

NORTHSIDE NEWS

Connecting Residents with their City Government.



A Note from Natalie

Your Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate

This is May!

I tried to keep this edition of the Northside News short and sweet so you can get off to enjoying your Mother's Day weekend!

This month's newsletter covers the new Neighborhood Grant Program announced this week, Indy Parks hiring, the Indy Safe Summers initiative, & a survey from our friends at IndyGo.

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/8PiAQJlgEZiXThLr7>

Finally, if you are reading this: go clear your street's storm drains of dirt and debris! I will be forever grateful!

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

MNA Contact Info:

Email -

Natalie.vanDongen@indy.gov

Community Office Hours:

See Locations & Times
[HERE.](#)



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NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS PROGRAM

The City of Indianapolis Neighborhood Grants Program is designed to support the engagement, collective action, and increased development of all neighborhoods and neighborhood-based organizations. This program seeks to reinforce the strengths and assets within Indianapolis' neighborhoods by providing financial resources for projects and activities that are designed to increase resident engagement, promote neighborhood action, and establish new and stronger relationships among neighbors, grassroots organizations, and other stakeholders.

IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION INFORMATION:

The program is available to Registered Neighborhood Organizations within Marion County and located within a Qualified Census Tract and/or within a ZIP Code that was negatively impacted by COVID-19 (as defined by the SAVI's COVID-19 Impact Score). A map is provided on the following page.

Applicants may request grants from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Applicants must provide proper documentation of project expenditures greater than or equal to the amount requested within 12 months from the receipt of grant funds.

Required Application Workshop:

A representative from each project applicant must attend one online workshop:

- Wednesday, May 11, 2022 | 6 PM – 7:30 PM ([Click here to register](#))
- Friday, May 20, 2022 | Noon – 1:30 PM ([Click here to register](#))

Application Deadline: Monday, June 6, 2022 | 5 PM

Grant Awards Announced: Thursday, June 30, 2022

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GET INVOLVED IN THE SAFE SUMMERS PROGRAM!

City and community leaders are asking Indianapolis residents to take part in 2022 Safe Summer programming!

Safe Summer aims to provide fun, enriching, and free activities while young people are off school, running from June 10 through August 5 at Garfield, Riverside, and Washington Parks. 2022 sponsors include Pacers Sports and Entertainment, IUPUI men's basketball, Kareem Hines' Guns Down Gloves Up program through New BOY Youth, and more.

“When it comes to a safer, stronger Indianapolis, everyone has a role to play,” said Judith Thomas, Deputy Mayor of Neighborhood Engagement. “Whether it’s through sponsoring an activity at one of our Indy Parks locations or offering mentorship and support to our young people, there are countless ways we can all make a difference – together.”

The Office of Public Health and Safety (OPHS) is seeking additional partners to donate their time and resources to this effort. Learn more at <https://www.indy.gov/activity/safe-summer> and become an official Safe Summer sponsor by contacting Cameron.Shepherd@indy.gov.

Ways to contribute include:

- Monetary donations
- Snacks, meals, and beverages
- Providing activities such as:
 - Sports and fitness
 - Digital or fine arts
 - Mindfulness programming



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INDY PARKS SUMMER JOBS

Indy Parks is hiring for summer! Did you know they just raised the wages for seasonal aquatic team members?! We need everything from lifeguards and day camp counselors, to food program monitors and cashiers.

- ☀ Lifeguards start at \$15/hr
- ☀ Pool Managers \$16.50/hr
- ☀ Head Lifeguard \$15.75/hr
- ☀ Camp Counselors start at \$12/hr
- ☀ Cashiers \$13/hr
- ☀ Facility Attendants \$10/hr
- ☀ AND MORE!

APPLY TODAY ➔ <https://bit.ly/3tIsRT9>

INDYGO PURPLE LINE SURVEY (FROM INDYGO)

If you or someone you know is a resident or business within ½ mile of the Purple Line route, complete this [short survey](#) for a chance to win a gift card. This survey will help IndyGo assess travel behaviors and opinions of residents, employers and employees within the corridor before the project begins.

Thank you for your continued engagement in the project that will provide rapid transit and support infrastructure repairs to 38th Street and Post Road. To learn more about the Purple Line and for the latest construction updates, visit www.indygo.net/purple.

