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Activated Spaces

Last year, the Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation identified four main focuses that will be used to help improve the Parks in our community: Safety, Accessibility, Connectivity and Activation.

The Park Maintenance Team and the Park Police unit are improving the safety of the parks through things like replacing lighting, patrolling the parks, identifying hazardous trees, and replacing equipment and site furnishings that are in disrepair.

Selecting more inclusive and accessible features for spaces and making repairs and improvements to curbs and sidewalks will help increase ADA accessibility in parks throughout the City.

Just last month, a Program Director position was added to help form deeper connections with neighborhoods, businesses and residents. Through these collaborations, we will be better able to expand programming in the parks for all ages and abilities.

Improving the safety, accessibility, and connectivity of these parks is not enough. Research shows that when neighborhood organizations coordinate or encourage activities and events to occur within parks, these spaces become "activated." Spaces that are hubs of activity remain in better condition and are better able to meet the recreational needs of Residents. Conversely, spaces that are ignored appear undervalued and ultimately become hubs for undesirable activity. We also know that the lack of care for public spaces has created barriers to building community in lower income neighborhoods.

So how do we activate these spaces and turn them into hubs for community gathering, and improve quality of life within neighborhoods? Teamwork. Participating in Parks Squad Cleanups, reporting inappropriate activity to Parks police, communicating hopes, and desires for your nearest park spaces to the Department, and collaborating on hosting of events in those spaces can bring them back to life. Join us in helping to create safe, accessible, connected, and activated parks.

Provided by Danielle Crook, Executive Director, Department of Parks and Recreation.

Volunteers Needed



<u>Saturday, March 15, 2025 – 9am to 12pm</u> (Rain Date: March 22, 2025)

North Woods at Igleheart Park

Please join the Vanderburgh County Cooperative Invasive Species

Management Area (CISMA) and fellow community volunteers to continue
removing harmful, invasive species from the park.

No experience necessary!

Volunteer shifts range from 1 to 3 hours to fit your schedule

Learn about invasive species and best management practices

Location: Igleheart Park, 6101 N First Ave, Evansville, IN 47710

(meet in the parking lot of former Lloyd Pool)

Dress for the weather, sturdy shoes/boots and work gloves recommended

Bring loppers if you have them (some tools will be available for use)

Snacks and refreshments provided for all volunteers

Event is coordinated by the Vanderburgh County Cooperative Invasive Species Management area (CISMA) in partnership with the Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Department of Parks & Recreation

Please help preserve the park's native trees and plants.

RSVP to Vanderburgh.CISMA@gmail.com

General Membership Meeting

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.

The Next General Membership Meeting will be on March 27, 2025

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



Tuesday JANUARY 21

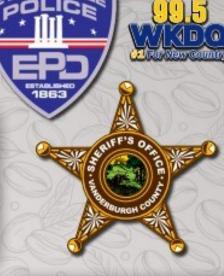


Chick-Fil-A Cross Pointe 7101 E Indiana St. 7am-9am

FEBRUARY 18



Mission Grounds
5011 Washington Ave.
inside Washington Square Mall
7am-9am



Tuesday MARCH 18



Donut Bank St. Joe 210 N St Joseph Ave. 7am-9am

Tuesday APRIL 15



REVIVAL 5025 Constellation Ave. inside The Hills Church 7am-9am

Tuesday MAY 20



Mission Grounds
5011 Washington Ave.
inside Washington Square Mall
7am-9am

Tuesday JUNE 17



Penny Lane 600 SE 2nd St. 7am-9am

Tuesday JULY 15



Chick-Fil-A Cross Pointe 7101 E Indiana St. 7am-9am

AUGUST 19



Donut Bank
st. Joe
210 N St Joseph Ave.
7am-9am

SEPTEMBER 16



The Daily Grind 1 SE 9th St #102 7am-9am

Wednesday OCTOBER



Mission Grounds
5011 Washington Ave.
inside Washington
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NOVEMBER 18



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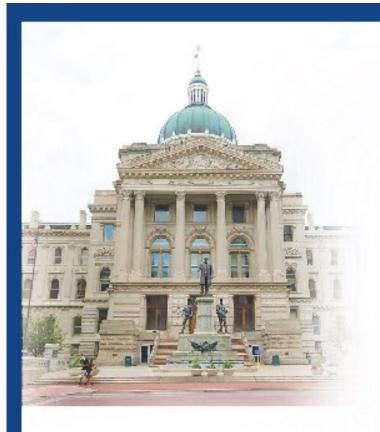
Tuesday DECEMBER 16



Donut Bank Lincoln 1200 Lincoln Ave. 7am-9am







Meet <u>your</u> Legislators

exercise your rights as a citizen of Indiana

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 9:15 AM CT

doors open 9:00 AM

Browning Room

Central Library

Walnut & ML King Downtown Evansville

Meet Your Legislator Dates March 8 April 12



Senator Vaneta Becker Republican District 50 S50@iga.in.gov



Representative Cindy Ledbetter Republican District 75 H75@iga.in.gov



Representative Tim O'Brien Republican District 78 H78@iga.in.gov



Representative Alex Burton Democrat District 77 H77@iga.in.gov



Representative Wendy McNamara Republican District 76 H76@iga.in.gov



Senator Jim Tomes Republican District 49 S49@iga.in.gov



Representative Matt Hostettler Republican District 64 H64@iga.in.gov

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Electronics Recycling Day

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

April 12, 2025 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

New Drop-Off Location At C&I Electronics

424 E. Inglefield Rd, Evansville, IN 47725 (NW corner of Inglefield Rd. & Hwy. 41)

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Computers Monitors Laptops
Printers Hard Drives Modems
Fax/scanners TVs/DVRs/DVDs IPods/MP3s
Cell Phones Digital Cameras Cables/Cords

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Copy Machines Microwaves Appliances

** Vanderburgh County Households Only NO BUSINESSES PLEASE **

C&I ELECTRONICS 812-423-9166 SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 812-436-7800

www.evansville.in.gov/recycle

TOX AWAY DAY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

MARCH 29, 2025 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

New Drop-Off Location At

the former Roberts Stadium Parking Lot

(Enter on E. Franklin Steet directly behind Swonder Ice Arena)

MATERIALS TO BRING

Motor Oil & Filters Oil Based Paints

Auto Batteries & Fluids Solvents & Thinners

Gasoline Antifreeze

Rechargeable Batteries Pesticides & Herbicides

Thermometers/Mercury Aerosol Cans

Household Cleaners Glues & Adhesives

Smoke Detectors Pool Chemicals

Fluorescent Tube Bulbs Fire Extinguishers

MATERIALS NOT TO BRING

Commercial Waste Infectious Waste Radioactive Waste

Explosives/Ammunition Tires

Appliances/Electronics Latex Paint*

*(latex paint can be disposed of in the regular trash once it is in a solid form.

Add kitty litter to speed drying process)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS ONLY FOR INFORMATION: 812-436-7800 or www.evansville.in.gov/recycle

HOUSEHOLDS ONLY

NO BUSINESSES PLEASE

Upcoming Events

March 1st - 2025 Mardi Gras Gumbo Cookoff

West Franklin Street (times to be announced).

March 4th - Fat Tuesday Fest with the Reitz Band - 6:00 pm

Reitz Cafeteria (\$15.00 Adults Meal & \$7..00 Kids Meal)

Desert & Silent Auction included.

March 8th - Meet your legislators - 9:00 am - 11:00am

Evansville Central Library

March 18th - Coffee with a Cop - 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Donut Bank on St Joseph Ave.

Arbor Day Poster Contest

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry seeks your help spreading the word about the 2024-2025 Indiana 5th Grade Arbor Day poster contest.

The contest is open to all 5th graders throughout Indiana, including kids enrolled in home schooling. Submissions are due April 1st. Contest rules and entry forms can be found on the website listed below.

This years theme is: <u>Healthy Trees</u>, <u>Healthy Me!</u>

The goal of this years contest is to increase awareness about the health benefit of trees. Whether its through the ecosystem services they provide, the environment they help create, or the way we engage with them: research shows that trees are an important part of human health

Visit www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/programs for more information.

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Return Service Requested

For updated Meeting times and locations please contact your Neighborhood Association President.

<u>If you need their contact information call the UNOE office and speak with Joe or Casey.</u>

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

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