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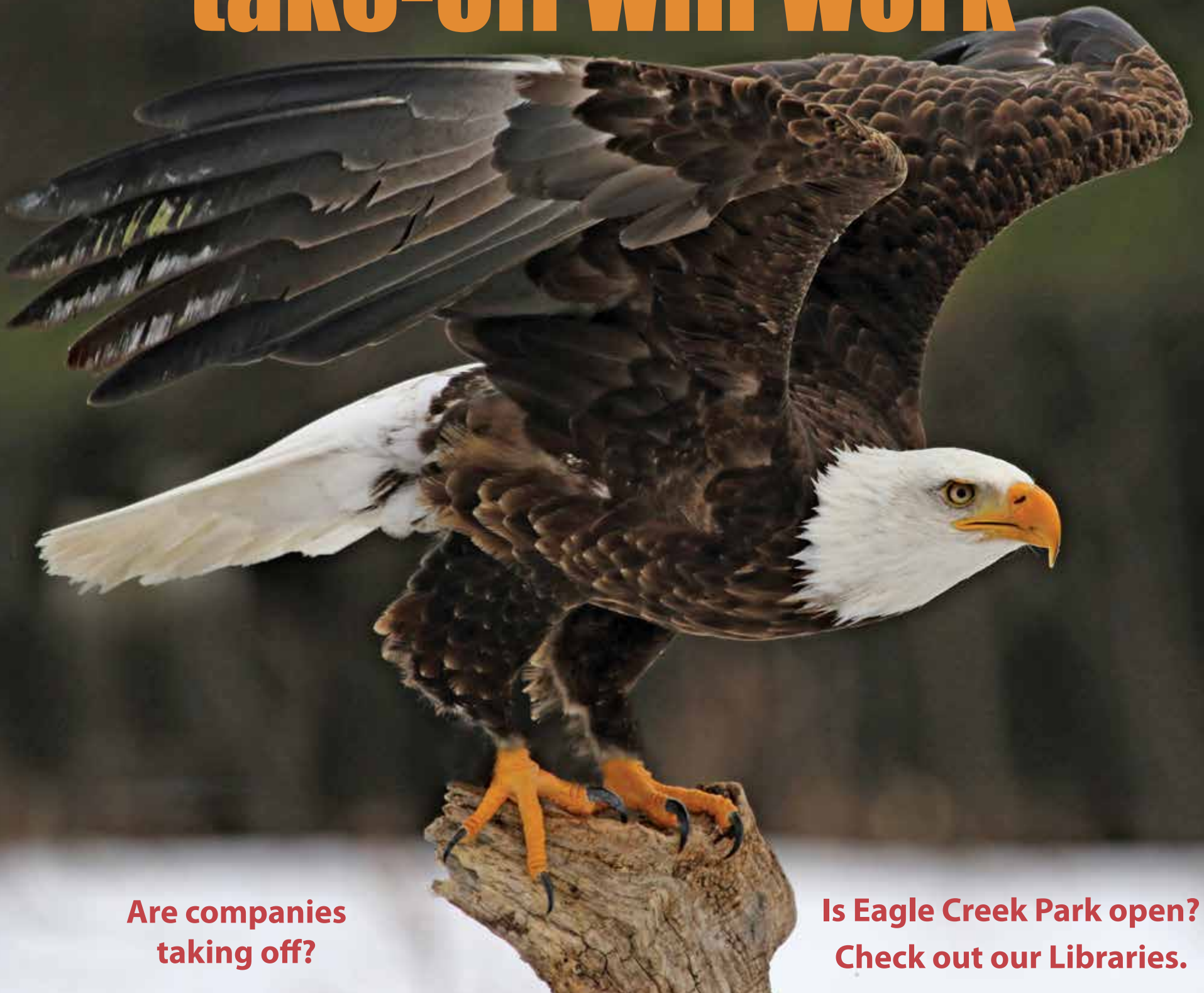
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Pike Pulse Tuesday Taco Tour

by Experienced Taco Experts: Brandon Fishburn,
Nathan Frampton, and David Inman



Nathan Frampton, Brandon Fishburn & David Inman

Note: Masks were worn inside the restaurants we visited.

Brandon: Both the tacos we shared and the Taco Team were authentic. Over the years I've grown to know both Nathan and David, and it was nice for the three of us to convene at Pike establishments that are a part of the great Hispanic culture in our Township.

For most of my life I've been in Pike, and the rich diversity of cultures has made me who I am. Before joining *Pike Pulse*, I ran a Pike sports business, Midwest Sports Complex, which hosted many soccer games. Through working with soccer coaches and teams I became deeply immersed in the Hispanic culture and other cultures.

We started our tour at Los Rancheros. I've eaten many tacos there and at our second stop, El Rey, which is the grocery store at the corner of 71st St. and Michigan Rd. El Gigante and Leonardo's wrapped up our taco tour, and they also didn't disappoint. These last two establishments were first time visits for me. Leonardo's was the most unique, because it had avocado spread and it is open 24 hours. We couldn't go inside, so we ate in the parking lot.

This was a four stop Taco Tuesday Tour, and I couldn't be happier with the time I invested with good friends and supporting our community. I look forward to the next time!

o me gusta mucho el taco de asada!

Nathan: I was born and raised in the greater Los Angeles area. The first time I had a real street taco was in LA at the El Monte King Taco. That was the early 90s. I was 14 or 15, and I became a street taco addict. When my family moved in 1994, I was excited about the move but disappointed about leaving Southern California's Mexican food – especially King Taco's tacos.

That was 26 years ago. My, how the Indianapolis Mexican food scene has changed – especially in Pike Township! While we don't have King Taco, we have SEVERAL establishments selling AUTHENTIC Mexican Street Tacos! This Tuesday Taco Tour took us to 4 different Pike Township producers of AUTHENTIC Mexican Street Tacos.

My friends, Pike Township doesn't disappoint when it comes to Mexican food! All four stops were terrific in their own unique ways. Are you looking for good food that reflects the culture of our friends to the South? Go no further than Pike Township!

David: I think it's about time Tuesday Taco Tours become a regular part of life in Pike Township because our adventure was awesome!

We found the perfect taco place for every occasion. Looking for somewhere to enjoy a pleasant sit-down evening with great service? Then you should check out Los Rancheros where you enjoy unlimited chips and salsa while reading through their large selection of menu options. Or, if you'd like a slightly less formal option that's still bursting with flavor, then it's time to swing by El Gigante where you're immediately greeted with delicious smells and a simple menu of great food.

Now, imagine you're reading this after settling in for the night, and you get the late-night taco craving (ya, I've been there). You're in luck, because Leonardo's is open 24 hours a day and their tacos have an avocado spread that's amaz-



Mayor's Mask Order

Indianapolis will follow Stage 4.5 of the State's "Back on Track" plan:

Mask requirement begins Thursday, July 9.

1. Wear a mask when you are indoors in office buildings and retail establishments (when you are not at your home).
2. Wear a mask when you are outdoors and unable to socially distance (i.e., sitting in stands at a game, standing in line at an outdoor venue).

Exceptions: Children aged 2 and under and anyone with a medical condition that prevents the use of a mask.

Marion County residents can apply for a free mask on the city's website. (www.indy.gov)

More information for Indianapolis:

- Bars, movie theaters, cultural and entertainment venues remain at 50% capacity
- Restaurants remain at 75% capacity
- Most outdoor activities are permissible
- Everyone must practice social distancing indoors
- Assisted Living Centers will remain closed to visitors
- Overnight camps will remain closed
- Any event anticipating attendance over 1,000 people must submit a public health plan and seek approval from the Marion County Health Department

Also, Broad Ripple Ave., Mass Ave. and Georgia St. will remain closed through Sunday, July 19.

ing any time of the day or night. But I've saved my favorite stop on our Taco Tour for last. El Rey is easy to overlook since it's nestled in the back of a grocery store at the corner of 71st and Michigan Rd, but their food stands on its own. They just might have the most mouth-watering Mexican comfort food in Indy, and I'm already excited to try out the rest of their menu.

Anyone else eager to find out where our food tour is going to take us next? Connect with Brandon at brandon@pikepulse.com.



Four Tasty Tuesday Taco Tour Dishes

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by Richard Clough

How can our children live in an Indiana with more heat waves, more flooding, more challenges to agriculture, more threats to wildlife and increased health problems? According to Purdue University's report titled "Climate Change Impacts Assessment" (and many other climate change studies by other scientists), the future climate will have a profound impact on life in the Hoosier State.



Resilient Pike Team

Pike residents wanted to take action and do something about it. In 2018 a group of concerned Pike residents got together to consider what could be done in our Pike Township both to reduce our contribution to global warming and to mitigate the threats that they believe will come.



John Gibson with Pike students

Resilient Pike (RP) began with some members of **Earth Charter Indiana** including **John Gibson**, the creator of Earth Charter Indiana, and Pike residents. The new group went to work immediately.

They decided to work with future community leaders and contacted the Metropolitan School District (MSD) of Pike Township. School Superintendent **Dr. Flora Reichanadter**, Facilities Director **Raul Rivas** and the MSD School Board approved the partnership in Nov. 2018.

Resilient Pike enlisted Pike students in planting a tree for Earth

Day, April 22, 2019, at each of the 14 Pike Schools. They didn't simply plant trees, the students studied trees, prepared a planting ceremony, named each tree and then helped to plant the trees.

The tree planting effort allowed not only a great educational opportunity but also an investment in the township's future. When one freshman found out her tree would live for 60-80 years, she said, "Cool! I'm going to bring my kids here and tell them I planted that tree!"

RP worked to promote a green consciousness and presented slide shows on trees to civic organizations. RP members passed out acorns at school programs to promote an awareness of the value of trees. They distributed tomato seedlings to encourage sustainable food sourcing and provided a tree to the Pike Fire Department. They reached out to Scout groups and civic organizations to involve them in making Pike greener. With the help of Brebeuf Academy, a newsletter was launched sharing news about Pike's effort to be green.

In 2020 **Resilient Pike** was awarded a grant from **Keep Indianapolis Beautiful** to plant trees in front of the two New Augusta schools and Snacks Crossing Elementary. The project is scheduled for October, 2020. This will be a joint endeavor of the three schools, Resilient Pike, and several community groups.

Also, Resilient Pike is pleased to announce adding the position: **Creation Care Climate Ambassador to be held by The Rev. Carlos Perkins**, Pastor of Bethel AME Church, will work with township churches to raise awareness and encourage environmentally sound practices.

Resilient Pike offers a slide presentation on the values of trees to any group. And if you are someone who "thinks globally, but acts locally," you are invited to join the group. Contact Resilient Pike Coordinator Richard Clough at richardclough5@gmail.com for more information.

The present members of **Resilient Pike** are a diverse group including clergy, a horticulturist, a MSD school board member, students and others. The Pike Township Trustee, **Annette Johnson**, a founding member of the group, states, "People are scared about the future of our public lands and climate change. **Resilient Pike** works to reach the community to drive change that requires not only doing environmental initiatives well, but protecting our natural resources and ensuring sustainability for future generations."

Pike Township Public Libraries

Pike Branch: 6525 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268 • 317-275-4480

Michigan Road Branch: 6201 Michigan Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46268 • 317-275-4370

Eagle Branch: 3905 Moller Road, Indianapolis, IN 46254 • 317-275-4340



Tia Jah Wynne Ayers - Pike



Denyce Malone - Michigan Road



Mary Agnes Hylton - Eagle

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Good news! Your Libraries are open!

All three Pike Township IndyPL branches are open. You can now come in to browse for a book, use a computer, or print from an e-mail. Librarians

are ready to answer your questions, our pages are putting books back on the shelves, and clerks are happy to help you check out your materials. **We're glad to be back!**

Please follow these guidelines when you visit:

1. DO NOT enter if you are experiencing symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath).
2. Patrons over 2 years old are required to wear a mask. Masks are available if you need one.
3. Please maintain social distance — at least 6 feet from other people.
4. Please use the provided hand sanitizer regularly.
5. Please limit your visit to one hour if others are waiting to enter the library.

Find out about Summer Reading offers! Continued on page 6.

Another Reason to Love Our Pike Library



Anika Williams

The Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) serves the citizens of Marion County. Founded in 1873, it has grown to include a Central Library and 23 Branch

Libraries. The IndyPL attracts over four million visitors each year and circulates nearly 16 million items, **including seeds.**

Did you know that your Indianapolis Public Libraries have been offering free seeds since 2016? It helps families solve food insecurity, offers opportunities for environmental education, gives access to organically-produced seeds, and stops the spread of invasive plants.

Well-organized packets of seeds can be found on the library shelves at the Pike Branch and other branches in Marion County. You

can check out seeds to plant just as you would check out books to read: using your library card. But, there is no requirement for you return seed packets.

It's easy. Come to the library, select your seeds (15 packets per library card per calendar year), take them home, and plant them.

You can grow vegetables to feed your family or flowers to beautify your home. Ask about growing

plants on an apartment balcony (It's easy!). Plant the seeds of native Indiana plants that attract pollinators, and you might be visited by colorful butterflies (and/or hummingbirds).

IndyPL's seed collection is carefully selected to improve every kind of Pike garden. Seeds are obtained from renowned vendors like Baker Creek, Johnny's, Territorial Seeds, Seed Savers Exchange, and others. Heirloom varieties and organically produced seeds are selected when possible.



Anika working with future master gardeners

Master Gardeners from Purdue Extension work with IndyPL to select the right seeds. They also create handouts and offer year-long programming to share their green-thumb knowledge.

Visit <https://www.indypl.org/services/seed-library>, or call Anika Williams at the Pike Branch (317.275.4482) or e-mail her at awilliams@indypl.org.

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IndyPL Offers Free Resources to Explore Issues of Race and Racial Equity



Jon Barnes, Communication Specialist IndyPL

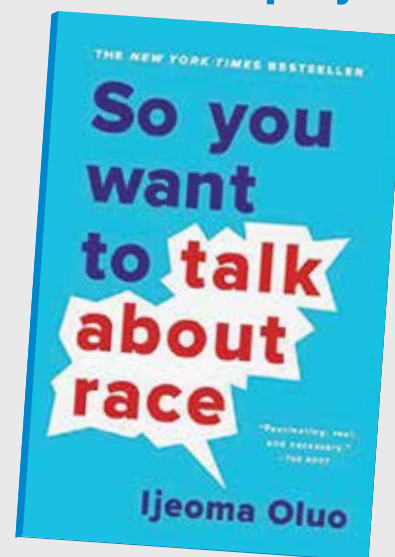
To help individuals learn more about the complex topic of race and racial equity, The IndyPL is making available a variety of e-books, audiobooks and streaming videos that can be easily accessed from the Library's catalog at indypl.org.

Popular titles often have waitlists for paper or e-book versions, so a number of publishers are offering libraries high-demand digital content through July with no waitlists due to the importance of the topic.

These no-wait titles include ***Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor*** by Layla F. Saad (e-book, expires July 12); ***The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*** by Michelle Alexander (audiobook, expires July 15); ***The Hate You Give*** by Angie Thomas (e-book and audiobook, expires July 19); and ***So You Want to Talk About Race*** by Ijeoma Oluo (audiobook, expires July 26).

Streaming documentaries and videos that focus on social and systemic injustice and racism in America include *I Am Not Your Negro*; *P.S. I Can't Breathe*; *White Like Me - Race, Racism, and White Privilege in America*; and *Race: The Power of an Illusion*. Streaming movies include ***Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise*** and ***Just Mercy***.

"Conversations around the country that center on racial equity and elevate the voices of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color)



Jessica Moore

are critical right now, and it is one that we are engaging in as an organization," said Jessica Moore, IndyPL's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer.

"As we embark on journeys of personal growth and understanding, we hope these resources will inspire continued dialogue and critical conversations." All titles are available for free with the use of an IndyPL library card.

In addition to the Library's digital and physical materials, those of all ages are invited to visit the Center for Black Literature & Culture at Central Library (CBLC) to celebrate the vibrant and resilient heritage and triumphs of those born of African roots. The CBLC is open during regular Library hours.

To discover more book lists, reading recommendations and other resources that address issues of race and racial equity, visit the Library's blog at indypl.org.

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Pike Township Public Libraries

The library is offering a **Summer Reading Program** for children and teens, as well as one for adults only. This year's program is a departure from programs of the past. Everything can be done from home (with the exception of collecting prizes) with a computer or smart phone. Instead of counting the number of books read, kids and teens track the number of minutes spent reading and receive prizes for reaching 1, 5, and 10 hours. In addition, participants in both programs can complete various activities to earn entry tickets for special prize drawings. At the half-way point of this year's program, 9,794 summer readers already have logged nearly 57,000 hours of reading, and 4,411 children have completed the 10-hour reading goal.

Participants can choose their

own adventures by reading library books, books from home, e-books, magazines, graphic novels, or listening to audiobooks. By using the online tracking tool Beanstack, participants or their parents can register and report reading progress. It can be found at indypl.beanstack.org or by searching in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Those who prefer to track their reading activity on paper may call their local IndyPL branch to register, report and redeem prizes.

Younger children unable to read can have parents, siblings or caregivers read aloud to them to log their reading minutes and earn prizes. Older children may log minutes for themselves by reading to younger ones.

In addition to choosing such prizes as books, drawstring backpacks and tickets to Indianapolis

Indians games for meeting reading milestones, participants can complete any of a number of fun and educational activities and enter into drawings for special prizes. These include bicycles awarded to a lucky winner at each of the Library's 23 sites courtesy of Meijer. Also, all participants will automatically be entered to win a College-Choice529 savings account.

The Summer Reading Program ends August 1st, so there's still time to participate by heading to <https://www.indypl.org/srp>.

We hope to resume in-person programs when it is safe, but until then please check out our virtual offerings. From book discussions to animal chats, trivia to journaling workshops, art projects to story times, you can browse virtual activities and register online by going to <https://attend.indypl.org/events>.

Also, check with your branch for Grab-n-Go bags with activities or crafts that can be done at home.

For those not comfortable coming into the branch, we still offer curbside delivery of requested items, allowing you to pick your items up just like you would a take-out meal. For further information, or to request this service, please contact your preferred branch. And don't forget the wide variety of downloadable and streaming materials we offer. Books, movies, magazines, language lessons, British TV shows, and more are available with your library card, and we are happy to help you get started.

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It was a Beautiful Day for Pike High School's Class of 2020 Drive-by Graduation



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MSD of Pike Township Registration Information

School begins August 4, 2020

Parents have two options:

- Attend school in person
- Participate in K-12 Pike's Virtual School

Face coverings are required for in-person attendance.

Register now at:

<https://www.pike.k12.in.us/Content/registration>

All returning and new students must be registered in order to select the attendance option. Attendance selection information will be sent following registration.

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International Marketplace Coalition

by Arnita Williams - Pike Pulse Staff Writer



As a native of Indianapolis, **Mary Clark** has always demonstrated an innate ability to lead. When she was eight years old Mary rounded-up neighborhood kids and formed a clean-up crew. During her high school years at Crispus Attucks, Mary was the junior class vice president.

She was always involved in activities which were a benefit to the greater good of her community. Mary's knack and desire to lead manifested in her becoming the founder of the International Marketplace. With her tireless energy, effort and enthusiasm, she continues the work to make Pike Township a better place by highlighting this richly diverse community where people from around the world can convene to celebrate it.

Q: What is the International Marketplace?

The International Marketplace is a place on the west side of Indianapolis where everyone is welcome. With over 100 different languages, over 120 ethnic restaurants, 40 grocery stores and bakeries, we have over 800 businesses in two-and-a-half square miles.

It's a place where, if you get out of your car and go into the businesses, you can leave the United States and travel the world. On one block, you can go to Cuba, Peru, China, Ethiopia, Greece, Japan, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and I'm sure I've forgotten some place. If you go around the corner, you can go to India, Pakistan and Nigeria.

The International Marketplace is a place where we're shrinking the globe and creating a village. That's what the International Marketplace is.

Q: When did you conceive this idea?

This is a God thing. Sometimes God starts preparing you long before you know what he's preparing you for.

I never thought of myself as racist, but I felt that spirit coming on me. I tried to fight it back, but it was there. When I was a branch manager at the National City Bank in the late 90s, my assistant manager overheard me complaining to myself about Latinos. Most of the time I said things in my head, but this particular day I whispered it because my bank line was long and all these Latinos are patiently standing and waiting. I said something like, "Why are these people here? Where are they coming from? Why do they always have \$50 and \$100 bills? Why do they always come in a group?" My branch manager assistant said to me, "Who do you think you are? Don't you know they're God's children just like you and me?"

That's the first day God started working on my heart. That's the day He started preparing me for my new walk in life, my new journey.

Fast-forward a few years, I

was transferred to the National City branch at 38th and Georgetown Road, one of the busiest branches. One day I noticed I had a lobby with Latino, Asian, African, and European people. It's like a utopia of cultures coming to my branch. There was something new happening in our area.

A bank client of mine owned a Subway and was a State Representative. When he would come into the branch to make a deposit, we would talk about the state of the area. We noticed that businesses were leaving the area. Toys "R" Us went away. Big box stores like K-Mart left. We thought, "We have to do something."

He and I decided to call a "town hall" meeting. We started knocking on business owners' doors and visiting store managers and saying, "Hey, something's happening here. We want to get in front of it. How can we stop this area from bleeding?"

When the State Rep. and I reached out to the city, we found out the city was interested in helping us put this meeting together. We had 75 business owners show up at the meeting.

Someone suggested, "Well, we need to form an organization," and we did. We formed the **Lafayette Square Area Coalition**. I was elected to be the president.

We started brainstorming, "What can we do?" We found out Walmart was considering moving into our area. We decided to ask people to sign petition letters to support Walmart's move. In two and a half weeks we collected over 1,700 petition letters. Walmart was probably coming to the area anyway, but once the city found out we had these letters, we ended up having a press conference at my office where we were able to give those letters of support to Walmart leaders.

While we were focused on getting Walmart here and worrying about businesses leaving, small businesses were moving in. They were businesses owned by our new immigrant brothers and sisters. Restaurants started moving in. An Ethiopian restaurant moved. An El Salvadorian restaurant and an African restaurant opened. People began to notice.

Q: What led them to come to this particular area?

I believe the location being on 38th St. with easy access to I-65 and I-465, brought those businesses to our area. They saw the empty storefronts, and they saw an opportunity. The pricing was right, and the property owners were willing to lease their vacancies to the newcomers.

We decided to embrace how the area was developing, and we changed our name to the International Marketplace Coalition.

We started hosting international events like our "Taste the Difference Festival." The first festival had 13 restaurants participate. The last one had over 30 restaurants. Imagine being able to sample foods from around the world in one location.

But this festival isn't just about the food, it is also about the culture. There are performances and cultural booths. It's a day of learning about differences. We all want the same things in

life. We all want an appreciative, healthy family. Everybody wants a chance at a great education. When you get together and start talking to one another, you learn those things and barriers come down. Everybody wants to belong to a welcoming community.

Q: How has COVID-19 affected what you plan to do?

All programming came to a stop, but we are reopening slowly.

We have just restarted the *International Marketplace Lunch and Dinner Tours*. People join us for lunch or dinner at the different restaurants. Every other week we tour a different restaurant in the area. We help people who may be a little timid about trying foods from a different country. They join our tours. The restaurants often prepare a buffet and for a flat price. It's limited now because of COVID-19.

Q: What's new with IM?

We purchased the old Value City Furniture store on Lafayette Road. It will be called the **Global Village Welcome Center**. It looks like we will open the first of next year. The goal of the Welcome Center is to be a place where you can come and experience different cultures.

It will be an event hall which could seat about 700 people for a banquet, or have about 1,200 people for a stand-up reception.

It will have two dance studios, an audio video studio, and a demonstration kitchen. You'll be able to come here and learn how to prepare some of the foods of the area. It'll have classroom space. And it will have galleries to represent each continent.

When you think all things international, all things cultural, that's what this center will be about. We've learned there are not enough places for cultural organizations to practice their craft.

That's what the Global Village Center will be about.



Eagle Creek Park Development



Brittany Davis Swinford
Senior Park Manager
Eagle Creek Park

The west side of Eagle Creek Park has a thousand acres that isn't very accessible. So, we are going to make it accessible. Right now, we're working on the west side trails. The trail will extend from the Bear Overlook on 56th Street. There's a south ADA loop. We already put in a nice observation deck on the big bluff because we're so worried about erosion and thought this is our chance to protect it. Then there's a six-mile trail just outside of the nature preserve. (We want to protect that valuable habitat.) It goes up to the hideaway, and then all the way to Eagle's Crest. We've already completed the north ADA loop, and it's awesome. It's a one-mile, paved, trail, half of it goes to our prairie planting, and the other half goes

through the forest with a great overlook of the Fish Creek. It's just really beautiful. We're going to do it right, and that's why it's such an expensive project. We have a couple of really large ravines where it gets tight between the nature preserve boundary and the golf course. We're going to have a nice 150-ft bridge that crosses a steep, wooded ravine. It's going to be four-foot wide, just for pedestrians, not for bikes or golf carts. We also redid the boardwalk trail.

It's a large part of Eagle Creek Park that many don't know about. And the people who do know about it are not happy about the development because this area has been their private preserve for so many years, and they're asking, "How can you do this to us?" But they really know other people need to enjoy it. Part of the park was purchased with federal funds (through the



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What? A Thriving Restaurant!?



by Arnita Williams - Pike Pulse Staff Writer

As we live through this pandemic, we will probably not fully understand the negative impact it has on the world, our nation, our healthcare system, our families, our economy and our businesses for years to come. I started gathering stories of how businesses are doing, expecting stories of perseverance and sacrifice, but I discovered one small Pike Township business that is thriving.



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"We specialize in all-American food with our own exotic twist."



Will McCathern

Q: With the COVID-19 shutdown, what do you do to serve your customers?

We immediately closed our dining room, and asked customers to only come in to order and then wait in their car. We text them when it's ready. That helps out a lot with getting the orders out quickly and not having everybody crowded in the dining room all at one time. And we also deal with delivery orders through Grub Hub and Uber Eats.

Q: Were you able to retain your employees during the shutdown?

Yes, but we got busier. I had to hire six more employees during the pandemic. Our business has increased about 50% during the pandemic. A

lot of people, I guess, don't want to cook at home. So, they crowd-up and load us up with orders. They keep us pretty busy. A lot of places around here did close. The other closings brought more customers in who didn't know about us.

We are 75% operational now with the number of customers we can handle at one time. We would probably be at 100% but our dining room is not open yet. We're going to keep the dining room closed for at least another month or two, just to keep everyone safe.

Q: Did you benefit from any of the federal programs?

Yes. Our credit card processor gave us a loan, which we can get forgiven. And, the SBA awarded us a COVID-19 loan.

Q: Have you changed the running of your business?

Yes. We have permanently incorporated social distancing. We try to keep everyone 6 feet apart and away from the counters -- just to keep everyone safe. We also still ask customers to wait in their cars, and we call them back into the dining room once their order is complete.

Huge Impact Restaurant does not yet offer dining-in service or operate its food truck, but the business still has a 'huge impact' as the steady flow of customers continues to increase. Owner William McCathern remains optimistic with the upward trend his business has taken, and he looks forward to coronavirus becoming a thing of the past.

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Health Crisis \$ Concerns?

During the last week of February 2020, the S&P 500 lost 11.49% — the worst week for stocks since the 2008 financial crisis. The drop was driven by fears about COVID-19 and its impact on the global economy. The unpredictability, strength, and suddenness of the historic tumble was unnerving. You may be considering cashing out of your stock holdings, but put recent events into perspective using history as your guide.

A look back

Since 2000, the market's negative response to health crises has been short-lived. Six months after early reports of a major outbreak, the S&P 500 has bounced back by an average of 10.5%. After 12 months, it rebounded by an average of 17.2%. Most say the current situation will follow a similar pattern.

Epidemic	Month end*	6-month S&P 500	12-month S&P 500
SARS	April 2003	+14.59%	+20.76%
Avian (Bird) flu	June 2006	+11.66%	+18.36%
Swine flu (H1N1)	April 2009**	+18.72%	+35.96%
MERS	May 2013	+10.74%	+17.96%
Ebola	March 2014	+5.34%	+10.44%
Measles/Rubeola	December 2014	+0.20%	- 0.73%
Zika	January 2016	+12.03%	+17.45%

Source: Dow Jones Market Data, as cited on foxbusiness.com, January 27, 2020. Stocks are represented by the Standard & Poor's 500 price index. Returns reflect the change in price, but not the reinvestment of dividends. The S&P 500 is an unmanaged index that is generally considered to be representative of the U.S. stock market. Returns shown do not reflect taxes, fees, brokerage commissions, or other expenses typically associated with investing. The performance of an unmanaged index is not indicative of the performance of any particular investment. Individuals cannot invest directly in any index. Actual results will vary.

*End of month during which early incidents of outbreak were reported.

**H1N1 occurred during the financial crisis, when, as during other periods, many different factors influenced stock market performance.

What should you do?

Market downturns may offer the chance to pick up solid stocks at value prices. Some investors use downturns as opportunities to buy stocks that were overvalued relative to their perceived earnings potential.

If you typically invest set amounts into your portfolio at regular intervals — a strategy known as dollar-cost averaging (DCA), which is used in retirement plans and college investment plans — take heart in knowing you're utilizing a method of investing that helps you behave like the value investors noted above. Through DCA, your investment dollars purchase fewer shares when prices are high, and more shares when prices drop. In a down market, you automatically "buy low," one of the most fundamental investment tenets. Over extended periods of volatility, DCA can result in a lower average cost for your holdings than the investment's average price over the same time period.

During trying times, focus less on daily market swings and more on the fundamentals; that is, review your investment objectives and time horizon, and revisit your asset allocation to make sure it's still appropriate for your needs. You may discover the need to rebalance your allocation by selling holdings in one asset class and investing more in another.

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Our Publisher's son's father-in-law is Rix Quinn, who has been in the newspaper business all his life and shares his experiences and advice about our new endeavor — the *Pike Pulse* newspaper. He also shares short stories to newspapers all across the USA and encouraged us to print them in our paper. Hope you enjoy them as much as we do — some are more interesting than funny.

QUINN QUIPS – They cancelled my prom for this year. It's too hard to dance and maintain social distance.

Flaky Fables

A Date from Hades by Rix Quinn

In this pandemic prom season, I received a powerful story from my editor friend (K.G.), and knew you'd want to read it. So, here it is:

OK, let's just say that in high school, I literally dodged a hot, "bad boy," and my children should feel an inner "Whew."

High school was stressful for me, and it was made more so after this Homecoming evening. I never had a grand image of myself when it came to dating. (I suppose I was maybe an eight on the cute-meter, and some even said I was "hot"... whatever that meant.)

Anyway, a particular popular bad boy sought me. I wasn't sure I should, but I finally accepted his dance invitation, but it didn't feel right to me.

The event was held at a gymnasium at one of the private schools,



and I thought we were having a good time. It was toward the later part of the evening when my date quietly said, "I need to leave for a little while, but I'll be back. I

just need to get some money."

I thought, "OK, but money for what? We were already here, and we had paid to get in." I politely said, "OK," but secretly I thought, "That's strange. You must be ditching me. Well — go ahead. It will be easy to hate you for it."

So, imagine how my near hatred turned into a gushing heart when he did come back and took me right to the dance floor. I was in "I got you, babe" heaven!

Well, that lasted about four short minutes. The music stopped, and the lights were turned on. We all looked crumby in bright lights after dancing for two hours, and we all protested.

But suddenly, the police walked in, and quickly sashayed directly over to — you guessed it! — me and my hot, stupid, bad boy date.

Yep, someone's finger had pointed him out, and I was in the direct line of that finger as well. My date had robbed a tavern, then came back to dance with me. The gushing heart I spoke of earlier turned to, "I really hate you."

I called my Dad to come get me.

Moral of this story? I learned to trust my feelings. I was lucky and escaped hell, while he went to jail.



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A Wonderful School is Challenged by COVID-19

by Arnita Williams - Pike Pulse Staff Writer



Simone Murray is the Executive Director of DirectEmployers Institute (DEI). She is a champion for fostering change, individual growth and opportunities in others — especially our youth.

Ms. Murray holds a BS in Business with a minor in Dance from Penn State University. She is also a member of the Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity and a member of Skulls and Bones Secret Society.



Simone Murray

Why did you start DEI?

I wanted young people to understand what it really takes to be successful in the corporate workplace.

I recall the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company I was working for came up to my cubicle. It scared me — I thought I was going to be fired — but he said to me, “I am impressed with how you communicate.”

Earlier that day I was in a meeting when the CEO joined us. I was talking about how we should be focusing on building relationships. He stared at me, and I thought he was thinking, “What are you doing here? How did you get in here with all these males? You are an African American woman.”

I was way off. His supportive comments to me that day changed the trajectory of my career pathway. He changed the undermining way I viewed myself in the corporate workplace and taught me a core skill-set I would need to be successful to climb higher on the corporate ladder.

My self-confidence and career took off from that point. It was the light-bulb moment that clarified what no one taught in any college course, school, job skills classes or employability skills training sessions. And I can tell you from that day on, really, I started to get it. I was like, “Okay, it’s not about my major or minor in college, it’s about different skill-sets.” As I started to climb the corporate ladder, I wanted to make sure young people really understand what it is going to take for them to be successful. When I moved here nine years ago, I was a Vice-President (VP). I began to invite young people to the office to learn about corporate life. I started a summer camp with 12 students. We had over 100 students on a wait-

ing list. And the young people just loved what we taught. One realized, “Oh, in marketing, you can be a social media person. That’s a job?”

New idea light bulbs went off in their heads, and I just loved seeing them learn what life in a workplace is like.

Eventually, I quit my VP corporate job and started DirectEmployers Institute.

How many years has it been, since you established the nonprofit?

Six years.

Do you have any college grads?

Yes! One of them is sitting on my board. It’s awesome.

We usually hire college students to work with us during the summer and take students through our programming. It’s beautiful.

How many students can you accommodate?

We have grown from 12 students in a one-week summer program to 120 students. And we have expanded to four weeks. We focus on science, technology, engineering, and manufacturing (STEM).

How has COVID-19 affected your business?

It’s an interesting and fantastic question. We have pivoted. We have gone from meeting with students in June and July — our usual camp time — to being virtual.

We have lost funding because our funders have decided to focus more on the needs of first responders.

We must adjust what we do. So, instead of having 12 interns, we have four, instead of having two weeks of camp, we have one.

We had to cut staff hours. Thank goodness we did not have to lay anyone off. We’re able to sustain and provide the services for our parents. We had to pivot with our programming in schools, and had to cut our Workplace Simulation Program when schools became virtual.

We reached-out to some of our schools to see if our teachers could help tutor, sub, or offer other educational support.

So, yes, we’re still figuring out how we can continue to sup-

port our students, how we can support the school, and how we can continue as an organization.

We are an intricate part of the workforce, and we want to make sure we’re continuing, while realizing that the livelihoods of our employees are very important as well.

Were you able to use the federal financial support programs?

Yes. We were able to get the payroll protection loan to help continue, at least throughout the end of this year. I feel very confident that we’re going to be able to maintain all of our staff and continue with the programming that we have.

We work a lot with employers. They’re the backbone of our programming because they’re the ones who provide the training as well as working with students in the classroom. They’re now getting back on board with us.

So, instead of having students come to them over the summer with our camp, they’re going to go to the students virtually. So, we still have those strong relationships, and they’re helping us by pivoting to virtual.

What communities do you serve?

Wow, that is a fantastic question! When I started the Institute, I wanted to focus on working

with our families and students in Marion County. But, we have a board member who is a professor at IU who suggested expanding into Southern Indiana.

I met with many school superintendents in Southern Indiana and was taken aback by some of the poverty there. They described students who still live in homes with dirt floors. I’m like, “Wait, no, I’m Jamaican. I know what that life is like.” And so, we’ve expanded our programming to Southern Indiana.

Indiana has students who attend college, graduate and leave the state for better opportunities, do your programs deal with that “brain drain”?

We prep students to become competitive in the STEM work world, but we also provide opportunities for increased chances of marginal and under served students to attend college and become work-ready once they’ve graduated.

This *should* level the economic playing field and give marginal, at-risk, under served students a lift out of poverty. These students not only have the choice to remain in the state after graduation, but they will be able to enter a competitive, lucrative career into a workforce that is ready to receive them.



Photos from DEI Website

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Land and Water Conservation Fund) and whole park needs to be open and accessible to the public.

We’re going to install automatic gates on the west side to enable us to collect an entrance fee. Our annual park pass will work over there as well. So, you’ll just scan yourself in.

We want to be careful about opening the west side because it is such a special area. We need to

control access and make sure there’s no overnight parties or illegal dumping — things like that

We’re excited. It’s a big project. Our completion date is December 31, 2021.





Fire Chief
Chris Tragesser

Chief Trag's Corner

To my fellow Pike Residents, in this issue of **Pike Pulse** I would like to introduce to you our Public Educator and Risk Reduction Specialist, **Samantha Baker.**

Samantha has been with the PTFD for about 1.5 years. She has a background in social work and elementary childcare. She grew up in Danville, IN and has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Community Health. In some ways, she is the face of the department representing PTFD at multiple community events throughout the year.

Samantha's job focuses mainly on community outreach and public education in not only fire safety, but also general safety lessons. These can include water, bike, and cooking safety. A big part of her job — maybe her favorite part — is visiting schools and working with Pike Township students.

Last school year Samantha visited kids from 3 years old all the way up to 8th graders. She knows how to capture the kids' attention and make learning fun and enjoyable. Saman-



Samantha at the PTFD community table



Samantha Baker

tha also visits nursing homes, apartment complexes, and community centers to reach all age groups. Samantha believes you can never stop learning, and she's here to prove that to you! If you have a community event and would like a fire engine, PTFD firefighters, and a table with PTFD goodies and swag, then reach out to Samantha. She will more than likely be the one running the table!

Samantha, a certified Car Seat Technician, also runs the car seat fitting program for PTFD, making her a valuable commodity to the community! On appointment, Samantha can check your car seat to make sure it's installed correctly and, if needed, teach you how to install it cor-

rectly. Becoming a certified Car Seat Technician requires intensive training, and there are only a few certified technicians in the area.

While working with our fire prevention team, Samantha assists in the implementation of fire drills for Pike Township businesses. This team also goes into our community to install state-provided smoke alarms and educate homeowners on general fire safety.

Samantha also runs the Project Lifesaver program in Pike Township — a program for families who have a member with the tendency to wander due to cognitive conditions. Samantha helps families in the event of a crisis and ensures that associated equipment is in working order by visiting homes every 60 days.

While COVID-19 has definitely hindered PTFD's in-person learning, Samantha is currently in the works to create video lesson plans so they can be watched at home or in classrooms when students go back to school. During the pandemic, her job partially changed from educating kids on safety to educating the public on COVID-19 and making sure Pike Township stayed in the know. She posted weekly, sometimes daily, updates on our social media accounts to help reassure residents and keep our township's safety as our main priority.

If you have any questions about public education, car seat installation or Project Lifesaver please contact Samantha at 317-750-0031.

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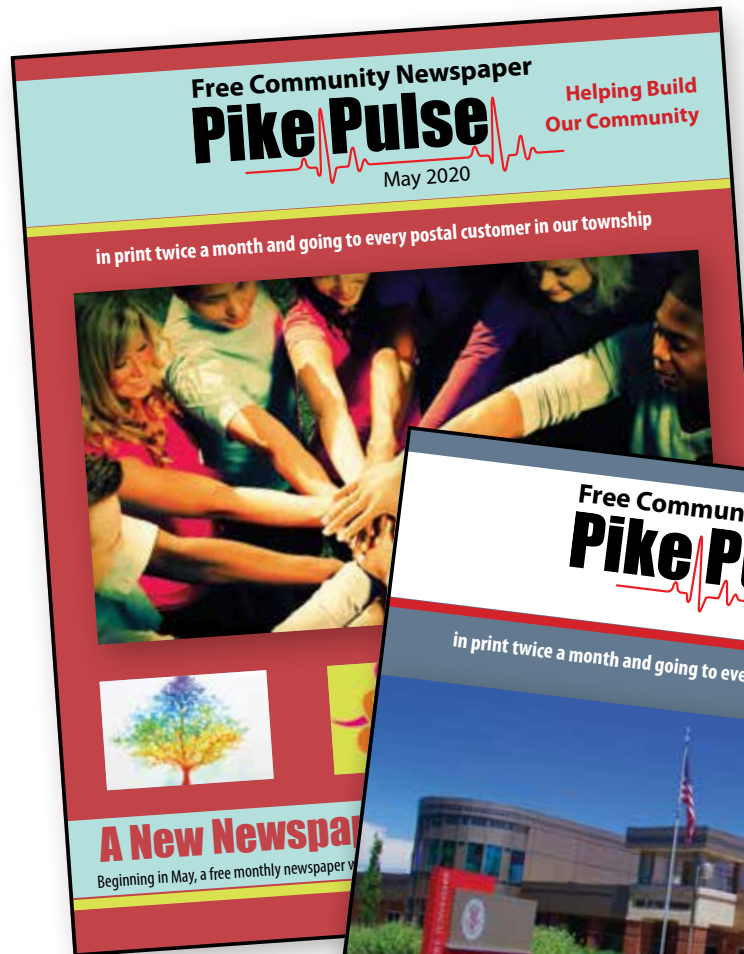
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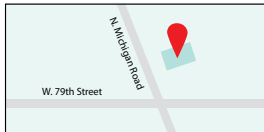
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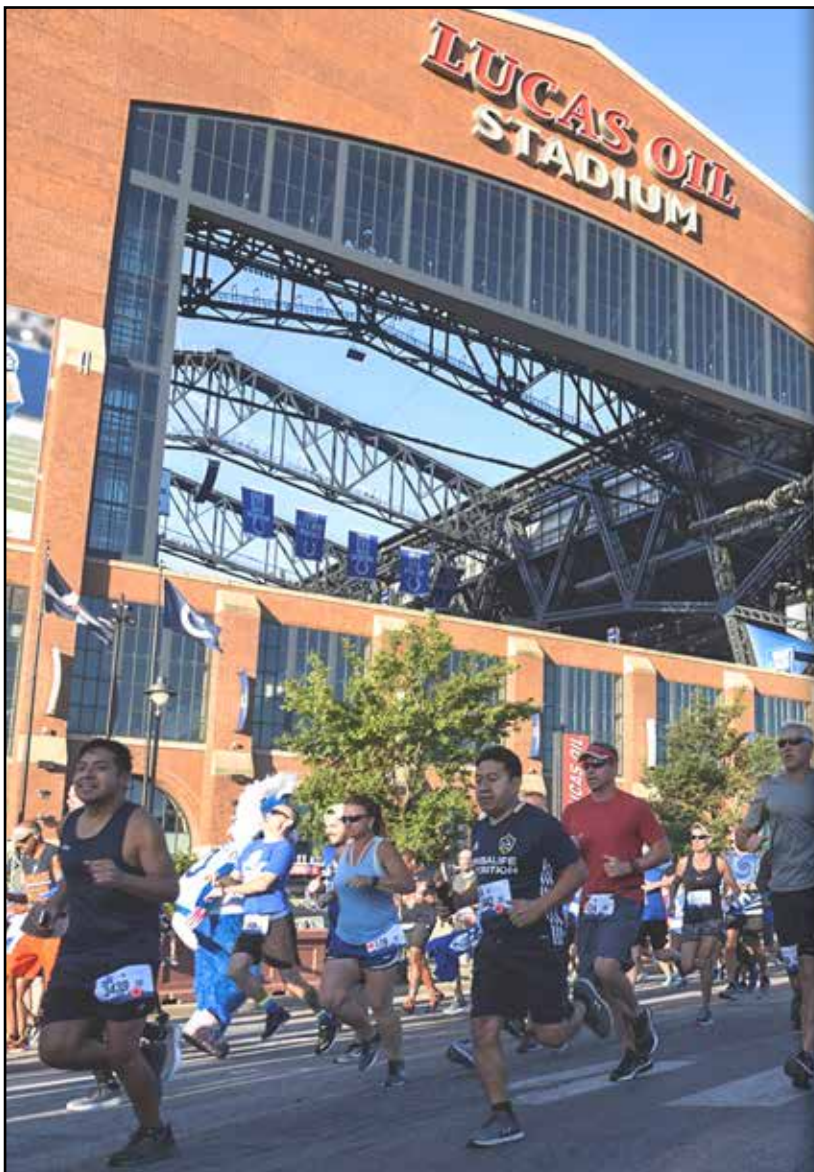
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