

*Neighborhood Associations working together
to preserve, enhance, and promote
the Evansville neighborhoods*

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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UNOE 2007 Membership

It is that time of year again when your UNOE membership needs to be renewed. Your \$20 annual dues make available to you:

- Technical assistance from the UNOE staff
- Research, program ideas, and development
- New computer and work station for individual Neighborhood Association use (newsletter design, flyers, research, etc.)
- Discounted copy rate and use of UNOE's Bulk Mailing Permit
- Instruction on the use of the computer for word processing
- A page for your neighborhood on the UNOE website
- Grant writing assistance
- Workshops and seminars
- Automatic access to City activities that affect your neighborhood
- Natural forum for neighborhood development
- Opportunity to be represented on City Neighborhood Committees
- The strength of numbers

The 2007 UNOE Membership Packets will be sent out in January to Neighborhood Association Presidents. This packet will include an UNOE Membership Application, a Neighborhood Officer Form, a neighborhood map (to make any changes of boundaries if necessary), and a City Registration Form. This packet will also be available on our website as well.

Please make sure your neighborhood has returned all forms and has paid UNOE dues by March 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at the UNOE office.

Traveling City Hall Program

The next Traveling City Hall Program will be on Thursday, January 11th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Stringtown Elementary School, 4720 Stringtown Road.

As a reminder, Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel holds a Traveling City Hall Program in a different neighborhood each month. The meetings give the public the chance to ask questions and voice concerns, *in person and one-on-one* outside of normal business hours, to the Mayor and City Department Heads. All City residents are welcome at each Traveling City Hall Program.

WWW.UNOEVANSVILLE.ORG

Website

Community Resource Links

- ❖ American Red Cross
- ❖ City of Evansville
- ❖ Courier & Press
- ❖ Evansville City Clerk
- ❖ Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development
- ❖ Evansville Parks and Recreation Department
- ❖ Evansville Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- ❖ Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library
- ❖ Keep Evansville Beautiful
- ❖ Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage
- ❖ Step Ahead of Vanderburgh County
- ❖ Vanderburgh County Assessor

UNOE Board Officers:

Jayne Buthod, President
David Ballew, President-Elect
Fred Mulfinger, Vice-President
Rene McCormick, Secretary
Paul Farmer, Treasurer



Free Printing / Copying of Neighborhood Newsletter or flyer (Up to 500 Copies) when you return your UNOE Membership Registration Forms, dues, and City Registration by March 1st, 2007

FREE

United Neighborhoods of Evansville

1100 W. Lloyd Expressway, Ste 411,
Evansville, IN 47708

Tel: (812)428-4243

Expiration Date: 12/31/07

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

Small Business Training Course being offered by the Neighborhood Economic Development Center (NEDC). Go thru a 15-week training course that will help you prepare your business plan.

Contact Alan Winslow at 428-0241 for more information or to register.

Orientation: Wednesday, January 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Recycling

Saturday, January 6th
8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Civic Center Parking Lot

Items to Bring:

(Please be sure items are clean and sorted.)

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| Christmas Trees | Greeting Cards |
| Gift Wrap/boxes | Household Batteries |
| Hardback Books | Telephone Books |
| Aluminum Cans | Metal Food Cans |
| Cardboard | Catalogs/Magazines |
| Newspaper | Mixed Paper |
| Glass Containers | #1 & #2 Plastic Bottles |

****FREE MULCH****

(Please bring your own container.)

**Vanderburgh County Residents Only
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE**

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

436-7800

www.vanderburghgov.org

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Below is a list of blood pressure screening sites offered by the Chronic Disease Program of the Vanderburgh County Health Department for January 2007.

- JANUARY 2 NORTHSIDE BMV -4209 US 41N, STE 10- 11:30 AM - 1PM
- JANUARY 3 CWIC CENTER COMPLEX - 1 MLK JR BLVD -9- 10:30 AM
- JANUARY 4 SIMPSON'S FOOD MART - 1365 COVERT AVE - 1:30-3 PM
- JANUARY 8 MCDONALD'S-20 N. MAIN ST.- 11:30AM- 1PM
- JANUARY 9 SCHNUCKS EASTSIDE -4600 WASHINGTON AVE.- 10:30 AM - 12 PM
- JANUARY 10 WORKONE -700 E. WALNUT- 11 AM - 12:30 PM
- JANUARY 11 WALGREEN'S WEST -710 N. ST JOSEPH AVE - 12- 1:30 PM
- JANUARY 16 BLACK BUGGY RESTAURANT -4920 DAVIS LANT DR - 11:30AM -1PM
- JANUARY 17 SCHNUCKS WEST -4500 LLOYD EXPWY - 11:30AM - 1PM
- JANUARY 18 CVS/FIRST AVE -4480 FIRST AVE. - 1:30-3 PM
- JANUARY 22 WALMART EAST -410 N. BURKHARDT RD - 11:30AM - 1PM
- JANUARY 23 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE -767 E. WALNUT - 11:30AM -1 PM
- JANUARY 24 WEINBACH'S -1 N. WEINBACH AVE. - 11:30 AM- 1 PM
- JANUARY 25 RURAL KING -2300 E. MORGAN- 11:30AM -1 PM

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General Membership Meeting Programs



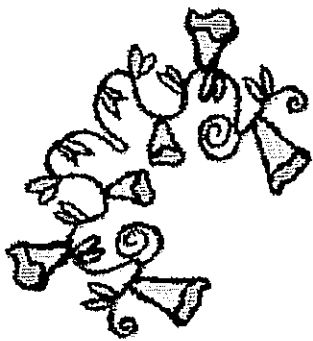
If you or anyone from your neighborhood have any ideas or suggestions for UNOE General Membership Meeting Programs please contact an UNOE Board Member or the UNOE office at 428-4243 or unoe1@msn.com! We are putting the 2007 program schedule together now and would like your input and ideas of what you would like to see this upcoming year!

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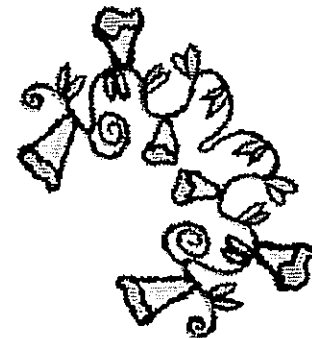
"Neighborhood Sparkplugs of the year"



Bob and Lois Keerl from Akin Park Neighborhood Association was recognized as the Sparkplugs for their neighborhood. "There are many ways to demonstrate leadership. Bob and Lois have exerted their leadership through 45 years of quietly supporting any Akin Park neighborhood function. It doesn't matter the time of year or the event, whether it be cleaning the park, planting trees, helping at rummage sales or National Night Out. Bob and Lois are always there and up to their elbows in whatever needs to be done. In recent years Bob and Lois have passed this valuable trait on to their grandchildren. Every year the Keerl family helps with National Night Out. While it takes many people to make a neighborhood association function, without the help of Bob and Lois Akin Park Neighborhood Association would not be what it is today."
~Nancy Currie, Akin Park Neighborhood



Want to improve your green thumb
and your neighborhood?



**Then come to our FREE
Adopt-A-Spot Workshop!
Saturday, January 20, 2007**

9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (Doors open at 9 a.m.)
Central Library, Downtown Evansville, Browning Events Rooms A & B

Sponsored by:  and 



*Prizes, box lunch following the workshop,
plus a chance to consult with gardening experts!*

ROUND TABLE TOPICS:

- **Soil & Fertilization**, led by Larry Caplan, Extension Horticulture Educator
- **Weed Control**, led by Becky Nellis, Nellis Landscaping,
& Matt Pillow, Tenbarga Seeds
- **Plant Selection for Shady Spots**, led by Cheryl Bremer, Master Gardener
- **Plant Selection for Sunny Spots**, led by Debbie Goedde, Master Gardener
- **Landscape Design**, led by Brian Wildeman, Hillside Gardens



***Please RSVP by Friday, January 5, 2007, by returning this form to
Keep Evansville Beautiful or by calling (812) 425-4461.***

2007 ADOPT-A-SPOT WORKSHOP RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Organization _____

of Workshop Reservations _____ # of Box Lunches (limit 4 per organization, please!) _____

Please check if you prefer a vegetarian meal _____

Please return to Keep Evansville Beautiful, 223 Main Street, Evansville, IN 47708 by January 5, 2007.



Dear UNOE members,

As you plan your neighborhood activities for the upcoming year, don't forget to take a look at the UNOE Tool Kit. It's filled with ideas to renew, restore, and re-invigorate both your members and your group as a whole.

The most important part of a neighborhood association is the neighbors who make up the family. It's important to keep the lines of communication open, make everyone feel welcome, and plan for your group's future.

Your toolkit is chockfull of things that work. Things to make you strong, keep things fun, and help you be effective. We've attached just the index from the kit to give you an idea of topics it covers. While the titles may sound dry, remember inside there are stories of how to be successful from other neighborhoods across the street, across the city and across the country. Will you be a success story that inspires another neighborhood somewhere else?

All of the Tool Kit contents are on our website, at www.unoevansville.org.

Feel free to copy pages from the Tool Kit to use at your meetings. Re-visit the reasons you are "Better Together". Just give us a call at the UNOE office if you need another copy of the Tool Kit.

Sometimes you have to count your successes, and look at what you have going for you, rather than to recount a litany of missed opportunities. Focus on opening lines of communication that you may need tomorrow, even if you don't today. Neighborhoods are about taking the long view; who we were and who we are determined to be.

Make 2007 the best year yet for strong relationships, positive thinking, and optimism for the years to come.

Jayne Buthod,
UNOE President

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **County Commission Meeting**—Tuesday, January 2nd at 3:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center.
- **City Council Meeting**—Monday, January 8th at 5:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center.
- **Evansville Storm Water Task Force Meeting**—Tuesday, January 9th from 5:30—7:00 p.m. in Browning Room A at the Evansville-Vanderburgh Central Library.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting**—Wednesday, January 10th, 9:30 a.m. at the UNOE office.
- **Traveling City Hall Program**—Thursday, January 11th from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at Stringtown Elementary School located at 4720 Stringtown Road. The meeting is open to the public.
- **South Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, January 11th at 6 p.m. located at 315 Taylor Avenue. For more information, call South Sector at 435-6037.
- **"Meet Your Legislators"**— Saturday, January 13th, 9:30 a.m. in the Browning Rooms at Central Library.
- **East Sector Citizens Meeting**—Tuesday, January 16th at 6 p.m. located at 4900 Shamrock Drive, Ste. 105. For more information, call East Sector at 485-3055.
- **UNOE Board Meeting**—Wednesday, January 17th, at 4 p.m. at the UNOE office.
- **West Sector Citizens Meeting**—Thursday, January 18th at 6 p.m. located at Deaconess Hospital, Health & Science Center, Johnson Hall, Room 104A. For more information, call West Sector at 435-6135.
- **Adopt-A-Spot Workshop**—Saturday, January 20th, 9:30—12:30 p.m. in the Browning Rooms at Central Library downtown.
- **UNOE General Membership Meeting**—Thursday, January 25th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Red Cross Center on Stockwell Road.
- **UNOE Parks/Trees/Beautification Committee Meeting**—Thursday, February 1st at 4 p.m. held at the UNOE office.

Great American Clean Up Dates



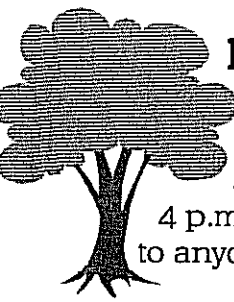
The Great American Clean Up dates will be April 21st, May 19th, and June 16th 2007. Please mark your calendars!! More information will be available soon!

Are you interested in reducing Combined Sewer Overflows?

The Evansville Water and Sewer Utility will hold a public meeting with the City of Evansville's Citizen Advisory Committee for the revisions to the Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2007 from 5:30—7:00 p.m. at the Evansville Central Library, Browning Event Room B. Please attend!!

UNOE Parks, Trees, & Beautification Meeting

The next UNOE Parks, Trees, and Beautification Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1st, 4 p.m. at the UNOE office. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested. Please call the office for details!

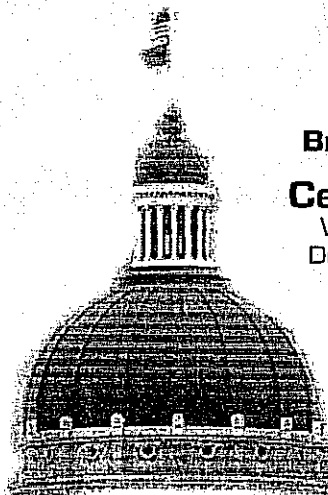


6 opportunities to influence your government

• December 16 • January 13 • February 3 •
• February 24 • March 17 • April 7 •

9:30 AM
doors open at 8:00 AM
Browning Rooms

Central Library
Walnut & ML King
Downtown Evansville



Meet *your*
Legislators

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

This is your opportunity to let the Legislators hear your interests and concerns. UNOE is a significant partner in this series.

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Presenting Your Organization to the Media—News Releases

Writing news releases is the most widely accepted method of informing the press and the public that you have news to offer for coverage. A news release is a convenient way to initiate free media coverage about activities and accomplishments in your neighborhood, by residents and their families, by the whole area, by your neighborhood association.

Guidelines for New Releases:

- Always include a contact name and phone number.
- Include who, what, when, where, why, and how. These questions should be answered by the end of the second paragraph.
- Write the release in the present or future tense.
- Give enough details and backup information to show there is enough to work with.
- Keep it short. One page is best.
- Don't worry about being cute or creative. Let the facts speak for themselves.
- Proofread.
- Send a photo if you can with a proper caption.
- Meet their deadlines. Two weeks in advance is standard announcement timing.

For more information on Neighborhood Association's, check out the Getting Started Portion of the UNOE website!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 25th, 2007

Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Red Cross Building

29 S. Stockwell Road

Program: Dan McGinn from Mesker Park Zoo will speak on the exciting new Amazonian Rain Forest!