

# NORTHSIDE NEWS

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## A Note from Natalie

Your Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to whatever 2022 throws our way!

This newsletter covers severe cold warnings, Violence Reduction Grant recipients, information on how to donate blood, and more. Please reach out with any questions or comments!

As always, if you know anyone who may find this newsletter helpful, please encourage them to add their email to the mailing list at:  
<https://forms.gle/8PiAQJlgEZiXThLr7>

Your Neighborhood Advocate,  
Natalie van Dongen

## RESOURCES

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Report potholes, abandoned vehicles, stray animals, & more through the Mayor's Action Center  
[317.327.4622](tel:317.327.4622) or  
Request Indy Online at  
[maps.Indy.gov/RequestIndy](https://maps.Indy.gov/RequestIndy)

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Community Office Hours:

Updated dates, times,  
and locations coming  
soon.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & INITIATIVES

## TIME SENSITIVE: WINTER WEATHER

The Office of Public Health and Safety (OPHS) is urging caution as temperatures continue to drop in Indianapolis.

The National Weather Service expects temperatures to reach as low as 5 degrees Fahrenheit moving into Friday, January 7. Overnight winds will reach 10-15 mph, pushing wind chills to around 10 degrees below zero. These conditions increase the risk to health, as wind chills this low can cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 30 minutes.

The City and IMPD will continue to collaborate with partners to monitor conditions and evaluate additional safety measures. Indy Parks and Indianapolis Public Library locations can be used during business hours as warming centers.

The 2022 Winter Contingency Plan was developed to ensure the safety of individuals experiencing homelessness during the winter months; these additional precautions will be active through March 31, 2022. This plan includes City-funded shelters operated by Wheeler Mission to aid with overflow of Wheeler Mission's traditional shelters. Shelter is available for families and single individuals experiencing homelessness, and COVID-19 mitigation protocols are in place to avoid further spread of disease.

Additional services such as food assistance, crisis hotlines, disability- or health-related concerns, and more can be accessed by accessing 211 online or via phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 211 is free and confidential.

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Residents are encouraged to review the warning signs of frostbite and hypothermia. Seek medical attention if you notice any of the following symptoms:

Frostbite:

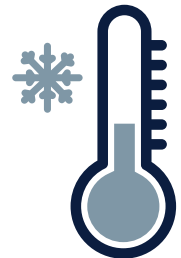
- Numbness
- Skin that feels unusually firm or waxy
- A white or grayish-yellow skin area

Hypothermia:

- Shivering
- Exhaustion
- Confusion, fumbling hands
- Memory loss or slurred speech
- Drowsiness

In low temperatures, it is important to use heating equipment safely. OPHS reminds residents to keep a three-foot perimeter clear around space heaters, make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order, never leave fireplaces unattended, and never use a stove, oven, or candle to heat your home. Residents who have issues with heating their homes should make plans to seek alternative overnight shelter.

Residents are also reminded to keep a slow drip on faucets to keep pipes from freezing, and call AES immediately at 317-261-8111 in the case of a power outage.



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## 2022 VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION RECIPIENTS

Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) and the City of Indianapolis announced the newest recipients of the Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program. Thirty organizations will receive a total of \$2,897,000 for projects that develop and implement integrated, evidence-based practices to prevent and reduce crime in Indianapolis. The Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of CICF, administers these grants using criteria and funding allocated annually by the Indianapolis City-County Council.

The program defines crime prevention as “any effort that seeks to reduce initial or chronic interaction with criminal and/or juvenile justice systems and increase the safety of Indianapolis residents and their neighborhoods by reducing risk factors or increasing protective factors.”

Grant recipients work with and supplement the City’s first-ever community violence reduction team, who connect at-risk perpetrators or victims of violence to resources. Powered by American Rescue Plan funding passed by the City-County Council in September, Mayor Hogsett’s violence reduction plan includes more than \$150 million in violence reduction programming, including \$45 million over the next three years to grassroots funding. Application deadlines for the increased 2022 grant funding will be announced in early 2022.

New to this year’s program was additional funding from the City to support community programming initiatives focused specifically on domestic violence reduction, youth mental health, and early intervention to support juveniles. Some of the programs receiving that support include: (Recipients listed on next page...)

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The Domestic Violence Network (\$105,500) –

The Self-Sufficiency Fund provides financial assistance to remove the immediate barrier preventing an individual experiencing domestic violence from leaving an abusive situation and to work towards independence and self-sufficiency.

National Alliance for Mental Illness Indianapolis Inc. (\$66,000) –

The program provides a cognitive-behavioral program for teens ages 12-17 to increase coping skills and reduce stress related to academics, peer pressure, interpersonal conflict, and identity.

Warren Arts & Education Foundation Inc. (\$125,000) –

An early intervention program ensuring students who are calling for attention and/or who exhibit early and progressive signs of disengagement from schools and formal systems are identified, supported, and diverted from the juvenile justice system.



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## NORTH COLLEGE AVE ROAD CLOSURE

A private construction project is scheduled to close a portion of North College Avenue between 62nd Street and Broad Ripple Avenue to all traffic beginning at 6 a.m., January 10, 2022.

The project near 6215 North College Avenue involves heavy steel work and will require the use of a crane in the roadway. College Avenue is expected to reopen to traffic in early March 2022, weather permitting.

Motorists should watch for pedestrians and other vehicles as they drive through residential areas surrounding the work and obey all posted traffic signals and signage, especially noting streets that are designated one-way.

This closure will not impact IndyGo's Red Line, which runs through this area and will be maintained using the southbound lanes of College Avenue for both north- and southbound transit. The College Avenue parking garage will remain accessible for southbound traffic during construction.



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## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

The Indy Office of Sustainability (Sustain Indy) & RecycleForce are hosting another post-holiday electronics recycling event!

The holidays are a popular time for people to upgrade their electronics, and so Marion County residents are encouraged to drop off unused, outdated, and/or broken electronics so that they may be properly recycled.

On-site staff will direct traffic - note the location in Garfield Park is where the summer farmers market takes place, near the corner of Shelby Street and Southern Ave. Attendees should remain in their cars and wear a face covering when interacting with staff members.

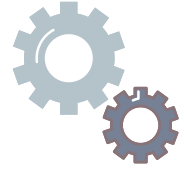
There is NO COST for dropping off materials. Non-electronic materials will NOT be accepted during this event.

Those interested but unable to attend this special event are reminded that they can recycle unwanted electronics on Saturdays at ToxDrop sites across the county. The regular ToxDrop times and locations can be found at <https://www.indy.gov/activity/electronics-recycling-sites>.



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## 2022 INDIANAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS



Between November 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022, community-based organizations may submit their big ideas for future public works construction projects through the Indy Neighborhood Infrastructure Partnership! Community organizations can use the form attached here to apply for matching funds to build projects in the city's right-of-way that improve the quality of life for Indy residents in and near their neighborhoods or institutions, such as sidewalks, trails or roadway upgrades. To get started on the application, follow this link:  
<https://media.graphcms.com/Uh25WvGREGovA5xJN4TX>

Questions and comments can be sent to [DPWEngineering@indy.gov](mailto:DPWEngineering@indy.gov).

## VERSITI BLOOD CENTER EMERGENCY APPEAL

This morning, Versiti Blood Center of Indiana issued an emergency appeal for blood donations. With less than a day's available supply, communities throughout the state face a potential crisis as hospitals may not have the blood needed to treat patients.

Versiti provides blood and blood products to 90 hospital partners throughout the state. To maintain a safe blood supply, we need 2,500 donors every week. The current inventory is the lowest it has been in a decade.

To find a donor center or community blood drive near you, call 1-317-916-5150 or visit [versiti.org](http://versiti.org). There is no substitute for blood, and we humbly ask everyone to join together to help save lives.



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## DRONE LIGHT SHOW

The 2022 College Football Playoff (CFP) Indianapolis Host Committee, in partnership with Verge Aero, will fly two drone light shows featuring 500 separate drones as part of the fan experience at the 2022 College Football Playoff National Championship.

Verge Aero will produce a five-minute drone show for ESPN on two nights, Saturday, January 8 and Sunday, January 9 to use in its pre-game broadcast. The large-scale aerial imagery will include team helmets, mascots, an Indianapolis skyline, and a count-down clock along with simulated fireworks. The drones are scheduled to take off from Pan Am Plaza at approximately 6:15 p.m. each night.

The second show on Monday, January 10 will be flown in real time and will include what is planned to be the world's largest scoreboard, displaying the team's logos and the score of the game inside Lucas Oil Stadium at the end of the 2nd and 3rd quarters.

The GPS-guided drones will take off from Pan Am Plaza in the heart of Indianapolis's Mile Square. The show will be performed by choreographed groups of drones that fly in synchronized patterns in the sky over the Indiana Convention Center guided by a certified pilot at a ground control station. An additional 12 volunteers along with Verge Aero staff will handle the drones prior to take off.

While fans are welcome to watch near the take-off area, vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be held briefly as the drones fly over Capitol Ave. in compliance with FAA regulations. However, fans should be able to see the show from most of the downtown area. Forson anticipates the show will be visible from as far away as the Indianapolis International Airport, depending on weather conditions.

For additional information on the College Football Playoff, including AT&T Playoff Playlist Live!, Allstate Championship Tailgate and the 2022 CFP National Championship, visit [collegefootballplayoff.com](https://collegefootballplayoff.com).

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## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

You can dispose of your live Christmas tree at one of the city's drop-off locations from Dec. 25 to Jan. 31 from dawn until dusk. Remove the tree stand and all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and decorations before dropping it off. The collected trees will be recycled into various soil blends and mulch.

This service is provided for residents of Marion County only and is not offered for commercial use.

Drop-off locations for tree disposal are:

- Broad Ripple Park, 1610 Broad Ripple Ave., south lot
- Ellenberger Park, 5301 E. St. Clair St., east of pool in main parking lot
- Garfield Park, 2345 Pagoda Dr., in front of the MacAllister Amphitheater
- Krannert Park, 605 S. High School Rd., north parking lot
- Northwestway Park, 5253 W. 62nd St., near the pool
- Perry Park, 451 E. Stop 11 Rd., soccer field parking lot
- Riverside Park, 2420 N. Riverside Dr., tennis court parking lot
- Sahm Park, 6801 E. 91st St., soccer field parking lot

