

Neighbor to Neighbor

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Complete Streets Ordinance

UNOE would like to thank Mychelle Christian the Active Transportation Liaison for the Evansville Trails Coalition for speaking at the August UNOE General Meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting, Mychelle wrote an article to fill you in on the Complete Street Ordinance.

Evansville is Primed for a Complete Street Ordinance

A Complete Streets approach requires all types of users, ages, races, genders, incomes, abilities, and disabilities to be considered in the planning, design, operation, and maintenance of transportation networks. Having a complete street ordinance in place provides future equitable access and connects people to places and opportunities. This is inclusive in nature and serves all users and modes of transportation such as automobiles, transit, commercial drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, individuals, families, the elderly, and people with disabilities. **Continued on Page 4.**

EVANSVILLE
TRAILS
COALITION

Illicit Discharge

While Karan Barnhill, Storm Water Coordinator for the City Engineer's Office was unable to attend the August UNOE General Meeting, she did share some important information with us regarding the proper disposal of yard waste.

Illicit Discharges

Yard Waste, Leaves and Grass Clippings

Did you know concentrated Yard Waste can cause localized flooding in your neighborhood? **Continued on Page 5.**



**Concentrated
Yard Waste**

Help protect our Rivers and Streams by not placing concentrated yard waste in the curbs and gutters of the streets. They will drain directly into the City Storm System which drains to the Ohio River.

Purdue Extension

Cover Crops in Your Garden

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While the use of cover crops is typically associated with large-scale agriculture, it has many benefits it can provide to home gardens as well. Cover crops are used as cover for an otherwise bare garden and typically are utilized in the fall. They have been shown to reduce erosion, improve soil structure, reduce weeds, recycle nutrients, improve soil fertility, provide forage and habitat, and more.

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Get Involved with a Committee

Transform your skills and interest into action and ideas to better ALL the neighborhoods and our city. Consider joining a UNOE committee or team listed below for the remainder of 2021.

Connecting Externally with the Community

- Disaster Preparedness/Safety Awareness Team
- Government Team
- Parks, Trees & Beatification Committee
- Zoning Committee

Handling Internal Organizational Matters

- Finance Committee
- Grants Team
- Personnel Committee
- Marketing Team
- Sparkplug Banquet Committee
- IT/Technology Team

For more information on the different committees, call the office at (812) 428-4243 or email office@unoevansville.org

Volunteer Opportunity

HELP NEEDED!

- Are you a highly organized person?
- Do you find joy in putting objects in a specified location?
- Are you familiar with file hierarchies?
- Specifically on the Microsoft Platform?
- Want to give back to your community?

Well we have an opportunity for you. UNOE is looking for someone to help organize our OneDrive. The opportunity will require the creation of new files, moving files, and renaming files. The goal is to create an organized file system, which is easy to use and maintain. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity please email us at admin1@unoevansville.org or give us a call at (812) 428-4243.

Coffee With A Cop

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2021

09 SEPTEMBER
Tuesday, September 21
Cross Pointe
7am-9am
Chick-fil-A

10 OCTOBER
Wednesday, October 6
St. Joe Avenue
7am-9am
Donut Bank

Disaster Prep Education

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP and Carver Community Organization Disaster Prep Education Event September 8, 2021, 3:00 - 6:30PM Carver Senior Building East Parking Lot

In honor and remembrance of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteer program and Carver Community Organization will be hosting a FREE Disaster Prep Education Event.



Did you know a disaster is defined as “an occurrence that has resulted in property damage, deaths, and/or injuries to a community” by FEMA? Come learn what you need to know to better respond in the event of an emergency or disaster. Learn from the Evansville Police and Fire Departments, Evansville Emergency Management, CenterPoint Energy, the American Red Cross, the Black Nurses Association and Deaconess Health System. The Vanderburgh Humane Society will be onsite to provide information to help us prepare our four-legged family members too.

- Free Popcorn! Free hot dogs! (Sponsored in part by Old Fashion Butcher Shoppe)
- Free First Aid Kit to the 1st 200 Attendees (Sponsored by Deaconess Health System and provided by RSVP)!
- Children’s Area
- Attendance Prizes

Resparking Neighborhoods



Save The Date

It’s been a long year since the cancelation of the 2020 Sparkplug banquet and it’s not over yet.

The UNOE Board has determined that, while a banquet is still not practical, or possibly even safe, it is important to have some event.

We are currently developing plans to host a “Resparking the Neighborhoods” reception **Oct. 28, 6:30 - 8:00pm**, in the community meeting room adjacent to the gym at:

C.K. Newsome Community Center
100 E. Walnut St.

The event will be informal and open to officers and two voting representative members of each neighborhood association. Light hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served. UNOE is picking up the entire tab.

The highlight of this event will be introducing our commemorative UNOE

Journal. This 18-month project will showcase our 25 year history in Evansville plus individual neighborhood profiles and lots of photographs. Each participating neighborhood will be given a copy of the journal; additional copies will be for sale for \$10 apiece.

We will be sending out invitations as the date approaches; RSVPs will be required.



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Evansville is Primed for a Complete Street Ordinance

Adopting a complete streets ordinance in Evansville makes sense since Evansville has practiced general complete street policy improvements. Through partnership and collaboration, our city offices have made many improvements comprising of sidewalks, shared-use paths (multi-use trails), and bicycle lanes. Collectively, we have made strides by attaining small, incremental complete street improvements in the past several years and these improvements support all users and multimodal transportation. The feasibility of each improvement is at the discretion of the municipal offices responsible for the project and has the capacity to improve our current infrastructure by making inclusive and equitable decisions.

Complete Streets policies may apply to roadway construction, repair, and even routine maintenance (such as paving and painting), reconstruction, and collectively assist us with providing mobility options to community members. A complete street improvement does not always equal total reconstruction; however, improvements are often made by reorganizing a street and using paint to designate areas (see example below).

Several of Evansville's latest projects include various complete street elements, making places safe, convenient, and easy to navigate. In the state of Indiana, eighteen (18) cities have adopted a complete streets policy, which includes, Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Lafayette, South Bend, Bloomington, Kokomo, Westfield, La Porte, Vincennes, Logansport, Frankfort, Bedford, Peru, Plymouth, Union City, Culver, Lacrosse, and Columbus. As the third-largest city in Indiana, Evansville should be included in this list.

Wonderful projects have been completed without having a complete streets ordinance in place. Some examples of complete streets projects are: Third and Vine Streets in front of the Post House, Walnut Street, Virginia Street, Lincoln Avenue, Oak Hill Road, North Main Street, Weinbach Avenue, Covert Avenue.

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If you would like to learn more about the Evansville Trails Coalition you can visit their website here: <https://www.walkbikeeevv.org/>

Their offices are located at 100 E. Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47713.

You can send physical mail to PO Box 932, Evansville, IN 47706.

Illicit Discharge continued

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Yard Waste, Leaves, and Grass Clippings

City of Evansville Municipal Code - Illicit Discharge



An illicit Discharge is defined in the City of Evansville Municipal Code as:

*“Any discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer (MS4) conveyance that is not composed entirely of storm water, except naturally occurring floatables, such as leaves or tree limbs that are not deliberately concentrated. Sources of illicit discharges include sanitary wastewater, septic tank effluent, car wash wastewater, oil disposal, radiator flushing disposal, laundry waste water, roadway accident spillage, household hazardous wastes, and **deliberately concentrated yard waste.**”*

The City Engineer’s Office and the Storm Water Coordinator are requesting that Citizens of the City make an effort to comply with this Ordinance by collecting and disposing of grass clippings, leaves, limbs etc. in a proper manner. Blowing or sweeping these materials into the roadway or curb line deliberately is a direct violation. These leaves can be carried down the curb line and into the storm drainage system blocking the flow of storm water leaving the city streets and surrounding property. These materials will decay and contaminate the streams and rivers.

It is important to remember that everything we do in our City can have an effect on our environment.

All of the City Streets drain to the Ohio River and therefore everything that goes into the streets and street drains are also going to go to the Ohio River.

The following is a list of suggested practices for yard clean up and routine maintenance:

- ♦ Blow or rake leaves and grass clippings back into your lawn. This adds nutrients to your lawn.
- ♦ Empty mulch bag into a garbage bag and dispose of properly. Do not put in ditches or swales.
- ♦ Use a compost pile or compost barrel.

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Cover Crops in Your Garden

When it comes to deciding on a cover crop, there are a few key points to consider before planting. If improving the nitrogen content of the soil is the main focus, legumes would be the best option. Some examples of legumes that facilitate the fixing of nitrogen include **clovers**, **field pea**, and **hairy vetch**. Other options for cover crops include grasses, non-legume broadleaves, or a mixture. Grasses can be either cool-season grasses such as **oats**, **cereal rye**, and **winter wheat** or warm-season grasses such as **Japanese** and **pearl millet**. Non-legume broadleaves would include **oilseed radish**, **mustard**, **canola**, and **buckwheat**.

Once a crop has been chosen, it's time to figure out how and when to plant it. Warm-season cover crops should be planted early enough to allow for maximum vegetative growth, generally two months before a killing frost. Cool-season crops should be planted by the end of **September** in Southern Indiana. Cover crops are typically sown in late summer or early fall in established gardens once summer crops have been harvested. Depending on the cover crop being planted, the amount of seed will vary ranging from 1 to 5 ounces of seed per 100 square feet. If a mixture is being utilized, the seeding rate of each species should be reduced according to the proportion of the mix. Make sure the area is clear of crops or weeds and rake to establish a good seed bed. Always double check the recommended rates and planting depth located on the seed label.



To prevent cover crops from becoming weeds, they should be terminated prior to producing seeds. The easiest approach for cool-season cover crops would be to choose species that will winter kill. It's important to have some backup options for termination however. Mowing can be used for termination but should be utilized after the cover crop has flowered and when roughly half of the flowers have opened. Cover crops may also be terminated using herbicides. This termination option should be applied when cover crops are actively growing but may take more than seven days to see effects. Always read and follow all instructions on the herbicide label. Multiple termination options may be combined to improve success and there are more options than those previously mentioned.

Utilizing cover crops can provide a head start on spring garden fertilization but it is important to incorporate them into the soil several weeks before planting. This will allow ample time for decomposition where microorganisms in the soil will break down the plant material. It must be noted that this process requires nitrogen from the soil to break down the carbon in organic material and may temporarily deplete nitrogen resources in the soil, especially if grasses were used as a cover crop. New garden plots may require additional nitrogen fertilizer to be added.

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Water Management



Installing Culverts in Drainage Ditches



Tired of these unsightly and dangerous drainage ditches on your property which are difficult to mow?

Did you know a culvert can be installed, and you can cover up the ditch? Well before getting started there are some things you should consider.

The City Engineer's Office prefers drainage ditches to remain open as they are easier to maintain and carry more water than pipes. The average roadside ditch in Evansville can carry at least five times more water than a 12" pipe. Therefore, enclosing ditches is discouraged because it has the potential to restrict the flow of storm water and cause flooding upstream which might result in more standing water on your or your neighbor's property.

If a resident still wants to enclose their ditch they must apply for a permit through the City Engineer's office. The application can be found here:

<https://www.evansvillegov.org/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item:id=3266>

Along with the permit a resident must include a drawing of the location of work, the type of work, and type of materials to be used. Also, drainage calculations must be provided to support the pipe size being used. While the City Engineer's Office will not make suggestions on material used, flexible and perforated pipe will not be approved in the right of way.

Once the permit is submitted the Assistant Engineer will review for technical conformance and if approved the request will be forwarded to the Board of Public Works for approval. The Board meets weekly on Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the Council Meeting Room 301. The applicant does not need to be present for the decision.

If approved the applicant can begin work. While most people will hire out a contractor to perform the work, it is a project an avid DIYer could complete.

We would like to thank Karan Barnhill, the City Engineer's Storm Water Coordinator, for providing

valuable information about this topic.

To find out more information on the codes surrounding this topic look here:

<https://www.codepublishing.com/IN/Evansville/html/Evansville12/Evansville1205.html#12.05.200>

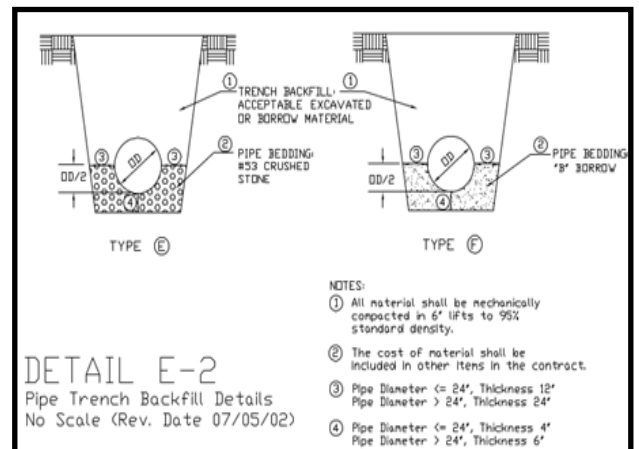
Below are links to examples of the required drawings for the permit:

Driveway Culvert

<https://www.evansvillegov.org/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item:id=66>

Drainage Ditch Culvert

<https://www.evansvillegov.org/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item:id=67>



Fire Safety



Evansville Fire Department Hot Takes



With fall quickly approaching and cooler weather coming more people will enjoy a recreational fire to roast hotdogs, make smores, or just to sit around and visit with friends.

Rules for Opening Burning?

- Within the City Limits, fires for RECREATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY are permitted. Fires shall not be used for disposal of trash or yard waste
- All fires directly on the ground must receive prior approval from the Evansville Fire Department.
 - Call (812) 436-4412 during business hours for approval.
 - Please call within 48 hours of your burn date as conditions may change and a burn ban may be in effect due to weather or air quality.
- Only CLEAN, DRY WOOD shall be burned. Material not allowed:
 - Painted, treated, or wet wood.
 - Trash or other waste, including paper or cardboard.
 - Leaves, grass, pine needles, or yard waste.
 - Tree stumps or root balls.
- Fires are limited to three feet wide by two feet high (3'x2').
- Fires **MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES THEY ARE LIT**. Do not leave a smoking fire, as they can reignite.
- A method to extinguish the fire must be on hand at all times such as hose, sand, or fire extinguisher to fire the control.

Within Vanderburgh County but outside the City Limits, residents may burn tree limbs and sticks for disposal in a non-combustible container, like a burn barrel or raised fire bowl. Prior approval IS REQUIRED for these types of fires.

Kevin M. Shelley

Fire and Life Safety Educator I & II

Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist



Clean Up Events



Clean Evansville 8:00am - 10:00am

September 4 - Delaware School Area

October 2 - Cedar Hall School Area

November 6 - Eastland Mall Area

December 4 - Diamond/Stringtown

For event confirmation and specific meeting location contact KEB at 812-425-4461 or

keb@keepevansvillebeautiful.org

Recycling Days 8:00am - 12:00pm

September 11th - Old Walmart West

October 2nd - Old Walmart West

October 23rd - 4-H Center

Tox-Away Day - October 2



Civic Center Parking Lot 9am - 1pm

Get rid of oil-base paint, pesticides and household chemicals for free. Load items into your trunk or truck bed for safety. Please wear a mask.

City-Wide Heavy Trash Collection

Call Republic Services at (800) 886-3345 to schedule a pickup for a specific day. This service applies to City residents who pay for trash service with their water bill.

Neighborhood Day



UNOE would like to thank the volunteers and Neighborhoods that came out to Neighborhood Day this year. It was a hot day in the sun, but hopefully we were able to spark some new interest in Neighborhood Associations.

NOCO Park

NOCO Park turned a vacant lot into a magical place with flavors and fun for every fancy. They feature a rotating lineup of food trucks. The park also includes beer, wine, games, and art installations. There are several events each weekend.



The park is open Fri-Sun until Sept. 26th
Friday (4pm-9pm), Saturday (12pm-9pm)
and Sunday (12pm-8pm).

Tickets are needed to enter. Prices range from \$0-\$20 depending on the event. For tickets or more information visit,

nocopark.com.

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UNOE General Membership Meeting

C.K. Newsome Community Center

Thursday, September 23rd, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Speaker:

Assistant Police Chief Phillip Smith

