

# MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER

for Washington and Lawrence Townships from Mo McReynolds

## DID YOU KNOW?

... If you are on vacation, you can ask for extra patrols from IMPD.

[Request Extra Patrols](#)

... There are ways to beat the heat at local pools and spray grounds [Find A Pool or Spray Ground](#)

... Summer meals are available for all children 18 years or younger (available Mon-Fri)

[Request Extra Patrols](#)

... Meals On The Go app can help navigate locations, dates/times and menus [Meals On The Go](#)

... Indy Parks FREE Summer Concert and Movie Series. [Full Schedule](#)

... FREE programming on Lugar Plaza at City County Building [Full Release and Schedule](#)



## It's nice to meet you -

Hi, I am Mo McReynolds, your Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate! I work in the northeast corner of Marion County (Washington Township and Lawrence Township/City of Lawrence).



## In Case You Missed It on [Nextdoor](#)...

### CITY URGES RESIDENTS TO PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL FLASH FLOODING

When potentially severe thunderstorms approach the Indianapolis area, the City urges residents to brush up on their storm safety tips as public safety and public service agencies prepare to address resident needs. IMPD's Homeland Security Bureau has been briefed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and has activated the Emergency Operations Center to Level 4 ahead of the potential for heavy rainfall and flash flooding. IMPD will continue to closely monitor conditions as the storms approach and impact Indianapolis.

The Office of Public Health and Safety reminds residents of the following safety and tips and resources:

- Turn around, don't drown! Roadways with just six inches of fast-moving water can be dangerous.
- When thunder roars, go indoors. A sturdy building is the safest place to be during a thunderstorm.
- Pay attention to weather reports, warnings of thunderstorms, and alerts that conditions could lead to a tornado. Be ready to change plans, if necessary.
- If boating or swimming, get to land and find a sturdy, grounded shelter or vehicle immediately.
- Stay away from downed power lines and trees and report them immediately. Report fallen power lines to IPL at 317-261-8111 and downed trees by calling the Mayor's Action Center at 317-327-4622 and selecting option 2, or visiting [indy.gov/requestindy](http://indy.gov/requestindy).
- If a tornado warning is issued, find shelter immediately. Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls. If driving, do not stop under an overpass or bridge. A low, flat location is safer.
- Anyone in need of non-emergency assistance or shelter can call Connect2Help by dialing 2-1-1. More information on how to stay safe in severe storms can be found at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

## CITY REMINDS OF STORM-DRAIN MAINTENANCE AMID RAINY WEATHER

With more rain forecasted this weekend, the Department of Business and Neighborhood Services (BNS) is reminding citizens it is the responsibility of property owners to keep stormwater drains clear and functioning to assist Indianapolis' infrastructure in handling excessive rainwater.

High and recurring precipitation events have led to an increase in the amount of rainwater in the city's waterways. Due to this fact, the drainage of stormwater and sewage systems operates slower than normal. The City of Indianapolis is encouraging residents to maintain stormwater systems and remove blockages on private property which, accordingly, will help decrease the amount of time it takes for rainwater to drain from properties and roadways.

Proper stormwater drainage and sediment control are essential to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Indianapolis. Property owners are responsible for ensuring stormwater drainage facilities, on or adjacent to private property, are fully functional and do not impede waterflow from natural or artificial infrastructures.

Maintenance responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, mowing grass in swales and roadside ditches, removing brush, debris and other blockages from creeks and ditches along with keeping storm-sewer drains, inlet

grates, driveway culverts and cross pipes in good repair and clear of trash, leaves and grass clippings. Additionally, pet owners should pick up after pets to avoid pet waste from entering waterways.

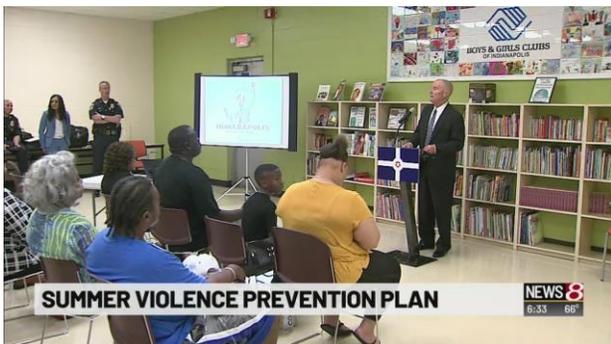
Property owners experiencing drainage and erosion problems on private property can contact the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District (MCSWCD), a non-profit organization specializing in soil, water and natural resource conservation. MCSWCD provides Marion County land users recommendations on approved practices for erosion control on private property, soil surveys, construction plans reviews and investigations of infrastructure drainage facilities. For more information, visit [marionswcd.org](http://marionswcd.org).

Citizens Energy Group (CEG) manages sanitary sewers in the City of Indianapolis – Marion County. Residents needing sewer permitting information and connection, visit the CEG website or call 317-927-4328.

It is illegal to dump grass clippings, yard waste and trash in or along waterways and the public right of way. If you are the victim of or witness illegal dumping, or experience infrastructure issues due to lack of drainage maintenance from neighboring private property, please contact the Mayor's Action Center at 317-327-4622 (4-MAC), report online at RequestIndy or download the mobile app available on iPhone and Android.



## MAYOR JOE HOGSETT, IMPD, OPHS OUTLINE SUMMER VIOLENCE PREVENTION EFFORTS



Mayor Joe Hogsett, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Chief Bryan Roach, and Director of Community Violence Reduction Shonna Majors hosted a Stewardship Report for the community to outline new efforts to prevent violence during the warmer summer months.

Sparking community involvement in youth engagement

IMPD and OPHS' violence reduction team will be working closely with partners in youth engagement throughout the summer, connecting as many young people as possible with

jobs and job training through Project Indy, fun and educational programming at Indy Parks, and positive programs with community partners like the Boys and Girls Club.

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### Peacemakers focused on juveniles

The success of the partnership between IMPD and OPHS' Violence Reduction Team to intervene in the lives of vulnerable residents will be replicated to focus on our young people. Two new specifically-qualified Peacemakers will be dedicated to intervening with juveniles identified as most vulnerable of committing a violent crime, or becoming a victim of one, by IMPD and law enforcement in the Indianapolis Violence Reduction Partnership (IVRP).

### Safe Saturdays for Youth

OPHS' violence reduction team is partnering with grassroots violence prevention advocates to host safe Saturdays for youth throughout the summer. The effort will include funding productive activities for youth such as outings and BBQs, and targeted neighborhood walks between the hours of 9 pm – 12 am in areas like downtown where there has been an increase in late night youth activity.

### Social Harm Spot Policing

In partnership with criminal justice researchers at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI, IMPD is developing a new data model to guide focus areas for patrol officers in their beats. Many of the issues police are charged with addressing, from crime to traffic crashes to substance abuse and mental illness, have been found to be inter-related.

### Enhancing IMPD's Community Engagement Unit

Chief Roach has promoted Brownie Coleman to serve as the Captain over the unit. Captain Coleman was responsible for creating the JTV Hill Center. IMPD has partnered with the Indy Public Safety Foundation (IPSF) to increase investment in the Indy PAL program, which recently expanded from the "Police Athletic League" to the "Police Athletic & Activities League," with additional offerings for local youth outside of athletic opportunities, including the Our Kids (OK) program. [Full Release](#) and [More Information from Indy.gov](#)

## **PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON CASTLETON STRATEGIC REVITALIZATION PLAN**

The Department of Metropolitan Development recently launched a study aimed at the strategic revitalization of the Castleton area. This project represents a critical moment for surrounding neighborhoods and businesses to think forward and help shape the vision, brand, and future investment in the area.

The Castleton area is home to more than 11,000 residents, almost 30,000 employees, and countless visitors, and it is crucial for anyone with a stake in its revitalization to have a voice in the planning process. As an initial effort to gather those voices, the City is launching a survey for each of those groups on Friday, May 10th.

Survey audiences include:

- Resident Survey – you live in or close to the Castleton area
- Employee Survey – you work within the Castleton area
- Employer Survey – you manage a business within Castleton
- Visitor Survey – you do not live in Castleton, but visit from time to time



The surveys can be found at the project website, [MyCastleton.com](#) including subscription information for a newsletter. The preferences and ideas provided through these surveys will inform the recommendations that grow out of the planning process.

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## **GLENDALLETOWNCENTER.COM NOW LIVE**

[GlendaleTownCenter.com](#) is now live. This site refers to the proposed development at Glendale Town Center by Kite Realty and Milhaus (site management). Management has posted the items shared at previous neighborhood meetings and will be in touch about future meetings as plans progress.

## **INDY PARKS TO OFFER FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR CITY'S YOUTH**



In partnership with the Indiana Department of Education, Indy Parks provides free nutritious lunches to kids ages 18 and under. Last year, Indy Parks served nearly 200,000 summer meals to youth in Marion County.

Indy Parks will provide daily delivery of meals to the nearly 100 program sites, which includes park locations and 36 mobile sites. Additionally, Indy Parks will instruct free food service training for participating organizations and groups in Marion County.

These meals are also enjoyed year-round by children in schools, Indy Parks family centers, public libraries, and apartment complexes. In the past 5 years, the program has served more than 2 million meals, amounting to \$6.8 million in free food for Marion County residents.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For more information about the Summer Servings program, call (317) 327-PARK or visit [parks.indy.gov](http://parks.indy.gov). Details are also available at <http://www.doe.in.gov/nutrition/summer-food-service-program>, or by calling 2-1-1.

## **INDIANAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT URGE SAFETY WHEN USING FIREWORKS**

As the 4th of July draws closer, many residents are making plans to use fireworks during the upcoming holiday period. The Indianapolis Fire Department and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department encourage residents to be respectful of their neighbors and use sound judgment as part of their holiday celebrations, with 4th of July celebrations conducted legally, safely and respectfully. Residents should check their community specified hours as to when fireworks are permissible – and know these can differ from state guidelines.

In Marion County – Fireworks use on and around 4th of July are as follows:

- 5p.m. until two hours after sunset June 28 through July 3
- 10 a.m. to midnight on July 4
- 5p.m. until two hours after sunset July 5 through July 9

Fireworks can be purchased only by persons 18 years of age or older. If you aren't lighting on your property, make sure you have permission from the person who lives there.

Safety Tips (obey all local laws):

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Always keep a bucket of water or a working water hose nearby
- Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak in water
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance and shooter should wear safety glasses
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated adult shooter."
- Do not use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives -- they can kill you!
- Read and follow all instructions on the label.
- Be cautious of lighting any fireworks during strong wind conditions
- Never aim, point, or throw fireworks at another person.



## **CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL VOTES TO APPROVE KIOSK PILOT EXPANSION**

City-County Councillors voted unanimously to approve a \$36,000 appropriation allowing for an expansion of the payment kiosk pilot program. A total of four kiosks will accept payments for Marion County Community Corrections, parking and traffic tickets, and will eventually give residents direct access to the majority of pay services available on indy.gov. Ongoing negotiations with utility partners could also add additional payment opportunities to the program.

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While transactional fees apply to credit payments, cash payments require zero additional fees when completed on a kiosk. Residents that may not use a banking institution find it more difficult to make cash payments, as those are typically only accepted on-site. By providing citizens the ability to make direct payments within their community, individuals can now avoid unnecessary trips downtown.

One kiosk will be installed within the City-County Building lobby. The location of the remaining two kiosks is in planning, with preference given to one eastside and one westside location. Any further expansion of the program would require the collection of data on where kiosk service is most needed throughout the city.

The kiosk pilot program began in July 2016, with placement of a single kiosk in the Marion County Community Corrections lobby (140 E. Washington Street). Since placement, it has conducted more than 21,000 transactions, collecting \$1.6 million in cash payments.

## INDY PARKS RELEASES NEW SCOUT PATCH PROGRAM FOR INDY GREENWAYS

It's no secret that Indy Parks is best known for its 211 parks and impressive greenspaces. To encourage youth to explore these beautiful spaces, Indy Parks is proud to announce its new Girl and Boy Scout Patch program. The local patch program was designed to include three parts --- learn Indy Greenways, explore Indy Greenways, and stewardship. These three pillars incorporate development and usage, first-hand experience, and community engagement. The patch program aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Raise awareness of the Indy Greenways system, what it is, and how it is used.
- Provide a basic understanding of Indy Greenways and how to use the trails.
- Instill a responsibility for the ongoing stewardship of the greenways system.
- Instill a general interest in how greenways can be a part of Scouts' everyday lives

Once a Scout has completed all three parts, they earn the Indy Greenways patch and an accompanying "stewardship" patch for the designated greenway where they completed their community service project.



## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

### Enjoy Programming on Downtown's New Backyard: Lugar Plaza

Starting May 1st, look for FREE, almost-daily activities on the plaza.

Beer + Games Bash - Thursday, July 11, 2019 (5 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

[Circle City Athletics](#), [Hoosier Beer Geek](#), and [Big Car Collaborative](#)

join forces for a night of games. Join pick-up games of volleyball, soccer, and badminton. Try bar games [Giant Jenga, Giant Pong (bucket ball), and Puttskee]. Learn how to play the card game euchre (very Hoosier) while sampling very Hoosier beers from [Tomlinson Tap Room](#), food by [The Grub House](#) food truck, treats by [Nicey Treat](#), and pep band music by [Classical Music Indy](#).

Bike or bus are great ways to get to the plaza. [Event will be cancelled in case of rain].

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2351075108464305/>

See what's going on any given day at Lugar Plaza by bookmarking [www.lugarplaza.org](http://www.lugarplaza.org) or by following Lugar Plaza on Instagram. To suggest something for Lugar Plaza events or talents, please contact Lugar Plaza Program & Partnership Manager Anne Laker at [anne.laker@indy.gov](mailto:anne.laker@indy.gov). Lugar Plaza is a project of the Department of Metropolitan Development and the Indianapolis Marion County Building Authority. Programming partners include Big Car Collaborative and the Indianapolis City Market. [Full release](#)



National Night Out 2019

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Send group event registrations to:

IMPD East District: Steve Talley | [Steve.Talley@indy.gov](mailto:Steve.Talley@indy.gov)

IMPD North District: Gerardo Becerra | [Gerardo.Becerra@indy.gov](mailto:Gerardo.Becerra@indy.gov)

IMPD Northwest District: Kimberly Taylor | [Kim.taylor@indy.gov](mailto:Kim.taylor@indy.gov)

Marion County Prosecutor's Office - Second Chance Workshop

Providing community members with free expungement and driver's license restoration assistance

Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Marion County Public Health Department Building (4012 N. Rural St.)



GLEANERS CARE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY (2019 Community Action Relief Effort Mobile Pantry Program)

Open to the public



Please bring your own bags or boxes!

LOCATIONS – June 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 24<sup>th</sup>

\*UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Mondays - 4 to 6 p.m. Mt. Zion Apostolic Church 4900 E. 38th St., 46218

Thursdays - 4 to 6 p.m. Christ Our King Church 2701 N. California St., 46208 \*Closed Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesdays - 4 to 6 p.m. Kroger Parking Lot (Across from IMPD Southwest District HQ) 2630 W. Michigan St., 46222

Saturdays - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. North United Methodist Church 3808 N. Meridian St., 46208

Wednesdays - 4 to 6 p.m. Save-A-Lot Parking Lot 3739 E. Washington St., 46201

Saturdays - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fervent Prayer Church 10512 E. 38th St., 46235

CARE Info: 317.829.1800

\*CARE Mobile distributions are subject to cancellation due to rain and severe weather.

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Inc. 3737 Waldemere Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46241 317-925-0191 | www.gleaners.org



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Health Fair 2019 poster for Shalom Health Care Center. Presented by Anthem. Includes details on health screenings, soccer tournament, and sponsors like mhs, 1019 KLOVE, and others.

Weekly Community Hours for Mo McReynolds

- Monday, 2-3pm at Martin Luther King Community Center (40 West 40th Street)
Tuesday, 10-11am at Indianapolis Public Library-Lawrence Branch (7898 Hague Road)
Tuesday, 2-3pm at Indianapolis Public Library-Nora Branch (8625 Guilford Ave)

\*\*community hours subject to federal holidays calendar and other conflicts