

Neighbor to Neighbor

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Working together to
preserve, enhance, and
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2025 Sparkplug



WINNERS CIRCLE



Stephanie Gibson
Bellemead/Bayard Park



Frank Howard
Akin Park



Jennifer Roberts
COMETS



Lindsey Schenk
Helfrich



Judy Kurth
Culver



Judy Ames
Diamond/Stringtown



Leonard Collins
Goosetown



Jessica Hoffman
Vann Park



Tom Groninger
Wesselman's



Mike Darrett Sr.
Glenwood



Scott Goedde
Greater Lincolnshire

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Melissa Wright
Jacobsville



Blaine Oliver
Mt Auburn



Ross Halvorsen
NOMA



Jason Butler
Oak Hill



Derrick Freeman
STAR



Joni Peay
Presidents



Jodi Duncan
Riverside



Pam Grewe
South Dexter



Beverly Eggers
Plaza



Tepe Park Leadership Team
Tepe Park



John Drone
Westside Improvement

Understanding Neighborhood Sparkplugs: The Power of Local Change Makers

Past award recipients have been ordinary neighbors doing extraordinary things, everyday champions who lift up the people and places around them. Some have brought the community together by organizing events open to all. Others have shown steady dedication by showing up, serving, and offering a helping hand at regular meetings. Many have supported city- and county-wide efforts that strengthen our broader community. Some rise to the challenge when issues emerge in their neighborhood, becoming voices for unity and action, while others beautify and care for our shared spaces, ensuring our neighborhoods shine.

A Sparkplug isn't defined by one task or title, but by the passion they bring to their community. Anyone who inspires connection, fuels engagement, and lights the way for others has the power to become a Sparkplug for their neighborhood.

Elections

At our General Membership meeting on January 22nd, United Neighborhoods of Evansville (UNOE) member neighborhood representatives will elect officers and board members at large, in accordance to UNOE by-laws. The UNOE Nominations Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates:

At-Large Board Candidates

(Vote for 5 on your ballot)

- Pam Grewe
- Linda Deig
- Ross Halvorsen
- Janet Coleman
- Danny Markham
- Blaine Oliver
- Bridgette Tate
- Steven Williams
- Brandon Rauth
- Paul Myers



Be Bold Against the Cold— Stay Safe and Warm This Winter!

Staying warm during winter is essential, although heating our homes can also bring risks. Higher energy bills, fire hazards, and carbon monoxide dangers increase during the colder months. A safe, efficient heating system helps protect you and your family and saves money. Local safety partners — including the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Commission, Evansville Fire Department, township fire departments, the American Red Cross, CenterPoint Energy, and licensed HVAC professionals — encourage all residents to take steps to stay warm and safe this season.

Get your Heating System Checked

Hidden Issues can occur in furnaces, chimneys, gas lines, and vents— especially after long periods of disuse. A malfunctioning system can lead to fire, explosion, and carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Have your furnace, water heater, gas lines, space heaters, flues, and chimneys inspected by a licensed heating contractor as soon as possible.
- Get annual heating inspections, they protect your home, health and wallet.
- Keep heating equipment clean and vents clear.

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide (CO) is odorless, colorless, and deadly. It replaces oxygen in the air and can strike without warning, especially while people are asleep!

Symptoms of CO Poisoning:

- Headache
- Nausea or dizziness
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue or confusion
- Chest pain

If you suspect carbon monoxide leave immediately and call 911. A CO detector in your home is one of the best ways to protect your family.

Generator and Candle Safety

- Never use portable generators indoors or near windows — always operate them at least 20 feet away.
- Never use your oven or stove for heat.
- Use Candles with caution— especially during power outages.
- Keep candles away from children, pets and anything that can burn.

Staying safe during winter starts with preparation. A quick inspection and smart heating habits can prevent danger and keep your family cozy all season long. Lets work together to protect our community— stay warm, stay alert, and be bold against the cold!

EWSU Announcements



Fall Leaf Pickup Reminder:

It's leaf season in Evansville! From late October to mid-December, city crews will collect leaves on your regular trash day.

To help keep things running smoothly, please:

- Use biodegradable plastic or paper leaf bags, or place leaves in your trash can.
- Leaves may also be placed in containers weighing 40 lbs. or less.
- Set bags or containers separate from your weekly trash.
- Place everything curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash day only.

Curbside Christmas Tree Pickup

For two weeks after Christmas, simply place your natural tree next to your cart on your regular pickup day — no appointment needed!

This is a free service for Evansville residential trash customers only.

Not available for apartments, mobile home parks, or commercial properties.



EWSU Temporarily Suspends Water Shutoffs and Late Fees in Response to the loss of Federal Food Assistance

The EWSU is taking steps to help ease the financial burden faced by thousands of Vanderburgh County residents who recently lost access to federal food assistance. As of November 3, EWSU is suspending all water shut offs and late fees for 90 days. These temporary measures are intended to provide some relief to customers who might fall behind on their utility bills.

While water shut offs and late fees are suspended, customers remain responsible for timely payment of their water and sewer services. It is important to contact EWSU Customer Service as quickly as possible to set up payment arrangements to help reduce outstanding balances on their account.

Customers currently behind on their bill are encouraged to contact EWSU Customer Service or call 812-436-7846 to speak to a customer service representative.

Community Support & Giving Opportunities.

How to Give During the Holidays

Spread kindness, cheer and community support this season.

The holiday are a time of joy, but they can be challenging for many families. If you're looking for meaningful ways to give back, here are some simple ways to make a difference in Evansville this season. Every act, big or small, helps make our neighborhoods stronger.

Ways to Give Back in Evansville this Season:

- Donate toys and books to local toy drives.
- Sponsor a child/family through holiday giving programs.
- Give winter clothing (coats, gloves, scarves, hats).
- Consider donating food to local food pantries (Contact Kayla at UNOE for a list of local pantries).
- Create holiday meal bags for a local pantry.
- Sponsor a family holiday meal (Contact Kayla at UNOE for a list of agencies sponsoring families this year).

A warm coat or a single wrapped toy can change a child's holiday!

Together, we can make the season brighter. Thank you for being part of a caring, giving, community. Every act of generosity lights up our city — and our hearts!



Need help with your Holiday meal? Reach out to the UNOE office for a list of local organizations offering Holiday assistance.

If you are a local business providing support, please call the UNOE office to be added to the list.

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If you need their contact information call the UNOE office and speak with Joe or Kayla.

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