

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER

for Washington and Lawrence Townships from Mo McReynolds

DID YOU KNOW?

... Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2019. ([LINK](#))

... Early voting is not open in Marion County. Check all open sites (www.indy.gov/activity/early-voting)

... Check your registration status ([LINK](#))

... Find your voting districts ([LINK](#))

... Register for next election if you are not registered. ([LINK](#))



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](#)...

FALL LEAF REMOVAL 2019 : NOV. 11 – DEC. 16

During leaf collection season, you can dispose of 40 bags of leaves each week with your regular trash. This seasons' leaf collection will occur from November 11th, 2019 through December 6th, 2019.

Put the leaves in large plastic trash bags, and put the bags in your trash cart or on the street by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Keep the leaf bags 3 feet away from your cart collection area and out of sidewalks and public rights-of-way. The collected leaves will be composted at South Side Landfill. In the spring, the mulch will be available for use in your garden. South Side Landfill's address is 2561 Kentucky Ave., and the phone number is 317.247.6808.

If you need to dispose of leaves outside of leaf collection season, you can take them to the Citizens' Transfer Station at 2324 S. Belmont Ave. on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$2 per carload and \$5 per truckload.

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BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCES FIRST SET OF CITY-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS FOR 200TH CELEBRATION

Mayor Joe Hogsett and the Indianapolis Bicentennial Commission are seeking partners within the community to help the city celebrate its 200th birthday. The commission has already approved four partner projects and is requesting additional applications from civic, nonprofit, and/or community-based organizations. The selected organizations will create programming that will help ensure the year-long commemoration is inclusive and reflective of the diversity and spirit of Indianapolis. Our city's bicentennial celebration kicks off in June of 2020 and will continue twelve months through the end of May 2021.

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The commission has already officially endorsed four organizations' bicentennial projects: Arts Council of Indianapolis' "Indiana Legends" Bicentennial Mural Series and the restoration of the Hobart Mural; Indiana Historical Society's Indianapolis History Collecting Initiative; WFYI's "The Builders" documentary and multi-media project; and the Polis Center's Digital Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. In addition to the projects already endorsed, the Bicentennial Commission is encouraging further applications for proposed projects and programs that align with the four bicentennial themes: history, civic pride, innovation, and legacy. Requests for endorsement should be made online through the website indyturns200.com. [Full Release](#)

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD CHAMPIONS



Today, the Office of Public Health and Safety (OPHS) and the Centers of Wellness for Urban Women, Inc., announced the opening of applications for the 2019-2020 Neighborhood Food Champion program, designed to support residents in the community who are engaged in addressing food access issues in their neighborhoods. The program comes as part of Mayor Joe Hogsett's efforts to address food access and insecurity in Indianapolis neighborhoods in partnership with the City-County Council.

Participation in this program requires:

- Interest in the food issues of your community.
- Attendance at weekly 2-hour workshops for 10-11 weeks.
- An identified food-related project to work on developing.
- A proposal submission after 10-week program.
- A presentation to other participants in the program and members of the community.
- Must be a resident of Marion County and 16 years of age or older. Applications are being accepted until November 30th, 2019. The Centers of Wellness for Urban Women will select 20 Neighborhood Food Champions from the pool of applicants, with the program to begin in February 2020. The application can be completed online here:

<https://www.cwuwonline.org/sprout>. [Full Release](#)

CITY OFFICIALS SEEKING INPUT ON IDEAS TO REVITALIZE THE CASTLETON AREA

The City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development is nearing the end of a recent study aimed at the strategic revitalization of the Castleton area. The City and project team members are actively seeking input on the leading ideas resulting from the study. Complete the most recent online survey at MyCastleton.com.



OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARDED NEARLY \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR EDUCATION REFORMS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR RE-ENTRANTS IN MARION COUNTY

The Office of Public Health and Safety (OPHS) announced the award of a nearly \$1 million grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance aimed at breaking down employment and literacy barriers faced by individuals transitioning back to the community. The funded three-year effort will provide vocational training, literacy, and educational resources that can lead to meaningful employment opportunities for individuals returning to the community, prevent recidivism, and ultimately improve public safety. The project comes as part of Mayor Joe Hogsett's criminal justice reform efforts, aimed at addressing root

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causes of crime and keeping those who don't belong in jail, out. Identified participants will then be referred to Community Action of Greater Indianapolis (CAGI) for case management services that include developing a re-entry plan, monitoring success, coordinating the administration of Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) assessments, and referring individuals to community-based programs:

- 64 individuals will be referred to CAGI's We CANN program, an evidenced-based approach to decreasing crime and health disparities modeled after AmeriCorps Youth programs that help participants become civic-minded, employed members of the community.
- 64 individuals will be referred to BUILD, which uses the YouthBuild model, an evidence-based approach to training and poverty disruption through mentoring, education, community development, and skills building.
- 22 individuals will be referred to other community-based educational and workforce development providers to be determined through a competitive procurement process as well as client need. [Full release](#)

MAYOR JOE HOGSETT ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR FIRST ROUND OF NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT PROJECTS FOR 2019-2020

Mayor Joe Hogsett announced his support of four projects for the City's New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) program. The projects include the Madam Walker Legacy Center, Wheeler Mission Center for Women and Children, 16 Tech Citizens Shop, and RecycleForce. At the most recent State of the City address, Mayor Hogsett announced that Indianapolis received a \$55 million allocation of NMTC. The NMTC program incentivizes private investors, who receive tax credits in exchange for qualified equity investments in local projects in severely distressed census tracts.

With previous NMTC allocations, the City helped finance construction of Riverside High School in the historic former Heslar Naval Armory, the OrthoIndy Foundation YMCA in Pike Township, the new Phoenix Theatre, and funded the Grow Indianapolis Fund to provide loans to small businesses. The final major project from the most recent round, the rehabilitation of the PR Mallory campus on the near eastside, will include two mayoral-sponsored charter schools along with several local businesses, bringing opportunity back to a site that once employed thousands at the height of an industrial economy. [Full Release](#)



MAYOR HOGSETT, IMPD CHIEF ROACH LAUNCH "B.LINK INDY"

Mayor Joe Hogsett, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Chief Bryan Roach, along with community and technology partners, launched [B.Link](#) – or Business Link – Indy. This effort leverages technology to connect IMPD with security camera systems owned by residents and businesses to improve police response, further investigations, and deter crime. The initiative comes as part of Mayor Hogsett's community-focused public safety



strategy and follows more than \$35 million in public safety technology upgrades. To protect privacy, live streams from businesses are not monitored by IMPD, but accessed in the event of a call for service or report of a public safety threat, such as a disturbance. The Indy Public Safety Foundation (IPSF) will act as a liaison between IMPD and the business community, serving as the main point of contact to connect potential partners with the resources they need to be

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part of the [B.Link](#) solution. Local organizations and businesses interested in participating in [B.Link](#) Pro can express their interest to IPSF at blinkindy.org, with a goal of bringing new partners online in early 2020.

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UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Fall Community Festival at Shadeland Station

Saturday, November 2, 2019, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#)



Election Day 2019 – Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Marion County voters can vote before Election Day in person in the Marion County Clerk's Office or four satellite voting locations. Early voting locations in Marion County, Indiana are:

1. Marion County Clerk's Office, City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street (W122), Indianapolis, IN 46204
2. Krannert Park, 605 South High School Road, Speedway, IN 46241
3. Perry Township Government Center, 4925 Shelby Street (#200), Indianapolis, IN 46227
4. Warren Township Government Center, 501 North Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219
5. Washington Township Government Center, 5302 North Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220



Weekdays times: October 28 – November 1 at 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Weekend times: October 26, 27 and November 2, 3 at 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registered voters in Marion County are able to vote at ANY location in Marion County.

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