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IvyTech Revs Its Economic Engine in Pike Township

By Carol Mullins

As May auto racing activities quieted, and students began summer break, some students accelerated toward a new career. Pike Township revved its development engine by welcoming the new IvyTech Automotive Technology Center. Donations of land from Sid and Louis Eskenazi and the Eskenazi Family Foundation and a $1 million gift from the Indianapolis Auto Trade Association, were part of making this $14 million learning facility possible. The address at 4751 Century Plaza Road, in the International Marketplace sits directly across from the Pike Pulse office.

Opening day was an overcast and rainy Wednesday morning, yet hundreds of nearby residents, community leaders, interested citizens, future students and *Page 4*

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Our mission is to help build a stronger sense of community by keeping our fingers on the pulse of Pike Township and publishing positive, upbeat, and relevant news.

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NAVIGATING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS - SPACE IS MORE THAN PLACE

Neighborhoods of Pike

By Carol Mullins

You can create vibrancy in a community by identifying gathering places, both philosophically and physically by figuring out common interest of neighbors. Placemaking activities can build insight to foster a broader process of change, break down barriers of inequality and bridge the gap across generations. It's not only about creating bike paths, parks, coffee shops and art. Although these are great for neighborhoods, bringing residents and organizations together at the intersection of community and space, adds value and common connection points for the people.

In the June 3 issue, we shared neighbors thoughts on their community. Stories of place and space continue in this issue with the Waterways of Pike and connections to them and their green space. The IvyTech Technology center joins the conversation of community, by addressing the importance businesses play in creating cohesive places and gathering spaces near neighborhoods. As we did last month, we are sharing some sentiments from your Pike neighbors.

Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center in Crooked Creek - District Four but serving the entire community of Pike and Township and Crooked Creek

After a year off, the FBGNC hosted a Juneteenth weeklng Celebration to mark its re-opening, after a long year of social distancing. Events during the week focused on workforce development, social services, pre-school registration and activities, food pantry, local vendors and the "Fay Center." The week was capped of by dancing, vendors, music, food and fun. This was truly of celebration of people, place, and coming together in a space made for community.

District One (96th/79th/Zionsville Rd., Raceway Rd) The Preserve at Eagle Creek

One neighbor contacted because we did not include them in the original listing of District One neighborhoods. Here is a neighborhood in District One. I live in the Preserve at Eagle Creek, just north of the reservoir. Our neighborhood was not listed in District one neighborhoods. The Preserve at Eagle Creek "is a beautiful wooded subdivision that has been here for at least 15 or 16 years. (I have been here about 12!). There are still one or two lots that have not been built on. We have a neighborhood pool, a playground, and lots of wildlife since we own a lot of common grounds that include a creek and woods. Folks are diverse and friendly. The zip code is 46278 for most, if not all, ***Page 17***

LATEST TRANSIT NEWS FROM INDYGO – STAY INFORMED

IndyGo News

By Carol Mullins

Summer Youth Passes:

IndyGo offers discounted summer youth passes for riders 18 years and younger. For $30, youth riders can have unlimited trips with IndyGo from June 8 through August 31.

"We want our younger generation to experience Indianapolis like they never have before," said Inez Evans, President and CEO. "Providing an affordable option to ride transit will allow the youth to go to their summer jobs, attend events around the city, and increase access to various economic and cultural opportunities they might not have had access to before."

In addition to the Summer Youth Pass program, riders 18 years and younger will have the opportunity to participate in IndyGo's half fare program once the summer youth pass period ends. Riders should prepare to present the valid summer youth pass or half fare pass when boarding a bus.

To purchase a summer youth pass, young riders will need to visit the Carson Transit Center to fill out an application and get their photo ID taken for their MyKey card. Once the Summer Youth Program ends on August 31st, the summer youth pass then transitions into a MyKey Half Fare card.

Food in Transit:

- Food in Transit program returns June 2 - September 1, 2021
- Partnership with IndyGo, Growing Places Indy, and the City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development
- Occurs every Wednesday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Julia M. Carson Transit Center
- Variety of fresh, local produce provided by Growing Places Indy offered each weekProduce will be pre-bundled and wrapped, priced at either $5 or $10
- Growing Places Indy offers 50% discount for SNAP recipients for orders up to $10
- Cash, SNAP, EBT, credit and debit are all accepted forms of payment
- Goal is to provide locally grown produce at an affordable price to transit riders while reducing the transportation burdens of an added shopping trip.
- Program aims to reach the densest number of transit riders once per week during the growing season.

IndyGo Hiring Efforts:

Hiring mechanics, professional coach operators, and administrative staff

- Recently adopted a Second Chance hiring initiative that aims to:
  - Promote re-entry into the workforce
  - Increase the pool of qualified applicants from which IndyGo can hire
  - Give those with a criminal history a fair chance at employment
- Under the Second Chance Policy:
  - IndyGo will not make inquiries into an applicant's criminal background until a conditional offer of employment has been made
  - IndyGo will conduct an individualized assessment if applicant's criminal background includes a conviction within the last seven years
  - There are some exceptions that exclude applicants from eligibility
- Learn more about job openings and IndyGo's hiring process at www.indygo.net/employment/

IndyGo Rider Alerts Twitter Account:

- New Twitter account @IndyGoAlerts
- Provides an another tool for real-time service changes, detours, and alerts that may impact bus trips
- Please note: This Twitter account will only be used to share updates about service changes. Questions or inquiries should continue to be directed to our general Twitter account (@IndyGoBus) or call customer service at 317-635-3344.

Masks Are Still Required

- Though the Indianapolis City-County Council voted to lift the mask mandate for fully vaccinated people, masks are still required onboard all IndyGo vehicles and facilities.

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WORKFORCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

By Carol Mullins

IvyTech Revs Its Economic Engine in Pike Township

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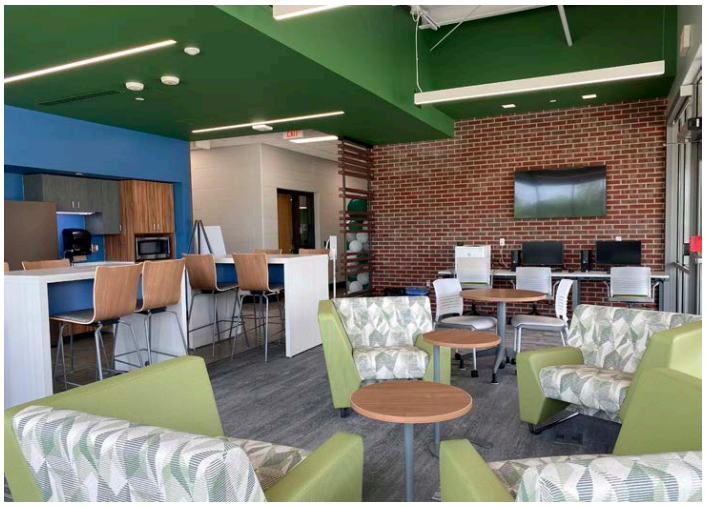
IvyTech staff, showed up for the grand opening of this state of the art facility. While the crowds were given tours, current students were learning new skills on just the third day of class in the new building. The tour showcased the details put into making it a welcoming place, with cozy lounges, meeting spaces, computer labs, diagnostic tool rooms, and an impressive automotive bay. On this day however, that bay was used to accommodate this large crowd, and the piles of engines and automotive parts were carefully protected in boxes and wrapped up on pallets for later use. It was a reminder of the attention to detail IvyTech takes to give students the equipment and resources needed for hands on training for job readiness. Dozens of local employers from automotive related businesses, car dealerships, and Pike companies were in attendance. These businesses will benefit from future graduates technology industry, and automotive diagnostics skills, as well as offering their current employees ocontinued trainings.

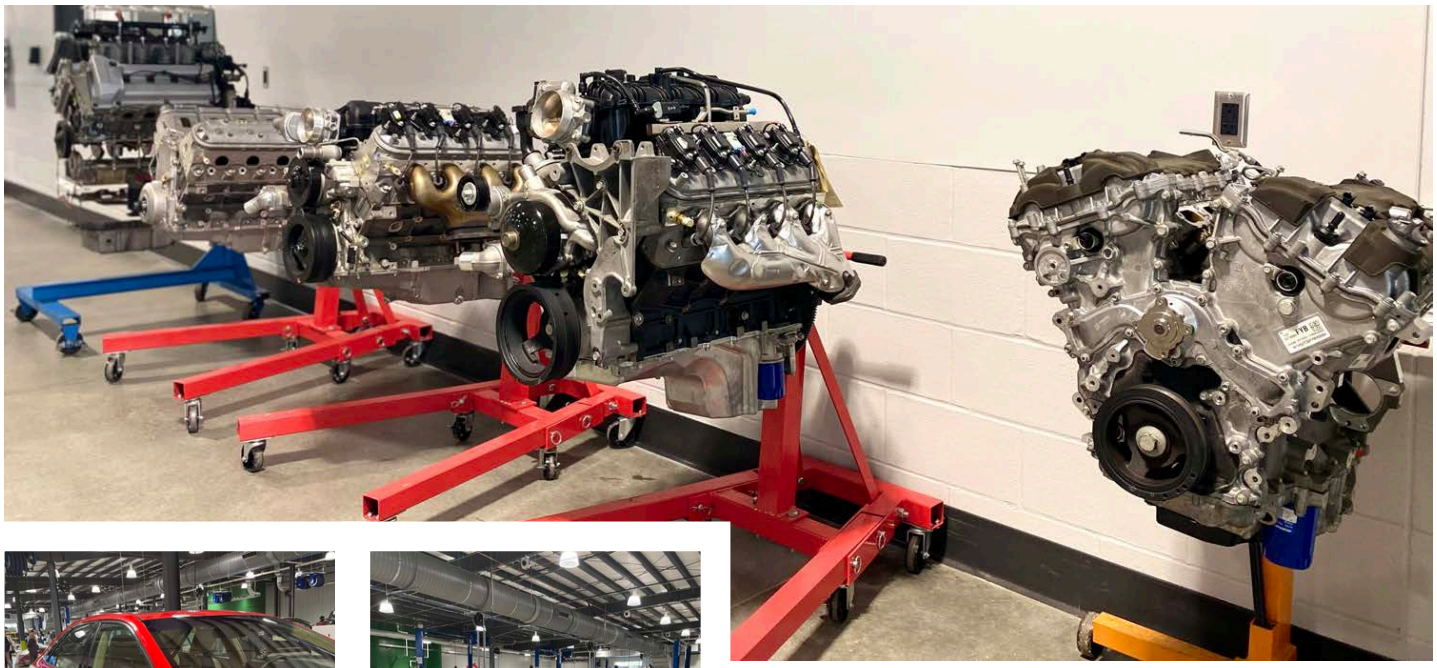
The facility brings a much needed boost to the economy of the area. Clint Fultz, of Prime-Site Brokers, owns the building directly across the street and hopes the attention brought by this opening will spur the City to complete repairs of Century Plaza Road. The road is rutted and filled with large pot holes. Bringing tenants and developers to the area has been tough, because of the infrastructure and lack of multi-modal mobility features. We should be maintaining high standards in our infrastructure and bringing institutions that serve the community to build on the momentum of growth. "We are excited to have this facility right across from our main offices in Pike Township. This is a very important move toward revitalization of the area." With the recent acquisition of Lafayette Square Mall by a new outside firm and the continued momentum of the International Marketplace, the potential is ripe to make this entire quadrant a unique asset to Indianapolis. Even with a rutted road and empty buildings there is momentum. IvyTech campus offers a fresh, sustainable landscape, building facade and eight foot-wide sidewalk which ends abruptly at the property line the campus. Although, the sidewalk does not currently connect, nor offer access to other amenities, it does offer hope for potential improvements and development. These could include new sidewalks, connectivity to nearby Georgetown Road, installation of future trails to Little Eagle Creek green space, or options to improve access to other potential amenities and mobility options that could service the campus and community needs.

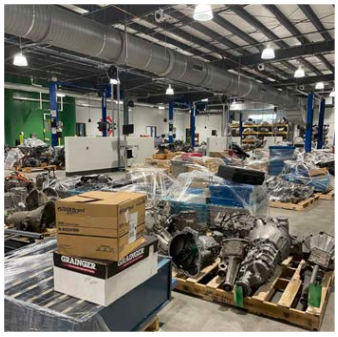
IvyTech representatives interviewed said mobility, sustainability and access are key factors when deciding locations to build. Ronald D. Finney, Professor, Department Chair and Assistant Dean of the Manufacturing, Engineering and Applied Science Department also responded to several questions about sustainability, connections to the community, and the facility. He shared, "Sustainability and environmentally friendly design was a focus and included being intentional on the building's placement on the property, implementing systems that were efficient and manageable and using eco-friendly materials, such as flooring. Longevity was in the forefront of all of our discussions. He also said the team will continue to make connections with the greater Indianapolis community and with local schools, including Pike High School, homeschools and other educational centers. "From a program perspective we are very excited to work closer with Pike High School to let students know of the many opportunities available to them in the automotive field. We also want to make sure they know of the career center, where students can earn dual credit towards certificate and degree programs." The admissions team, recruiter, Marvin Smith and Chris Posler will work with incoming students and schools, including Pike High School, homeschools, carer centers and independent study students. When asked about relationships with the motorsport industry, Mr. Feeney said, "I know there are motorsports organizations not only in Speedway, but Pike Township. We certainly will be working with our development team to look for those types of opportunities and help industry partners get involved while building those relationships. As we get settled in over the next few months, I look forward to meeting more folks in the immediate community and I welcome opportunities to work with Pike on initiatives that will benefit current and future students." Tracey Allen, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications at IvyTech, when asked about motorsports stated, "motorsports is one of the areas students can earn a certificate or associate of applied science degree and Marvin Smith is the automotive recruiter for this area.



What was evident during this open house, was the extensive support staff, businesses, community partnerships and residents who showed up in support of IvyTech, its staff and students. There was support staff for every aspect of a students journey, community engagement, and corporate partnerships. From academic advisors, to recruiters who worked directly with potential students, financial aid advisors, local businesses who will benefit from graduates and are supporting current students through grants, discounts on tools and other incentives. IvyTech Automotive Technology website states thier programs offer "paid cooperative education and 100% job placement for those who meet industry employability requirements. Partnerships with Toyota and GM support both hands on cognitive skills training in diagnostics and high tech service."

This is truly a campus for the community. It reminds us that community development is more than buildings and investments in property, and physical space. It's about answering the need of those in the community,





respecting the values of its residents, bringing resources into the mix, and building a successful endeavor for all involved. These are the pillars, of Pike Pulse, economic, social and cultural, that are embodied with this project, and it's exciting they are right across from our front door and in the International Marketplace District.

IvyTech and it's relationship in the Pike Township community will continue in the next issue as we meet with students, residents, staff and businesses.

If you're a business or resident in the Pike area, we want to know what you're doing, how we can work with you, and ways you'd like to connect with the Pike Pulse community. Send me an email: carol@pikepulse.com.

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR PIKE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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3 & 4 year old program (full day)

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Tuition is $165.00 per week
CDF Vouchers Accepted
Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack included
Parents must provide transportation

Pike High School Class of 2021 Academic Top 30

Darnell Perkins will major in Economics at the University of Michigan. He was an IB student who participated in National Honor Society, Golf, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and served as Student Council Class President.

Mawuli Balo will study Engineering at Indiana or Purdue University. He participated in Business Professionals of America and Robotics.

Alexis Burket will major in Psychology at Indiana University. She was an IB student who participated in National Honor Society, STYLE, and Orchestra.

Aissatou Mbengue plans to study Biology at Indiana University. She participated in African Student Association, Best Buddies, Prom Committee, HOSA, French Club, and CTSI Project STEM.

Class of 2021

We would like to celebrate the Class of 2021 on our social media channels. If you are a senior or the parent/guardian of a senior, please email a photo of your senior, their first and last name, information about their college/career plans (e.g. school of attendance, major, career field), and any messages of praise, encouragement, or appreciation that you would like to share with your senior and/or the Pike schools and educators who have served them to pthotline@pike.k12.in.us with Senior Celebration in the subject line.

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- Debe ser residente o empleado de Pike
- Para más información llame o visite el sitio Pike.

¡El Centro de 1º Infancia Nathaniel Jones ya está inscribiendo para el 2021-2022!
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Se aceptan cupones CDF
Desayuno, almuerzo y snacks incluidos.
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Clase 2021 de Pike High School, 30 mejores académicos

Darnell Perkins obtendrá un título en Economía en la Universidad de Michigan. Fue estudiante de IB, participó en la Soc. Nacional de Honor, Golf, Conjunto de Vientos, Banda de Jazz y fue Presidente de Clase del Consejo Estudiantil.

Mawuli Balo Estudiará Ingeniería en la Universidad de Indiana o Purdue. Participó en Business Professionals of America y Robótica.

Alexis Burket se especializará en Psicología en la Universidad de Indiana. Fue estudiante de IB que participó en la Sociedad Nacional de Honor Estilo y Orquesta.

Aissatou Mbengue planea estudiar Biología en la Universidad de Indiana. Participó en la Asociación de Estudiantes Africanos, Best Buddies, Comité Prom, HOSA, French Club y el Proyecto CTSI STEM.

Clase 2021

Nos gustaría celebrar la Clase 2021 en nuestros canales de redes sociales. Si eres alumno de último año o el padre/tutor de un alumno de último año, envíe por correo a pthotline@pike.k12.in.us una foto de su hijo, su nombre y apellido, información sobre sus planes universitarios / carrera (Ej. universidad a la que asistirá, especialización, campo profesional) y todo mensaje de elogio, aliento o aprecio que le gustaría decir a su hijo graduado y / o las escuelas y educadores de Pike que les han servido. En Asunto ponga 'Senior Celebration'

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SUMMER IS DRIVER'S EDUCATION SEASON-GET READY

By Carol Mullins

Driving Tips for Student Drivers

Learning to drive is a right of passage. It's pretty scary for both parent and teen. Recall the feeling when you first got behind the steering wheel of a car. Scary and exciting all at the same time. Some quick tips from a driver's instructor. Make sure the seat, and mirrors are adjusted for you, practice tapping the break and the gas, get comfortable using all the signals, locks, windows, but not the radio.

Breath, relax and remember to focus on driving. Put the phone away, It's the law, and turn on your "DND" (do not disturb) while driving. Don't be that distracted driver, no makeup, no music and no friends in the car until you're comfortable maneuvering the road. When you first take to the road, stay in an area you are familiar with, maybe an empty parking lot with no telephone poles. Don't attempt the Carmel roundabouts until you get more experience, but they are a good tool to know how to navigate, so make sure you visit them and learn how to merge. Stay off highways and busy thoroughfares until you have mastered the craft and are comfortable behind the wheel. Relax, get familiar with the car, and make sure someone you trust is sitting next to you. This would be a good time to **get a qualified and knowledgeable driving instructor from CIESC, who has been working in Pike for over 20 years.**

Fun fact! Our CIESC Driver Ed Safety program has instructors that are teachers, firefighters and have 10+ years of experience. Do you have a daughter or son that needs Driver Education? Look no further! www.driveredsafety.com Learn at your own pace for course work, then obtain your learners permit.

Remember, driving is a privilege and comes with a lot of responsibility. Others on the road expect you to take care of your vehicle and be safe. Look both ways at intersections, and then look again, look ahead, behind and beside you. The professionals call this aiming high in steering, look down the street and be prepared for upcoming traffic. Know where you're at and be present in the driving seat. You'll encounter many other drivers who aren't being safe, but if you follow these guidelines and check out CIESC experienced drivers who can help you navigate the streets of Indianapolis, located right here in Pike Township.

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PIKE Township Business – Student Driver Education

By Carol Mullins

Drivers Education and More

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CIESC is committed to support and serve educators in Central Indiana. They provide innovative programs and exceptional academic and operational efficiencies.

Central Indiana Educational Service Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit providing free and at-cost educational programs throughout central Indiana and beyond. Last year they served over 180 schools and organizations to provide a better educational experience to over 150,000 children.

CIESC is located in Pike Township at the Pyramids in College Park, Business Park. They offer comprehensive services to efficiencies in school operations and achievement goals. CIESC programs include a number of collaborative ventures with other organizations and non-profits to improve the learning process.

Some of the programs include cooperative purchasing to ensure Child Nutrition for member districts, to maintain school buses, and to be become the most comprehensive online learning program in the state.

Visit https://ciesc.org/ for more details and contact information.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Commander Read Aloud!

Come join IMPD Northwest District Commander Lorenzo Lewis at the Eagle Branch Library (3905 Moller Road) for a read-aloud story time!

When?

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. now through July 29th.

DPW's Slow Response Impacts Pedestrians and the Disabled

By Kerry Michael Manders

Damage from an accident that occurred over a month ago at 7750 Michigan Road remains an obstacle and a serious risk to pedestrians and the disabled who are dependent on the Michigan Road Trail. This location is a

stretch of the Michigan Road Trail that area disabled individuals are heavily dependent upon in order to perform their daily tasks, such as shopping and banking. The Department of Public Works (DPW) left cones protecting cars from accident debris — but no consideration for the peril the disabled face as a result of leaving the Trail impassable. DPW did not respond to inquiries prior to publication deadline.

The damaged guard rail has been left blocking access to the Trail, forcing users to enter the south-bound traffic lane, where cars are traveling at or in excess of 45 miles-an-hour. This creates a serious risk to able-bodied Trail users. More importantly wheelchair-bound individuals must negotiate a "bump" that's attached to reflectors in order to traverse this obstacle — with their back to traffic or leading them into the path of traffic — placing their lives in danger.

This concern has been called into the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) numerous times (case #21071875), asking that this matter be prioritized. MAC responded that this case has been forwarded to DPW. At a minimum, the damaged guard rail should be promptly

cut and removed from the Trail. Perhaps by placing a "media spotlight" on this critical situation it will be resolved.

It has been difficult keeping the Trial clear during winter weather — but closure of a major access for the disabled traveling the Michigan Road Trail for such a long time must be made a primary concern... it impacts the safety and quality of life for too many not to be prioritized.

Fire Department 4th of July Warning

By PTFD

The Fourth of July is one of the busiest days of the year for the PTFD. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reports an average of 304 firework-related injuries each year with fifty-one individuals experienced multiple types of injuries. Burns were the most commonly reported injury. The most common burns were to the hands, fingers or arms (43.4%), however burns to the leg, foot or toes (17.4%), face, ear or head (15.3%), eyes (11.7%), trunk (9.0%), and other (3.3%) also occurred. In 2017, more than one-third of all reported fireworks related injuries involved individuals 18 years of age or younger. The youngest injured person was one-year-old. In the past, an entire house here in Pike Township became a complete loss due to a fire caused by fireworks. This firework was un-noticed and was lit off by another individual in an adjacent neighborhood. Follow these tips to keep yourself and Pike Township safe this Fourth of July.

Firework Safety:

- If you plan on lighting your own fireworks this year, always make sure you light them on the ground and in an open area
- Have a hose turned ON and a fire extinguisher nearby
- Never light more than one firework at a time. Never attempt to re-light or fix a "dud" firework.
- Don't point sparklers or fireworks at yourself or others, especially while they're being lit.
- Always supervise children around fireworks and sparklers

Backyard Grilling Safety:

Grilling and the Fourth of July come hand-in-hand. However, one of the most common calls to PTFD on the Fourth of July is from cooking fires. Follow these tips to keep your home and family safe while grilling out this holiday:

- Keep the grill at least three feet away from decks, siding, branches and any outdoor equipment that can catch fire quickly
- Never grill indoors, in the garage, in any enclosed area, or on a surface that might catch fire
- Keep children and pets away from your grill
- Avoid loose clothing that can catch fire while cooking

Heat safety:

The Fourth of July usually brings sun and heat. Look over these important tips while outside:

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays and make you feel hotter
- Wear sunscreen and make sure to reapply often
- If animals are outside check on them and make sure they have water and shade

When can fireworks be set off?

- June 29th-July 3rd: 5pm to 2 hours past sunset
- July 4th: 10am-Midnight
- July 5th-9th: 5pm to 2 hours past sunset

Follow these simple tips for a safe Fourth of July and your family will have a safe and memorable holiday!

Fire Fighter Fitness

By PTFD

Whether at a large city fire department, fighting wildfires in California, or serving as a volunteer firefighter in a small town fighting mostly structure fires, firefighting is one of the most physically demanding and dangerous occupations. Therefore, it is crucial for firefighters to stay in shape.

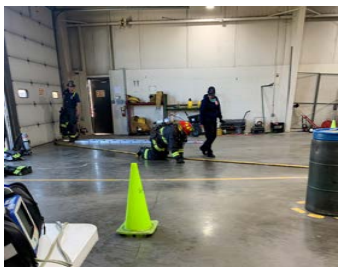
The Pike Township Fire Department takes fitness very serious. Each fire station has a full gym to allow firefighters to work out while on shift. In addition, our firefighters complete multiple training sessions per week that help keep them physically prepared for any task they may face on the scene of an emergency. PTFD also has a team that gets together and participates in fitness challenges such as Bop to The Top, Fight for Air Climb, Indianapolis Mini Marathon, and several other local events.

When responding to an emergency, firefighters wear full PPE, which is an additional 60 pounds plus any tools they are carrying. In total, firefighters may be sporting an extra 100 pounds of equipment while executing the demands of the job such as rescuing victims, raising ladders, handling hose lines, ventilating roofs, and forcing entry with heavy tools. Heart rates of firefighters can go from resting in the 50's to over 150 once an alarm sounds. That maximum heart rate often stays there for long periods of time until the fire or event starts winding down. There are no warm ups or stretching before the workout (the alarm) you rush to the truck, get dressed and go to work. Needless to say, it's important to be in shape to be able to do these tasks while handling all that extra weight!

Each year we have every firefighter at PTFD complete the Work Performance Evaluation (WPE). The WPE is a series of job-specific duties that represents the critical essential functions firefighters are expected to perform on the fire ground. The WPE is performed with all gear on including an air pack and must be completed in under 9 minutes and 13 seconds. PTFD performs the WPE annually to ensure that all firefighters are meeting the standard. WPE's are also used to evaluate a firefighter who is returning to duty after an extended illness or injury.

In addition, Pike firefighters complete an annual physical fitness evaluation (PFE) to determine overall physical fitness. The components firefighters are tested on include upper and lower body strength, endurance, and flexibility. All firefighters also get an annual InBody scans to determine their body composition. This test evaluates lean muscle mass vs fat percentage in the body.

Firefighters never know what to expect each day on the job. Thus, it is imperative to keep the PTFD men and women in tip-top shape so that they can handle whatever is thrown at them. They are counting on each other and you are counting on us, we take that very serious!



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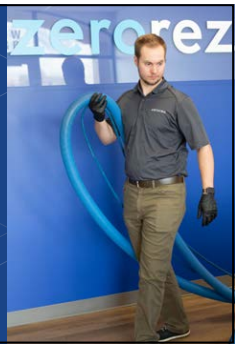

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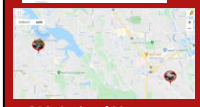

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A PROFILE OF A LOCAL ELECTRICIAN

By Arnita Williams

Lee's Electrical LLC

Kasiem Pierce is an electrician by trade. Although he resides in Pike Township and provides electrical services to his Pike neighbors, (both business and residential), his encore career takes him across the country in a unique, compassionate, humanitarian, and selfless way.

Upon retiring from the military, Kasiem adopted his encore career as an electrician to fill his days. He is also a disc jockey, and a member of the Ruff Ryders Motorcycle Club, which is a national charitable organization that has a chapter in almost every city. The motorcycle club also affords Kasiem opportunities to travel around the country to provide electrical services, even as far as New York.

At the time Kasiem joined the Ruff Ryders 15 years ago, he was also in the U.S. Army. Shortly thereafter, he was deployed to Iraq, which would be the first of seven deployments. During his tour of duty, motorcycle club members sent Kasiem his leather club vest, which made it official. They would also send care packages to keep him motivated and encouraged.

When I asked Kasiem how he got his start as an electrician, he stated, "In junior high school, I DJ'd and I still do to this day; the music relaxes me. So, in the process of that, I used to experiment when I was younger with electrical stuff. I found out that I liked doing it. Then after I came out of the military, I decided this is something I wanted to do," which he'd also been doing while in the military.

I've done a lot of things from jumping out of planes and other things I have tried and was successful at [sic]. If there's something I want to do, I'm glad when I have a chance to do it. That's why when I started doing electrical, I'd seen other people do it." Just the motivation of something new drives Kasiem to ask himself "If they can do it, why can't I?" Then he takes on the challenge by trying it himself. "There's something about trying something new," Kasiem said.

With his work and his club, Kasiem stated, "I go everywhere. My work takes me a lot of different places." Since Indy is his home base, most of his work is here. However, he may also get work nearby in Kentucky, and Ohio.

Kasiem has been successful in incorporating his electrical business and his hobbies of motorcycle riding and disc jockeying while having the Ruff Ryders platform to serve the greater good. "In doing my charity work with the Ruff Ryders, I'm always willing, especially with my business. Sometimes you get single moms with children who need work done, which could be dangerous if they don't have the electrical work done. So, I try to do what I can."

Kasiem stands by his promise as, "A veteran always willing to serve you."

Although from Bronx, New York, Kasiem settled in Indianapolis in 2000 with his wife and son and is a trustee of his church.

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Ivy Tech Community College Indianapolis Opens New $14 Million Automotive Technology Center in the International Marketplace District

By IvyTech Marketing

Alongside campus leadership, community leaders, automotive partners and more, Ivy Tech Community College Indianapolis officially opened the doors of its new $14 million, 59,000-square-foot Automotive Technology Center in the city's International Marketplace District (4751 Century Plaza Road) on June 9, 2021. This new Center sits on land donated by Sid and Louis Eskenazi and the Eskenazi Family Foundation, replacing the College's former automotive learning facility on East Washington Street near downtown Indianapolis.

"Our new center will bring about new opportunities in technology, partnerships, and experiences that up until now have been quite limited," said Steven Bardonner, dean of the School of Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering, and Applied Science at Ivy Tech Indianapolis. "This will not only positively affect the area where it is located but the Indianapolis service area as a whole, too."

Speakers at the event included Ivy Tech Indianapolis Chancellor Dr. Kathleen Lee, incoming Ivy Tech Indianapolis Chancellor Dr. Lorenzo Esters, Ivy Tech Community College President Dr. Sue Ellspermann, District 94 Representative and Democratic Floor Leader Cherrish Pryor, District 33 and Minority Leader Senator Greg Taylor and Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett.

This new Center sits on land donated by Sid and Louis Eskenazi and the Eskenazi Family Foundation.

Ivy Tech's new Automotive Technology Center was made possible through a variety of automotive and community partners, including a $1 million gift from the Indianapolis Auto Trade Association, which provided a jumpstart on the fundraising for this project. It was also made possible through its New Market Tax Credit partners: Cinnaire, PNC Bank and the City of Indianapolis.

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The new Ivy Tech Indianapolis Automotive Technology Center

ly 300 students enrolled in the Automotive Technology program and hopes to double enrollment with this new Center. Additionally, Ivy Tech's presence in this community will provide an additional resource to the more than 1,100 current Ivy Tech students that live in the International Marketplace neighborhood.

Automotive Technology students will learn the technological skills needed for today's industry in state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, including corporate labs for GM ASEP and Toyota T-TEN. They receive training in a variety of areas of expertise, including electrical systems, engine performance, transmissions, brakes, steering, suspension systems, air conditioning and engine repair.

Aiding in the College's mission to get Hoosiers into high-wage, in-demand jobs, the automotive program offers paid cooperative education opportunities, with a 100% job placement for those who meet industry eligibility requirements. Classes are taught by Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Master certified instructors using more than 100 training vehicles to help students build career advancement skills and explore manufacturer-specific diagnostic service tools and information.

Students can earn an array of credentials, including certificates and technical certificates in as little as two to three semesters, or an associate of applied science degree in as little as five semesters. They are also prepared to take and successfully pass the ASE Technician Certification exam and land secure jobs as technicians, service writers, service managers, dealerships, independent repair shops, part stores, and more.

"Locally in Indianapolis, graduates of the Toyota T-TEN and GM ASEP programs often earn $40,000 to $70,000 per year ($20 – $38 per hour), with the potential to earn more as you advance in your career," said Jeff Evans, Automotive Technology program chair. "They land a variety of jobs such as technicians, service writers and service managers in dealerships, independent repair shops and part stores."

In addition to housing this new program, Ivy Tech Indianapolis admissions representatives plan to have a presence in this new Automotive Technology Center to assist anyone wishing to enroll at Ivy Tech. The College also plans to enhance partnerships within the International Marketplace to increase educational attainment, including partnering with the nearby Global Village to potentially house general/core classes in the future.

For more information about the services and resources available at the new Automotive Technology Center, visit IvyTech.edu/IndyAutomotive.

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of the neighborhood." Other homes in District One that were not listed. Noel Forest, Thoroughbred Acres, Chestnut Hills, Fox

Lake and Fawn Lake.

District Two (96th/79th/Township Line/ Zionsville Rd.) Westchester Neighborhood

Another neighbor shared their kids excitement of the upcoming 4th of July parade. The parade didn't happen last year but now its back. Families will decorate bikes, wagons, stroller, homemade floats, cars, dogs and kids while others sit on the lawn to watch the parade. Then pool games and a cook out continues the celebrations. It's a way to bring the community together. Many of us experienced a lack of celebrations during 2020 and are excited to get back together to experience these bonds of community.

District Four (79th/62nd/Zionsville Rd./ Township Line) Augusta Green & Augusta Heights Area

Getting together for a block party with other neighbors to eat, play games with the kids and share stories. This is what I love about neighbors. They make you feel like family, it's the friendships I value. We plan to celebrate the Fourth of July with BBQ's and then finding a good place to watch fireworks. The neighbors will probably spend hours lighting their own, but it scares me that they will catch my grass and house on fire. Especially after seeing the fire department pictures.

District Six (56th/38th/Lincolnwood Rd./465 International Marketplace Neighborhood

At the grand opening of IvyTech's Automotive campus, a staff member who lives in Pike Township, shared how the Pike Pulse offers information about needed issues that impact the community and brings people together around the space of shared stories and information. She said the paper is appreciated because it gives information about where she lives that isn't found elsewhere.

We hope you find stories of your Pike community that you can relate to and we welcome the opportunity to share stories, ideas, or information about your community. Contact carol@pikepulse.com.

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WHAT FLOWS BETWEEN US, CONNECTS US.

By Carol Mullins

The Waterways of Pike

I grew up in a small Indiana town and spent my summers wading, digging fossils and playing in a nearby creek. It held so many adventures, memories of youth, collected treasures and opportunities for fun and cooling off on a hot day. My kids were raised in Pike Township and were fortunate to have Crooked Creek that runs through the neighborhood grove and woods and experience the same wonders. It was a right of passage, and magical draw both in summer, dipping toes into the cool water, and winter, dropping rocks on a shimmering cover of ice cover to try and expose the flowing water underneath. I'm sure Pike residents who live near streams, ponds and lakes have similar experiences. Water is magical and forms connections to people and communities. The Pike Township waterways, creeks, streams, flow through many of our neighborhoods, under bridges, and provide a quiet respite on a hot day. These waterways were instrumental in our townships development and supplied needed resources during the early settlement of Pike. They weave us together around their stories and the vibrancy of our community is dependent on the health of our waterways. Keeping them cleared and clean is necessary for protecting our ability to enjoy them for years to come.

The history of Pike reveals the impact waterways played. Indianapolis was founded in 1820, Pike Township soon after and was named after Zebulan Pike, a Brigadier General and explorer. Some notable happenings; in 1831-32 the first road was surveyed in Pike, running from Indianapolis to Lafayette. According to historical documents, Lafayette Road was said to be the swampiest, wettest road in the area, and early settlers laid logs horizontally across the road in the spring just to get wagons through. The road was important for the first nearby grist mill, built along Eagle Creek, that relied on water to supply the needed energy to operate. The the first iron bridge was built over Big Eagle Creek on Lafayette Road, near the Traders Point area.

The second road built in Pike was from Indianapolis to Michigan City. The Crooked Creek now flows under Michigan Road in several areas and was the site of the second grist mill built along its banks near Old Augusta. Deed records show a tannery was in operation in the Augusta Heights neighborhood, and both operations needed this water source necessary for the processes. Augusta was one of the earliest communities and occupied land from 71st to 79th Streets near Michigan Rd. and the Crooked Creek waterway. Today, the Boardman house, at 7718 Michigan Rd., near Crooked Creek, and one of the oldest surviving homes built in 1834, is up for sale. The early home settlers relied on water to not only live, but do business and carry out simple tasks. The water impacted travel and home life. There is even record of William Connor, the founder of Conner Prairie, having bought the first farmstead along water, near Eagle Creek.

Today, our waterways are an indicator of health and vitality of our community. You are probably aware of Eagle Creek Reservoir because of its size. However, there are three main streams in Pike Township, and dozens of sub streams that flows through neighborhoods, under roads and toward ponds and lakes. They weave through Pike Township and each is part of a bigger system called a watershed. They are listed below, with accompanying tributaries, neighborhoods, or amenities. This list is not meant to be a scientific data driven analysis, only a general study and description of the waterways that flow through Pike. Look for more updates in coming issues that will dive deeper into each of these watersheds, their challenges, successes best management practices, and organizations working to keep them vibrant and clean. Each of these watershed streams has monitoring stations managed by the USGS. Find your waterway, its connection to your neighborhood activities, and share your stories with Pike Pulse (carol@pikepulse). We really want to hear from you.

> ***Waterways are an indicator of health and vitality of our community.***

Little Eagle Creek - Watershed, Eagle Creek/White River

Secondary streams/tributaries: Guion Creek, Liberty Branch, Glen Creek, Honey Creek, Falcon Creek, Lincoln Creek.

Little Eagle Creek (LEC), is part of the focused waters work of Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW), "a collective impact initiative, purposefully working to improve the quality of life and ecology along Indianapolis waterways and surrounding neighborhoods."

Little Eagle Creek originates north of 71st Street, east of Georgetown Rd., in Augusta Green and flows southwest through the township. It's accessible to the public at Northwestway Park, then flows along I-65 and Lafayette Road, crossing out of Pike Township by the International Market Place and the Indianapolis Healthplex.ROW initiatives around LEC include recruiting volunteers to clear invasive plants and litter, foster neighborhood outreach, form coalitions with the International Marketplace neighborhoods, and with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where the creek flows through the eastern fringe, before joining the "Big" Eagle Creek at Rockville Road. This group is also working with Brick Street Poetry, Inc. to create written works inspired by experiences within the LEC area. Little Eagle Creek and Big Eagle Creek streams eventually empty into the White River south of the the Lilly Technology Center.

Eagle Creek - Watershed

Secondary Streams,Tributaries: Little Eagle Branch-Woodruff Branch, Eagle Creek, Long Branch, Irishman Run, Eagle Creek/Jackson Run, School Branch, Fishback Creek, Sheets Creek, Cotton Creek, Hopewell Creek, Traders Point Collection Facility, Hopewell Creek, Lincoln Creek, Clearmont Creek

Eagle Creek stream flows from southern Boone County, south west into Marion County, where it feeds the Eagle Creek Reservoir. The health of this stream is closely monitored, as it supplies drinking water to Indianapolis residents and recreation opportunities abound. There is a monitoring station near Zionsville, IN and a treatment facility on 56th street that purifies the water from the reservoir before distributing it to the township and county. The Eagle Creek stream also feeds minor tributaries that support ponds and lakes including, Fox Lake, 86th St., and Traders Point Lake. Eagle Creek is the name of neighborhoods that are within its watershed and beyond. One of the residents of the area said; "we may be one of the oldest neighborhoods in Pike Township," and given the history of Lafayette Rd., the original gristmill location, and settlement records, I would gather this may be true.Traders Point Environmental Renewal, (TPER), was formed to protect and improve the quality of Trader's Point Lake and Eagle Creek watershed. Many other groups monitor Eagle Creek, including Eagle Creek Watershed Alliance, IDEM, MCSWC, Eagle Creek Watershed Management/Taskforce, Citizens Energy, Marion County Soil and Conservation, Friends of Eagle Creek and more. Eagle Creek flows from the reservoir, south easterly, until joining up with the Little Eagle Creek stream near Rockville Road. The streams eventually empty into the White River south of the Lilly Technology Center.

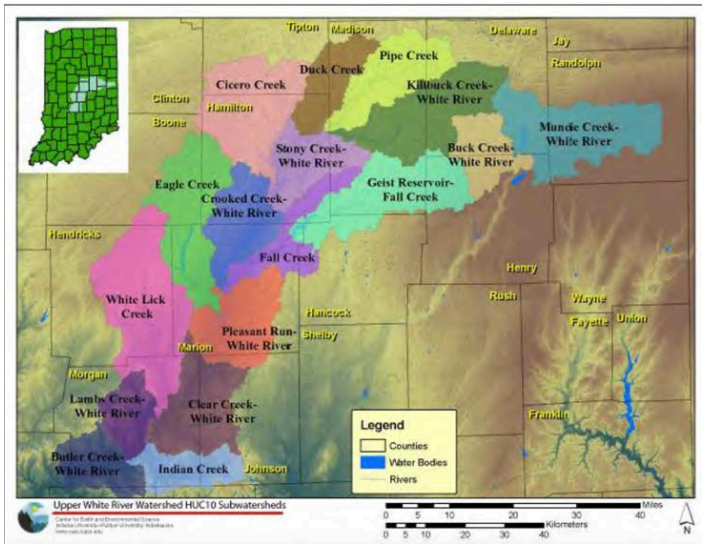
Crooked Creek (secondary tributaries-Payne Branch, Oil Creek, Delaware Creek)

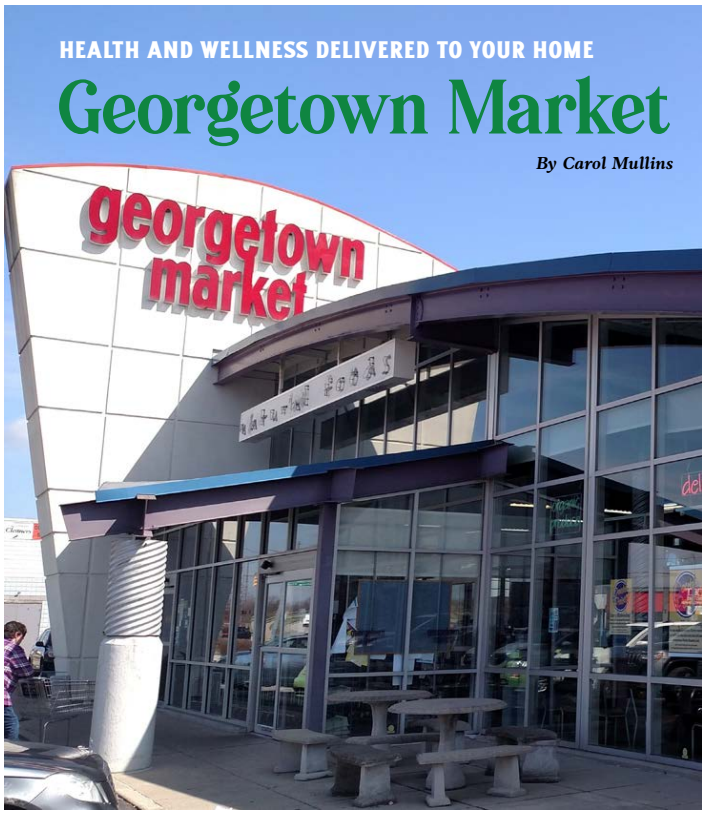
Crooked Creek is part of the White River Watershed and is a category one stream that flows from southern Hamilton County through north eastern Pike Township and zig-zags east and west under Michigan Rd. until emptying into the White River near Marion University. The creek has given rise to the naming of many neighborhoods, including Crooked Creek North, South, West, Heights, Condos, Apartments, Shopping malls and streets. The main Crooked Creek stream doesn't flow through any of these but does directly flow through the Pike neighborhoods of Witherburn, Augusta Heights, and Westchester. As shared in the history of Pike, the second grist mill built in Pike, was a half-mile east of Old Augusta on the banks of Crooked Creek. Again, as mentioned above, a tannery was constructed in the Augusta Heights neighborhood to take advantage of the water source necessary for the process and a 1800' era cemetery along its banks. One of the first schools was located a cabin on the north side of Crooked Creek. Some of the ravines in the area bordering this category one stream rival are surprising and team with wildlife.

Fortunately, many Pike residents realize the importance of waterways, and have formed groups to protect them. Groups and volunteers have participated in community projects along all of these waterways, including invasive species and litter removal, clearing views along the banks, ditches, streets and bridges. These projects will continue this summer and fall along all the waterways, some planned, many by residents who care for our waterways. Many other organizations offer information and specific protocol to participate in waterway health and vitality and will be discussed in upcoming issues.

Search for and find our hidden waterways of Pike.

So today, or this week, as you drive down streets, or walk in neighborhoods, visit the green spaces being, take notice of the special waterways flowing by you. Get down and enjoy the cool water, and imagine early Pike wilderness and settlers. The bridges and access over these waterways are sometimes overgrown with brush, and hidden, unless you know where to look. The beauty disguised, and the long ago grist mills and tanneries just a far off memory. Embrace the explorer Pike was named for and step out, search for and find our hidden waterways of Pike.

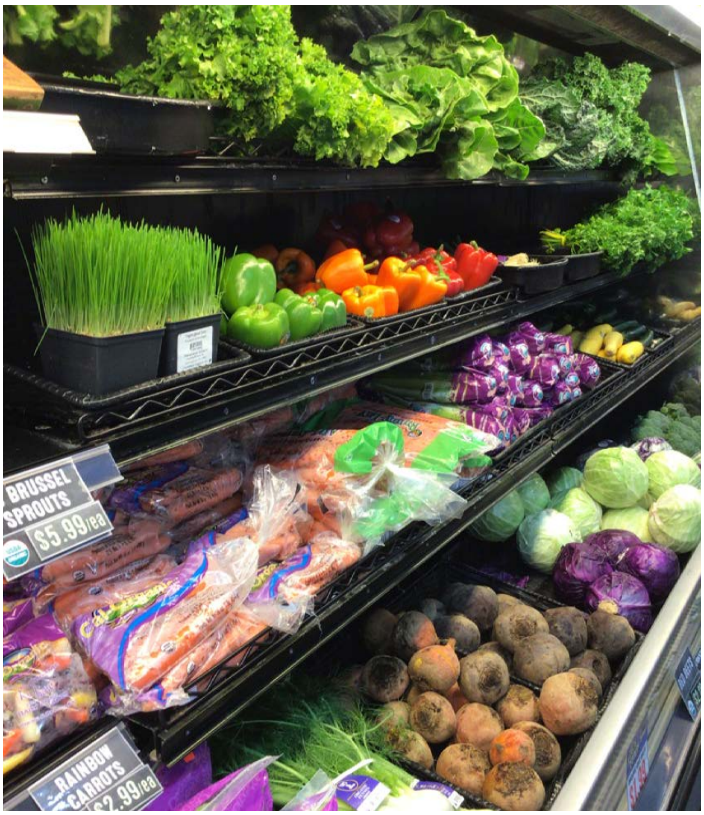




HEALTH AND WELLNESS DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME

Georgetown Market

By Carol Mullins



Georgetown Market has been helping the Indianapolis community make healthy food choices since 1973 when Rick and Peg Montieth, who lived in Pike Township, opened their doors near 38th and Georgetown Rd. Since then, the business moved to its current location at **4375 Georgetown Rd**. The store is now owned and operated by Andrew Montieth and is considered an iconic Pike Township establishment. Georgetown Market's owners take pride in hiring and training the best staff so customers get top-tier advice, focused on optimal health, and wellness. They are quick to tell you, they have the oldest juice bar in Indy! This follows the beliefs that food should be your avenue toward a healthy life and the market offers organic food, chemical free meat, non-GMO, and foods suitable for special dietary needs.

Georgetown Market offers classes and programs to help you on your health and wellness journey. However, as with many events, these were put on hold during 2020. The classes are slowly coming back and in July, you may participate in, "preparing herbal remedies."

Online ordering has grown in response to customer demand. **Georgetown Market's online ordering pick up and delivery make shopping easy and accessible to all.** Visit the Georgetown Market website for more information. https://georgetownmarket.com/

In addition to offering fresh, organic foods, health products, classes, Georgetown Market continually gives back to the community through special fundraisers, recognition of local vendors and community outreach events. They support a different charity each month and this July will be working with Black Women In Charge, Inc. Former organizational partnership include: Pike Red Zone Food Pantry, Gleaners Food Bank, Allies Inc. The Julian Center, Wheeler Mission, Coburn Place, International Marketplace and Dayspring Center.

July will culminate, when Georgetown Market, the International Marketplace Coalition, and Global Villiage come together for a **Community Day on July 24**. Bringing food, music, art, nature, health and wellness for a day long celebration from 11 am to 4 pm.

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GEORGETOWN MARKET JULY CALENDAR

July 4	Closed
July 6	Senior Discount Day (62+) 10% on non-sale items.
July 13	Double Reward Points Tuesday (2nd Tuesday of each month) Senior Discount Day (62+) 10% on non-sale items.
July 20	Senior Discount Day
July 24	Community Day
July 25	Class - Preparing Herbal Summer Remedies w/Herbalist Aron McNicholas (1-2:30, $10)
July 27	Senior Discount Day (62+) 10% on non-sale items.

- July Donation Drive: International Marketplace
- Black Women in Charge Grocery Prescription Program implementation
- Senior Discount Day every Tuesday (62+) 10% off all non-sale items
- Double Reward Points every 2nd Tuesday (July 14th) (6% instead of 3%)

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The introduction of "America's Night Out Against Crime" in 1984 began as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. That first year, 2.5 million Americans took part of this celebration.

"National Night Out" involves millions of neighbors participating across thousands of communities from all 50 states, United States territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. The traditional "lights on" campaign and symbolic front porch vigils turned into a celebration across America with various events and activities including block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from Public Safety and City authorities and personnel, exhibits, youth events, safety demonstrations and seminars, in effort to heighten awareness and enhance community relations.

To register your 2021 National Night Out event please complete and send the attached NNO Registration Form No Later than Friday July 23 to:

Gerardo.Becerra@indy.gov
By Fax to: (317) 327-6190
Or by mail to:
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department - North District
Community Relations
National Night Out / Att. Gerardo Becerra – Crime Watch / Crime Prevention Specialist
3120 East 30th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46218

Please feel free to share with us your questions or comments regarding this event, and thank you in advance for your support in helping us to stage another great IMPD National Night Out in Indianapolis.

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1. By email: larry@pikepulse.com or
2. By letter: Larry Oliver, Editor-In-Chief; ***Pike Pulse Newspaper***; 4732 Century Plaza Rd; Indianapolis, IN 46254

What are the guidelines?

- To be published you must include your name, address, daytime phone number, and/or email address. Anonymous letters will not be published.
- Your letter should be fewer than 300 words. I may, however, allow for longer letters, but may have to split your message between publications.
- I am most open to publishing your thoughts about Pike Township issues – positive or negative. I also encourage responses to Pike Pulse articles.
- Please write in a thoughtful and cordial tone. I will probably not respond to or publish letters that attack, ridicule, denounce, or impugn a person's character, or impute immoral or dishonorable attributes to others based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.

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