

Neighbor to Neighbor

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AARP Indiana - HomeFit

When most people hear AARP, they immediately think of insurance and discounts for old people, but AARP Indiana is different.

AARP Indiana, is a non-profit, non-partisan, organization that empowers Hoosiers to choose how they live as they age. Through trusted information and advocacy at the federal, state, and local levels, the Evansville team of nearly 30 locally based volunteers strives to make the city an even better place to live for its 23,000 members and all Hoosiers ages 50-plus. Locally, our goal is to make the city more livable for all people, with activities focusing on expanding housing and transportation options, making utilities more affordable, and strengthening resources for caregivers.

The AARP Indiana team works with Tri-State Food Bank and at Simpson UMC Food Pantry, and City and County Councils, successfully advocating for safe, complete streets and affordable housing. Last year, they worked with Habitat for Humanity of Evansville to sponsor and build an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant home for a local family. Several members of their team serve on the Housing Organizations United Serving Evansville (HOUSE) coalition, as well as volunteer with Community One Evansville, supporting their Neighborhood Revitalization, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and Whole House Rehab programs. In addition to these activities, they fight fraud by helping the County conduct its free shred days twice a year. This year, they are partnering with the Evansville African American Museum to offer discounted memberships and share our programs on Caregiving, Social Security, and Get Out the Vote. Lastly, they're sponsoring free rides on Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) to help all voters get to the polls on Election Day.

At the UNOE General Membership Meeting on Thursday, August 22, our guest speaker will be Vicki Small who will discuss the new HomeFit program. AARP surveys consistently find that older adults want to remain in their current homes and communities for as long as possible. Yet barely one percent of the nation's housing supply contains any "universal design" elements—such as single story living or a sink that can be reached from a wheelchair. That's where AARP HomeFit comes in. AARP's HomeFit Guide will introduce ways to make you or your loved one's current or future residence their "lifelong home."

The Mini-Pantry Movement

Give What You Can, Take What You Need

Over 38 million people in the United States struggle with hunger. The Mini-Pantry Movement Is a way to fight back!

The mini pantry movement is a grassroots movement led by neighbors who want to help other neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Neighbors create a designated, easily accessible space for donation of food, hygiene, and paper products. These products can include canned goods, vegetables, fruits, breakfast cereals, granola and protein bars, powdered milk, shampoos & conditioners, toothpaste, diapers and toilet paper, or paper towels.

If you are a neighbor interested in helping you should first, work with friends and family along with your municipal authority and determine a location for a pantry. Second, build, repurpose or upcycle a structure for your pantry, and third, create a social media presence and add your pantry to the map at mapping.littlefreepantry.org.

If you are able to help, please give what you can. Focus on giving items that your own family or household uses. If you are a neighbor in need, take what you need. Any items inside the mini-pantry are available; no questions asked.

For more information visit www.littlefreepantry.org or check out Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages as well.

UNOE Printing Services

United Neighborhoods of Evansville offers printing services to all of our neighborhood members. We can help you create and print a wide variety of items such as newsletters, postcards, flyers, maps, tri-fold brochures, and more.

Creating or helping to create something is the fun part and is always free to neighborhoods. The same goes for black & white copies; the first 2000 black and white copies (on 8.5x11 paper; one sided) are free. After 2000 copies are used black and white copies are .5 cents each. Color copies are always .25 cents each.

Once your materials are printed, the UNOE staff will help with any folding or cutting that is needed, and if desired we will take everything to the post office for shipping to your neighborhoods. Postage will be charged separately depending on the current USPS rate.



Do you want to learn more about the men and women protecting your community?

PRESENTATIONS

- S.W.A.T. Team • Horse Patrol • Street Crimes Unit • Sex Crimes Unit • Narcotics Unit • 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 OTHER TOPICS

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 12-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.

Fall 2024 Session: August 13 - November 19. There will be some weeks without a session due to Holidays and Events

WHERE?

CK Newsome Center, 100 E. Walnut Street, Rm. 118-A, Evansville, IN 47713

WHY?

The goal of the EPD Community 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 more information contact:

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15 NW MLK, Jr. Blvd, Room 129
Evansville, IN 47708
Attn: Tracy Moore
812-436-4948 or email tmoore3@evansvillepolice.com
www.evansvillepolice.com



Official Food Sponsor of EPD Community Academy
www.DonutBank.com



Calendar of events for Coffee with a Cop:
- Tuesday JUNE 18: Penny Lane 600 SE 2nd St. 7am-9am
- Tuesday JULY 16: Donut Bank St. Joe 7am-9am
- Tuesday AUGUST 20: Chick-Fil-A Cross Pointe 7am-9am
- Tuesday SEPTEMBER 17: McDonald's North Main St. 7am-9am
- Wednesday OCTOBER 2: Mission Grounds 5011 Washington Ave. Inside Washington Square Mall
- Tuesday NOVEMBER 19: Donut Bank St. Joe 7am-9am
- Tuesday DECEMBER 17: Donut Bank Lincoln Ave. 7am-9am



Vanderburgh County
Solid Waste Management District
<https://evansville.in.gov/recycle>
812-436-7800  @vandcorecycles

2024 FALL RECYCLING EVENTS

Sat., Sept. 7, 2024
8:00am-12:00pm
Civic Center parking lot
9th & Walnut Streets



TOX AWAY DAY

TIRE RECYCLING DAY



Fri., Sept. 13, 2024
9:00am – 12:00pm
Wesselman Woods
551 N Boeke Rd, Shelter House #1

PAPER SHREDDING DAY

**ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING DAY**

Sat., Sept. 28, 2024
8:00am-12:00pm
Civic Center parking lot
9th & Walnut Streets



BACK TO USUAL LOCATION

Vanderburgh County Households Only/No Businesses
SEE WEBSITE FOR ITEMS ACCEPTED/NOT ACCEPTED.

SCAM ALERT

LAW ENFORCEMENT ⚠️ WARNING ⚠️

Has a "Sheriff's Deputy" called you about an unpaid fine or warrant?

Has a "US Marshal" called you and claimed you missed jury duty?

Has an "IRS Agent" called you about unpaid taxes?

Has a "Police Officer" called you about an unpaid traffic ticket?

Has a "Jail Officer" called you about bonding out a relative from jail?

BEFORE wiring money or purchasing pre-paid cards for money transfers, look for signs of fraud.

- Have you been contacted by someone you don't know or informed of winnings with an upfront fee?
- Received a call claiming to be with a government agency or others threatening action without immediate payment?
- Contacted about a family member or friend who is supposedly in trouble and needs immediate financial help?
- Entered into a new relationship where desperate stories and requests for money have been communicated?

These are all common **RED FLAGS** for scams. Be safe by:

- Calling local Law Enforcement directly to confirm what is being advised by the caller, they will be aware of recent scams.
- Attempting to contact friends or family members directly, verifying their identity by asking questions only they would know.
- If you cannot make contact, check with friends or family members who can verify their whereabouts or current situation.
- DO NOT rely on Caller ID as confirmation of identity. Caller ID can be easily "spoofed".

Once money has been transferred it is nearly impossible to trace!

DON'T BE A VICTIM!



Bill Assistance Program

Enhanced Bill Assistance Program Offers EWSU Customers

Choice: \$1,000 in Small Plumbing Repairs or \$30 Monthly Credit

In case you missed the announcement, Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU) customers who qualify for bill assistance now have two options to save on their water bill: Chose to receive up to \$1,000 in plumbing repairs or updates made by a certified professional through the Leak Repair Program or a \$30 monthly credit on their EWSU bill through the Bill Relief Program. The Leak Repair Program option is designed to reduce water usage and save more money over time.

Starting TODAY, customers may sign up for the new Leak Repair Program and receive up to \$1,000 in small repairs to their home water system, including a water-efficient toilet or plumbing fixtures. Or, they can choose the Bill Relief Credit, which will triple, from \$10 a month to \$30 a month. That means City residential water customers who have active water service and are income-eligible to receive the credit will save up to \$360 a year on their water bill.

Customers already receiving the Bill Relief credit have until the end of August to switch to the Leak Repair Program. To learn more, *visit [ewsu.com/Customersupport](https://www.ewsu.com/Customersupport)*.

Who's Eligible

To participate in the Leak Repair Program, EWSU City residential customers must have active water service and a household income that qualified as low-income based on HUD federal guidelines. To be eligible for the Bill Relief Program, City residential customers with active water service must have a combined annual household income of \$50,000 or less.

How The Program Works

To apply for the Leak Repair Program, visit [ewsu.com/leakrepair](https://www.ewsu.com/leakrepair) to fill out and submit an application form. EWSU will email you to confirm the application was received and will forward the application to Memorial Community Development Corporation (MCDC) to review your financial status and coordinate a home visit assessment with a plumbing contractor through MCDC's emergency repair program. If needed repairs exceed the money allotted, MCDC will refer customers to other agency repair programs in the community. Customers must meet the requirements of each agency.

To apply for the Bill Relief Program, visit [ewsu.com/billrelief](https://www.ewsu.com/billrelief) to fill out and submit an application form. EWSU will email you to confirm the application was received and whether your request was approved or denied.

Funding for The Program

In 2022, the City of Evansville allotted \$4 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan, received during the Covid-19 pandemic to provide direct relief to income-qualified EWSU customers to lighten the cost of their utility bill. The Leak Repair and Bill Relief programs leverage this funding and will be offered through the end of 2026 or until funding is depleted.

Approximately 3,000 applications have been received since the Bill Relief Program launched in 2022; however, EWSU estimates more than 20,000 households could qualify for aid.

Upcoming Events

June thru September - Market on Main - Wednesdays

9am - 1pm - Ford Center Plaza Downtown

June 15th - August 24th - Franklin Street Bazaar

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

August 6th - **National Night Out** - C.K. Newsome Community Center

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

August 8th - Music in the Park - Wesselman Park Pickleball Courts -

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - *"Better than Nothing"*

August 9th - Downtown Evansville Night Market - Sixth Street (Sycamore to Locust)

5:00 PM

August 19th - EVPL Movie in the Park - - Vann Park

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Food Trucks, face painting, games, & family friendly movie

August 22nd - Music in the Park - Vann Park

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - *"Keith Farney Jazz Collective"*

September 21st - Dog Day Downtown - 11:00 AM on Main Street

UNOE's Guest Speakers

For the upcoming Membership Meetings held at the C.K. Newsome Community Center our guest speakers will be....

August 22nd - Vicki Small, AARP Indiana - HomeFit

September 26th - UNOE's Annual Candidates Forum

6:00pm-8:00pm

October 24th - UNOE's Annual Sparkplug Banquet

Bally's Hotel & Casino Executive Conference Center

(No meetings scheduled in November or December)

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Return Service Requested

2024 Membership Applications are now due.

For updated Meeting times and locations please contact your Neighborhood Association President.
If you need their contact information call the UNOE office and speak with Joe or Casey.

Office Hours - Monday thru Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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