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A Note from Natalie

Your Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

Happy April!

I hope everyone is enjoying this typically-atypical Indiana Spring. Echoing the same reminder included in last month's newsletter: please continue to submit pothole reports via RequestIndy! Indy DPW relies on this information to know where to send our dedicated Street Maintenance Crews.

This is yet another jam-packed newsletter but I made an attempt to condense information when possible. Should you have any questions or feedback about the contents, feel free to send them my way!

As always, if you know anyone who may find this newsletter helpful, please encourage them to add their email to the distribution list at: <https://forms.gle/8PiAQJ1gEZiXThLr7>

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:

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Community Office Hours:
Updated dates, times,
and locations coming this month.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & INITIATIVES

TIME SENSITIVE: INDY PARKS HIRING INCENTIVES

Indy Parks is offering new hiring incentives, as part of a wider effort to attract summer job applicants. The following bonuses are now available to current and part-time seasonal employees:

- “Early Bird” Sign-on Bonus: New and returning seasonal employees will receive a \$200 bonus once 100 hours have been worked. To be eligible, candidate must submit all hiring paperwork and be registered for all required trainings by **TOMORROW, APRIL 9**.
- “Early Bird” Referral Bonus: Part-time seasonal and part-time year-round Indy Parks staff are eligible for a \$200 bonus for referring a new hire after the new hire completes all required trainings and completes 100 hours of work during the 2022 summer season. To be eligible, candidate must submit all hiring paperwork and be registered for all required trainings by **TOMORROW, APRIL 9**.

Indy Parks is hoping to hire for more than 400 positions for the summer season. Positions eligible for the bonus programs include assistant program coordinators, camp counselors, cashiers, head lifeguards, lifeguards, pool managers, and seasonal pool facility attendants. Both new and returning seasonal employees qualify for the bonus programs.

Those applying for lifeguard positions must be at least 16 years old, pass a lifeguard test, and attend training. Scholarships are available to help cover the training cost. The pools at Thatcher Park and Indy Island Aquatic Center are open for applicants to practice their lifeguarding skills for free before their test. Applicants are asked to speak with a hiring manager about their desired pool placement before coming in to practice.

For more information on Indy Parks jobs and programs, visit parks.indy.gov, contact the Customer Service Center at (317) 327-PARK, or email IndyParksCS@indy.gov.

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PROJECT INDY

#ProjectIndy utilizes a virtual platform where Marion County businesses can post seasonal, part-time, and full-time jobs for young adults between the ages of 16 to 24. Young job seekers can then create a profile, upload a resume and other experience details, and browse for openings based on location.

Signing up takes less than a minute! Unlock your next job opportunity by texting 'projectindy' to 317-659-9657 or visiting projectindy.net.



IMPD NORTH DISTRICT VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Join us as Chief Taylor and your District Commander, Michael Wolley, share key initiatives for 2022 and answer questions about your community. Please use the QR code to connect to the meeting.

Date: April 11, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Topics include an overview of the district, discussing crime trends and highlighting some of our recent successes within the department. We will then open it up for a Q&A. This town hall will be virtual. You and other residents can join the Webex meeting by clicking the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/IMPD-North-TownHall>

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ELEVATION GRANTS

OPHS has partnered with The Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, to administer \$15 million in grants for 2022. Renamed in 2022 as the Elevation Grant Program, this initiative represents a nearly five-fold funding increase towards neighborhood-based organizations working to empower the community and address the root causes of crime.

The \$15 million in 2022 will be split up into multiple grant rounds. The first grant round opens April 1 and will award grants to organizations addressing the following categories:

- Thriving Neighborhoods – community building
- Empowered Youth – prevention
- Restoration and Resilience – mental wellness
- Infrastructure Development – capacity building

Eligible organizations are grassroots organizations, defined as an entity operating under community values, shared power, and decision making, and supported by an organizational budget up to \$250,000. Priority in this round will be given to not-for-profits led by the residents of the communities they serve. In addition, organizations must demonstrate the use of data-based methods for addressing the root causes of violent crime.

More information can be found at ElevationGrant.org.



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FROM INDOT: CLEAR PATH 465 UPDATES

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For the latest information, sign up for [email updates](#) at ClearPath465.com or text “INDOT Clear Path” to 468311. Social media users can follow the project on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).



SUSTAIN INDY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

The Indianapolis Office of Sustainability (Sustain Indy) and RecycleForce will host an electronics recycling (“E-cycle”) event on Saturday, April 23 at Krannert Park (605 S High School Road) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Led by staff from the Indianapolis Department of Public Works – Environmental Resources Management team, this is the second special recycling event focused on electronics offered thus far in 2022. A similar event in January saw 600 residents bring a total of 30 tons of recyclables to Garfield Park for disposal.

For more information about this event, please visit:
<https://www.indy.gov/activity/electronics-recycling-sites>



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COLLEGE AVENUE BRIDGE CLOSURE

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) closed a portion of College Avenue over the Central Canal north of Broad Ripple Avenue this week for bridge maintenance. It is expected to reopen this fall.

Northbound traffic will be directed to follow Kessler Boulevard, Meridian Street and 71st Street to reconnect with College Avenue during the closure. Southbound traffic should use 71st Street, Meridian Street and Kessler Boulevard. North and southbound traffic will be directed to travel across the Kessler Boulevard bridge over White River that is currently under construction. Two-way traffic across the Kessler Boulevard bridge is restricted to the northernmost traffic lanes. Westfield Boulevard will remain open for traffic traveling northeast along the Central Canal during construction.

The nearly \$674,000 project includes partial removal and replacement of bridge decking and installation of new overlay. Existing sidewalks on either side of the bridge will be widened for improved pedestrian safety and connectivity. For more information, visit indy.gov/dpw.

BROAD RIPPLE AVE REDESIGN GROUNDBREAKING

Mayor Joe Hogsett joined the Indianapolis Department of Public Works on March 29th to break ground on improvements coming to Broad Ripple Avenue. In a joint partnership between the Broad Ripple Village Association and the City through the Indianapolis Neighborhood Infrastructure Partnership, \$6.73M will fund improvements from College to Primrose avenues, including a new “River Walk” that will connect Broad Ripple Park to the Monon Trail.

For more information on major transportation and infrastructure projects visit indy.gov/DPW.