

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program at Community One

Everyone—at one point or another—needs a helping hand from a caring neighbor. And sometimes we can be that caring neighbor for someone else who needs help! Our city needs a movement of love—in both words and actions! Whether it is mowing a lawn, helping someone move, or replacing a light bulb, a helping hand from a loving neighbor can show people that they are cared for and not alone.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is an easy-to-use website that connects people with a need to volunteers who want to help. It's as simple as 1-2-3!

Evansville neighbors who need a helping hand with a simple project visit: community1.org/NeedANeighborNow to share their project requests.

Individuals who'd like to help visit: community1.org/LoveANeighborNow to register as a volunteer and complete a background screening.

Approved volunteers search for projects that they're interested in, adopt them, connect with their neighbor, and complete the project.

Projects on this website are things that a person could complete in under a few hours – like raking leaves, picking up a prescription, or making a friendly phone call. With a wide variety of project types, there is something for every skill set, time commitment, and budget! Even though these projects are simple to complete, they can make a huge difference in the lives of your neighbors. Do you want to start loving your neighbors today? Visit community1.org, call 812-213-4202, or email info@community1.org to learn more, ask questions, or get started.

Hannah Wehr

Neighboring Program Director at Community One

Hannah Wehr will be the guest speaker at the February General Meeting on the 24th, to provide more information about the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program.



Maple Sugarbush Festival



March 5 and 6, 2022

Wesselman Woods is hosting the 44th Annual Maple Sugarbush Festival on March 5 and 6, hours are 7:00am - 1:00pm. The Festival includes an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, including sausage, orange juice, and coffee. There will be guided hikes into the sugarbush, fun and educational activities for kids, and animal encounters.

All proceeds will benefit the ongoing work of Wesselman Woods. If you bring your own reusable cup, plate, or fork you will receive a FREE day pass to the Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. Tickets are on sale now, find more information at:

wesselmanwoods.org/activities-and-events/msb2022

Question & Answer

UNOE will be starting a Question and Answer column in the Neighbor to Neighbor newsletter each month. We will submit questions asked to the appropriate office or organization to get the answer, to provide accurate and trusted responses.

If you are interested in submitting a question to be answered send it by email to admin1@unoevansville.org or by phone at 812-428-4243.



Clean Up Events

Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District Recycling Days 8:00am - 12:00pm

February 5th - old Walmart West February 19th - 4-H Center March 12th - old Walmart West April 2nd—old Walmart West

View full schedule at:

www.evansvillegov.org/egov/ documents/1639675606_26042.pdf

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.

UNOE Website

Updated COVID-19 Resources

We have updated the list of resources available on the UNOE website to better meet the needs of the community. The resources include assistance with housing, bills, and food. We have also included a built-in COVID-19 Self-checker. You can access these resources at www.unoevansville.org/covid-19/.

Please share with others in your community.



Evansville Fire Department

From the desk of Chief Fire Marshal Greg Main.

The Evansville Fire Department is asking for assistance from the United Neighborhood Associations of Evansville in identifying vacant structures. This will help EFD in our response to emergency incidents such as fire and emergency medical assistance calls. This campaign is designed to provide information to the Evansville Fire Department and other city agencies before a fire occurs. We value your concerns and an opportunity to make a safer community.



Would you please send an email with the address of the vacant property to the Evansville Fire Department's Fire Marshal Office, gmain@evansvillefiredepartment.com.
Or you can call 812-435-6235 and ask for Chief Fire Marshal Greg Main.

Thank you for being a concerned and valued member of the City of Evansville.

Greg W. Main, EFO, CFO, MIFireE, MS Chief Fire Marshal



550 S.E. 8th Street Evansville, IN 47713 Ph. 812-436-4464 gmain@evansvillefiredepartment.com

Glenwood's Caldwell Park

Wow! Glenwood Youth shooting hoops at Caldwell Park on December 27th, during an unseasonably warm day.



General Meetings

2022 General Membership Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meetings are held from 6:30-8:00pm on the **4th Thursday** of the month during January through September. The meeting location is the **C.K. Newsome Community Center**, 100 E. Walnut Street.

January 27th	February 24th
March 24th	April 28th
May 26th	June 23rd
July 28th	August 25th
September 22nd (Candidates' Forum)	October 27th (Banquet)
November (No Meeting)	December (No Meeting)

This Is Our Shot

Glenwood Neighborhood Association and UNOE would like to congratulate Lu Porter on representing ECHO on their billboard campaign to encourage vaccinations.



Learn more about "This Is Our Shot" at thisisourshot.info

Vanderburgh County Health Department

















Get to Know Your Neighborhood CPO



"Get to Know Your Neighborhood CPO", is a segment which provides an opportunity for you to learn about the Crime Prevention Officer covering your neighborhood. More information about the Crime Prevention Unit and neighborhood CPOs can be found at evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit.

Crime Prevention Officer William (Bill) Schafer

William will be retiring in February after 32 years of service.

Sector: West Beat: 1 & 4 Years of Service: 32

What Neighborhoods do you cover?

North Country Club, First Avenue West, Country Club Manor, Diamond-Stringtown (North of Diamond Avenue), Business 41 (North of Diamond Avenue), Helfrich Park, Poplar Grove, and part of Westside Improvement.

What inspired you to become a Police Officer?

I grew up knowing several police officers and always admired them. When my sister was killed, at the age of 14, by a drunk driver, I knew I wanted to be a police officer to help keep people safe from tragedies like that.

What does being a Police Officer mean to you?

It has meant a whole lot of things to me. It has meant a great deal of satisfaction when you can effect or make a difference in someone's life. It has meant a whole lot of heartache and heartbreak when you experience the numerous tragedies that you experience as a police officer. It has meant a great comradery with my fellow brothers and sisters of law enforcement. That is something you don't experience in any other profession besides the military. It has given me a broad view of life and how fragile it is. All of my experience in law enforcement has given me a broad sense of empathy and sympathy in most all situations. I learned when I was a Detective, that we all are not that much different from even the worst criminals. The only difference is our upbringing, didn't and don't have the examples in their lives to make good decisions. I have learned that "There but for the Grace of God go I." Is a very true expression. Most of all, I have learned that I have been blessed and I have learned that is has been a blessing in my life to serve, protect and give back to the community that I love!

What do you like about being a Crime Prevention Officer?

I like being able to interact with the community and citizens in more of a non-traditional police officer role. And I enjoy that this unit gets to experience things that the traditional police officer may not have the opportunity to experience. I have gotten to meet some really great people that I would never have met had I not become a Crime Prevention Officer. It has also shown me that the majority of the citizens of Evansville support respect and love the police!

What is your biggest concern in the neighborhoods you serve?

The rising rate of drug abuse and addiction. And how it is becoming "normalized". It no longer is an 'isolated area of the city' problem. I can point out homes in all of my Neighborhood Associations that have drug issues. The problem is now an epidemic that has entered all of our communities, homes and schools. Drug abuse leads to crimes being committed to support those habits and rising crime rates affects all communities.

What can neighbors do to decrease crime in their neighborhood?

Be involved in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their families because this will spread a sense of responsibility in your neighborhood. Be visible in your neighborhood. The more people who are around, the less likely someone would feel comfortable breaking the law. And of course don't be an easy target! Lock all of your windows and doors on your home and vehicles. Don't leave valuable items visible or out where they are easy targets. Keep your home well lit at night. "Cockroaches" (criminals) don't like the bright lights! And as we always stress, "If you see something, say something!" Call the police.

Citizen's Academy



Spring 2022 Session: March 1 - May 24

PRESENTATIONS

S.W.A.T. Team • Horse Patrol • VIPER Unit • Sex Crimes Unit • Narcotics Unit Shoot Don't Shoot Scenarios • K-9 Demonstrations • Bomb Squad Dispatch and Jail Tours • Domestic Violence Unit • Crime Scene Unit CPO and Homeless Outreach • Ride-Along with Motor Patrol (Optional)

AND MANY OTHER TOPICS

All presentations are given by officers who specialize in that area.

WHO?

Anyone age 15 and older interested in learning about the Evansville Police Department. (under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

WHAT?

A 13-week program offered FREE OF CHARGE to participants to build citizens' awareness of police procedures and policies.

WHEN?

Tuesday nights from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

WHERE?

CK Newsome Center, 100 E. Walnut Street, Rm. 118 C&D, Evansville, IN 47713

WHY?

The goal of the EPD Citizen's Academy is to give members of the community an inside look at the various units of the police department and to create a better understanding and communication between citizens and police through education.

For questions about Citizen's Academy, contact Tracy Moore at 812-436-4948 or tmoore3@evansvillepolice.com



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PLEASE READ: Your signature on this form indicates you are granting permission for the EPD to conduct a criminal history check on you prior to your participation in the Citizen's Academy. If the criminal history reveals any convictions of a criminal nature, the EPD may, at their discretion, disallow your participation in this program.

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Parent/Guardian (if under 18):	
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EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Purdue Extension

Winter, Salt, and Your Landscape

Meagan Diss, Urban Agriculture Educator, Purdue Extension

An estimated 20 million tons of de-icing salt is applied to roads each year across the nation to help de-ice sidewalks, and roads. When this salt dissolves, spreads, and is taken up by plant roots, it has the potential to do some damage to sensitive plants. In history class, we learned that salt was historically used for biological warfare to destroy enemy fields and crops which shows it can be a toxin for plants. Salt damage from de-icing roads doesn't just stop at the roots and instead can cause damage to a plants' leaves, buds, and small twigs especially when a vehicle sprays a plant.

The first step of coping with salt injury is to diagnose it. Indications of salt spray injury may be as simple as understanding that plants with a side towards the road will display more severe injuries on the road front as opposed to the other sides. While most damage occurs within 60 feet from a road, more sensitive plants can show symptoms from 1,000 feet away! You may also notice that branches covered by snow, sheltered from the road, or are above the spray zone show no damage. Indications of soil salt injury are typically found within 30 feet of the road but can also occur in poorly drained soils and where runoff collects.

Moving from diagnosing where salt injury occurs to symptoms of salt injury, we see similar symptoms in deciduous plants and evergreens. When looking at deciduous plants, salt spray injury typically appears in early spring. You may notice delayed budbreak, off-colored foliage, failure to flower, or a thinning of the tree crown. In evergreens, salt spray injury may appear from late winter to early spring. Twig die back and mature needle discoloration that leads to needle drop are symptoms of salt spray injury but also note that symptoms will primarily occur on the road side of the evergreen. Soil salt injury has different symptoms that salt spray injury in both deciduous plants and evergreens. Deciduous plants will display brown edges on leaves, discolored foliage, reduced vigor, and possibly die due to excess soil salt. Evergreens will eventually die from soil salt injury.







In order to help prevent salt injury to your landscape, there a few tips you should implement. Perhaps the best tip is to plant salt-tolerant species in areas that are susceptible to salt spray or runoff. Another option would be to use physical barriers to protect plants or using barriers to direct salt runoff away from plants. When it is warmer during winter, rinse plants off to help remove salt before budbreak or excessively water in early spring to lessen the soil salt present. You may also consider using de-icing alternatives such as potassium chloride, calcium magnesium acetate, or calcium chloride. For a list of landscape plants with reported salt tolerance, check our Purdue's publication ID-412-W.

Winter can bring unexpected damage to your landscape. Protecting your landscape against salt injury is relatively easy and may require a few changes but your plants will thank you. While we can't change that de-icing salt is utilized across the nation, we can change what we use in our own homes to make a small difference.

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Financial Planning

Finances for Couples

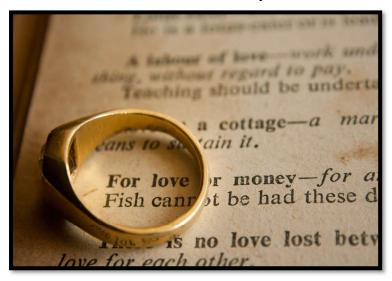
In the December Newsletter, we discussed the need to financial plan for emergencies and how to go about starting the process. In this issue with Valentine's Day around the corner we thought it would be an ideal time to discuss guidelines on having financial conversations with your significant other.

Most people are not excited to have financial conversations, but having these conversations is important regardless if you are committed roommates, engaged, or have been married for many years. Having these honest and open conversations is better started early rather then later. In this article we will cover some guidelines to laying the groundwork for having beneficial and healthy financial discussions, which will not only improve your finances but also strengthen your relationship.

Communication is key

These discussions are best addressed directly. Once the committed relationship is established it is time to start the discussions. It is important to discuss how much money is entering the household, how much debt or savings you have, the expenditures for each month, such as rent, mortgage, utilities, groceries, and how much you want to spend on extras such as eating out, entertainment, etc.

While these disclosures can be difficult it is important to be open and honest. Ensure the plan for finances is acceptable and comfortable for both parties. After the beginning conversation, meet once a week to go over current finances to ensure everyone is on the same page.



Accounts

Joint Checking

If desired you can merge your accounts into one joint checking account, or establish a separate joint account to be used for paying bills and household expenses. Determine how much from the household income will be deposited into the joint account and setup direct deposits for the amount.

Splitting the responsibility or designating one person as in charge of paying the bills will avoid confusion. Something to keep in mind is that once you get married your credit score is affected by your spouse, so consider delaying an account merger if one spouse's credit needs to be improved.

Joint Savings

These types of accounts allow you to save money for an emergency or large purchase. Each partner can contribute a predetermined amount to the savings account to ensure the money is there when needed. Building a savings provides a level of security as well as prevents negative effects on the relationship from financial stress. These accounts can be used for retirement, college funds, travel fund, etc. You can also set up direct deposits into these accounts so the money is automatically transferred.

Individual Accounts

Thinking of the money as a shared resource in the relationship is great, even if one person is the primary breadwinner. However, there are many situations where having individual accounts is appropriate or beneficial. A person might feel freedom by having a separate account to spend designated money on items they desire, such as special treats, clothes, personal expenses, or gifts for their partner. Work together to determine how to handle the division of money between the different types of accounts and make sure all the accounts are accessible in case of an emergency.

Only you and your partner can determine what is best for your relationship in regards to finances, however it is important to have frequent, open, and honest conversations to maintain a healthy relationship.

Information provided from the article "Financial conversations for couples" by Cory Hart written for Old National Bank.

Neighborhood Watch

Forming a Neighborhood Watch (Part 2)

Communities with an active Neighborhood Watch typically experience a reduction in crime, improved relationship with law enforcement, and a stronger bond between neighbors. In this article we are going to walk through the second phase of starting a Neighborhood Watch, "Setting Up Your Neighborhood Watch". This phase is part of a three phase process to ensure an active, successful, and long lasting Neighborhood Watch. We will write about the other phases in future issues of Neighbor to Neighbor.



To continue the process of forming a Neighborhood Watch, we need to lay the ground work for the Watch. First, we need to map out the area. Work with law enforcement to create an accurate map of the area. The map should include all the houses in your neighborhood. Highlight the houses that are interested in being involved. Make sure your Neighborhood Watch is large enough to deal with the crimes your neighborhood is concerned about. Do not share your map with anyone outside your neighborhood. If you do not have enough interest, focus on gathering more members before continuing the process. Remember, the strength of a Neighborhood Watch lies in the number of eyes and ears that are working together.

Next, establish your Neighborhood Watch coordinator. Traditional Neighborhood Watches have one coordinator, but if your neighborhood is

large enough, you might want to consider appointing co-coordinators. Coordinators are in charge of communicating with local law enforcement and developing meaningful projects that are beneficial for the community at large.

Then, appoint Neighborhood Watch block captains. Each block should have at least one block captain. Block captain commitment is central to your Neighborhood Watch's success, so look for members who are active in your community. Block captains are in charge of recruiting new members, updating the membership list, and participating in leadership meetings.

Next, hold a Neighborhood Watch meeting. Invite local law enforcement and all of your neighbors to a meeting to discuss how to start your Neighborhood Watch and what a Neighborhood Watch is. Introduce your coordinator and block captains. Specify what crimes you wish to address, and explain how the Neighborhood Watch will accomplish that. Collect and distribute everyone's contact information. Have local law enforcement answer questions about crime and provide information about police procedures. Remind your volunteers that a Neighborhood Watch is not a vigilante group, and they should never put themselves in harm's way.

Finally, train phone tree volunteers. When any citizen sees a potential crime, they can activate the phone tree to pass the message quickly and efficiently along the phone tree chain. Download and print out a phone tree template

on the Internet and make sure you write down all relevant information including name, address, phone number, and email. Remind everyone of the importance of only passing on essential, actionable information during the phone tree calls. In certain situations, like life-threatening crimes or the presence of dangerous criminals, teach your volunteers to call the police before calling the phone tree. In you live in a particularly tech-savvy community, consider also setting up an email tree as an alternate method of passing on less pressing information.

This article was written with information from "How to Form a Neighborhood Watch" written for wikiHow, which was co-authored by Saul Jaeger, Police Chief of Mountain View Police Department. View the entire article at wikihow.com/form-a-neighborhood-watch.

Stay tuned for more information about forming a Neighborhood Watch in future issues of Neighbor to Neighbor. More information about the local Crime Prevention Officers can be found at:

evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit



Heating Assistance

2021-22 HEATING ADVICE TO STAY SAFE , SNUG, AND SAVE MONEY

How about some hot tips to handle the winter cold? You can improve your heating system and warm up to safety and savings. Fuel to heat our homes can mean high bills. And heating increases the risks of fire, explosion and carbon monoxide poisoning. But a heating system that works efficiently can mean more warmth, more safety—and more money left for other things. The Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Commission, Evansville Fire Department, Vanderburgh County township fire departments, American Red Cross, CenterPoint Energy and your local heating and air conditioning contractors want to alert the citizens of Evansville and Southwestern Indiana to the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, fire and explosion from a malfunctioning furnace, a blocked flue or chimney, a broken gas line or inadequate air for combustion. There may be hidden damage to your furnace, gas piping, flue or chimney.

We are recommending that all citizens have their furnaces, space heaters, ranges, water heaters, gas lines, chimneys, flues and other heating equipment checked by a licensed heating contractor without delay. (You should do this every year.) You will protect yourself and your family this winter and save on heating bills. Carbon monoxide replaces the oxygen in the air we breathe when fuel-burning equipment is operating and the vent or chimney is obstructed or there is not enough air to let the equipment burn fuel efficiently. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless and catches its victims unaware, sometimes as they sleep. If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, leave your home and call 911 or your local fire department. Families in Evansville and across the country have been killed by carbon monoxide poisoning, and many others have become seriously ill. Symptoms may be similar to the flu, including headache, dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath. There may be chest pain, fatigue and confusion. But you may go to sleep and never wake up. Always use portable generators outdoors, far away from the home and any openings. Don't use a range or oven for heat. Candle fires also have killed families. Be careful using candles during power outages and other times! And make a family fire escape plan. The American Red Cross reminds you to use supplemental heating sources according to directions. (Don't use extension cords or power strips with space heaters.) Help alert your family with working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. Regularly test the alarms and change any batteries, and replace the alarms as directed. Your local fire department may be able to check your alarms and replace them free.

THEY CAN HELP

Evansville Urban Enterprise Association offers <u>free</u> carbon monoxide alarms and smoke alarms, while supplies last, to residents of the Enterprise Zone and the service areas outside the zone who have not received them in the past. Phone (812) 426-2490.

American Red Cross will provide in-home disaster and home fire safety education, test your smoke alarms and replace up to three if needed, and supply specialty alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing. Phone (888) 684-1441.

Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE) handles the Indiana Weatherization Assistance Program in Vanderburgh, Posey and Gibson counties. (Every county in Indiana has an agency for the weatherization program.) CAPE may repair or replace faulty heating equipment and make other energy-efficient improvements. CAPE also can help with heating bills. Phone (812) 425-4241.

Memorial Community Development Corp. offers emergency home repairs. The program covers repairs urgently needed to protect the residents. Homes must be owner-occupied, and there are income limits. Phone (812) 424-8627 or email housing@memorialcdc.org.

Community One assists homeowners with major home repairs, including furnace repair or replacement, roof repair or replacement and ramp construction. A homeowner must live in the home and is expected to help pay for the project as financially able. Phone (812) 213-4202 or email info@community1.org.

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee may provide loans to qualified homeowners for needed housing improvements. The program may repair or replace heating units and make other winter-related improvements. The owner must occupy the home and meet income and other qualifications. Phone the Department of Metropolitan Development at (812) 436-7823.

CenterPoint Energy has details on energy-saving products, income-qualified weatherization and energy assessments, and <u>rebates</u> for purchases of qualifying furnaces, programmable thermostats and insulation. Phone (866) 240-8476 or visit centerpointenergy.com/saveenergy.

Handy Helpers Home Repair, a Catholic Charities program, will change furnace filters, install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, caulk, weatherstrip, weatherproof, install storm doors and storm windows, replace entry doors, install handrails and make home repairs at a reasonable cost. Phone (812) 217-3537 or visit handyhelpersevv.com.

Faith-based organizations, social agencies and **township trustees** may help with heating bills and needs. Phone 211 to find resources.

Please share this information at meetings and in publications. You may save a life (or a whole family) and prevent some serious injuries and illnesses. Thank you!

EPD Coffee With A Cop



PLEASE NOTE: If the scheduled venue is closed for inside service, than Coffee With A Cop will be canceled for that date and location. Please verify with the business if they are open for inside service before traveling to the location.





February

Tuesday, February 15



Chick-Fil-A Cross Pointe 7am-9am

March

Tuesday, March 15



Donut Bank St. Joe Avenue 7am-9am

April

Tuesday, April 19



Donut Bank Donut Washington Avenue 7am-9am

May

Tuesday, May 17



Donut Bank St. Joe Avenue

7am-9am

June

Tuesday, June 21



Donut Bank Lincoln Avenue 7am-9am

July

Tuesday, July 19



Penny Lane 600 SE 2nd St 7am-9am

August

Tuesday, August 16



Donut Washington Avenue 7am-9am

Donut Bank

September

Tuesday, September 20



Donut Bank St. Joe 7am-9am

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November

Tuesday, November 15



Chick-Fil-A Cross Pointe 7am-9am

December

Tuesday, December 20



Donut Bank Lincoln Avenue 7am-9am



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UNOE General Membership Meeting

C.K. Newsome Community Center

Thursday, February 24th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Speaker: Hannah Wehr, Community One

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