet through a love offering of the cost of a reservation. This gift would allow someone to attend who might not otherwise be able to because of the cost and/or help offset costs not covered by tickets or sponsors.

____ # of Extra Reservations to Purchase for Others

TOTAL ENCLOSED

Number Attending: _____ x \$18.00 each = \$_____ + \$_____ in Gift Tickets = \$_____

CHECK # _____

Please make your check payable to "UNOE."

Send or deliver your completed form & payment by **Thursday, October 10, 2019** to

United Neighborhoods of Evansville, 320 SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Suite B, Evansville, IN 47713.

Coffee with a Cop



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

**Wed., Oct. 2
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.

Report Crime Anonymously



1-800-78-CRIME

or online at

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

Vanderburgh County Recycling

RECYCLE DAY

Saturday, October 5, 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 12, 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

Clean Up Event

Please join

EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE

for

**CLEAN
Evansville**

Cedar Hall School - 2100 N. Fulton Ave.

Saturday, October 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

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., Nov. 2 2019 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Clean up is set for the **Morgan-Green River Rd area**

Exercise with the Mayor



**Energize
Evansville**
with Mayor Lloyd Winnecke

Cardio for Canines



Vanderburgh Humane Society

400 Millner Industrial Drive

****We will walk dogs from the Humane Society to Garvin Park****

****Please do not bring dogs from home****

Saturday, October 19

9 to 10 AM

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

For more information—(812) 435-6162

www.evansvillegov.org



Broken Windows & Weeds in Gutters: Who's in Charge?

Being a Good Neighbor



Have you heard of the Broken Windows theory? The broken window theory says that signs of disorder will lead to more disorder. A building with a broken window that has been left unrepaired gives the appearance that **no one cares and no one is in charge**. This will lead to vandals breaking the rest of the windows and adding graffiti, because in their minds, nobody cares. And slowly, or sometimes not so slowly, a neighborhood declines.

This theory of neglect actually creating more neglect doesn't only apply to buildings and windows, but extends to our streets and sidewalks, too. When we don't keep them clean – when we allow weeds to grow in the sidewalk cracks and gutters, dirt gets caught in those weeds, more seeds begin to sprout, more dirt gets caught, then more weeds, more dirt – and soon we have a mess that makes it hard for storm water to drain away. But even more significantly, it sends a message that we don't care – that no one is in charge.

Let's be the ones who take charge! Sweep or shovel out those gutters, pull those weeds, or spray them with weed killer. If you're not a fan of chemicals, you can simply pour boiling water on weeds to kill them.

Don't give anybody reason to think that we don't care what our community looks like. After all, this isn't just where we live – it's where our life is happening!

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



Unsolicited Materials Ordinance—what it means for neighborhood associations

After fielding complaints from numerous Evansville citizens, the Evansville City Council recently passed an **Unsolicited Materials Ordinance** that strictly limits how non-U.S. Mail materials may be disseminated in our community.

It is and has always been illegal to leave advertising flyers, offers of services (house painting, roofing, yard maintenance, etc.) in U.S. mailboxes.

The ordinance has a broad reach, and because not everyone is using the Internet, it has the potential to negatively impact UNOE neighborhood associations' ability to communicate with their members.

City Councilwoman, Michelle Mercer, one of the sponsors of the ordinance, came to a recent UNOE general meeting to explain the parameters of the new ordinance.

In general, she said, the ordinance allows for the delivery of these materials so long as they are secured on front porches and stoops (tucked in between the mailbox and the house, tucked in between front doors, etc.) or affixed to posts for curbside mailboxes.

In the case of mail slots that feed mail through a home's front door directly into a house, flyers can legally be slipped through those slots. Materials may also be left in boxes or baskets placed on porches by residents for this specific purpose.

Offending businesses can be cited for littering and repeat offenders may face fines, she said.

Each UNOE neighborhood will need to develop its own strategies when choosing to hand-deliver its notices.

Some of our neighborhoods are taking a hard line: Michael Harbison, president of Timber Park Neighborhood Association says that residents lacking secondary boxes to receive non-postal deliveries in his neighborhood no longer receive the newsletters (because) "our association does not have adequate funding to mail them."

For those with Internet access, it is recommended that you sign onto Nextdoor.com, where neighbors are allowed to share information about goings-on in their neighborhoods. It is a "closed," members-only site (so you won't get a lot of unsolicited SPAM) that is tailored to reach individual neighborhood association members. This forum has seen an uptick in discussion about this ordinance since announcements of its consideration were posted earlier this year.

The ordinance in its entirety can be viewed at: <https://www.codepublishing.com/IN/Evansville/ords/General/G-2019-5.pdf>

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

3rd Annual Music Festival



Sun., Oct. 6, 2019

3:00-6:00pm

Greater Lincolnshire Neighborhood

Lincoln to Washington, Harlan to Lodge

MUSIC, FOOD, FAMILY AND FUN!!



Meet with City Officials



Traveling City Hall

Wed., Oct. 23

5:30—7:00pm

Location: Welborn Conference Center
410 Mulberry St
Program: Mental Health America
of Vanderburgh County
www.mhavanderburgh.org



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

Bicyclist & Pedestrian Safety

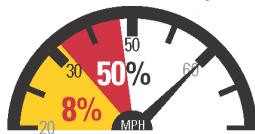
The following information and safety tips have been shared by Mike Doran, Deputy Fire Marshal, with the Evansville Fire Department.



In the United States, the number of traffic crashes involving a bicyclist or pedestrian has been increasing since 2009. In 2017, there were 5,977 pedestrians and 783 bicyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes.

There are 3 categories of issues that contribute to traffic crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians. Some of the issues overlap between categories.

- **Motorist behaviors** include speeding, distraction, lack of traffic law awareness, non-compliance with traffic laws, and alcohol or drug impairment.
- **Non-motorist** (i.e., pedestrian and bicyclist) **behaviors** include lack of traffic law awareness, non-compliance with traffic laws, poor conspicuity, and alcohol or other impairment.
- **Infrastructure issues** include inadequate separation between motorists and non-motorists, lighting, and signage or crosswalks.



A bicyclist or pedestrian is **more likely to be killed** in a collision with a motor vehicle **if the driver is speeding.**

Some of the Problems

- **Poor compliance with traffic laws and improper use of facilities:** Drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists are safer when they comply with traffic laws and *correctly* use roadway facilities. Common noncompliance includes motorists failing to yield; pedestrians and bicyclists failing to follow traffic signs and signals; and walking or riding in improper locations such as the wrong side of the road. These issues are often due to poorly designed facilities or misunderstanding of traffic laws/devices.
- **Speeding:** When speeding, drivers increase the risk for a collision with a bicyclist or pedestrian. The likelihood of a pedestrian dying from a collision with a motor vehicle increases from 8% at 31mph to 50% at 47mph.

Who's at Risk

About 70% of those killed in traffic crashes are male, and injury rates are higher for males than for females. In 2016, the average age of pedestrians killed in traffic crashes was 47, and the average age of cyclists killed was 46. Both numbers have increased over the last 10 years.

Sources: Fatality Analysis Reporting System, NHTSA (2013, 2016 fact sheets); Rosen, E., & Sander, U. (2009). Pedestrian fatality risk as a function of car impact speed. *Accident Analysis & Prevention*, 41(3), 536-542.

Jacobsville Area Event

JACOBSVILLE JAMBOREE
ENERGY SAVINGS BLOCK PARTY
#EEDay2019

WEDNESDAY OCT. 2 2019 2-6 PM

Join Vectren, A CenterPoint Energy Company, and the Jacobsville Community for a neighborhood block party along N Lafayette Avenue and learn ways to lower your energy bill. Talk with energy efficiency advisors, receive info about housing, healthcare, financial assistance and much more!

Join Jacobsville Energy Leaders

★ HOME ENERGY LEADER

In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Dream Center, 16 W Morgan Ave.

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville JACOBSVILLE dream CENTER VECTREN

North Country Club Area Cleanup Event

weed:wrangle[®] Indiana

Volunteers Needed! Join the fight against invasive species! Help is needed to continue removing harmful plants from North Woods Nature Trail to preserve the park's native trees and plants.

Sat., Oct. 26, 2019

9:00am—12:00noon

North Woods Park

6101 N First Ave., Evansville

(meet in the parking lot at Lloyd Pool)

- Learn about invasive species & best management practices.
- Dress for the weather, wear sturdy boots & remember your reusable water bottle (water station will be available).
- Snacks & refreshments for all volunteers

RSVP to megan.ritterskamp@in.nacdnet.net or 812-423-4426 x 3



North Woods is owned by Evansville Parks and Recreation.

Vanderburgh County



Vanderburgh County Soil and Water Conservation District

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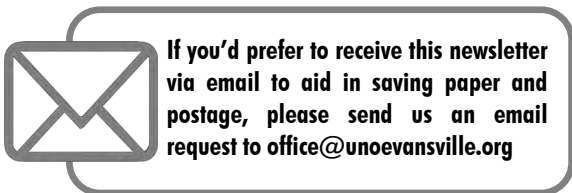
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Requested

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www.unoevansville.org/unoapp



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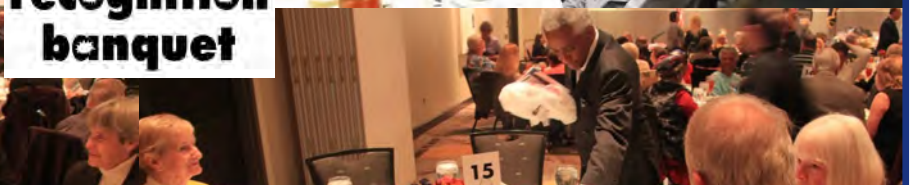


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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Marketing Team** — **Wed., Oct 2, 5:30pm**, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Parks, Trees & Beautification Comm.** — **Thu., Oct. 3, 4:00pm**, C.K. Newsome Center, Conference Rm, 100 Walnut
- **Fiesta Evansville** — **Sun., Oct. 13, 11am-5pm**, Wesselman Park ****LOOK for the UNOE booth****
- **UNOE Board Meeting** — **Wed., Oct. 16, 4:00pm**, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- **Sparkplug Banquet Committee** — **Mon., Oct. 21, 4:30pm**, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd

Sparkplug Recognition Banquet — Thu., Oct. 24, 2019, 6:00pm
Tropicana Executive Conference Center, Walnut Rooms



**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