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By The Pike Pulse Staff

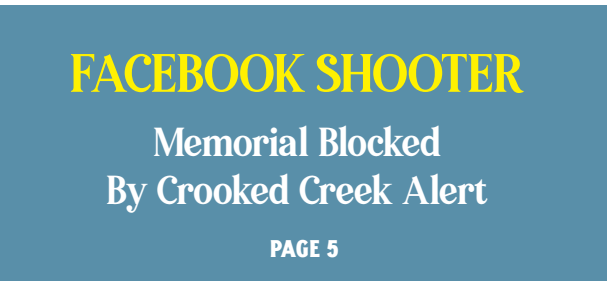
The Pike Pulse Ownership and staff are doing our absolute best to provide a useful, entertaining, community building newspaper for the residents of Pike for free, but as I'm sure you are aware, it isn't actually "FREE" to put out a newspaper to almost 40,000 addresses twice a month. It actually costs thousands and thousands of dollars each time we send out an issue. To date, the Pulse is still running in the red and we are pulling out all the stops to try and get to breakeven and eventual profitability. We need your help.

We are committed to do everything in our power to keep this thing going but of course, we can't allow it to lose money forever, and we wanted to make sure *Page 2*



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PikePulse

OUR MISSION

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.

Pike Pulse is the only free newspaper in Pike Township that is delivered by the US Postal Service twice a month to every residential and business address.

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the readership had a chance to lend a hand if they were so inclined before just disappearing. One of the reasons that we are so motivated to keep the paper in print, is that we know that we have literally and tangibly changed the community by solving problems that directly impacted our readership. We also know, thanks to your interaction, feedback, and involvement

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that folks really enjoy getting and reading the Pulse. We are so grateful for all the readers who have reached out to us over the last year because it helped us prove we are relevant, and something people find value in. In the end, we are proud of the Pike Pulse and how it has touched, impacted, and interacted with this amazing Pike Township Community! We strongly desire to keep it going and getting better and better over time. We want to be a means of connection, change, information, and empowerment, but we know that we cannot do it by ourselves.

Please Donate, Advertise, or Contribute content.

So, to that end, The Pike Pulse is proud to announce our new and improved website, www.pikepulse.com

We have completely retooled it so that we can get better interaction with the readership, sponsors, and advertising partners. You are encouraged to go check

it out and leave us a comment in our content capture section. As you can see from the image on the page, we have really highlighted three main areas of interaction. You can provide an article, sponsor a section of the paper or the paper as a whole, and even place advertising in the paper all from comfort of your favorite device. We strongly urge our readers to get involved and help support the Pike Pulse. It cannot be promised that every single thing submitted will get into the paper, but we will do our absolute best to represent and reflect the community through what's its residents are contributing and concerned about. Also, we are excited to announce and launch our new Classified's section coming soon to give you a chance to give shout outs and announce anything from a birthday, engagement, wedding, graduation, an obituary, garage sales, or even a hiring campaign for your business (full page details on pg 15).

We could really use any help from anyone who likes what we are doing.

Please know that you don't have to be a writer to help with content. Feel free to even just give us ideas on what you would like to see in the Pulse. You don't have to be a huge business to utilize our vehicle as a business generator for your company, adds can be as low as a couple hundred dollars. You don't have to be a business to be a sponsor of the paper, every single cent helps keep us moving forward. We sincerely hope that you enjoy and find the free delivery, Pike Pulse useful.

So please, donate if you can, advertise if you run a business in Pike, help sponsor us if you are an organization so we can keep this community resource coming to you.

A SIT DOWN WITH PIKE PULSE FOUNDER, CLINT FULTZ

Pike Pulse Interviews

Senator Todd Young

By Clint Fultz

**Clint Fultz**

Senator Young, tell us about growing up in Carmel, Indiana.

Sen. Young

I descend from multiple generations of Hoosiers. I had grandparents who lived in the inner city of Indianapolis on my mothers' side, on my father's side they lived over near north central by the Jordan YMCA. I lived just south of Broad Ripple as a small child, we decided to move north when Carmel was a sleepy little town, but poised for growth.

Clint Fultz

Let's talk about your state soccer championship.

Sen. Young

You know it's interesting you fast forward to that because soccer played an incredibly formative role in my life it was my passion growing up! I actually aspired to play professional soccer at a time before any young Americans were really doing that. Now, that seems to suggest that I was good enough to ultimately play, or I would have been good enough however, to make the varsity team and to play on that 1987 Carmel High School Soccer Championship Team. I first became involved in soccer through the Carmel dads club. I don't think I was really good in any other sports and mom and dad thought for whatever reason I had some aptitude for it. It did help me make friends and I gained a lot of self-confidence, but that soccer championship, I honestly admit to you I cannot even

remember which Evansville team was in the 1987 final. That was just sort of one milestone in what for me was, you know, a force and a group of personalities in my life that helped to shape my character and soccer, like other sports, can help do that.

Clint Fultz

What was it like being at the Naval Academy?

Sen. Young

It was incredibly challenging! There's an old saying uttered by many of us who've graduated from the Naval Academy that goes... Annapolis is a great place to be from, but not always a great place to be at. I absolutely found that to be the experience. I was a shy kid who didn't particularly like being yelled at all the time. Though I didn't have extensive military background in my family, I was recruited to play soccer on their Division I NCAA team!

You know on their division one NC double a team.

I hit a growth spurt immediately which is of course was very frustrating to me but perhaps the most notable thing is, while I thrived athletically and felt as though I was resilient emotionally, it was an incredibly challenging experience for me academically. In fact, I spent one year enlisted in the U. S. navy at a preparatory school that Annapolis had sent me to and was required to receive a 2.0 grade point average in order to graduate from that school and receive formal admission to the naval academy.

I ended up going to an academic board and receiving in the end, a 2.056!

You may notice I do remember that exactly! Its because, I worked seven days a week, I got up early, I went to bed very late, and I got incredibly little sleep. I, who am someone who thrives in the arts and letters area, but was less strong to put it charitably in the stem fields, found myself, candidly, unknowingly immersed in an engineering heavy atmosphere. So, I took computer science, weapon systems engineering, which is essentially a rocket science, electrical engineering, advanced mathematics, and though my major was political science, I probably spent ninety plus percent of my time on higher math and engineering. In order for me to ultimately finish in the top fifth of my class at Annapolis, I was required to make a lot of sacrifices. College was not fun for me, in fact it wasn't really a college. It was seven days a week work and all related to sort of, my ambition to make the most of myself and to do well there to open up some professional opportunities on the back end. You know, in the course of that sort of experience, if you go through the crucible and challenge, against valedictorians and salutatorians, many of whom dropped out, and end up graduating

towards the top of your class, and are among the highest of professional development in athletic marks, it's a big confidence builder the you can tackle enormous challenges and really accomplish anything you put your mind to if you work hard enough.

Clint Fultz

You enter the Marine Corps but you don't stay for twenty and pick up a retirement check why not?

Sen. Young

Well, I had other goals in life, other interests. One of which, was my interest in someday moving back home to Indiana. Remember, I had been gone for a long time between

"I just desired to get back and live next to friends and family and sink my roots back into a place that I could call home."

the year enlisted it in the Navy, then four years at the Naval Academy, and five years of active duty that's a decade that I had been away from my closest friends and family, I just desired to get back and live next to them and to sink my roots back into *Page 4*

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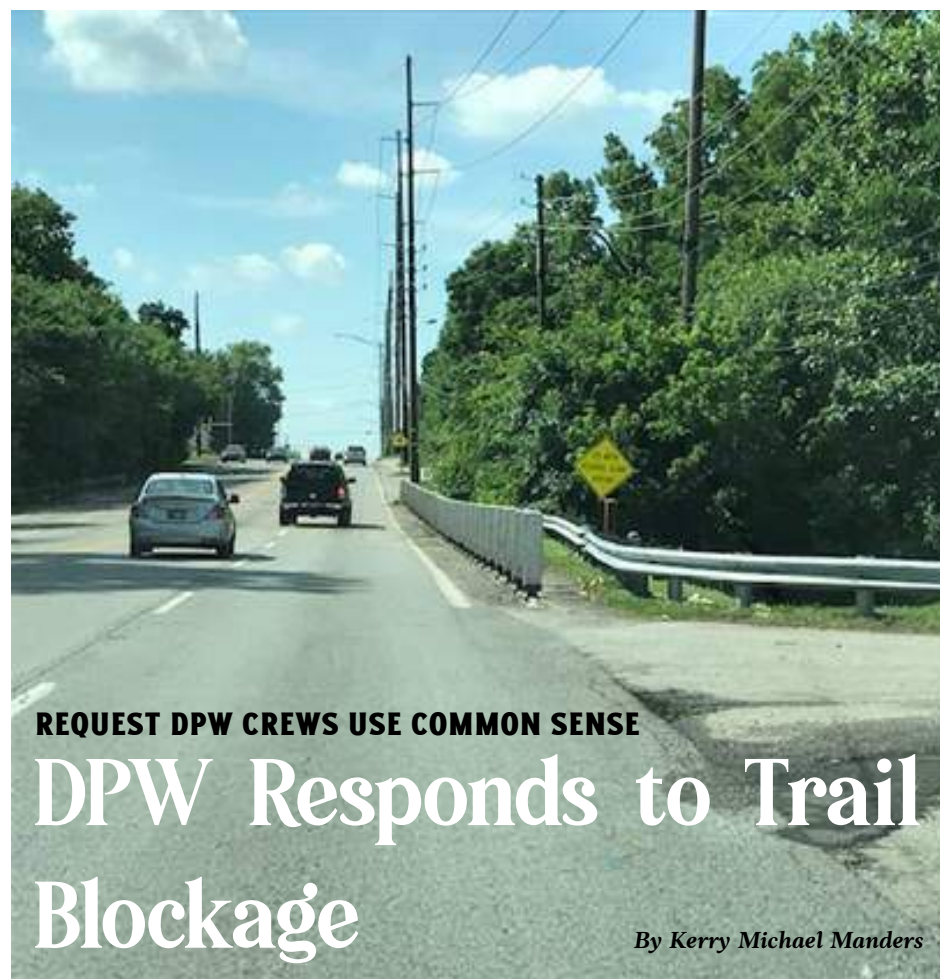
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The damaged guard rail blocking the Michigan Road Trail, located at 7750 Michigan Road, has been repaired by the City's Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW representative Janelle Buntin became aware of Pike Pulse last edition's article "DPW's Slow Response Impacts Pedestrians and the Disabled" and prioritized this much needed repair.

Ms. Buntin indicated that the original complaint stated "accident debris" — not mentioning the guard rail blocking the Trail. A DPW crew placed cones to make drivers aware of potential hazards — but did not address the obvious blockage of the Trail. I requested — and Ms. Buntin agreed that DPW crews be made aware of this situation and use common sense in the future to assess appropriate needs and action, particularly when the disabled are so negatively impacted — as in this case. Ms. Buntin asked that all DPW related complaints to the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) be as specific as possible.

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. Thanks to DPW for their quick response — improving the safety and quality of life of the disabled who depend on the Michigan Road Trail.

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a place that I could call home as opposed to being itinerant, which is the case in the military. I also recognized that there many ways to serve and it was my intention to take

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my heart for service and apply it to other endeavors so I became involved in not-for-profit activities like serving homeless veterans and some other things and business was of great interest to me. I hail from a small business family, I always admired my Dad and his hard work, and the measure of in-



dependence he enjoyed with his own small business. I kind of always idolized a person who started something new and grew into something substantial. I wanted to enjoy the pride of creating something myself, so that was my goal when I attended business school and work at a management consultancy and went to law school at night and then I met my bride and instead of starting a business I decided to spend a couple of years practicing law with her. You know, with her invitation of course, and I decided that, though it was a positive experience living in Bloomington and working down in southern Indiana, that's not what I was called to do longer term.

Clint Fultz

You list of modernizing education as one of your priorities. How would you modernize education?

Sen. Young

Well, as you know the federal government has played a role in K-12 education and pre K and so forth but historically and I think appropriately, our role has been much more focused on post Highschool or Secondary Education. So, we need to bring down the cost of education. We need to reward institutions of higher education broadly speaking,

from trade schools, to community colleges, to State universities, and private colleges. Reward those that actually graduate students and place them into remunerative and rewarding vocations. Then we need enable those students to pay off whatever debts incurred along the way. We need to empower people who elect not to go to college. So how do we do that? Well, one of my solutions has been to harness the power of the private market. There is a tool called an Income Share Agreement, that allows Private individuals or institutional investors to invest in students and allow those students to get a college education or to attend the coding school debt free. Then, on the back end of the Educational experience, the student, assuming they receive a good paying job, would agree to pay back their funders a certain portion of their income. I push for legislation that would effectively help create a market in this space by putting regulatory parameters around these private market instruments and ensuring that students are properly protected and that investors know if they make these investments and students graduating get good jobs, that these contracts will be recognized in a court of law. I think that's one of the most important and creative things I've done, but I've also supported basic stem education and some legislation that would lead to more regulatory flexibility at colleges and other federally funded schools so that they can experiment more about how to be more administratively efficient, how to escape red tape from the federal level, and how to more effectively recruit, educate, and graduate students. Then, we'll study each of these innovations and allow those that are affected to be scaled. That Innovation zone concept, is also one that is met with Popularity on the Republican and Democratic side of isle.

Cint Fultz

What do you want to tell the readers the Pike Pulse about the Endless Frontier Act?

Sen. Young

This is the best two-for federal initiative of our generation. On one hand. This legislation is the most sweeping and most impactful Anti-Chinese Communist Party legislation in our nation's history. It makes some bold and essential investments in cutting edge twenty first century technologies like artificial intelligence, quantum computing, robotics, battery storage, geonomics, and so forth. This is so that we might out innovate, outgrow, and out compete the Chinese Communist Party. In short, as opposed to tariffing, cyber security, and export controls this legislation allows us to play offense against Xi Jinping and his autocratic regime. It's also legislation that will create the technologies that

will be platforms for the different sectors of our economy as we head into the twenty first century, allowing Hoosiers and other Americans to land twenty first century good paying jobs and ensure that this century will be the second American century. In furtherance of that second objective, it calls for the establishment of roughly twenty tech hubs around the country. Indiana stands a strong chance of landing one of these tech hubs which would be an in the enormous game changer for the Hoosier state. I believe we are poised to land one should this legislation make it through the house and be signed by the president in coming weeks as I believe it will. That would affectively would mean that Silicon Valley in Seattle, Boston, and the research triangle of North Carolina, wouldn't



be the only repositories or the main repositories for venture capital investment in this country, instead Indiana would start receiving an increasing amount of that as would other states that have citizens ready to get into the game but have been underutilized and feel underappreciated right now in this hyper competitive dynamic economy.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR - CROOKED CREEK COMMUNITY STANDS ITS GROUND TO STOP A MEMORIAL OF A FAUX MARTYR

Event to Honor Facebook Shooter Attempted Despite Opposition

By Kerry
Michael Manders

On Saturday, June 12 — Joshua Griffin of B.I.G.Voices, Inc.'s attempted to hold an "event" which was denied a permit to close Michigan Road at 62nd Street to "honor" Facebook shooter Dreasjon Reed. Their Permit request was denied by the City of Indianapolis, as was their request to hold the event on the grounds of the Michigan Road Public Library.

Crooked Creek Alert (CCA), the Crooked Creek Community's neighborhood umbrella organization, oppose any "event" of this nature. CCA believes there's a need for a distinction between Mr. Reed — a victim of his own criminal behavior — and the true victims of inappropriate Police use of deadly force. CCA understands the desire to honor victims of racial injustice — as opposed to Mr. Reed, who was endangering our Community and the Police without regard to his or anyone else's life. He should not be considered a martyr.

Griffin stated his intent to hold this "event" annually, despite the local Community's opposition, being denied access to Library grounds and his in-ability to get a permit. Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) arrested Joshua Grif-

fin for an existing warrant for driving on a suspended license and an additional felony charge of cocaine possession.

*That behavior should
not be honored!*

There is a difference between the victim of a justified Police shooting vs. the unjust Police use of deadly force. The location and proximity of our new Public Library is an inappropriate site for such an event for this

*The Crooked Creek
Community has suffered
enough from the chaos.*

very reason — Mr. Reed committed crimes before and at this location that resulted in his death. That behavior should not be honored! The Crooked Creek Community has suffered enough from the chaos resulting from Mr. Reed's justified shooting.



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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Georgetown Market / More Than a Store

By Carol Mullins

Georgetown Market is hosting a Community day, Saturday, July 24, as a way to thank the community. With almost 50 years of service, Georgetown Market has stayed in the Lafayette area, and operated in Pike even when other groceries moved away. What started as a health food store, emerged as a full-service grocery, deli, diner, and holistic wellness and education center. The Montieths stayed, thrived, and continued to serve the community. The fresh quality food and great service are the drivers. The natural health resources and trained wellness staff make it your go to shopping experience, serving health and quality long before it was a trend. The founders were Dick and Peg Montieth. Now their son Rick, and grandson Andrew are co-owners. Health and wellness is a way of life at Georgetown Market and they believe educating and serving the community about optimal wellness through food and right living is important. A few of the staff and family members responded to questions about the history and memories of Georgetown Market. Here are their answers.



GARY JUMP (Longest employee – 38 years)

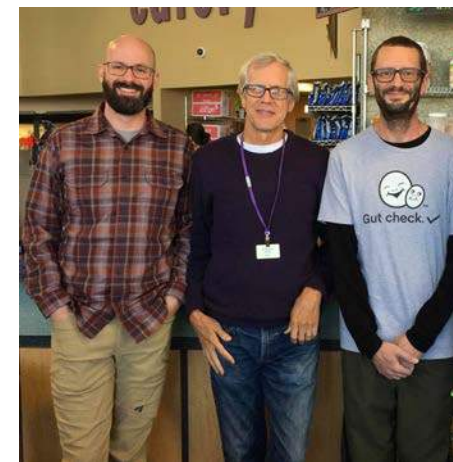
Andrew Monteith said, “Gary Jump is our longest employee and began working at Georgetown Market in 1983 as a teenager. He and Ruthie Mills are the only employees who’ve worked with all three generations of owners. Gary said when he started, “in very little time, Rick, his parents, and his family, became friends. I also found that working around better food & better eating habits could mean a longer, healthier life. Over the years I’ve enjoyed working with the Montieths and think of them as part of my family. I care about them dearly. I have many, many memories working here, they are all good. My very best memory would have to be Nettie. She was the mother of one of our employees, Sam Kennedy. I asked her out on a date nine years ago, and she accepted. It’s been so great being with her and getting to know her and her family. I love her and her family very much. Nettie is my best friend, and I am so blessed that I found her and get to spend the rest of my life with her. I just hope she doesn’t get sick of hearing about 1971 Cudas, ha!”

Note: If you are a regular at Georgetown Market and know Gary, you know that his PASSION is finding his dream car, a 1971 Cuda!”

Ruthie Mills (employee for 34 years)

When asked about her early memories at Georgetown Market Ruthie said, “My mom, Ruth Strejc, started working here six months after it opened in 1973 and she worked here 25 years. I have worked here 34 years. I can say that this store has been part of my experiences my whole life. I have a fond memory of Dick Montieth, (Rick’s dad and Andrew, Brett, and Lauren’s grandfather). He was a no-nonsense kind of man, and I always thought him stern. Then one day, Lauren came to visit her Grandpa, Dick Montieth. She marched right back to his office, hopped onto his lap and immediately his entire face softened. He lit up as she talked with him. I’ll never forget that moment. Another memory was when we built the new store and I was the Grocery Buyer. As I looked at the store layout plans for two restrooms, I knew more freezer space was needed. So I requested only one multi-purpose bathroom to allow us to extend our freezer section to 13 doors. Now when I see people waiting in line to use that restroom, I think, well you can blame Ruthie for that! Still, I would never trade the extra three freezer doors for another bathroom! I have loved working at Georgetown Market for all these years. I have many

stories of how we have helped people have better, healthier lives, and it just doesn’t get any better than that!”



ANDREW MONTIETH (3rd Generation Owner/Son of Rick):

Q: What is something your Grandfather told you that resonates with how you do business.

A: “He and my grandmother felt it was important to help people. What makes our store unique is that our highly trained staff are always happy and willing to answer questions and suggest products that may help you with health challenges or issues. So as then, we are still helping people today.”

Q: What are some memories of your family at the store?

A: “A favorite is with my grandmother when I was young, and before being old enough to work, helping my grandmother make bread in the store. What I remember most was the smell. The whole store smelled like fresh bread. Everybody loved it. I still have people occasionally come in and talk about it. It was just something that was really cool. She started doing it because it was the bread that we used for our sandwiches in the Health Bar. She would make bread out front using a Bosch wheat berry grinder. She used a Bosch kneading machine and demonstrated as well, and sold both machines in the store. But it was awesome! I remember when the bread came out of the oven, I was super excited to eat the heel because that was the best part of warm bread! But that was just one of those things that really gave the store its own unique touch, that made it a ma & pa market. What they did was out of the ordinary. Another memory is with Gary Jump. I always say, Gary is the one who taught me





to count to 100. We would buy boxes of 5000 gel caps. I would stand back in Gary’s little area, and he would make me a tin foil tray, and I would count out a hundred capsules at a time and bag them for sale. I would stand there for a couple of hours at a time. That was one of the first things I ever did at the store.

Q: What is your favorite memory of Pike Township?

A: “Probably the playing putt-putt at 34th & High School Rd on my breaks from work as a teenager. It was Putt Putt Golf & Games. They had a special you could golf for a couple of hours and get \$10 worth of game tokens. When I was done, I would call my dad to come get me and go back to work at the store.”

Q: Why the location?

A. “There really wasn’t a health food store on the west side of town, and my grandparents lived in Pike Township. It was probably one of the few spots open for rent in the Lafayette Square area. Our current store was built in 1997 is only a few blocks away. We want to stay in the area, and back then the land was available and it is a good location.”

Q: What do you want the community to know?

A: “We have been a proud member of this community for nearly 48 years. We appreciate our customers, and we hope to continue to be a vital part of the International Marketplace Coalition that is helping to revitalize this area.”

Q: Who is the longest held supplier and customer?

A: “We have been with Cash N Carry, Har-die’s Honey as well as Palko, which is a cool one because they are still a family-owned business, located in northern Indiana and



now have become a National Distributor.”

FROM BRETT MONTIETH (Grandson/
Son of Rick also)

“I couldn’t tell you when I first started working here. But I can remember when I started full time. I started full time in the summer of 1997. My first job as a full-time employee was to help set up our shelves in the new location and start filling them up. My best memory is with my grandmother Peg. When I was young, I would come in and help her make bread and she would do bread-making demonstrations, and we would always bake a small loaf just for me.”

You - Our Customer

As you shop Georgetown Market, look for the familiar faces, bring your family and meet ours. We are hosting a Community Day, July 24th, from 11-4. Georgetown market would like you to know, “This free event is an opportunity to give back to the local community. As a small business, we are indebted to you, and believe it’s our responsibility to

be engaged in a positive way. We are hosting the International Marketplace Coalition along with Reconnecting to Our Waterways and providing a platform to talk directly with the community. Our July, month-long donation drive, will benefit both organizations. Alongside that, we will have food, music, and entertainment for kids and adults. Come en-

joy live music with Slammer Jazz and Clint Buffington, vendor samples, face-painting, an art contest, free workshops, watch a mural being painted, store-wide sales and more! We will also be raising money for the IMC & ROW by donating a portion of our day’s sales. We hope you can join us for the festivities, rain or shine!”

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By Carol Mullins, IndyGo Neighborhood Liaison

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Tommie's contributions brought Indy transit to the next level.

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Did you know? IndyGo's work is supported by the Indianapolis Public Transportation Foundation, IPTF. On September 9, 2021 the IPTF will hold their first golf outing at Sarah Shank Gold Course to raise support for transit and honor former board member Tommie Jones. IndyGo media contact, Emily Lovison said, Tommie's "contributions brought Indy transit to the next level with the addition of the Julia M. Carson Transit Center." She goes on to say, "The foundation is dedicated to supporting accessible and inclusive public mobility solutions throughout Marion County and the surrounding area. Through philanthropic efforts such as public-private partnerships, fundraising, and grant-writing, the Foundation seeks to invest in programs

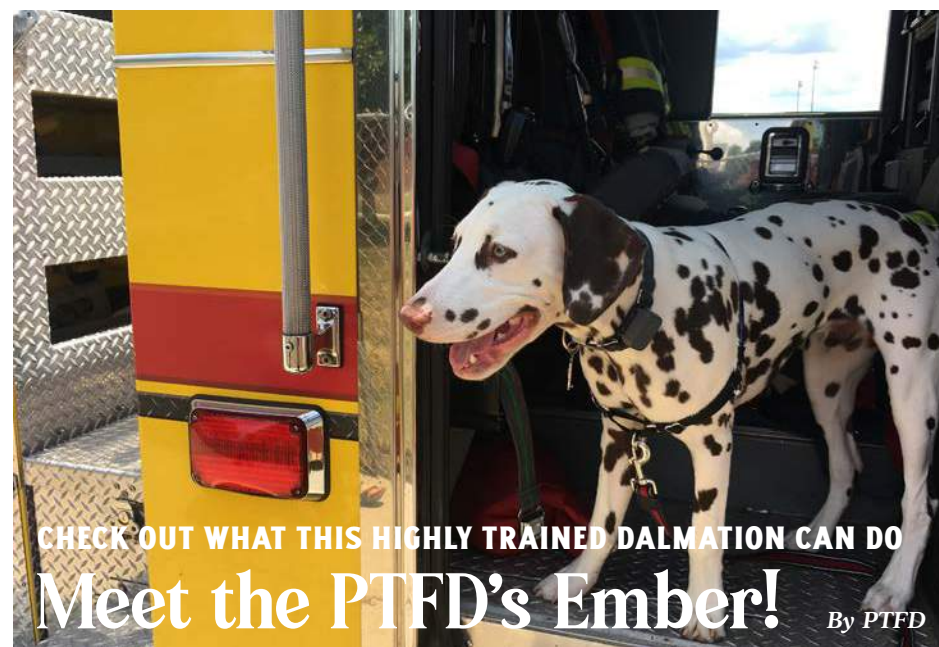
and opportunities that create public transportation and transit options for all people throughout the region." The event chair was City-County Councillor Monroe Gray. "I'm thrilled to be able to combine my passion for playing golf and my commitment to supporting the advancement of mobility in Indianapolis for this exciting, rewarding event," said

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Councillor Gray. "Excellent, safe, and reliable transit is critical to providing equal access and enhancing quality of life." The IPTF will use proceeds from this fundraiser to assist IndyGo in creating mobility for those who need it most and enhance public transportation to create better access to employment, food, health care, education, and other enriching and essential services.

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CHECK OUT WHAT THIS HIGHLY TRAINED DALMATIAN CAN DO
Meet the PTFD's Ember! By PTFD

It's the image we all have in our heads. The black and white Dalmatian sitting on a fire engine. What has been the purpose of firehouse dogs throughout the years and do we still have them today? Back in the early 1870s, fire equipment was horse-drawn. The dogs came in as guards to clear the way in front of the horses. Dalmatians were known to have a calming effect on horses, so while firefighters battled a blaze, the fire dog could stay with the horses to ease their stress. Once motorized fire engines were developed, carriage dogs were no longer essential. However, since the public had developed a love for the fire dog, many fire departments still kept Dalmatians as part of their teams.

For centuries, Dalmatians have been the unofficial mascot for firefighters in the United States. Here at Pike Township Fire we have continued that tradition and have our own Dalmatian named Ember. Ember, owned by our Division Chief of Fire Prevention, is a 3-year-old purebred Dalmatian with liver (brown) spots instead of the more commonly recognized black spots. Ember has been with PTFD since he was just 10 weeks old. He is primarily seen at public events and going to schools to visit the kids.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATIONS

By Carol Mullins

The Best Kept Secret in Indy. Well, not anymore.

This past weekend many neighborhoods participated in celebrations, parades, gathering for fireworks, and embracing summer's fun rituals. Memories being made after a challenging year with no public gatherings is a refreshing change. I was contacted by a local resident who moved to the NW side over seven years ago to be "closer to the grandkids." What he discovered was a neighborhood, without covenants, or mandatory homeowners association, that was welcoming and inclusive. Neighbors talk about the deep sense of connectivity to each other, shared spaces, shared memories and care of one another. This is how to build a good neighborhood and "the best kept secret in Indianapolis."

That's what resident David Fisher said about Northern Estates Homeowners Association, NEHA, comprised of 550 homes, just north of 38th St. and west of Kessler Blvd. So what's so unique about this area? It starts with a bit of personal history, connections to Indianapolis notables, stories of the residents, and engagement with each other and

the community.

As I drove into the neighborhood to meet David and Rosie Jordan, I noticed the park-like setting, well-tended older trees, yards with gardens, some vegetables, some native, others colorful, and decorative. Could this be part of what makes it a great place to live? There were lots of people out walking, some with dogs, others running, kids biking, talking to neighbors on the street, and everyone waved as I drove by.

The Northern Estate Neighborhood, NEHA was formed in 1969, and for the past 50 years has worked to solve and celebrate the needs of the community. Like many other neighborhoods built before 1969, there was no mandatory homeowners association required for new development. These neighbors got together and took initiative for public safety and snow removal. A voluntary association was formed and dues collected to remove snow, and host events. Rosie said this was done because they didn't want to wait for others to solve pressing issues. "Take responsibility and action and do it yourself. Se-

curity service is a huge deterrent and neighbors took this on as a community. We didn't wait for someone to rescue us. Signs in the area notify visitors, the area is patrolled. We may be surrounded by vulnerability, but it feels safe and connected."

Sitting in Rosie's kitchen offered a view to the yard, and the mature trees and bird feeders that added to the peaceful setting. She reminded me that technically, her home was in Washington Township, although the majority of NEHA homes are on Pike's eastern edge of Lincoln Rd. Rosie said, boundaries don't matter, and she really enjoys getting the Pike Pulse, because the articles are relevant and keep NEHA informed of what's happening in the immediate community.

Rosie then opened up a 2016 Indianapolis Monthly magazine featuring her neighbors, Alice and Steve Berger. Their restored English manor-style home, built in 1933 by industrialist Howard J. Lacy, was on the Indianapolis Home Tour that year. The Berger's believe in service to the community and continue to give back by opening their home to charitable organizations for fundraising events five times a year. Other homes in the neighborhood are an eclectic mix of ranch, Tudor, mid-century modern, and new construction. Another NEHA home was featured on HGTV's "Good Bones." The show's designer lives in the neighborhood. MJ and his husband Andrew bought a red-brick ranch in the Wolfington area of NEHA. Megan Fernandez, from Indianapolis Monthly said, "If you're a Good Bones tourist to Indianapolis, do not ask anyone for directions to Wolfington. I have never heard of it."

Both David and Rosie continued to talk of neighbors and family who are either in the news, making news, or changing policy, in one way or another. David is a retired business owner and said, "my son is the Public Policy Director for the Indianapolis Chamber Of Commerce and worked with Indygo for the new routes and financing." "Rosie is retired from Eli Lilly and her husband from the City of Indianapolis, both continue working as consultants. Rosie said her friends and neighbors, Leslie and Mike Ruben, participate in the Lafayette Square revitalization project, among many other endeavors. Their secretary of NEHA works for IUPUI, Katy Mann runs Indy Moms, Sherry and Steve Queener are very engaged in the community, and several others had homes showcased in media stories. This group either sits on the board or helps with events. They get togeth-



er to discuss new ways of engagement and figuring out how to respond to the needs of the community.

There was discussion of their favorite community event, the 4th of July parade. Rosie carries the neighborhood banner, while others decorate cars, bikes, wagons, dogs and strollers. Some bring lawn chairs to



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the curb to watch and others bring out their instruments to form a neighborhood patriotic band. Former NEHA president, Derrick Nutty, said, “the parade has always been in some way - an opportunity for people to feel welcome and even more fond of our neighborhood and the lovely people in it. It can be a source of positivity, a source for healing from the stress and pain we’re feeling, and a chance to learn about each other. This tradition, for more than 35 years, provides an opportunity to make sure that everyone in Northern Estates knows they are welcomed and respected, and we’re in this together. During Derricks tenure, he recruited many newer residents.

Rosie had a lot to share. “We want individuals to take action and make the change they want to see. So if there is something that you want, make it happen.” This was the impetus for a plant swap, earlier this year. A way to replace the Spring gathering but for us to get out of the house during Covid, get to know one another, learn about gardening, and get free plants.” This was just one of the many activities that brought neighbors together. In January, NEHA resident Katy Mann, coordinated the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile to tour Northern Estates, and bring “miles of smiles,” and whistles to the kids. During the winter holidays, a NEHA board member, gathered her favorite story books to read to children and residents via Facebook. Others wanted to recognize long-time friend and postal carrier, Susan, and during the holidays present her with Rosie’s famous holly cookies. Katy Mann also organizes a weekly visit by Indianapolis Food Trucks. Families gather in her yard for conversation and connections. Rosie said, “Katy’s yard is like a kids paradise, with swings, a tree house, large patio, and chickens.” The kids play and the adults gather for conversation. Over the years, other residents have organized and led the annual 5K Run/Walk, bike tours, and dinners that utilize the flavor of the International Marketplace.

Making it work means holding your neighborhood to the highest of standards and not wavering.

Both David and Rosie emphasized making it work means holding your neighborhood to the highest of standards, and not wavering. Not only should you hold your community to higher standards, but help neighbors get the resources and support them. Every neighborhood should strive to reflect this type of commitment. Why, because a committed



“Our neighborhood isn’t perfect, but you don’t have to be perfect to be a great neighborhood.”

community is a safer community, and fun to live in. When asked if her neighborhood had challenges, she said, “Is our neighborhood perfect? No, but you don’t have to be perfect to be a great neighborhood.” When new residents move in there is a local Welcome Wagon and a board member will take them an oven mitt with the NEHA brochure. The accompanying tag says, “Welcome to NEHA, you have to ‘ad-mitt’ it’s a great place.” Yes there is litter and complaints about cars racing but, we still need to expect the best. Hold each other to a higher standard, when people’s standards go, so does the neighborhood.

Others love their neighborhood. It’s easy access to Downtown, shopping, the International Marketplace, the Healthplex, and OrthoIndy, all just minutes away. A low crime rate lowers insurance rates and they are

some of the lowest around. Their neighbors, Steve and Sherry Queener came up with a great tool called “security by sixes,” as a way to get to know your neighbors, stay connected on issues or safety concerns, and help support each other. The Queener’s also host a spring gathering and a fall pumpkin carving for kids. The 4th of July parade will end in the Queener’s driveway for refreshments. Rosie shared that “even the places of worship were easily accessible and varied.” She and her husband, Greg, attend North United Methodist Church, where they sing in the choir and where Angela Brown, a famous soprano, sang with Rosie and the NUM choir. Things like this make a place memorable. You feel connected to your space and have shared experiences. In 1988 we were named one of the most desirable neighborhoods to live in Indy and we still are. For families, having great schools nearby is important. Schools include Pike’s Guion Middle and Elementary, Washington Township’s Crooked Creek, St. Monica, International School, and Ritter High School. There are many long-time residents and also many newer neighbors. “The mix is just right.” Rosie said, “We have a very

diverse population, different ages, cultures, incomes and beliefs, and we’re all neighbors. Finding commonality and being respectful of each other goes a long way.” David said, “Don’t give up and don’t get discouraged. When you try to get individuals involved or they don’t show up for an event, keep going, keep asking, keep inviting them.”

Rosie Jordan ended by saying, “Thank you so much for investing the time to learn about Northern Estates. It is truly remarkable to have this kind of stability for decades in a neighborhood that spans all socioeconomic levels and all ethnicities and races. Proof that it can be done.” David said; “well, the Best kept secret in Indianapolis, may no longer be the best kept secret. Thank you for your time in sharing our story.”

How does this relate to your neighborhood. Like most of the Pike neighborhood stories, this is about people, the interactions of residents coming together to make a difference.

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CITY SERVICES

Taking Action & Working Together

By Carol Mullins



The Department of Public Works website has good information on getting assistance for many of your needs. I've copied it below along with a short list of other support services. If you have a question, or need help finding answers to pressing issues, please reach out to carol@pikepulse.com or pikepulse.com so we can share your concerns and find services. Your Mayor's neighborhood advocate for Pike Township will also be able to assist with finding information. "DPW supports Indianapolis by maintaining roads, fleet services, and residential services. The department also offers winter safety tips and information about trash and recycling.

"As many Indy DPW office staff are continuing to telework, the public is encouraged to take their business online. Check the list below for common services:

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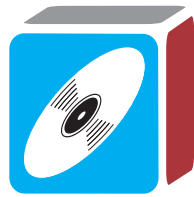
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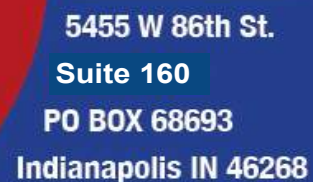
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Snapping Turtles

By Christy Krieg

The first summer day I came upon a Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*) laying her eggs near the creek running through our property, I was thrilled! It felt like a television nature program depicting Costa Rica. She appeared in a trance, calmly depositing round, 1-inch diameter eggs into the nest she had dug.

Referencing print and Internet resources, we learned that a very high percentage of turtle nests succumb to predators within the first 24 hours, including skunks, raccoons, and fox in our area. While we can't control that, we marked the nest site, and others we have found, to prevent human damage from driving over the nest with heavy equipment. We take caution near the creek generally: though the female Snapping Turtle can place her nest up to ¼ mile from water, the nests we have identified have been within 30 yards.

The temperature at which turtle eggs incubate determines their sex, in Indiana, in Costa Rica and beyond. According to the Stokes Nature Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles, in the nest itself, the temperature in the lower part of the nest may be cooler than on the surface, so a single nest naturally may produce both male and female offspring.

Our warming climate may threaten...turtles by changing the balance of males and females.

There is definitely concern that our warming climate may threaten sea turtles by changing the balance of male and female hatchlings, and presumably the same could happen to our local turtles. An imbalance of male or females would lead to fewer successful pairings.

Once mature, the hatchlings emerge within a few hours of one another; they are vulnerable to predators (again!) and, believe it or not, to drowning. I've never witnessed hatching but I have seen remnants of their shells, which are such delicate membranes.

Snapping Turtles do not become sexually mature until five or six years of age. Mating can last minutes to hours (You-tube has videos!).

Because the larger Alligator Snapping Turtle is thought to be extirpated in Indiana, the adult snapping turtle is Indiana's largest remaining reptile, reaching just over 50 pounds

in weight. The adult male is larger than the female with a top carapace length of up to



18 inches long.

Beyond mere size, the Snapping Turtle is characterized in part by its small bottom shell, the plastron, which offers little underside protection. But is suited to this turtle, which spends most of its time in the mud, with no predators from below. The top shell is its primary defense from above, and has a series of large triangular plates. Feet are webbed with impressive claws. The tail is relatively long with spines suggestive of dinosaurs!

Snapping Turtles are found in both ponds and lakes, and in moving water such as rivers or streams. They generally stay in the water except to move to another pond or when the female is searching for a nest site. At these times, they are vulnerable, in part because they are unable to retract head and limbs inside the shell as can other turtles, such as the smaller box turtle.

They will defend themselves instead by biting, but only if provoked. As with most wild animals, and despite common lore, Snapping Turtles generally avoid people and will not act aggressively if left undisturbed.

In many of Pike Township's natural areas, you may see turtles lined up on logs, basking in the sun. For all turtles, warmer body temperatures help them digest food and move more easily. Snapping Turtles also bask, but they do so in shallow water with the top of

a turtle if necessary: Do not pick them up by the tail or legs, which can cause fractures and dislocations. The safest way for you (and turtle) is to gently but firmly grasp the sides of the turtle using both hands with fingers under the bottom shell (plastron) and

their carapace just out of the water.

Should you come across a turtle, Snapping or otherwise, it's best to leave them alone and let them continue in the direction they are going. The only cause to intervene in their movement would be if you find them in the road and thereby, at risk of injury or

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death. If found in the road, note the direction they are headed, check the road for your personal safety, and assist them across the road to the other side. **DO NOT** relocate turtles; they know where they are going better than any human, including Y-O-U!

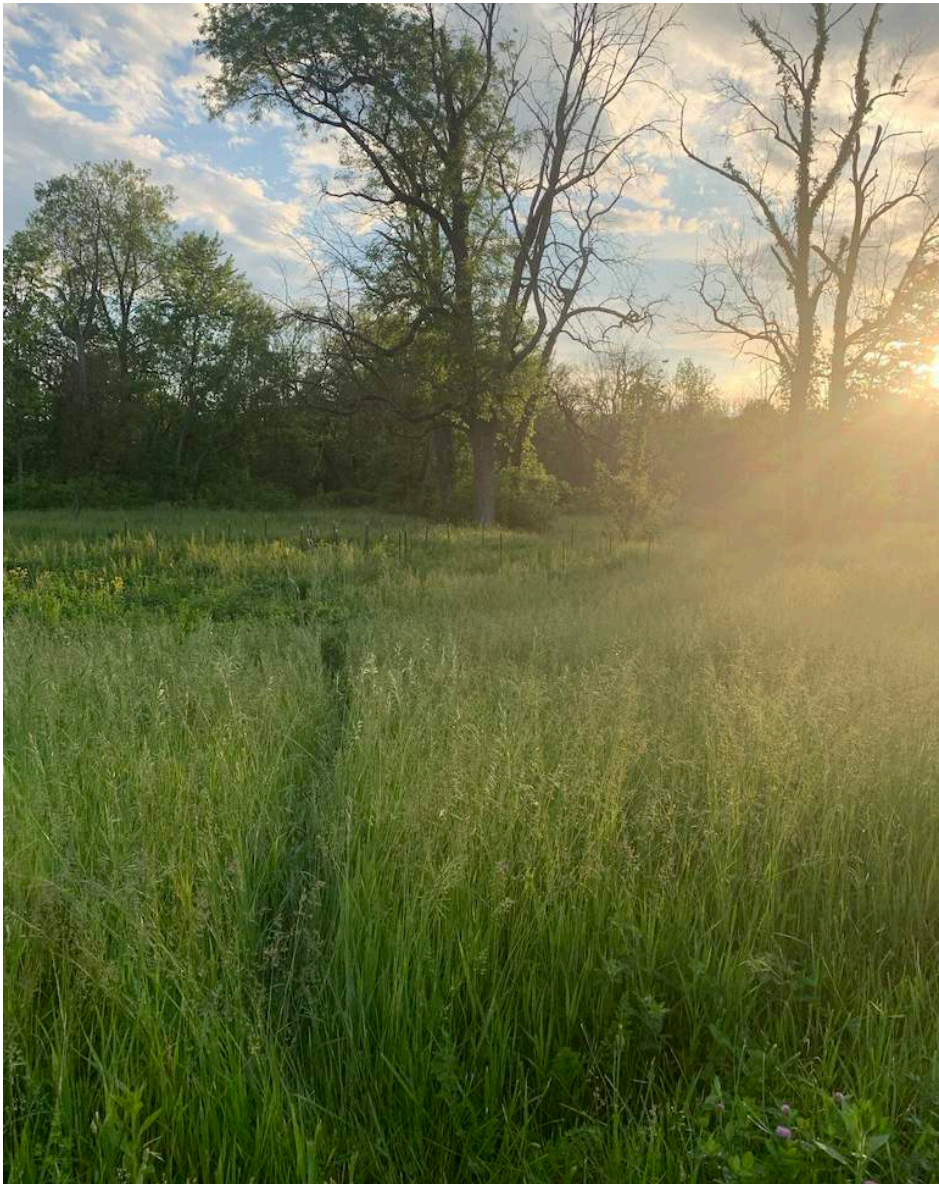
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