# **Neighbor to Neighbor**

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## 20 Years, 20 Trees: Celebrating Tree City USA

Mayor Winnecke invites the community to celebrate the City of Evansville's designation as a Tree City USA community for 20 consecutive years.

Mayor Winnecke will plant 20 trees in the City owned portion of the State Hospital Park grounds during a special ceremony to be held on the City's 208th birthday, March 27, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and participate.

"Our urban tree canopy is one of Evansville's most important assets," said Mayor Winnecke. "It helps clean the air we breathe and water we drink, prevents flooding, provides shade and beauty for our properties, lowers overall energy use and production and is a source of joy and spirituality. We are proud of our long-time designation as a Tree City USA community and will continue working with residents and community partners to protect and grow our canopy."

City Arborist Shawn Dickerson and the Department of Urban Forestry will plant 80 additional trees in and around the Vann Park area leading up to ceremony.

"This is an excellent opportunity to honor former City leaders who supported Tree City USA and the Department of Urban Forestry," said Dickerson. "The ceremony will also serve as our Arbor Day observance for 2020."

Trees will be provided by the City's Tree Nursery, of which there are currently 30 species.

The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State TREE CITY USA\* Foresters, provides direction,



technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 135 million Americans call home.

#### **MORE INFO:**

**Tree City USA - Arbor Day Foundation** https://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/index.cfm

> **Department of Urban Forestry** https://bit.ly/2Vc7GDE

#### Did UNOE...?

UNOE has been "United Neighborhoods of Evansville" for 20 years!



In 1994, the Neighborhood Investment Council (NIC) was created as a task force by a United Way Planning Committee.

By 1999, a neighborhood coalition was established that became known as Neighborhood Associates.

In 2000, the name was changed to United Neighborhoods of Evansville (UNOE), and in 2001 we received 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

UNOE continues its mission today as neighborhood associations working together to preserve, enhance and promote the Evansville and neighborhoods.

# From the President . . . .

Hello and welcome!

My name is Cathy Davidson and I am your newly elected UNOE President.

I want to take this time to welcome our new board members and our returning board members for another exciting year with UNOE! This year is a special one, 2020 is our 20th anniversary as UNOE! That's right, we have been serving the community for 25 years, but 20 of those years have been with the UNOE name.



Cathy Davidson

My mission in the upcoming year is to strengthen our bonds within our current/seasoned members and establish new bonds with the up and coming members. I want more individuals and organizations to join the community efforts to make Evansville a even better place to live!

#### From the Sr. Vice-President . . . .

#### Stylish Ways to Reduce and Re-use

I recall a TV commercial several years ago that involved a panicked crowd of humans, helpless to stop a giant meteor from colliding with earth and destroying everyone and everything on it.

A superhero arrives, flies up into the sky and, using his super strength, diverts the course of the meteor.

The crowd cheers. Then the moon explodes. Someone asks the super hero where he threw the meteor; his response is to shrug and say, "Away."

Anyone missing the message here?

Containing our "waste stream" is increasingly a matter of global concern, not just a 50-year-old hippie flower child pipedream (FYI: The first Earth Day was celebrated April 22, 1970).

But it does not all have to be drudgery.

Regarding the environment, it has been said, "no one has to do everything but everyone needs to do something."

A friend of mine has taken an upbeat stance on the reduce and re-use (or re-purpose) part of the trilogy that also includes recycling.

She collects "vintage" furnishings, from the rugs on the floor to the light fixtures hanging from the ceiling. Very few items come without some kind of age-related flaw – "beauty marks" she calls them.

"Almost everything in this house belonged to someone else before it belonged to me, and a lot of it is older than I am," she said. From yard and estate sales to flea markets, thrift stores and consignment shops, the opportunities to get creative with "used" household items are myriad.



Magazines like "Flea Market Style," TV Sara Anne Corrigan shows like "Flea Market Flip" are rife with ideas for interior decorating on a budget: "Shabby Chic" has emerged as a major interior design trend.

Other strategies my friend employs: A stash of now 24-year-old mismatched cotton bandanas found on sale in a craft store are used for "every day" meals; a collection of white linen napkins of similar age, purchased from a restaurant supply shop, are used for special occasions, "completely replacing the need for paper napkins," she says.

Inexpensive white flour sack towels and terrycloth rags replace paper towels in the kitchen. "I probably do not use more than a single roll of paper towels in a month" she says, "and those cotton towels last for years.

Inexpensive vintage ladies hankies have been repurposed as cocktail napkins.

Small, inexpensive clear glass "appetizer" plates serve in place of disposables. Vintage glassware replaces plastic and foam drink cups. Vintage china (and Melamine) keeps paper/plastic plates out of the house. Ditto inexpensive and often mismatched stainless steel flatware.

This process, she says, has allowed her to indulge her interest in all things vintage and feel environmentally conscious at the same time.

That it saves money is a bonus, she says.

## **Neighborhood Collecting Caps/Lids**

Bellemeade Bayard Park NA is still collecting plastic lids and caps that will be turned into park benches for use behind the library area, where residents and visitors enjoy the air and the music of the neighborhood.

Please be sure all caps/lids are **CLEAN**.

#### **ACCEPTABLE CAPS**

- drink bottle caps (soda, water, juice, sports drink)
- medicine bottle caps (info packet removed)
- flip-top caps (ketchup, mayo, jelly)
- milk jug, creamer caps
- detergent caps
- spout caps (mustard)
- hair spray caps
- spray paint caps
- toothpaste caps
- ointment tube caps
- deodorant caps
- baby food caps
- apple sauce pouch caps
- shampoo/conditioner caps

#### **ACCEPTABLE LIDS**

\*\*under 8 inches in diameter\*\*

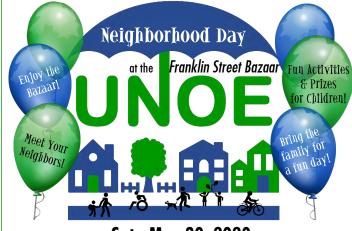
- cottage cheese lids
- cream cheese container lids
- Pringles/Stax snack can lids
- Cool Whip container lids
- butter/margarine lids
- ice cream bucket lids
- mayonnaise jar lids
- mayormaise jai na
- peanut butter lids
- coffee can lids
- yogurt lids
- spice lids

If your neighborhood would like to contribute to their project, the EVPL East Branch Library, 840 E. Chandler Avenue, is their primary collection site. Just walk up and hand them to the circulation desk staff. Hours are 10am-6pm Mon.-Wed. and 10am-5pm Fri.-Sat. (closed Thu. & Sun.).



MORE INFO: Stephanie Gibson, BBPNA President 812-459-9644

# **Neighborhood Day**



Sat., May 30, 2020 9:00am - 1:00pm EVPL West Branch Lawn

FARMER'S MARKET | FOOD VENDORS | LIVE MUSIC HANDMADE CRAFTS | ARTISAN VENDORS

Many neighborhoods will have interactive activities & information about their Neighborhoods Associations

## **Neighborhood Participant Guidelines**

May 30, 2020, is *Neighborhood Day* at the Franklin Street Bazaar. Neighborhood Associations from throughout the city/county will be part of the United Neighborhoods of Evansville booth, sharing an activity, game and information. This special day has been set aside to create awareness of what neighborhoods do for our community.

As you consider your booth activity, please remember these guidelines:

- UNOE is *not* the host of this event. We are all guests of the Franklin Street Event Association at their *Franklin Street Bazaar*.
- No selling of any items at the UNOE booth is allowed.
- If you're giving away candy or food, it must be prepackaged and store bought. No homemade items are allowed to be given away.
- Activities must fit on or near a tabletop, amidst other tables.
- Set up between 7:30-8:30am. No tear down until 1:00pm.
   More details will be provided to participating Neighborhoods in preparation for the event.

If your Neighborhood Association would like to reserve a spot in the UNOE booth under one big tent this year, please notify the UNOE office by Thurs, April 30th. Tables are available for those who sign up early. Call 812-428-4243 or office@unoevansville.org



# **Hot Takes from the EFD**

You are a valuable asset to Fire and Life Safety in the City of Evansville here is how you can help the Evansville Fire Department:

Visit evansvillefiredepartment.com

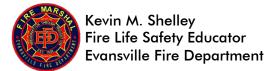
# If you have a complaint or a concern of a FIRE HAZARD...

- Click on the **Citizen Complaint/Concern of Fire Hazard** link on the left side of the page.
- Then click the link "HERE."
- Fill out the form with as much detail as you can provide.

#### If you have an ARSON TIP...

- Click on the Submit Arson Tip link on the left side of the page
- Click "HERE" to send an email with as much detail as you can provide to info arson@evansvillefiredepartment.com
- Or call 812-436-4464.

All personal information is kept confidential.





# Wed., Mar. 4, 2020 6:00pm Crime Prevention Office

401 E. Columbia 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

# Coffee with a Cop



Join your
neighbors
and police
officers
for coffee
and conversation



Tue., Mar. 17 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/

### **Speaker Resource**

# Looking for a speaker for a Neighborhood Association meeting?

Tri-State Better Business Bureau is a nonprofit business organization that provides many valuable services. Through their business, law-enforcement, charity and marketplace relationships, they are able to provide a plethora of helpful resources and education in our community.

As a consumer, you can contact our local BBB anytime you wish to learn more about businesses or charities, or to gain objective advice for specific purchase types, industries, scam concerns, or other marketplace related tips. In 2019 alone, more than

266,000 consumers looked to Tri-State BBB for business and charity information.

Tri-State BBB also provides complaint resolutions services, customer reviews and business/consumer presentations to many local audiences.



All good businesses belong to Tri-State BBB, so regardless of whether you have needs as a business or consumer, keep our local BBB in mind.

Contact them at **812-473-0202** or at **bbb.org/evansville**(Source: Susan Bolin, Community Outreach & Business

Relations Coordinator, Tri-State BBB)



LOOKING AHEAD...

Sat., Apr. 4, 2020 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Clean up is set for the **Tepe Park area** 

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

# **Meet with City Officials**



# Traveling City Hall

Sat., Mar. 28, 2020 11:30am

# **Eastland Mall**

(Dillard's court area)

#### PROGRAM:

Dept. of Metropolitan Development 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & 2020 U.S. Census

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

## **Municipal Meetings**

#### **Vanderburgh County Council**

March 4 - 3:30-5:30pm Civic Center - Room 301

CONTACT: 812-435-5791

MORE INFO: www.evansvillegov.org/county/council

#### **Tree Advisory Board**

March 5 - 8:00am Civic Center - Room 307

#### CONTACT:

Shawn Dickerson, City Arborist 812-436-5752 sdickerson@evansville.in.gov

#### **Area Plan Commission**

March 5 - 3:00pm Civic Center - Room 301

CONTACT: 812-435-5226

MORE INFO: https://bit.ly/3bWGgaR

#### **Evansville City Council**

March 9 - 5:30pm

Civic Center - Room 301

CONTACT: 812-436-4993

MORE INFO: https://bit.ly/2Tat0qn

#### **Vanderburgh County Commissioners**

March 10 - 3:00pm March 24 - 3:00pm Civic Center - Room 301

Civic Center - Room 30

CONTACT: 812-435-5241

MORE INFO: https://bit.ly/39R71vs

#### Minority/Women Business Enterprise Utilization Board

March 11 - 10:00am Civic Center - Room 323

#### CONTACT:

Matt Maxwell, City/Co. Purchasing Coordinator 812-436-4961 or 812-436-491 or email mmaxwell@evansville.in.gov



#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Mar 12 Apr 9 Civic Center Complex

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

Learn more at www.evansvillempo.com

FIND OTHER MEETINGS AT www.evansville.in.gov/accessevc

# **Meet Your Legislators**



# **Exercise with the Mayor**



# Walk at the Zoo



#### **Mesker Park Zoo**

1545 Mesker Park Drive

\*\*Gathering at 8:30 in the parking lot by the entrance\*\*

Saturday, March 21

9 to 10 AM

Children <u>MUST be accompanied by an adult</u> participating in the Energize Evansville activities.

For more information—(812) 435-6162 www.evansvillegov.org



## **Vanderburgh County Recycling**

# RECYCLE DAY

Saturday, March 14, 2020 8:00am—12:00 noon

# **4551 University Dr**

(old Walmart west)

# 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
April 4, 2020
4551 University Dr
(old Walmart west)

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

## Watch for the 2020 U.S. Census

Together, we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs. Encourage your neighbors to participate in the Census when it arrives in the mail.

Census 2020

Learn more at 2020census.gov

## **Evansville Flag Project**

# A symbol for our city.

BE A PART IN THE CREATION OF A CITY FLAG FOR EVANSVILLE

A symbol for our city! Be a part in the creation of a city flag that isn't a slogan or a brand, but a timeless symbol that captures the essence of Evansville.

Our current City flag was first introduced in 1954 by former Mayor Henry O. Roberts. Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor of Evansville, recently announced his support for the community-driven Evansville Flag Project to design a new City flag stating, "We need all residents to share with us what Evansville means to them and join us as we make historv."

(Source: Facebook 2/18/20)

Share your ideas visually, verbally or both! Download Good Flag Bad Flag from The North American Vexillological Association for tips on what makes a good and bad flag design at https://bit.ly/38Vckdh

Upload your design ideas or describe your vision, and the Evansville Flag Project team will help bring your creation to life. Find the "Click to Enter" link at evansvilleflag.com

Attend a Workshop to engage with others while sharing your ideas:

March 4, 2020, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM EVPL - East Branch

March 11, 2020, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM EVPL - North Park Branch

March 18, 2020, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

EVPL - McCollough Branch March 23, 2020, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

EVPL - Red Bank Branch

March 30, 2020, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM **EVPL - Central Library** 

April 8, 2020, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

EVPL - Oaklynn Branch

April 18, 2020, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

EVPL - West Branch

Get your ideas submitted by April 24, 2020. It doesn't have to be perfect; don't overthink it, but don't hold back!

If you have any thoughts or questions about the process, please reach out to us!

Team members include UNOE's own Leonard Collins—Goosetown, Larry Samples—Westside Improvement and Michael Harbison—Timber Park.

## **2020 Membership Packets NOW DUE**

The 2020 UNOE Membership packets were mailed and emailed in January. If your neighborhood leaders haven't received a packet, please contact the office. Or, the entire packet can be downloaded from our website on the Membership page:

www.unoevansville.org/membership 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. Contact the office if you need more time. This deadline helps us meet the City's first quarter deadline.

# **Spring Yard Waste Pickup**

To assist residents with extra yard waste generated while cleaning up their yards in the spring, the City's Automated Trash Program provides an annual service for unlimited yard waste to be picked up this spring from March 30 - April 24, 2020.

The yard waste needs to be properly contained in plastic bags, in tied bundles or loose in containers. No special bags are required because this waste will be going to the landfill with your regular trash. Never place trash or yard waste in your designated recycling cart. MORE INFO: 812-424-3345



**Gardening Workshop** 



March 11, 2020 6:30pm **EVPL Central Library, Browning Room B** Cost: FREE

The Greater Evansville Community Gardeners is hosting an introductory workshop on starting a community garden. This workshop will provide you with the basics for starting a community garden. Local experts and garden representatives will be on hand for networking and to answer questions. Registration is not necessary, and the program is free.

MORE INFO: Andrew Smith, Purdue Extension 812-867-4935 or smit3744@purdue.edu

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UNOE Neighborhoods
app for your
Android device.

More info at www.unoevansville.org/unoeapp











#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- UNOE Parks, Trees & Beautification Thu., Mar. 5, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- UNOE Marketing Team Mon., Mar. 9, 5:30pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- UNOE Finance Committee Tue., Mar. 10, Time: TBA, EVPL Annex, Conference Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- UNOE Sparkplug Banquet Committee Mon., Mar. 16, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd
- UNOE Board Meeting Wed., Mar. 18, 4:00pm, EVPL Annex, Training Room, 320 SE MLK Blvd

UNOE General Membership Meeting — Thu., Mar. 26, 2020
— 6:30pm C.K. Newsome Community Center, 100 Walnut St.

PROGRAM:
GUEST SPEAKERS:
Brian Fox
American Structurepoint

Carolynn Pajoum
Customer Service Supervisor
Evansville Water & Sewer Utility

Ella Johnson-Watson
Public Information Officer
Evansville Water & Sewer Utility