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A Note from Natalie

Your Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

Happy November!

I hope everyone had a safe and fun-filled Halloween. Now that I have had entirely too much candy, I am ready to embrace the chill in the air, grapple with daylight saving time, rake some leaves, and dust off the Thanksgiving recipe book.

This newsletter covers tomorrow's Monumental Marathon route, the passage of the 2022 Fiscal Package, the Indianapolis Neighborhood Infrastructure Partnership (say that 5 times fast), leaf collection information, and more.

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

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)

MNA Contact Info:

Email -

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Community Office Hours:

[Updated dates, times, and locations coming soon.](#)

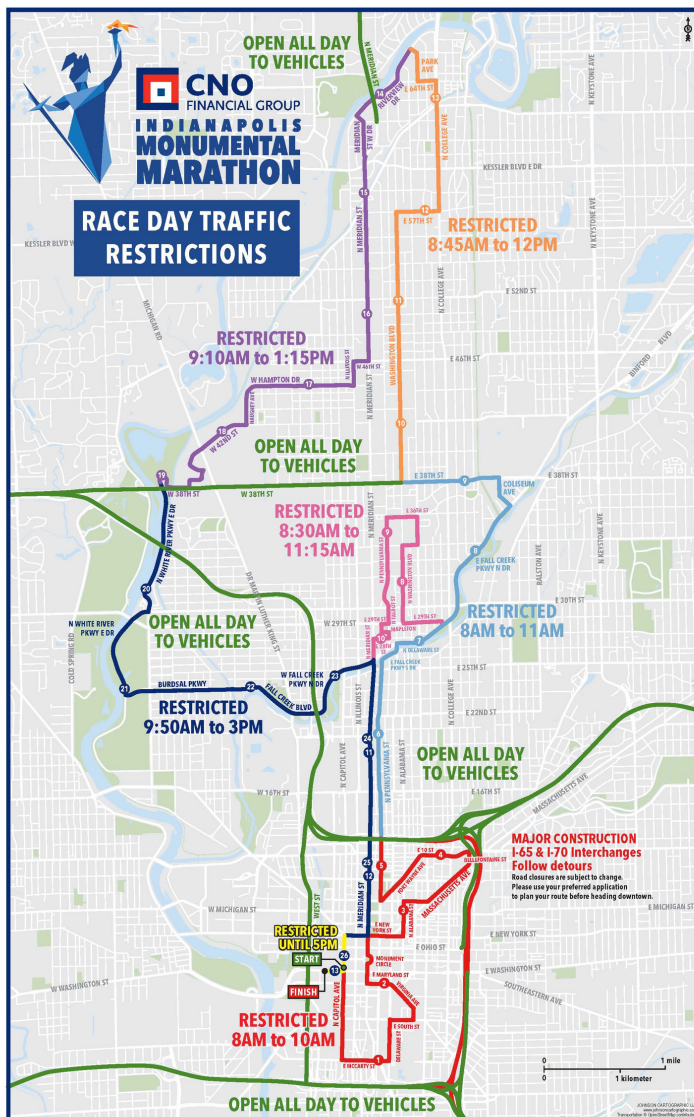


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TIME SENSITIVE: MONUMENTAL MARATHON

The CNO Financial Indianapolis Monumental Marathon takes place TOMORROW November 6th. Below you will find a copy of road closures and the marathon route.

Traffic Restrictions:



Marathon Route:



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2022 COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL PACKAGE

On October 18th, Mayor Joe Hogsett thanked members of the Indianapolis-Marion County City-County Council following its decisive bipartisan passage of the 2022 budget by a vote of 23-1.

“Tonight’s vote signals a remarkable level of bipartisan cooperation as we take on the challenges facing our city and plot a vision for a safer Indianapolis,” said Mayor Hogsett. “I want to express my deep thanks to President Osili, Leaders Lewis and Mowery, and all councillors for their extensive collaboration throughout the past months in seeing these proposals into fruition.”

The 2022 budget was the last of five major components to Mayor Hogsett’s comprehensive fiscal plan announced on August 9. The plan includes:

- A three-year strategy for the distribution of \$419 million in federal American Rescue Plan funding,
- Bond issuances worth nearly \$170 million for the first phase of Circle City Forward, for new municipal facilities and public space improvements
- A \$25 million allocation for the third phase of Circle City Forward, to design and enhance trails and greenways throughout the city
- More than \$91 million in rental assistance funding from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, to increase tenants’ eligible benefits from three to 12 months of rent
- The 2022 Consolidated City of Indianapolis-Marion County operating budget

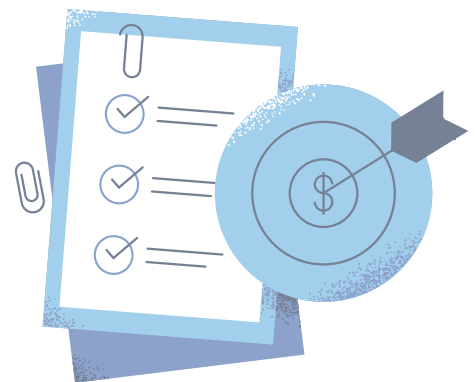
Rental assistance funding, American Rescue Plan funding, Circle City Forward Phase 3 funding, and numerous elements of Circle City Phase 1 bonds were unanimously passed by the City-County Council on September 13. Remaining elements of Circle City Phase 1 bonds received unanimous passage on September 27. With broad bipartisan support, tonight the Council passed the 2022 budget, which will be made available on January 1.

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2022 COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL PACKAGE (CON.)

Mayor Hogsett's plan for American Rescue Plan funds is highlighted by a \$150 million boost to violence reduction programming over the next three years, including 100 new IMPD officers and \$9 million in law enforcement technology; funding for 50 Peacemakers and a drastic increase in annual grants to grassroots organizations focused on anti-crime initiatives; and \$30 million for mental health programming, as well as resources for job training, food access, and more. Also included is \$17.5 million for Wi-Fi and upgrades to playgrounds and courts at neighborhood parks; \$60 million for affordable housing and neighborhood redevelopment; \$50 million for stormwater infrastructure upgrades; \$22 million to boost the economic fortunes of industries and communities hardest-hit by the pandemic; and more.

The 2022 operating budget included expanded capacity for the Assessment and Intervention Center, additional staffing and resources for re-entry services, continued funding for body-worn cameras for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, an increase in road funding, and more. It also includes the creation of a consolidated emergency services agency to facilitate a more efficient dispatch, expand capacity, and operationalize emergency management functions. It is the first City-County budget in 20 years without funding for a private adult detention facility.



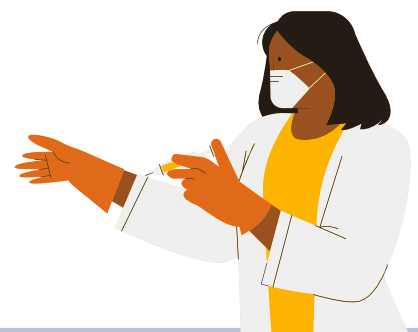
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COVID VACCINES FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

Following final approval from the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) anticipates offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to children ages 5-11 as soon as Thursday, November 4, at the existing District Health Office vaccine clinics and at the ACTION Health Center. Walk-ins are welcome, and those older than age 11 can still receive their COVID-19 vaccine at the clinics. The vaccine dose for children ages 5-11 was approved by vote yesterday by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, affirming that thorough clinical trials demonstrated the Pfizer vaccine to be safe and effective for this age group.

The efficacy and safety of the vaccine for the 5-11 age group was studied in more than 2,000 children in 90 clinical trial sites in four countries (the U.S., Finland, Poland, and Spain). According to Pfizer-BioNTech, the vaccine was nearly 91% effective against symptomatic COVID-19 infection. For kids of this age group, the vaccine will be administered in a smaller, one-third dose. Side effects are reported to be similar to those seen in age groups 16 and older and can include fever, chills, tiredness, headache, or aching at the injection site. These are all normal signs that the body is building protection to the COVID virus and typically go away in 24-48 hours.

Parental or guardian consent is required for a minor to be administered the vaccine. At the time of signing consent for the first vaccine dose, parents and guardians will have the chance to name alternate caregivers who may chaperone the child or teen for the second dose. These caregivers must be 18 or older.



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The vaccine saves the body from the risk of fighting COVID unprepared by giving the immune system instructions to recognize and kill the virus if exposed. Receiving these vaccines has been shown to greatly reduce the risk of serious illness due to the virus. Those with unanswered questions or concerns about the vaccine can visit ourshot.in.gov for information in multiple languages.

The below are locations and schedules of District Health Office and ACTION Health Center COVID vaccine clinics. Walk-ins are welcome or by appointment at OurShot.IN.gov.

Location	M	T	W	Th	F	S
Northeast District 6042 E. 21st Street	Noon-4pm	3pm-7pm				8am-Noon November 6 only
Eagledale Plaza 2802 Lafayette Road, Suite 13		8am-Noon				
Northwest District 6940 N. Michigan Road				3pm-7pm		8am-Noon November 20 only
South District 7551 S. Shelby Street	3pm-7pm				8am-Noon	8am-Noon November 13 only
ACTION Health Center 2868 N. Pennsylvania Street			3-5pm			9am-Noon November 13 only



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2022 INDIANAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS



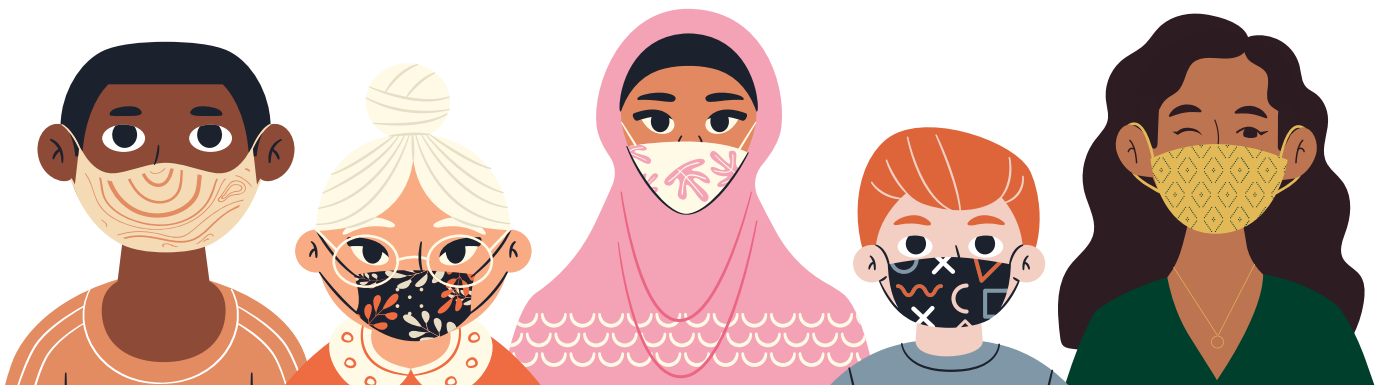
Between November 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022, community-based organizations may submit their big ideas for future public works construction projects through the Indy Neighborhood Infrastructure Partnership! Community organizations can use the form attached here to apply for matching funds to build projects 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.

MASKS REQUIRED IN INDY PARKS FACILITIES

Effective 10/4, masks are required inside all Indy Parks facilities and family centers, regardless of vaccination status.

Masks will not be required when engaging in physical fitness activities or sports. Park staff are continuing to sanitize common areas, and park visitors are encouraged to continue practice social distancing where appropriate.





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LEAF COLLECTION SEASON

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) recently announced this year's leaf collection will begin on **Monday, November 8**. Residents can leave up to 40 bags of leaves for pick-up per week on their regularly scheduled collection day during the four-week collection period at no additional cost. Leaf collection will conclude on **Friday, December 3, 2021**.

Leaf collection dates coincide with the time of year when the most leaves are determined to fall from trees.

Here are a few guidelines to follow during leaf collection:

- Place leaves in plastic bags. Paper bags can deteriorate and break apart in wet weather.
- Keep bags at least three feet away from your trash cart for easy pickup.
- Leaf bags should be outside by 7 a.m. on your normal trash day.

While raking leaves, DPW asks that residents clear leaves from storm drain inlets to prevent drainage and flooding problems. Residents are also asked not to rake leaves into the streets, which will cause issues for city street sweepers.

Last year, DPW collected about 5,500 tons of leaves from Marion County residents. As in years past, the collected leaves are taken to the South Side Landfill where they are composted. Residents can pick up the resulting mulch in the spring at no cost.

Outside of the four-week leaf season, residents can place bags of leaves inside their trash cart or take them to the Citizens' Transfer Station on Saturdays. Residents should also remember that burning leaves is illegal in Marion County as it releases harmful particles into our air.

For more information visit indy.gov/activity/leaf-collection-season.

