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From the President

THE SPARKPLUG BANQUET

About three hundred guests enjoyed a wonderful Sparkplug Banquet on October 24th at the Tropicana Walnut Rooms.

All of the neighbors and guests were treated to a wonderful evening of food and friendship. This event is often the only time many neighbors can share stories with other neighbors. Mayor Lloyd Winnecke was the quest speaker and he and his office staff put together small snippets of activities in some of the neighborhoods. Each neighborhood has many differences and so it is fun to talk about ways neighborhoods can improve.



Thanks to Carolyn Stagg and her committee, along with the UNOE staff, for doing such a great job on this banquet. It ran so smoothly and we all have received many compliments.

A list of the Sparkplug winners and the winners of the donated funds and beautiful baskets will be listed in other articles in this newsletter,

Thanks to all and have a very blessed Thanksgiving,
Charleen

UPCOMING UNOE DATES

**Nov.12th - Finance Com. Mtg.
Nov 20th - Board Meeting**

Please remember there will be no UNOE General Meetings in November & December due to the holidays.

Our next General Meeting will be Thursday, January 23rd, 2014



Congratulations to the following Neighborhood Association Winners

The following grants were awarded at the Sparkplug Banquet.

Winners of \$50 Grants: Bellemeade-Bayard Park, Downtown, Eastview, Goosetown, Helfrich, Mt. Auburn, North Country Club, Southeast Side, Western Terrace, Wheeler DRIVE;

Winners of \$100 Grants: Diamond-Stringtown, Gum-Bayard Park-Chandler (GBC), STAR, Tepe Park, Vogel-Spring Park;

The rest of the Neighborhood Associations attending the Banquet will receive free 2014 membership dues.



United Neighborhoods of Evansville

would like to thank

First Bank

Friend Financial Group

Lantz's Coachworks

Peabody Investment Corp.

Team McClintock

Vanderburgh Co

Vectren Foundation

Westside Improvement Association

as sponsors of the

18th Annual Sparkplug Recognition Banquet

We thank them for their support of our community & the neighborhoods within.



UNOE would also like to thank the following Neighborhood Associations for donating baskets for door prizes.



Neighborhood Assoc:

Basket:

Arcadian Acres	Apples
Bellemeade-Bayard Park	We Care
Blackford's Grove	Explore Blackford's Grove
CHAIN	Car Wash Kit
Diamond-Stringtown	Holidays
Helfrich	Pride of Evansville
Hilltop	Best of the West
Iroquois Gardens	Backpack of Books
Lorraine Park	Movie Night
North Country Club	Snack Basket
Oak Hill	Safety in the Neighborhood
South Lincoln Park Drive	Young at Heart
Tepe Park	Household Care
University South	Happy Harvest
Vogel-Spring Park	Family Night
Wheeler	Historic Interest
Westside Improvement	Franklin Street USA
UNOE Staff	River City Goodies

We would like to extend a special thank you to *Jessie Ricketts* for making our video presentation of the neighborhood pictures this year. *Jessie* is a PR/marketing major and event coordinator at USI.

THANK YOU JESSIE FOR A GREAT JOB!

Nominating Committee Report & Nominations

The Nominating Committee is still in the progress of finding nominees for the upcoming election in January 2014. As of November 1st, 2013, the ballot reads:

- President - Carolyn Stagg, Hilltop
- President-Elect - Matt Hanka, WIA
- Secretary -
- Treasurer - Rene McCormick - So. Lincoln Park Dr.
- Regional Vice President:
 - East - Dave Ballew, Culver
 - South - Susan & Steve Harp, Oak Hill
 - West - Bob & Jenny Thomas, Diamond-Stringtown
- Member-At-Large:
 - Leonard Collins, Goosetown
 - Terri Eich, Arcadian Acres
 - David Hodges, Downtown
 - Linda Jones, CHAIN
 - Lucy Williams, Glenwood

LOTS OF PLANNING GOES INTO THE BANQUET

There were months of planning to make the Banquet go so smoothly. The committee starts in March and works up to Banquet time. Several new ideas came out of our monthly meetings. One was theme baskets where the different neighborhood associations acquired various items to make a basket filled with items that went with their theme. You can see some of those listed above.

The ads were sold and sponsorships were solicited. The monies received went back to the neighborhoods in grants and free memberships. (See front page). Every neighborhood association attending was a winner.

If you have never volunteered for this committee, give the Sparkplug Committee a try. It is a great learning experience and a lot of fun. We hope you may have new ideas for next year.

Thank you to all who volunteered. We had a great crew and fun times.

- Carolyn Stagg

AmeriStamp Grant Program Begins

AmeriStamp's annual Signs of Support grants program is kicking off. The program is designed to help local non-profit organizations and other local charities with creating or replacing promotional signage. Debbie Valiant, an AmeriStamp co-owner, said, "This helps these groups promote their identity, mission and events." Signs of Support is open to local secular or faith-based non-profit organizations, local affiliates of registered charities, local nongovernment civic organizations and Vanderburgh and Warrick county public schools. Valiant said since 2010, over 60 local nonprofit organizations have participated in the program.

For more details or to apply, visit www.signsoveramerica.com or visit AmeriStamp's showroom at 1300 N Royal Ave or call 812-477-7763.

Applications will be accepted through Nov. 27, 2013.

UNOE Newspaper Notice

The office staff does its best to accommodate the various requests from the many neighborhood associations UNOE serves.

PLEASE give the office a 24-48 hour notice when you need our services. Sometimes with the volume of work we receive, it is impossible to do it immediately. By giving us a prior notice, we can plan to get your mailing, copies, project, etc. done to your satisfaction. The bulk mail office now closes at 3:00pm each day so this also limits our time.

As always, we are glad to do whatever we can to help the neighborhoods. If you need assistance or help with a project, please call the office and we will do our best to assist you.

The Four Freedoms Veterans Parade is proud to announce Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 6 as the co-Grand Marshals for this year's parade. The parade is scheduled for November 9 at 2:30 pm on Riverside Drive in Evansville.



November Road Closings:



- 11/2- The Hill Classic 5K 8:00 A.M. -10:00 A.M -Several streets around Reitz High School will be blocked off. The participants will cross Barker Ave two times.
- 11/2- Crop Hunger Walk- 9:00 A.M -Noon-5th and 7th Avenues will be closed between Fountain and Cedar. Traffic will move after walkers pass.
- 11/3- Autumn Walk-12:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.- Participants will walk on the sidewalks around Harrison High School. No actual street closings for this event.
- 11/3-Hadi Ceremonial Parade-2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.- Parade route: Walnut and Riverside to 2nd, 2nd to Main, Main to 4th, 4th to Walnut and back to Riverside
- 11/7- Fantasy of Lights-8:00 A.M. Garvin Park will host the Fantasy of Lights until January 2014.
- 11/9-Evansville Museum 5K-8:00 A.M -11:00 A.M.- Race takes place on the Greenway with Ohio closed periodically at the crosswalk.
- 11/9- Veterans Parade- 12:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.-Riverside between Tropicana and Cherry Street will be closed.
- 11/23- Drumstick Dash 8K- 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.-Race route: Sycamore and Olive to Court, Court to Riverside. Riverside to Waterworks, Waterworks back to 2nd St. on Riverside. 2nd back to Court and Court back to Sycamore and Olive.
- 11/24- Evansville Christmas Parade- 3:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.- Route: Main St from the Civic Center parking lot to Garvin Park
- 11/28-Goodwill Turkey Day 5K-7:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.- Race Route: 5th and Court to Riverside. Riverside to 2nd back down Riverside to Waterworks. Riverside and Waterworks back to Court and then back to 5th.
- 11/30- Dog Jog- 9:00 A.M.-11: 00 A.M. – Will occur on the Greenway. There will be no road closings.
- 12/14- Jingle Bell Run-8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. – Route: Main at Riverside to Locust, Locust to 4th, 4th back to Riverside. Riverside between 2nd and Waterworks.

2013 SPARKPLUG AWARD WINNERS



A SPARKPLUG is a person or persons who keeps a neighborhood going, one who gives over and above what the ordinary person would, one who has done something “special” for the neighborhood.



Arcadian Acres
Winner: Nancy Linge

Nancy has worked tirelessly for the beautification of our neighborhood for over 30 years. She has served on the Board of Directors for most of those years.



Bellemeade-Bayard Park
Winner: Catharyne Moye

Catharyne is our longest active member of our association (33 yrs.) She is a phenomenal lady, always active and a great neighborhood watch person.



Blackford’s Grove
Winner: Kerry Postlewaite

Kerry is a ‘stand up’ guy who has quietly and faithfully worked for many years to revitalize Blackford’s Grove. He has renovated 2 historic houses and is a model landlord. He is the person everyone wants as a neighbor.



Business 41 Improvement
Winner: Auto Wheel & Rim Service

Auto Wheel & Rim Service is a family-owned business located at Fares & Morgan Avenue for over 50 years. Tom and Jerry Miller are loyal members of our association and help out with various projects.



Culver
Winner: Judy Kurth

Judy is a long time resident and an active member in Culver Neighborhood Association. She recently became Culver’s secretary. She is a hard worker, working long hours and still maintains a beautiful yard.



Diamond-Stringtown
Winner: CPO Sarah Brown

CPO Sarah Brown is always willing to investigate the issues and concerns of our neighborhood. She is always prepared for all of our meetings and is a dedicated CPO.

Downtown
Winner: The Kempf Family

The Downtown Neighborhood Assoc. is honored to recognize the Kempf family for their renovation of the park at Fourth and Main Streets. The transformation and beautification of the park has made it more inviting and enjoyable for downtown residents and visitors.



Eastview
Winner: Lori Cole

Lori is a great asset to the Eastview Neighborhood Association. When a group of neighbors wanted to become more active at National Night Out in 2013, she personally took charge and contacted vendors for donations.



Glenwood
Winner: Jean Brown

Jean has lived in Glenwood neighborhood over 40 years. Ms. Brown has been willing to do anything asked of her. Jean is tireless in her commitment to GNA and her love of the neighborhood.



Goosetown
Winner: Timothy & Marcella Boone

They have been devoted members of Goosetown for over 10 years. They are active in trying to keep our community clean and pushing concerns about how we treat our neighbors.



Helfrich
Winner: Carol Dingman

Carol was one of the first members of Helfrich Neighborhood Assoc. She participates in our annual clean-up event, membership drives, and National Night Out.



Hilltop
Winner: Joe Reis (Yogi)

Joe, or Yogi as we know him, spent his summer watering Hilltop’s Adopt-A-Spot by himself. He is the quiet guy behind the scenes and always ready to help when called on. Congrats, Yogi!



**Lorraine Park
Winner: Paul Hawa**

Paul is a very devout, insightful and talented member, always willing to support and help with our neighborhood projects. Thank you for sharing your talents with Lorraine Park.



**Tepe Park
Winner: Daphne Robinson**

Daphne has been a member of Tepe Park Assoc. for over 15 years. We can't say enough about her contribution to our neighborhood. We are privileged to count her as a member. Congrats!



**Oak Hill
Winner: Mayor Lloyd Winnecke**

As 'deconstruction' and construction began on Oak Hill Road, our Sparkplug made sure the road was kept open and that everything on site was being done correctly. Thank you!



**University South
Winner: Shannon Stigleman**

Shannon has been posting signs to inform the neighborhood of meeting dates and other events. She keeps a watchful eye on any suspicious activity and reports it. She is always ready to lend a helping hand.



**Presidents
Winner: Ron Reisinger**

Ron is an icon in our neighborhood. Ron is a "doer". Ron has been instrumental in our efforts to improve our neighborhood over the years. He is no stranger to hard work.



**Vogel-Spring Park
Winner: Debra Harrington**

She has been the Block Captain for several streets for many years. Her most valuable attribute is that she will canvas the entire neighborhood whenever we need information. Thank you!



**Southeast Side
Winner: Terry Bolin**

Terry has been involved in the neighborhood association from its start. He has been involved in fundraisers, patrol and cleanups. He is also serving as our secretary/treasurer.



**Western Terrace
Winner: Sam Wentzel**

Sam has given many years of service. He plans or helps with many social events. He parks his truck every month to collect cans to support these events.



**South Lincoln Park
Drive Area
Winners:
Sid & Janet Peterson**

As founding members of the South Lincoln Park Area

Neighborhood, Sid and Janet have always been concerned and visible in our organization. For all their efforts, we honor them.

**Westside Improvement
Winner: Brenda Jeffers**

Our Sparkplug arranges our speakers and often the meeting locations, brings or arranges the food, sends flyers, and keeps things moving. She has been our Sr. Vice President for 6 years.



**Wheeler DRIVE
Winner: Pam Martin**

Pam started an informative newsletter for us. Several resident suggestions were carried through with business contacts, photographers and publicity that helped our fundraiser.



**STAR
Winner: John Bassemier**

John attends meetings and has held the secretary position in the association. He helps with cleanups and volunteers for Streets Alive and the Children's Christmas Party. He is our Sparkplug for 2013.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THE
2013 SPARKPLUG WINNERS!**

DEAR COMMUNITY LEADER: Please share the following information at meetings of the groups you're involved with, in your publications and on your websites. The text below can be copied in newsletters, handouts, etc. You may save someone's life and prevent some serious injuries and illnesses. Thank you!

2013-14 HEATING ADVICE TO STAY SAFE AND SNUG AND SAVE MONEY

Don't like the thrill of the chill? Make warm the norm this winter.

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, Vectren Corp. 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 could 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 call 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 fatigue and confusion. **That's if you're lucky: You may go to sleep and never wake up.**

Always use portable generators **outdoors**, far away from the home and any openings. Candle fires also have killed families. Be careful using candles during power outages and other times! And make a family fire escape plan.

Help alert your family with carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors, available at all hardware stores, home centers and department stores. Regularly test detectors and change the batteries.

THEY CAN HELP

Evansville Urban Enterprise Association offers **free** carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors, 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 426-2490.

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 will repair or replace faulty heating equipment and make other energy-efficient improvements. CAPE also can help with heating bills. CAPE has income limits. Phone 492-3925.

Memorial Community Development Corp. offers an emergency home repair program. A maximum grant of \$5,000 will cover repairs urgently needed to protect the occupants. The home must be occupied by the owner, and there are income limits. Phone 402-5530.

Energizing Indiana and **Vectren Corp.** have details on **free** home energy assessments and energy-saving products, income-qualified weatherization and **rebates** for purchases of qualifying furnaces, water heaters and other equipment. Phone 1-888-446-7750 or visit EnergizingIndiana.com or VectrenLiveSmart.com.

Handy Chore Program (like the old Handyman Program) will change furnace filters, install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, provide fire extinguishers, make some windows and doors weathertight, repair storm doors and outer doors and pump out flooded basements. Handy Chore serves homeowners who are disabled or who are at least age 60. Phone SWIRCA & More at 464-7817.

Also, **faith-based organizations, social agencies** and **township trustees** may be able to help make your heating system safer and help with heating bills.

- **Shred Day** - Saturday, November 8th, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Wesselman's Nature Center.
- **UNOE Finance Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, November 12th, 9:30am in the UNOE office.
- **South Sector Meeting** - Thursday, November 14th, 6:00pm, 315 Taylor Avenue.
- **Recycle Day**— Saturday, November 16th, 8am-Noon, Evansville Day School. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **East Sector Meeting** - Tuesday, November 19th, 6:00pm, McGary School, 535 South Joyce.
- **UNOE Board Meeting** -Wednesday, November 20th, 4:00pm, in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Hulman Building.
- **West Sector Meeting** – Thursday, November 21st, 6:00pm, at 401 E. Columbia Street. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Office at 435-6135.
- **Recycle Day**—Saturday, November 23rd, 8am-Noon, 4-H Center. For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 436-7800.
- **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** - Office will be closed Thursday, November 28th.

Patchwork Central's
**Holiday
Art Sale**

Saturday, November 9
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Unique handmade gifts
by local artists

*Including jewelry, paintings, greeting cards,
ceramics, fiber art, and wood*

– Free Admission –

100 Washington Ave, Evansville * 424-2735

70% of all sales will be given to support Patchwork Central's programming

Mayor's Traveling City Hall Program



Wednesday, November 20th
5:30 - 7:00pm
Bosse High School
1300 Washington Ave.

U.N.O.E. members - support the EPD
and "Like" them on their
new Facebook page which can
be found at:
**EPD Crime Free
Multi-Housing Program.**

Fitness IN THE PARK

NOVEMBER 16

**Swonder Ice Arena
Fitness Center**
209 North Boeke Rd.

9:00am - 11:00am

**an Energize
Evansville
initiative**

Next Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, November 12th

7:00 - 10:00am

Donut Bank

Washington & Weinbach location

Come and have a cup, talk to a cop!



WeTip

1-800-78-CRIME

Report Crime Anonymously

Neighbor to Neighbor
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20 N.W. 4th Street
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United Neighborhoods of Evansville Mission Statement
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Did U.N.O.E.?

NOVEMBER IS THE TIME TO GIVE THANKS

As we think of our blessings and possibly our hardships during the past year, let us remember to buy a little extra food, or gather some items from our cabinets. Food containers are located in many groceries and the food will be donated to the local food banks.

A can or two can make a big difference. Hungry children cannot learn and hungry adults are not productive workers when they are hungry.

-Charleen Williamson



**There will be
NO GENERAL MEETING
In November**
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

