

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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### Evansville YouthBuild Organization

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*Neighborhood  
Associations Working  
Together  
to Preserve,  
Enhance  
and Promote*

YouthBuild is a job readiness program that empowers youth to build better lives through education, on the job training, and leadership skills. Having been in education for close to 20 years I have seen many different education models and recognize that each student has their own set of strengths and weaknesses, and still comes to us with hopes and dreams of breaking cycles that have kept them under. Breaking out of generational cycles comes with barriers of all shapes and sizes. Through YouthBuild we get to take the time to truly see students for who they can be and assist them in Building Better Lives for themselves.

YouthBuild looks at workforce trends and uses regional data to target what gets employees hired and fired, and we provide training and resources built on that by on-site training and community partners.

Our program takes 16-24 year old students and assists them through a 2 year program to become long lasting leaders in our workforce. 9-12 months of daily, in person training, followed by 12 months of follow up Alumni and supportive services. Our staff consists of a full time academic instructor, responsible for data driven High School Equivalency instruction, construction manager responsible for National Construction Certification and the remodel of our project home, job developers responsible for connecting our local workforces with our students and job readiness soft skills, case manager, responsible for navigating through the barriers life has given them, and a program assistant who assists in all aspects of the program through logistics management and student mentorship.



YouthBuild is a great community of people that believe "Tomorrow is a new day, Everyday." And that the students are worthy of opportunities and second chances. If you wish to join in Building Better Lives, we are always looking for students, partners, mentors, and donations. Call the office at 812-909-1962, or visit [YouthBuilddev.com](http://YouthBuilddev.com) for more information

**Mendy Poole**  
YouthBuild Evansville Director

## 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](http://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 call us at 812-428-4243 or send it by email to [admin1@unoevansville.org](mailto:admin1@unoevansville.org).



## Clean Up Events

Vanderburgh County  
Solid Waste District

Recycling Days 8:00am - 12:00pm

March 12th - old Walmart West

April 2nd - old Walmart West

April 23rd - 4-H Center

May 7th - old Walmart West

View full schedule at:

[www.evansville.gov/egov/documents/1639675606\\_26042.pdf](http://www.evansville.gov/egov/documents/1639675606_26042.pdf)

## City-Wide Heavy Trash Collection

Schedule a heavy trash pickup at

<https://ewsu.com/forms/heavy-trash/> or by calling Republic Services at (800) 886-3345. This service applies to City residents who pay for trash service with their water bill.

## Regional Transportation Guide

The Evansville-Henderson Regional Transportation Guide has been updated and is ready for distribution. The Guide was developed by the Evansville MPO and the Regional Transit Advisory Committee as a resource for residents throughout the Evansville region, including Vanderburgh, Henderson, Warrick, Gibson, and Posey counties. The Guide lists the available transportation providers in our region and information about each provider. A PDF and website version of the guide is available at: [guide-empohub.arcgis.com](http://guide-empohub.arcgis.com)



# EPD Partnership Meeting

## The Evansville Police Department Invites you to attend the City-Wide Neighborhood Association/Crime Prevention Partnership Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 @ 6:00pm / 100 E Walnut St Room 118 C & D  
C.K. Newsome Community Center

- 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

Please call (812) 435-6135 for more information / [evansvillepolice.com](http://evansvillepolice.com)



## Meet Your Legislature



The meeting will take place March 12th in the Browning Rooms at EVPL Central. Event hours are 9:15 - 11:00am. Take this opportunity to engage with state officials and ask questions about the future of Indiana.

Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Southwest Indiana, EVPL, AARP, Evansville Teachers Association, NAACP Evansville Chapter, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 136 Teamsters Local 215, UNOE, and Valley Watch.

## 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.

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)

# Cooking Matters for Families



The YMCA in collaboration with **Purdue University Extension** and **Cooking Matters** will be hosting a **free** 6-week program for caregivers with children under 5 years old. The class will feature budget and family friendly recipes that are easy and delicious.

Course participants will build confidence in their new skills through active class participation, enabling positive behavior changes in daily life. Classmates also help one another by sharing feedback on each

other's progress. Participants receive ingredients weekly to practice making the class recipes at home. By using what they learn in class at home, Cooking Matters MA course graduates maximize their food resources, make healthier choices for their families, and prepare balanced, delicious meals. Because proper nutrition is critical for children's health, development, and ability to learn, acquiring these skills can return important long-term benefits for a family's physical and economic well-being.

The course will take place at the Ascension St. Vincent YMCA at 516 Court Street. You are not required to have a YMCA membership to attend the program. The program also includes free child care during the session for participants with children aged 0-12.

Registration is required. To register, call the Ascension St. Vincent YMCA at 812-423-9622 or register online at [ymcasin.sgasoftware.com/Sales/Product](http://ymcasin.sgasoftware.com/Sales/Product).

**TUESDAYS, MARCH 29 - MAY 3**

AFTERNOON SESSION

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

EVENING SESSION

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

# Weed Wrangle



## Volunteers Needed for 1, 2, or 3 hours on Saturday, March 19th, 2022

The Vanderburgh County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) is continuing the work to remove harmful plants at North Woods at Igleheart Park. Join other community volunteers to help pull weeds. You may volunteer for 1, 2, or 3 hours to fit your schedule.

**Please help preserve the park's native trees and plants**

**Saturday, March 19, 9:00am - 12:00pm at North Woods - 6101 North First Avenue (Lloyd Pool Parking Lot)**

**RSVP to [Vanderburgh.CISMA@gmail.com](mailto:Vanderburgh.CISMA@gmail.com)**

- Learn about invasive species and best management practices
- Bring your loppers and gloves (some tools will be available to use)
- Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes/boots and work gloves
  - Snacks and refreshment provided for all volunteers
- Led by the Vanderburgh County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) with the Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Department of Parks & Recreation

# 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](http://evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit).*

## Crime Prevention Officer Eric Krogman

Sector: West      Beat: 1 & 3      Years of Service: 26

### What Neighborhoods do you cover?

*Jacobsville, Business 41, Diamond/Stringtown, North Side Business Association, Poplar Grove, and Reitz Hill.*

### What inspired you to become a Police Officer?

*Seeing the comradery officers on the EPD had and the opportunity to work on what I felt was one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the country. I did a ride-a-long before applying to the EPD and that pretty much put the hook in me and I knew exactly what I wanted to do for a career.*

### What does being a Police Officer mean to you?

*As cliché as it may sound to me it means being able to help and serve others in the community. It's also a way to help others in the community that might not be able to get help or assistance from any other person.*

### What do you like about being a Crime Prevention Officer?

*I really enjoy working with the residents of the different neighborhoods on a one on one basis. I like being able to get to know folks on a first name basis and help them in any way I can. Of all the different assignments I've had in over 25 years as a police officer I truly believe this is the best job I've ever had in law enforcement.*

### What is your biggest concern in the neighborhoods you serve?

*Narcotics. It doesn't matter what the make-up of the neighborhood or area is drugs are in all of them unfortunately. The ripple effect from drug use and sales is thefts, burglaries, shoplifting and in the worst-case scenario shootings and other violence.*

### What can neighbors do to decrease crime in their neighborhood?

*First and foremost, look out for each other. No one knows your neighborhoods better than you and having a neighborhood that works together is a great way to have the best crime deterrent that you could hope for. I'd also say that good lighting (LED or metal halide) in the proper area is a great crime deterrent too. When someone is committing a criminal act it's the perception of being caught or who can see what they are doing that is a big factor in whether or not they commit the crime or not. Examples in neighborhoods would be thefts from motor vehicles, burglaries, vandalism, etc.*

*Learn more about the Crime Prevention Officers at [evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit](http://evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit).*

# Neighborhood Watch

## Forming a Neighborhood Watch (Part 3)

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 third phase of starting a Neighborhood Watch, “Maintaining Your Neighborhood Watch”. This phase is the third of a three phase process to ensure an active, successful, and long lasting Neighborhood Watch. See our previous newsletters at [unoevansville.org/newsletters](http://unoevansville.org/newsletters).

The first step in maintaining your Neighborhood Watch is to order a starter kit of materials. You will want road signs, window decals, magnetic car signs. Neighborhood Watch signs are especially important, often just the fact that your neighborhood is on alert is enough to deter crime. Many cities have their own materials, contact your local Sheriff’s Office to get materials from them. If not you might be able to get a free Neighborhood Watch starter kit from national Neighborhood Watch Organizations.

Next, make sure your coordinators keep in touch with law enforcement. The Evansville Police Department has a division of Crime Prevention Officers (CPO) to meet with on a regular basis to discuss what is going on in your neighborhood. CPO might be able to attend your regular meetings as well, to brief residents on the neighborhood’s current crime situation.



Next, schedule monthly leadership meetings. Make sure your coordinators and block captains meet regularly to ensure everyone is on the same page. Discuss concerns, evaluate current initiatives, and brainstorm new projects. When relevant, leadership meetings should be a time where leadership officers can prepare for the general Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Next, hold a quarterly general meeting. Keep your Neighborhood Watch group active by creating a social gathering place for neighbors to come to discuss crime prevention strategies and touch base with the Neighborhood Watch leadership. Consider providing snacks and drinks and keeping the meeting short to respect everyone’s time. Remind your neighbors to never put themselves in harm’s way.

Finally, tackle new challenges as they arise. Over time, new challenges may rise up to replace your original security concerns. Remember, a Neighborhood Watch should be flexible in order to best address the needs of the community. Even if new challenges don’t come up, neighborhood improvement projects can help remove physical conditions, like abandoned cars or overgrown lots which make it easier for crime to occur.

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](http://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](http://evansvillepolice.com/crime-prevention-unit).

## Developing a Green Thumb

Meagan Diss, Urban Agriculture Educator, Purdue Extension

Have you always admired the gardens in your neighborhood but never thought your thumb was green enough? If you're willing to put forth time, patience, and manual labor then you're capable of developing a green thumb. Whether you want to try food crops, flowers, or a mix of everything, there are some tips and tricks to help get you started.

One of the most important parts of gardening is to plan before you're standing in your yard with a shovel and packet of seeds. A good rule of thumb is to select a location that gets at least six hours of direct sunlight a day. You also want to be mindful of water drainage at your site to make sure it drains properly. If possible, stay away from other trees and shrubs that would compete with your garden for water, light, and nutrients. Once you've decided on a spot, sketch out your plans on paper.

Now that you've established a location, it's time to gather the supplies you'll need. While most new gardeners pick up their seed packets at their local grocery, more experienced growers may opt for ordering their seeds from a catalog. While either way is acceptable, it is important to remember that not all the seed packets from the grocery will be the best option for producing well in Indiana. Aside from seeds, you'll also need a hoe, rake, spade, sprinkler, string and stakes at the minimum.

Once you've gotten your tools and you're ready to start your garden, you need to figure out if it's a good time to work in the soil. If you squeeze a ball of soil and it crumbles, it's time to start working. Remember to work the soil at least 6 inches deep and rake the soil surface level once you're done. If you are planting seeds, most seed packets will list planting directions. If you are planting transplants, dig a hole larger than the soil ball of the plant. Transplants also tend to dry out quickly so make sure they are watered thoroughly as soon as possible.



Although your plants may be in the ground, your responsibilities with the garden aren't done. Throughout the year there will be weeds, insects and diseases to contend with so make sure you are regularly checking on your garden. To help manage these issues, there are numerous cultural types of controls and preventive measures as well as chemicals. It is very important to make sure you are correctly identifying any problems that do arise and treating properly.

While this may sound overwhelming, there are plenty of resources to help you find your green thumb. There is no rule you have to start gardening in your lawn so you may consider starting with a smaller option. If you want to learn more about developing your green thumb, try checking out Purdue Extension Gardening Bulletins found at:

<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/gardening-bulletins/>

## How To Handle A Lump Sum of Money

In the February Newsletter, we discussed the managing finances for couples and how to have healthily conversations about money with your partner. In this issue we will look at how to handle a lump sum of money. With tax season upon us, some of us will be receiving a tax return in the next couple of weeks, and it is important to understand how to best handle that money.

Many families only plan for their normal income and when they receive a large sum of money either from a tax return, stimulus check, inheritance, or bonuses at work they might not know how best to use that money. The purpose of this article is to give thought to the options available so you can consider how best to use the money to meet your financial and personal goals.

### Pay down debt

One of the best ways to get the highest return on investment is to pay down any outstanding debt you may have which is accruing interest. The accounts with the highest interest rate should be paid down first to maximize the amount of money saved. Credit card debt is usually the first to be paid down because of the 10% - 15% or more interest rate on outstanding balance, which is more than you can reliably make by investing your money. Even if you can't completely pay off a credit card, just paying down the balance makes a big difference by reducing your interest costs each month, allowing you to pay off your credit card faster.

### Build your emergency fund

Every household should have at least \$1,000 saved in an easily accessed emergency fund. If a urgent expenses arise, such as a car repair, home repair, or travel expenses, you will have the money available and won't have the need to use credit cards to cover the cost. In order to cover an unexpected job loss, it is suggest to have 3-6 months of basic living expenses to cover regular bills while looking for another job.

### Save and invest

If you debt is already paid down and you already have an emergency fund of 6 months, you next need to look at how to grow your money further. There are several options you can pursue:

- Look at your retirement accounts and consider whether you will have enough money saved for retirement. There are benefits to contributing to your retirement accounts early, such as more gain interest or stock increase, and you might be able to take a tax deduction for making the contribution to your retirement.
- If you will soon be looking for a new house, having a large down payment or the ability to by interest points back will go a long way in decreasing the cost of your house and securing your loan. Moving from renting to owning can provide a significant improvement to your finances, depending on the situation.
- Invest the money yourself or through a broker so it can grow and use it in the future for your wants and needs. A balanced portfolio of stocks and bonds tends to get fairly consistent returns on investment over the long run.

### Treat yourself

Finally, while using your lump sum toward the above categories it is still important to put a little aside to spend on a purchase for your enjoyment. The purchase could be a new TV, new furniture, a vacation, or even a weekend trip. Spending money on yourself can give you an emotional boost rather than feeling resentful you didn't get to use the money you received.

Only you and your family can determine the best way to use a lump sum of money, we wanted to provide options for you to think about when receiving a lump sum. If you have questions about how to use your money or establish a budget you should speak to a fiduciary.

Information provided from the article "How to use a lump sum of money" written for Old National Bank.



# Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District

## Recycling Events

**2022 Drop-off Recycling Days  
8:00am - 12:00 noon**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 12	Old Walmart West	August 20	4-H Center
April 2	Old Walmart West	September 10	Old Walmart West
April 23	4-H Center	October 1	Old Walmart West
May 7	Old Walmart West	October 22	4-H Center
June 4	Old Walmart West	November 5	Old Walmart West
June 18	4-H Center	December 3	Old Walmart West
July 23	Old Walmart West	December 10	4-H Center
August 6	Old Walmart West		

### Items to bring:

Aluminum cans	Metal food cans
Cardboard	Catalogs/magazines
Newspaper	Bagged shredded paper
Junk mail	#1-#7 plastic containers

*No glass containers, Styrofoam or plastic bags*

*Vanderburgh County Households Only*

*Dates & locations subject to change*

### Location Addresses

Old Walmart West parking lot - 4551 University Drive

4-H Center - 201 E Boonville-New Harmony Road

## **Additional Recycling Events**

### **Civic Center Parking Lot**

#### Tox-Away Day:

**Spring:** April 16th from 9:00 - 1:00pm

**Fall:** To be determined

#### Electronics Recycling:

**Spring:** April 30th from 8:00 - 12:00pm

**Summer:** July 16th from 8:00 - 12:00pm

**Fall:** September 24th from 8:00 - 12:00pm



# Evansville Fire Department

## EFD Hot Takes Spring Cleaning

Our safety is our responsibility.

As we approach Spring it is a great time to declutter and address Fire and Life Safety issues in our homes.

1. Smoke detectors: If you need smoke detectors have them installed.
2. Replace if they are over 10 years old. Replace batteries if they have them.
3. Have an Escape plan for your home 2 ways out of every room. Practice the Escape Plan.
4. Declutter ensure you have a clear path of travel to exit.
5. Clean and clear clutter from Kitchen.
6. Check Outlets and switches to ensure the cover plates are intact. Check for overloaded circuits, remove multi plug adaptors and extension cords.
7. Ensure Dryer vents and hoses are free of lint build up.
8. Have HVAC serviced and replace filters, check flues to be clear of obstructions.
9. Clear flammable and combustible items from your home; store them in a garage or detached storage building.
10. Collect old chemicals, paint, combustible and flammable items and take them to Toxaway Day.
11. Store Gasoline and Gasoline powered equipment in Garage or detached storage building.
12. Clear yard of rubbish and waste from yard.

Toxaway Day Evansville Solid Waste Management for more information 812-436-7800.

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# 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*  
**PAST**  
St. Joe Avenue  
7am-9am

**March**  
*Tuesday, March 15*  
**Donut Bank**  
St. Joe Avenue  
7am-9am

**April**  
*Tuesday, April 19*  
**Donut Bank**  
Washington Avenue  
7am-9am

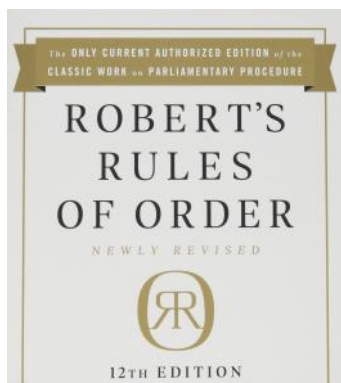
**May**  
*Tuesday, May 17*  
**Donut Bank**  
St. Joe Avenue  
7am-9am

**June**  
*Tuesday, June 21*  
**Donut Bank**  
Lincoln Avenue  
7am-9am

## Robert's Rules of Order

UNOE is looking into purchasing "Robert's Rules of Order" books for neighborhoods who would like to have a copy to use at their neighborhood meetings. If you would be interested in copies of this book please let us know.

The book is a great tool for holding effective and efficient meetings. Call the office at 812-428-4243 or email us at [admin1@unoevansville.com](mailto:admin1@unoevansville.com) if interested.



## UNOE Neighborhood App



Download the UNOE Neighborhoods app for your Android device on the Google Play Store. The app helps you identify the neighborhood association in which you are located (or the location for which you search on the map). You will find the schedule and locations of the neighborhood meetings and a way to gain more details from a neighborhood contact.

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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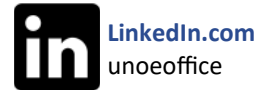
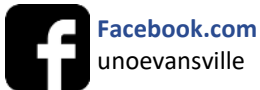


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UNOE Office Hours are:

**Monday - Thursday**

**9:00am - 3:00pm**



## UNOE General Membership Meeting

C.K. Newsome Community Center

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

Speaker: Mendy Poole, Program Director

YouthBuild of Evansville

