

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER

for Washington and Lawrence Townships from Mo McReynolds

DID YOU KNOW?

... There are lots of summer activities sponsored by City of Indianapolis.

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

... Indy Parks Pack the Parks events including FREE Pool Entry Saturday, June 29 (more details soon)

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

... IMPD North Community Day at Broad Ripple Park - day, June 27, 11a.m. – 2p.m. [Full Release](#)

... Animal Care Services Summer Lovin' Adoption Program [Full Release](#)



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](#)...

WHITE RIVER VISION PLAN TO BE UNVEILED JUNE 3

The White River Vision Plan (<http://mywhiteriver.com/>) will be unveiled during a press conference on June 3, in the Indianapolis Art Center, followed by a week of celebratory events and activities along the White River in Indianapolis and Hamilton County. The final plan is a community-driven effort led by the City of Indianapolis, Visit Indy and Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. along with many other partner organizations to determine enhancements for 58 miles of the White River.

Connect : Tuesday, June 4

Community Cleanups around river locations and Drop-In Art Activities with Indiana Humanities at Oliver's Woods Nature Preserve

Dine : Wednesday, June 5

Dine along the river in collaboration with local restaurants near the White River Participating restaurants in close proximity to the White

River are offering food & drink specials starting at 4 p.m., or pack a picnic and head to Potter's Bridge Park in Noblesville, White River State Park in Indianapolis or one of the many picnic-friendly locations along the river.

Watch : Thursday, June 6

White River Films Screening in collaboration with Indiana Humanities and Holliday Park Summer Concert Series with IndyParks featuring music from the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

Get Active : Friday, June 7

8th annual Canoe to Work Day, Yoga in the Park with Teri Russell, Urban Wilderness Hike, A Rising Tide Riverside Concert and Bridge Lighting, New York Street Bridge Lighting



EAST 82ND STREET REOPENS EARLY FOR TRAFFIC AMID ONGOING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) announced that one travel lane in each direction will open Friday, May 31, for traffic commuting via the ongoing construction project along E 82nd Street. Construction crews are expected to reopen both a west- and an east-bound lane along the corridor between Lantern and Fall Creek roads after the morning's rush hour. Temporary traffic signals at the intersection of E 86th Street with Sargent and Mud Creek roads helped facilitate traffic along the posted detour during the closure. Motorists can continue to use this route to avoid the ongoing lane restrictions along E 82nd Street. The corridor improvement, an investment of approximately \$18 million, includes the addition of a vehicular travel lane in each direction; upgrades to traffic signals; and the addition of sidewalk, ADA-accessible ramps and curbs. DPW anticipates that construction activity will continue on this project through November 2019. [Full Release.](#)

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, ESKENAZI HEALTH AWARDED \$1.3 MILLION GRANT TO EXPAND MCAT PROGRAM

Mobile Crisis Assistance Teams part of Mayor Hogsett's criminal justice reform efforts In last night's State of the City address, Mayor Joe Hogsett announced the award of a nearly \$1.3 million grant to expand the Mobile Crisis Assistance Teams (MCAT) program, increase hours of service to the community, and ensure better continuity of



care for individuals suffering from substance use disorders. The teams, comprised of an Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) officer and an Eskenazi Health Midtown Mental Health clinician, were created to provide a coordinated response to crises with an aim to improve treatment outcomes, assist individuals in making informed choices and returning to a healthy equilibrium, and ultimately break the cycle of incarceration by providing connections to social services and treatment. [Full Release](#)

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. This activity will help inform and prioritize both public and private investments, redevelopment initiatives, and coordinated community efforts.

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. The surveys are topical and designed for the user to self-select based on their role in the Castleton community.

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



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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. Surveys will be open until June 30th. Additional input opportunities are planned, including several public meetings over the summer and fall. [Full release](#)

REGIONAL BIKEWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN SURVEYS FOR INDIANAPOLIS

Metropolitan Planning Organization wants to hear from you about regional bike and pedestrian plans. These plans will set priorities for bike infrastructure investment in Central Indiana. Please share your preferences and concern in the surveys. The surveys will close June 7, 2019. [Full Release](#)



Regional Bikeways Plan Survey: <https://regionalbikeplan.metroquest.com/>

Regional Pedestrian Plan Survey: <https://regionalpedplan.metroquest.com/>

www.Facebook.com/IndyMPO | IndyMPO.org

Regional Bikeways Plan Stakeholder Meeting

BINFORD BOULEVARD OVERNIGHT RESURFACING WORK BEGINS

On May 6, the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) will begin resurfacing E Fall Creek Pkwy from 38th St to Keystone Ave and Binford Blvd from Keystone Ave to 75th St. The resurfacing work will happen weekdays overnight from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. No lane restrictions are expected during the day for the 6-mile road segment. The resurfacing work is part of a \$5.5 million project to improve intersections and add pedestrian crossings. The project is expected to finish in November 2019. Binford Blvd was last resurfaced in 2004. This project is part of the 2019 Infrastructure plan which includes 167 lane miles of resurfacing this year and a larger initiative by Mayor Joe Hogsett focused on improving Indianapolis roadways. The \$400 million infrastructure plan over the next four years to rehabilitate bridges, rebuild roads and increase pedestrian safety was passed unanimously by the City-County Council and outlines planned projects. For more information on this or other DPW construction projects, visit indy.gov/DPW. [Full release](#)

PRELIMINARY WORK BEGINS MAY 7 FOR MONON TRAIL WIDENING PROJECT



The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) announced that drilling will begin along the Monon Trail starting Tuesday, May 7. Geotechnical borings at intervals along the trail are a preliminary requirement of a future construction project to improve and widen the entire length of the Monon Trail in Marion County. This work is in preparation for the construction of DPW project ST-25-099, which will widen and improve the Monon Trail during the 2020 construction season. A fact sheet on DPW project ST-25-099 is here ([LINK](#)).

EAST 38TH STREET BRIDGE CLOSURES FOR DECK REPLACEMENT

On April 16th, the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) closed a bridge on East 38th Street to begin replacement of the bridge deck. The 4-lane bridge spans over railroad tracks on East 38th Street east of North Arlington Avenue. The bridge was originally constructed in 1935 and was last rehabilitated in 1995. The \$4.5 million construction project is expected to reopen November 2019, as weather permits. Local traffic will be able to access residential and business areas until the bridge completely reopens. [Full release and detour information](#)

CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES FLOOD PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR ROCKY RIPPLE

The Indianapolis City-County Council voted tonight to approve the creation of a flood control improvement district including many special flood hazard properties in the Rocky Ripple neighborhood of Indianapolis. The vote to adopt an ordinance approving the creation of the district was 21 to 1. While not a new tax, this newly formed district would direct any positive change in property tax revenue assessed from included properties toward the construction or maintenance of infrastructure to reduce the risk of damage due to flooding. More than 550 parcels of land are included in the approved White River -- Rocky Ripple Flood Control Improvement District. A map of properties included in the flood control is here ([LINK](#)). [Full Release](#)

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UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

MLK Center Unity Walk – Saturday, June 15, 2019, 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

At MLK Center (40 W. 40th St.)

Free Entry – Register by June 8, 2019

Prizes for Best Costumer, Largest Team, Best Team Name

All ages and abilities – Concession Stand, Free Water

WorkOne Open House Job Fair

June 15, 2019, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

4410 N. Shadeland Ave.

-Meet top Indiana employers -Apply for jobs on the spot

-Learn about training opportunities -Families welcome and food provided

Questions? workoneindy.com, contact@workoneindy.com

Keystone Business and Community Association Shred Saturday

Paper, Household Hazardous Materials, Electronics & Yard Equipment Recycling Event

June 15, 2019, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

4701 N. Keystone Parking Lot (Regions Bank Branch attached) Willowbrook off Keystone

An open invitation to our business and residential community to get rid of paper including documents, junk mail, files & files folders- no binders please. Also- old electronics: computers, VCRs, DVDs, players, laptops, printers, flat panel TVs, monitors. We cannot accept the old tube TVs. Plus: yard equipment, including mowers, trimmers, power washers & chain saws. Also- hazardous household items such as old paint, gasoline, pesticides, bleach, auto related fluids, varnishes, cleaning liquids.

For more information: Tom Fodor, President, Keystone Business and Community Association

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USWNT World Cup Watch Party at Broad Ripple Park - June 16, 2019

Beginning at 12 p.m. in the Shelter at Broad Ripple Park

Free event for children, families and Adults

Come out and support the United State Women's National Team as they compete in France.



MLK Center Unity Walk
Take a lap around Tarkington Park.....Anyway you can.

Free Entry - Register by June 8th
Saturday, June 15th Noon to 2:00
40 W 40th Street

Prizes for:
- Best Costume
- Largest Team
- Best Team Name

All Ages & Abilities Welcome!

Concession Stand
Free Water

Strollers · Dog Walkers
Walk · Bike · Skate

MLK CENTER

To register call 317-923-4581 or visit www.MLKCenterIndy.org



USWNT WORLD CUP WATCH PARTY BROAD RIPPLE PARK

JUNE 16, 2019

12:00 PM - SHELTER 1

FREE EVENT FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ADULTS

Come out and support the United States Women's National Team as they compete in France for World Cup glory!

Take a picture of QR code for more information and to register.
Registration is not required, but is encouraged.



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