

Neighbor to Neighbor

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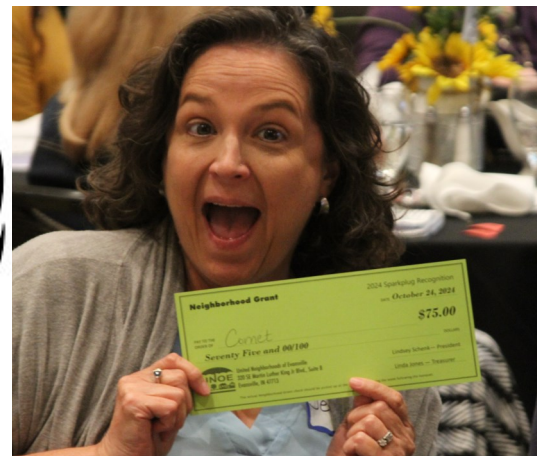
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together to preserve,  
enhance, and promote  
the city of Evansville.*

## SPARKPLUG 2024





# WINNERS CIRCLE



**Brandon Rauth**  
**Akin Park NA**



**Cheryl Herrmann**  
**COMETS NA**



**Mia Brown**  
**Glenwood NA**



**Danny Markham**  
**Goosetown NA**



**Kelly Fehrenbacher**  
**Jacobsville NA**



**Jenni Hamilton**  
**Lamasco NA**



**Eric O'Brian**  
**Mt. Auburn NA**



**Eric Wagemann**  
**Plaza Park NA**



**Jennifer Michael**  
**Presidents NA**



# WINNERS CIRCLE



**Marilyn Hall**  
**South Dexter NA**



**Vivian Taylor**  
**South Lincoln Park NA**



**Mary DeLong**  
**STAR NA**



**Lutheran Church Of Our Redeemer**  
**University South NA**



**Amanda Benson**  
**Vann Park NA**



**Jessie Ricketts**  
**Westside Improvement NA**



**Southern Business Machines**  
**Vernon & Jennifer Stevens**  
**Wesselman Park NA**

Congratulations!

# Who Is A Neighborhood Sparkplug?

A Sparkplug is someone who has gone above and beyond to help their neighbors and neighborhood.

Each neighborhood association may nominate one individual, group, organization or business that resides or operates within the neighborhood boundaries to receive a neighborhood Sparkplug Award at the banquet.

Past winners have included neighbors who have done both common and extraordinary things to benefit others. Some have organized neighborhood wide events to welcome the public. Others have faithfully attended and served at regular meetings. Many were supportive of community wide events that benefit city and county residents. A rare few are greatly appreciated for their culinary skills when it comes to providing food at meetings. Some rally and step up to the plate when issues arise in their neighborhood, and a special few pick up litter and beautify their area.

Anyone who ignites enthusiasm, involvement and inspiration around the community can rise up to become a Sparkplug for their neighborhood.

## Elections

On January 23rd at the General Membership Meeting the General Membership Representatives from neighborhood associations that are members of UNOE will elect the Officers and Board Members At-Large (in accordance with the by-laws). The UNOE Nominations Committee has presented a slate of nominees for President, Vice President, Board Member at large & Senior Liaisons.

President: Jennifer Thomas

Vice President: Lindsey Schenk

Treasurer: Linda Jones

Secretary: Judy Kurth.

Regional VP: East Sector: Susan Harp, South Sector: Leonard Collins  
West Sector: Larry Samples

Senior Liaisons: Bud Goodsen, Lucy Williams

At Large: Pam Grewe, Linda Deig, Stan Wheeler, Bob Thomas & Leonard Collins

# Heating Advice

Be bold against the cold. Stay warm against the storm.

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 phone 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**, at least 20 feet from the house, and direct the engine exhaust away from windows and doors. **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!

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## **THEY CAN HELP**

**Evansville Urban Enterprise Association** offers free 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 or install up to four 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 helps with heating bills. CAPE has income limits. Phone (812) 425-4241.

**Memorial Community Development Corp.** offers general and urgent home repairs. Homes must be owner-occupied, and there are income limits. Phone (812) 424-8627

**Community One** assists homeowners with major home repairs, including furnace repair or replacement, roof repair or replacement and accessibility ramp construction. A homeowner must be the deeded owner and live in the home and help pay for the project as able. Phone (812) 213-4202

**Affordable Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee** may provide a forgivable loan up to \$25,000 to a qualified homeowner 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. (812) 436-7823.

**CenterPoint Energy** offers no-charge home energy assessments and has details on energy-saving products and rebates Phone (866) 240-8476.

**Handy Chore** may change furnace filters, install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, provide fire extinguishers, make some windows and doors weathertight and repair storm doors and outer doors. Handy Chore serves homeowners who are disabled or at least age 60.

Phone SWIRCA & More at (812) 464-7817.

**Faith-based organizations, social agencies and township trustees** may help with heating bills and other needs. Call 211 for resources.



# **EWSU's Annual Fall Leaf Collection Program Starts October 28, Ends December 13**

Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU) will offer the annual fall leaf collection service to City residential customers starting Monday, October 28, through Friday, December 13. During this period, eligible residential customers who pay for trash and recycling with their monthly water and sewer bill can place properly bagged leaves next to the curb for pickup by Republic Services on their regular trash collection day.

## **How it works**

- Leaves must be contained in biodegradable plastic or paper leaf bags or in containers.
- Bags must be in manageable, organized piles and placed curbside near the trash cart.

Bags and containers should be at the pickup location before 6 a.m. on the normal day of trash collection, not days in advance of the trash collection.

Leaves not in biodegradable bags or that do not meet these requirements will not be collected. Customers will be notified and asked to re-bag the leaves for collection the following week. Customers who have complied with the requirements but their leaves were not collected should call Republic Services at 812-424-3345 within two days after their regular trash collection day.

## **Who is not eligible**

Apartment complexes, mobile home communities, business and commercial customers, and Utility customers who live outside of the Evansville city limits are not eligible.

*(Heavy trash pickups will not be scheduled during the Fall Leaf Collection Program. Heavy trash pickups will resume on Monday, December 16, 2024).*



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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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