

### United Neighborhoods of Evansville wishes you a



# **2025 Membership Packets**

UNOE's 2025 Membership packets have been sent out to all of the neighborhood presidents. Membership applications are <u>mandatory</u> and <u>must be completely filled out</u> with accurate, and detailed information (even if nothing has changed from the year before). We ask that presidents return applications as quickly as possible. Please call the UNOE office (812-428-4243) and speak with Casey or Joe with any questions. The office is open Monday - Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM.

## **Christmas Tree Disposal**

The annual Christmas Tree Disposal Service scheduled to end Friday, January 10, has been extended through Friday, January 17. Christmas tree should be placed on the ground next to the trash carts for pick up on the customer's regularly scheduled collection day. After January 17, Republic Services will continue to accept Christmas trees placed inside the trash cart. The Christmas Tree Removal Service is for EWSU City residential customers who pay for trash and recycling with their monthly water bill.

## **Elections**

On January 23rd, at the General Membership Meeting, the 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, Regional VP, 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

# **2025 General Membership Meetings**

It's a brand new year and we at UNOE would like for you to join us at our

General Membership Meetings in 2025.

General Membership Meetings are held from 6:30-8:00 PM on the 4th Thursday of the month (January thru September) at The C.K. Newsome Community Center,

100 E Walnut Street.

January 23	February 27	March 27
April 24	May 22	June 26

July 24August 28September 25

October 23rd - Sparkplug Banquet November & December - No Meetings

Dates/locations are subject to change. Contact UNOE office to verify.



#### **TREES & LANDSCAPING**

### **RECOVERING FROM AN ICE STORM**

Advice From Larry Caplan

The ice storm that passed through the Evansville area was not as bad as feared, but it was bad enough. Hear are some suggestions for cleanup and recovery:

Do not touch any tree parts that are tangled up in any type of utility line. Obviously, a branch in an electric line can electrocute you. Even if your power is currently out, you never know if the power company crews down the road isn't in the process of hooking it back up just as you start working. Even phone and cable lines can carry a charge, especially if a power line down the road is touching it. Play it safe and contact the electric company!

Tree crews are going to be way behind pruning and clearing properties. Please be patient with our local tree companies! If you have trees or tree parts laying on your roof or blocking your drive, call them and let them know the details. Many of the tree companies are performing triage right now, and will shuffle customers based on priority. So, people with a damaged roof (which cannot be repaired while the tree is on it) will probably get that cleared before branches lying in the yard are cleared.

Hire ONLY tree companies that are on the Evansville Urban Forestry licensed tree trimmers list: <u>https://www.evansvillegov.org/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item;id=2020</u>. These companies have proven to have insurance, so if they cause more damage or hurt themselves, you are not stuck with the bills. They have also participated in regular safety training programs, so they are less likely to cause more damage. If you are outside of the greater Evansville area, the licensed tree trimmer list won't have any meaning to you. Check your local yellow pages or Better Business Bureau for tree companies. Before hiring anyone, check for their liability and workman's compensation insurance. They should be able to show you a certificate of insurance. When they do, call the company and make sure it's valid (a common scam is to cancel the policy after they get their paperwork). Again: if they cause more damage in the cleanup, or hurt themselves, YOU will be on hook for paying for repairs. And, with the state of the insurance industry these days, if your homeowner's insurance company finds out you hired an uninsured tradesman to do dangerous work, they may refuse to pay for any damages. It's happened before.

Be careful hiring door-to-door cleanup people. While it may be OK to hire them to cut up downed limbs and haul them off, I would NOT hire them to do any type of pruning. Any reputable tree company is going to be too busy right now (and for the next couple of months) to go door-to-door looking for work. Anyone going door to door almost certainly has no training or expertise in proper pruning, and I will bet that over 99% don't have insurance. If you do hire a door-to-door cleanup crew, do NOT pay them until the agreed-upon job is completed. United Neighborhoods of Evansville 320 SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Suite B Evansville, IN 47713

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**Return Service Requested** 

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

(The office will be closed December 24th, 2024 thru January 2nd, 2025)

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