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JUNE 2024

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 - 317.327.4622
 - [Request Indy Online here](#)
 - Request Indy App
- My contact info
 - mina.moussa@indy.gov
- Community Office Hours
 - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 10-12
 - [Click here for locations](#)

MEET YOUR MNA

Hello! My name is Mina Moussa, and I am the MNA for Area 1. Before joining the city, I was with Project Azul, an Indianapolis non-profit focused on upskilling individuals in the logistics and manufacturing industries. I majored in Anthropology at Ball State (chirp chirp!). When I'm not working, I like to play tennis, try out new restaurants, and watch movies.



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MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER IN INDIANAPOLIS

MAY 28TH - MLS CAN SOLIDIFY INDIANAPOLIS AS AMERICA'S BEST SPORTS CITY

Mayor Joe Hogsett - When the roar of IndyCars at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is answered by the roar of fans packed into Gainbridge Fieldhouse for a Pacers playoff game, such is the magic that is Indianapolis – the greatest sports city in the country.

Add in the Caitlin Clark Effect, sold-out Fever games, and we find ourselves in a stretch of major, high-profile sporting events that put Indianapolis and Indiana on the national stage. Since May 20, we've had five Fever games, four chances to cheer on our Pacers in the Eastern Conference Finals, Carb Day at IMS and, of course, the Indianapolis 500.

These are our "Pacers and Racers" for an entirely new generation. These are among the dividends we now cash in from Indianapolis' sports strategy first implemented by our city's leaders decades ago. In fact, we were the first city in the country to have a civic organization dedicated to building our city's sports future. And we haven't slowed down since.

Our Pacers ascended to the NBA. We brought the Colts to our city. We hosted events like the National Sports Festival and the Pan American Games. In so doing, we established ourselves as the amateur sports capital of the world.

We were an early city to invest in women's basketball and launch the Indiana Fever. We've hosted the entirety of the NCAA March Madness Tournament, the NBA All-Star Weekend, NASCAR and F-1 races, the NFL Scouting Combine and we're preparing the largest natatorium in the world for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials at Lucas Oil Stadium.

For a city with sports in its DNA, we shouldn't take our foot off the gas.

Last month, after meeting with Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber, I personally committed our city to the pursuit of an MLS club. I did so because I firmly believe it is in the best interests of Indianapolis and its future.

Soccer is a sport that has shown substantial growth in the U.S. – and it is, of course, the premier sport in the rest of the world.

The City-County Council is considering a proposal that will allow us to pursue this opportunity to create even more unforgettable sports memories in our city, generate hundreds of millions of dollars of investment in our downtown, create construction and hospitality jobs and improve our attractiveness as a home for top talent from across the globe.

Over the next few months, Indianapolis has this once-in-a-generation opportunity to solidify our status as a major league city. By working together, as is the legacy of our city, I am confident we will be successful in our pursuit of the major league of the world's game.

Year after year, Indianapolis competes on the world's stage. And we play to win. Always have. Always will.

79TH & DEAN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

MAY 29TH - INDY DPW BEGINS WORK ON NEW ROUNDABOUT

This week, the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) will begin construction work on the 79th Street and Dean Road intersection. This new infrastructure project includes the construction of a new roundabout with pedestrian features and an underground stormwater detention system. This project is a \$1.3 million investment into the city's northside.

"Investing in our infrastructure is crucial for enhancing safety and improving traffic flow," said Mayor Joe Hogsett. "The new roundabout at 79th Street and Dean Road will streamline transportation in a neighborhood that has historically has heavy traffic during peak hours."

The new roundabout is designed to improve traffic efficiency and reduce congestion at this busy intersection. Additionally, the underground detention system will help manage stormwater runoff, reducing the risk of flooding and improving environmental sustainability.

Indy DPW Director Brandon Herget highlighted the technical aspects of the project.

"The inclusion of an underground detention system in the roundabout design ensures that we address stormwater management," said Indy DPW Director Brandon Herget. "Our team is dedicated to delivering a project that meets the highest standards of safety and functionality for all users."

The project is part of a broader initiative to upgrade infrastructure throughout the city. On top of improving daily commutes, the roundabout will contribute to the overall aesthetics and functional appeal of the neighborhood.

"I am thrilled to see the development of the roundabout at this intersection," said Councilor Dan Boots. "This project will maintain the character of our neighborhood while significantly enhancing stormwater safety and mobility. It's a testament to the city's commitment to thoughtful and effective infrastructure improvements."

The roundabout is expected to be completed in Summer of 2025.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed about the project's progress and any potential traffic impacts by visiting the [dedicated project page here](#).

3V3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



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TOURNAMENT

June 7 & 8

7440 Hague Rd.

**Multiple divisions: Men's, Women's, Co-
ed, Teens & Kids**

Bonus activities on June 4 & 6



SHARE FEEDBACK ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Insights from you could help determine future housing and economic development priorities. Today, the Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (Indy DMD) launched two surveys seeking the community's feedback as it prepares for programming in the years 2025-2029.

"We are seeking community input to inform how we prioritize funding for affordable housing, homelessness prevention and intervention, and community and economic development across Indianapolis," said Indy DMD Director Megan Vukusich. "For 2024 alone, Indy DMD received nearly \$30 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the community's voice plays a critical role in how these funds are spent."

Residents have two opportunities to provide their input:

1. Community Input Survey: Prioritizing Federal Dollars for Housing, Community, and Economic Development: Indy DMD is seeking community feedback to set goals and determine priorities for the upcoming program years 2025-2029. Residents can share their insights on how U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds should be allocated to maximize impact on affordable housing, homelessness prevention, community and economic development, and other critical services. [Take the survey here.](#)

2. Fair Housing Survey: Indy DMD invites residents to anonymously share their experiences regarding housing discrimination issues and concerns. This survey aims to gather data to better understand and address fair housing challenges within the community. [Take the survey here.](#)

Do you know an organization working to make a difference in housing, or community and economic development?

Application for HOME, HOME-ARP, HTF, CDBG, and PBV LIHTC projects now available for [qualifying projects here.](#)

NICKEL PLATE TRAIL BRIDGE GRANT SUPPORT

DPW is applying for an [Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#) to construct the Nickel Plate Trail Bridge over 82nd St and the Monon Trail over 86th. This project, in addition to the two bridges, includes the expansion of the Pacers Bikeshare system to the NPT (Castleton area) and north on the Monon, multi-use paths along 86th and 82nd to connect to libraries, schools, hospitals, and multi-use side paths to ensure the safety of trail users. This initiative is crucial for our community's active transportation needs and will significantly enhance our infrastructure.

ATIIP is a new competitive program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to construct projects to provide safe and connected active transportation facilities in active transportation networks or spines.

We would love your support for this grant application! Please feel free to edit as you see fit and add it to your official letterhead.

We would like to have these returned by **6/13/2024** if possible.

[Click here to view the template.](#)

IMPD RECRUITING EVENT

IMPD North District

2ND *Recruiting*

EVENT

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 26TH**

Starts at 5pm - Dress Casual

3120 E 30th St, Indianapolis, In 46219

IMPDNorthRecruiting.eventbrite.com

ST'ARTUP317 GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN

Mayor Joe Hogsett announced the continuation and expansion of St'Artup317, the City's first retail accelerator program connecting local brands with prime real estate opportunities in Indianapolis. Retail brand owners, artists, and makers are invited to apply for the chance to secure a 6-12 month lease in one of in one of the two storefronts that will be available at the historic Stutz building this summer.

"The essence of St'Artup 317 is simple: unite our city's vibrant talent of entrepreneurs, artists, and innovators with underutilized retail spaces in historic locations like the old Stutz factory," said Mayor Joe Hogsett. "When we foster equity in the retail landscape, we not only empower individual business owners, but it allows our visitors and residents to see the diverse spirit of Indianapolis firsthand."

"The creative economy will directly benefit from this unique and innovative inclusive economic city-sponsored incentive," said Catherine Esselman, Founder of Cat Consulting and Program Director for St'Artup 317. "A retail storefront at The Stutz, among some of Indianapolis' most iconic brands and venues, gives brands a great runway to scale and grow."

Applications for two retail spaces are currently open. Indy-based entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply now for an opportunity to secure a spot at the Stutz this summer, or to receive notifications for additional opportunities as they become available.

For information about past brands, or to learn more about how to make your pop-up a success, visit www.startup317.com. To receive ongoing updates or to connect with the St'Artup 317 community, follow @Startup317 on Instagram.

In 2022, the Hogsett Administration awarded \$12.3 million in TIF funding for the district-style redevelopment of the Stutz, which now features a mix of retail, food and beverage, and office space. In addition to the St'artup317 Retail Incubator, the City's partnership with SomeraRoad includes locally commissioned art as part of the Public Arts for Neighborhood Program, hosting GANGGANG's BUTTER - a multi-day fine art fair - for free over the course of three years, and other ongoing programming that supports Indianapolis' creative economy. Much like the Public Art Installation Program, the Stutz also houses the innovative Creative Entrepreneur Residence program. SomeraRoad unveiled four dedicated suites in July 2023, which have already become home to exciting talents such as Romanus Records and Boxx the Artist. One suite has been transformed into a photography studio, offering free space for the local creative community.

ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Indianapolis is developing its 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-2029 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. These documents are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to set out strategies for using the City's annual funding allocations. The City of Indianapolis receives four different grants each year, with an approximate annual allocation totaling \$16 Million. The expected annual amounts of each grant are below:

- Community Development Block Grant (\$8.9 Million)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (\$4.5 Million)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (\$800,000)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (\$2.3 Million)

These funding resources can be used for various affordable housing, community development, and supportive service projects, within federal regulations. The City of Indianapolis values the opinions and thoughts of its residents and partners to help prioritize projects in the community with this funding. The city of Indianapolis will hold two public hearings to get public input/feedback on the draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan goals and the 2025-2029 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing goals. The City welcomes the attendance of all interested parties.

The dates, times and locations are as follows:

June 13, 2024 - Indianapolis City County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 - Room 2001 at Noon (12:00 PM)

July 16, 2024 - Indianapolis City County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 - Room 2001 at Noon (12:00 PM)

Persons with disabilities, persons in need of translation assistance and persons in need of language translation assistance should notify the City of Indianapolis three days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Questions and requests for assistance may be directed to the City at comments@indy.gov.

OMWBD DISPARITY STUDY

2024 City of Indianapolis Disparity Study Hybrid Meeting



Attend the upcoming Disparity Study hybrid meeting to share ideas and suggestions to impact & improve city XBE initiatives



Tuesday, June 18, 2024



IndyPL - Central Branch
40 E. St Clair St. Indianapolis, IN 46204



10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. **or** 3 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Meeting Itinerary

Presentation

Q&A

Testimonials

Learn more about the Disparity Study
by scanning this QR code:



Must register to attend virtually. In-person registration is optional, but encouraged.
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A disparity study assess challenges for local business owners to improve contracting processes. This meeting will include an overview presentation, audience Q&A, and personal testimonials from business owners.