Neighbor to Neighbor

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Working Together for a Complete Count

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people residing in the United States. This count affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources, how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. Census data impacts funding for things like:

- Education programs/grants
- **Public transportation**
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Libraries
- Community centers
- School meal programs
- Parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding. All of them are easv!





By Mail

Visit 2020CENSUS.GOV for more information about responding online and other Census information.

Together, we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs.





2020 Events with Area Legislators

January 11 • February 8 • March 14 •



Meet <u>your</u>

"We are just a few weeks away from the beginning of the 2020 session of the General Assembly. The MYL forum used in Southwest Indiana has proven to be one of the most successful in the state. The exchange between legislators and their constituents demonstrates the basis of our democracy.

"We will follow last year's format with legislators having opening and closing statements. Attendees will write out their questions which will be put in a basket and drawn randomly."

> — Toni Buemer, MYL Co-Chair League of Women Voters of Southwestern Indiana www.lwvswin.org

MYL sponsors are the Evansville Teachers Association, the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, League of Women Voters of SWIN, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 136, Teamsters Local 215, United Neighborhoods of Evansville, and Valley Watch.

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Nominating Committee Update

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of UNOE Officers and Board Members At-Large for the 2020 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 2020 Election Nomination Slate

President: TBA

Sr. Vice President: TBA

Senior Liaison: (elect 3)

Senior Liaisons will mentor Board Members At-Large, represent UNOE at community events and serve as a member of a committee.

Brent Jackson, Presidents NA

Brent has been the President of Presidents NA for over 10 years. He served as the 2017-2018 President of UNOE and has served with several UNOE committees: Technology, Finance, Nominating and Personnel. During his UNOE Presidency, he was a key leader in the local team to organize the 2017 RNNC held here in Evansville. Brent is also the creator of the UNOE Neighborhoods app launched in 2019.

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

Larry was previously involved with Hilltop NA and has more recently joined Westside Improvement Association and 7 others. He participates with the UNOE Marketing Team, Sparkplug Banquet Committee and a previous 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.

Lucy Williams, Glenwood NA

Lucy has been the President of Glenwood NA for thirteen out of fourteen years, while serving as the GNA UNOE Representative for three years. She has been a Member At-Large with UNOE for ten different years. Her leadership and advocacy efforts are well-known in the community.

"The first and most important choice a leader makes is the choice to serve, without which one's capacity to lead is severely limited."

-Robert Greenleaf

Member At-Large: (elect 5)

At-Large Board Members are positions that are to be mentored and coached for inclusion into the greater leadership of UNOE as an organization. They are future office holders among UNOE's Board of Directors.

Leonard Collins, Goosetown NA

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

Rita (Katie) Coomes, Indian Woods/Windsong NA

Katie has been the President of Indian Woods/ Windsong NA for four years. She has served on the UNOE's 2019 Nominating Committee. In 2018, she was a UNOE ambassador to the RNNC and brought back an idea that has been implemented under her leadership in her neighborhood: A Neighborly Nudge is IWW's means of kindly encouraging neighbors to address code enforcement concerns before reporting them to the Building Commission.

Pam Grewe, South Dexter NA

Since the formation of South Dexter NA over eight 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 two years. She also served in several vital ways with the 2017 RNNC.

Derek Russ, Lorraine Park NA

Derek has been the President of LPNA since 2019, including organizing a special cleanup day in their neighborhood earlier this year. In 2018, he was a UNOE ambassador to the RNNC in Dayton. Derek joined the UNOE Board of Directors in 2019 with an appointment as the Chair of the IT-Technology Team. He has also been a member of UNOE's Marketing Team.

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February 8, 2020 4551 University Dr (old Walmart west) February 15, 2020 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

MARK YOUR 2020 CALENDAR

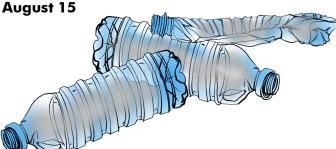
4551 University Dr (old Walmart west)

March 14	August 1
April 4	September 12
May 2	October 3
June 6	November 7
July 11	December 5

4-H Center, 200 E Boonville-New Harmony Rd

April 18 O June 13 D August 15

October 17 December 12



2020 Nomination Slate (continued)

Lindsey Schenk, Helfrich NA

Lindsey has been with Helfrich NA for 6 years, serving as President for nearly two years. She has led her NA into participation with National Night Out, EPD West Sector Meetings and a partnership with Helfrich Park STEM Academy. In 2018 and 2019, she was a UNOE ambassador to the RNNC. Lindsey has been a member of UNOE's Marketing team in 2019, assisting with various events/projects, taking a lead with UNOE's Operation: United Care and Neighborhood Yard Signs projects.

Jenny Triggs, Helfrich NA

Jenny is a Past-President and current Vice-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 three years.

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, Sr. Vice-President and web manager for Westside Improvement. Lorie has dedicated herself to supporting our community through partnerships and collaborations. She served as UNOE's Sr. Vice-President and Sparkplug Banquet Committee Chair in 2019.

Who Would You or Your Neighborhood Like to Nominate for 2020 UNOE Leadership?

Nominations will continue to be accepted until the time of elections during the January General Meeting on January 23, 2020. Only members of UNOE Neighborhood Associations shall be eligible to run for an office with the UNOE Board of Directors. Officers will serve from February 2020 to January 2021.

The following Officers were elected in 2019 for a two-year term through January 2021, and none as yet have contested races: **Regional Vice-Presidents** East/South/West Sectors, **Treasurer** and **Secretary**.

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Please send new nominees, noting which office, to office@unoevansville.org or call (812) 428-4243.

Make Sure Your UNOE Reps Are Up-to-date

Neighborhood Associations that are members of United Neighborhoods of Evansville choose those who leads the organization.



Please make sure that your UNOE Representatives are up-to-date with the UNOE office. Check your webpage at www.unoevansville.org to see who is listed as your representatives or call the office.

If corrections are needed or if you'll need to send a proxy for your UNOE reps who cannot attend on 1/23/20 to vote, be sure to notify the UNOE office by early January, so that name badges can be updated or proxy name badges can be prepared.

2020 Membership Packets

The 2020 UNOE Membership packets will include the streamlined form that serves as the UNOE Membership Application as well as the City/County Registration Forms. Forms will be available in print format as well as a fillable electronic form that is available to download from our website on the Membership page:

www.unoevansville.org/membership

Membership packets will be mailed and emailed to all known <u>2019</u> Neighborhood Association Presidents at the beginning of January. **Be sure to fill out** all paperwork, **sign** the Registration Form **and return the required forms** (including any changed bylaws or maps) to the UNOE office **by Mon., March 2, 2020.**



All Neighborhood Association Officers and 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.

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

Clean Evansville Events for 2020

Please join
EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE



Howell Park - 1100 S. Barker Avenue Saturday, January 4, 2020 • 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Trash Bags and Gloves Provided



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2020 Clean Evansville Dates/Locations

January 4	Howell Park	9am – 11am
Febuary 1	Mill Road – First Avenue	9am – 11am
March 7	Vann – Pollack Park	9am – 11am
April 4	Tepe Park	9am - 11am
May 2	Garvin Park	9am – 11am
June 6	Lodge School Area	8-10 am
July 11	Downtown Area – Civic Center	8-10 am
August 1	Wesselman Park	8-10 am
September 12	Delaware School Area	9am – 11am
October 3	Cedar Hall School Area	9am – 11am
November 7	Eastland Mall Area	9am – 11am
December 5	Diamond – Stringtown Area	9am – 11am

Wed., Jan. 8, 2020 1:00-2:30pm

USDA Service Center 921 North Park Drive (behind CVS)

A Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, or CISMA, is a grassroot partnership organization CISMA

Vanderburgh County

whose goal is to manage invasive species across landowner and jurisdictional boundaries.

A CISMA works together with partners (federal, state, county, non-profits, and individuals) to pool resources and information about invasive species in the county. Vanderburgh County CISMA works to reduce the economic and environmental threats of invasive species to Vanderburgh County, by promoting invasive awareness, education, and management.

CONTACT: Megan Ritterskamp

Invasive Species Technician (812) 423-4426 Ext 3 megan.ritterskamp@in.nacdnet.net

Speaker Resource



The volunteers of the **Be SMART campaign** work to raise awareness that responsible gun storage – storing guns locked, unloaded and separate from ammunition – can save children's lives.

Be SMART emphasizes that it's always an adult's responsibility to keep kids from accessing guns, and that every adult can play a role in keeping kids and communities safer.

Volunteer presenters will talk through the steps of being SMART: **Be**



To learn more about the program, visit http://besmartforkids.org

To book a speaker for a neighborhood association meeting or event, call 812 204-8475 or email besmartevansville@gmail.com.

EPD Sector Meetings

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



SOUTH SECTOR

January 9 — 6:00pm 2nd Thursday of odd months

EAST SECTOR

January 21 — 6:00pm 3rd Tuesday of odd months

WEST SECTOR

January 16 — 6:00pm 3rd Thursday of odd months

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

UNOE's 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.

This also affects UNOE events or meetings scheduled for after hours.

Staff will usually still be available via email at office@unoevansville.org and voicemail.





MyWater EWSU App Info and Registration

Evansville Water and Sewer Utility is excited to announce the relaunch of the MyWater EWSU app! The app has been updated with new and improved features that let you **monitor usage**, set usage alerts, pay bills online, set up auto pay, and more!

On January 6, EWSU will have a booth located at the Civic Center in front of EWSU office to help customers get better acquainted with the app. Customer Service representatives will provide information on how to get started, and you can even register on the spot!

> Monday, January 6, 2020 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 1 NW Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Civic Center Room 104 (in front entrance to EWSU office)

Got a question?

Call EWSU Customer Service at 812-436-7846 or visit www.ewsu.com and click **MyWater EWSU App** under **Topics of Interest** for more information.

UNOE Newsletter Submissions

Does your Neighborhood Association have something that you'd like to share in the UNOE newsletter? Would you like to recognize someone, highlight something your neighborhood has done or promote an upcoming event?

We're always looking for articles and announcements that are interesting and helpful to the neighborhoods!

Email your submissions to office@unoevansville.org or call the office at 812-428-4243 by the 3rd Monday of each month from January to October.

> For the Nov./Dec. and Jan. issues, submissions are due by the 1st of Nov. and Dec.

UNOE Office Hours HOLIDAY CLOSING

We will be **closed** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day - Mon., Jan. 20

UNOE Office Hours

Mon - Thu. 9:00am - 3:00pm

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

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

Report Crime Anonymously





or online at https://wetip.com/submit-anonymous-tip-2/

Meet with City Officials



Traveling City Hall



Wed., Jan. 29, 2020 5:30—7:00pm

Location:	Ivy Tech Community College Vectren Auditorium, Room 147 3501 N First Ave
Program:	Evansville Water and Sewer Utility's First Avenue Water Main Replacement Project

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



Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you & your family safe from a winter fire.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires.
 Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

(SOURCE: nfpa.org/education)

The information and safety tips here have been shared by members of the Evansville Fire Department.



FIRE DEPT.

Metro Planning Organization



Jan 9 Feb 13 Civic Center Complex

10:00am—**Technical Committee**, Room 318 4:00pm—**Policy Committee**, Room 301

Learn more at www.evansvillempo.com

Looking Ahead to Summertime

It's not too early to plan ahead for participating in the 2020 Splash into Summer!

The **Splash** into Summer initiative includes providing swim wear and equipment for underserved kids and adults, offering free swim passes and lessons and establishing swim teams to promote good will and self-esteem in neighborhood children. This low-budget program relies on neighborhood volunteers, area businesses and individuals to coordinate and raise funds for program components.

Mark your 2020 calendar for the Donation Day and Pool Cookout dates below.

For more information, call 812-435-6141 or dpr@evansville.in.gov.

Donation Day Fri., May 29, 2020 6:00am—6:00pm Walmart East & West

Pool Cookouts

- June 12 | June 19 | June 26 | July 10 | July 17 |
- Helfrich Pool
 Lorraine Pool
 Rochelle Landers Pool
 Hartke Pool
 Mosby Pool

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Download the **UNOE Neighborhoods app** for your Android device.

More info at www.unoevansville.org/unoeapp



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Recycling Day Sat., Jan. 4, 8am-12noon, 4551 University Dr (old Walmart west); MORE INFO: 812-436-7800
- Clean Evansville Sat., Jan. 4, 9-11am, Howell Park, 1100 S Barker Ave; MORE INFO: 812-425-4461 or 812-435-6164
- UNOE Finance Committee Tue., Jan. 14, 5:30pm, EVPL Annex, Conference Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- UNOE Board Meeting Wed., Jan. 15, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- Traveling City Hall Wed., Jan. 29, 5:30-7pm, Ivy Tech Community College, Vectren Auditorium, 3501 N First Ave

January General Meeting — Thu., Jan. 23, 2020, 6:30pm C.K. Newsome Community Center, 100 Walnut St.

PROGRAM:

OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS Situations, Services & Solutions

GUEST <u>SPEAKER</u>:

Natasha Goodge Outreach Team Lead





January's General Meeting will include the election of officers for 2020!

<u>REMINDER</u>: 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!