

NORTHSIDE NEWS

MARCH 2024

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- Report potholes, abandoned vehicles, stray animals, & more through the Mayor's Action Center:
 - 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](#)

NEW MNA ALERT!

Hello! Many of you have met me already, but if you haven't, 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 disc golf, try out new restaurants, and watch movies.



SOCIALS

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EARLY HOT MIX

FEBRUARY 7TH - EARLY ARRIVAL OF HOT MIX ASPHALT

Mayor Joe Hogsett, Indianapolis City-County Council President Vop Osili, AFSCME Local 725 President Steve Quick and Indy DPW Director Brandon Herget announced the early opening of hot mix asphalt plants, delivering critical material to Indy DPW crews working to patch our streets.

“For the second year in a row, the City has engaged with local asphalt plants to open up early, providing crews with early access to the hot mix asphalt that creates more enduring fixes on our city’s streets,” said Mayor Hogsett. “Our dedicated AFSCME Indy DPW crews will be putting in extra hours while the weather cooperates to ensure a smoother and safer surface on local roads across the county.”

To take full advantage of the early access to hot mix asphalt, Indy DPW will be mobilizing nearly 170 workers on patching crews for 10-hour shifts starting on Wednesday.

City-County Council President Vop Osili urged residents to stay engaged in the process by reporting potholes to the Mayor’s Action Center, online or via the Request Indy app.

“Your councilors are in constant contact with Indy DPW to share what we are hearing about roads in our districts,” said President Osili.

Hot mix asphalt provides a more permanent solution when patching city roadways. The early arrival of hot mix asphalt will also enable contractors to begin strip-patching on some Marion County roads. This ultimately leaves fewer cracks in the road, which can prevent more potholes throughout the year.

Indy DPW is also working on drainage improvements and crack sealing. These efforts help reduce water from saturating the pavement and roadbed, preventing potholes from forming in the first place.

In January of this year, Indy DPW used nearly 400 tons worth of cold mix, resolving nearly 1,000 service requests, and filling around 20,000 potholes.

In 2023, Indy DPW completed nearly 18,000 pothole service requests from residents. That equated to more than 300,000 potholes filled across Marion County.

NEW IMPD CHIEF

FEBRUARY 12TH - MAYOR NAMES NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Mayor Joe Hogsett announced the appointment of 25-year veteran Christopher Bailey as the Chief of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

“When it comes to the safety and security of Indianapolis, few have spent as many waking hours dedicated to our city as Chris,” said Mayor Hogsett. “Now, after helping achieve two years of the steepest declines in criminal violence in department history, Chief Bailey kicks off a new era at IMPD – one that builds off this recent momentum while preparing for the future of public safety in our community.”

Bailey served as Assistant Chief of Police for the last four years, working closely with Chief Randal Taylor and community leaders to reform some of the department’s most critical policies, including use of force, body-worn cameras, and vehicle pursuit policies, as well as establish a civilian-majority Use of Force Review Board and General Orders Board for the first time in the department’s history.

Throughout his career, Bailey has built strategic partnerships that address violent crime in the community and his leadership on IMPD’s Command Staff has been central to creating the nationally recognized Crime Gun Intelligence Center and expanding it to the regional Indiana Crime Gun Task Force. Bailey has championed an embrace of new public safety technology, from gun-shot detection and public safety cameras to the impactful implementation of the department’s first body-worn camera program in 2020 and the creation of the Critical Incident Video release program.

For the last month, Bailey has served as the Acting Chief of the IMPD. During this time, Bailey was tasked by Mayor Hogsett to move forward the process for an outside review of officer-involved shootings. The community can expect an update on this process in the coming weeks.

Mayor Hogsett also tasked Bailey with conducting an operational analysis to modernize the department, improve officer recruitment and retention, and continue the City’s community-based violence reduction efforts, which have driven a 31% reduction in murders since 2021. As a result of this analysis, Chief Bailey today appointed two Assistant Chiefs of Police, with more structural changes to be announced.

GLENDALE LIBRARY

Join us on March 30 at the brand new Glendale Branch for a grand opening celebration beginning at 10 a.m.! The new Branch is located at 3660 East 62nd Street, the former site of John Strange Elementary School.

There will be fun activities and performances throughout the day, you can enjoy the new building, and check out a book or movie too! We will be celebrating all day starting with a ceremony. There will be cake, live music and entertainment, and family activities.

Grand Opening Day Schedule:

10:30-11 a.m. Opening Remarks

11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. Refreshments in the Community Room

11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. The Embers in the Community Room

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Children's Craft in the Teen Area

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Paws to Read in the Children's Area

1-2:30 p.m. Animal Ballons with Cinamon & Friends in the Teen Area

1-3 p.m. Silly Safaris Meet & Greet in the Children's Area

The Branch is expected to reopen with:

- Maximized access to Library services and collections
- Improved Library access and visibility
- Increased access to computers and new technologies
- Group study rooms and tutoring spaces
- Community meeting room with a capacity of 100
- Energy resource conservation - LEED Silver Certification
- Drive-up material return

PARKS UPDATES

Indy Parks & Recreation
SUMMER
DAY CAMP 2024



Scholarships are Available!

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DAY CAMP LOCATIONS

Broad Ripple Park 1426 Broad Ripple Avenue 317-327-7161	Garfield Park Arts Center 2432 Conservatory Drive 317-327-7135
Brookside Park 3500 Brookside Parkway S Drive 317-327-7179	Garfield Park Burrello Family Center 2345 Pagoda Drive 317-327-7220
Christian Park 4200 English Avenue 317-327-7163	Holliday Park 6363 Spring Mill Road 317-327-7180
Frederick Douglass Park 1616 E. 25th Street 317-327-7174	Krannert Park 605 S. High School Road 317-327-7375
Eagle Creek Earth Discovery Center 5901 Delong Road 317-327-7148	Rhodus Park 1720 W. Wilkins Street 317-327-7208
Eagle Creek Ornithology Center 6515 Delong Road 317-327-2473	Riverside Park 2420 N. Riverside E. Drive 317-327-7171
Ellenberger Park 5301 Saint Clair Street 317-327-7176	Southeastway Park 5624 S. Carroll Road 317-327-4834
	Windsor Village Park 6510 E. 25th Street 317-327-7162

View the Day Camp Guide



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SUMMER JOBS AT INDY PARKS

 Lifeguards \$15/hr	 Camp Counselors \$14/hr	 Food Program Coordinators \$14/hr
 Cashiers \$13/hr	 Facility Attendants \$15/hr	UP TO \$500 SIGN-ON BONUS* <small>*GUIDELINES APPLY</small>

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Indy Parks & Recreation
**NOW HIRING
AQUATICS STAFF**

- Pool Managers - \$16.50/hr
- Head Lifeguards - \$15.75/hr
- Lifeguards - \$15/hr
- Cashiers - \$13/hr

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CHARTER SCHOOLS

Save the date! The Mayor's Office of Education Innovation is excited to announce the upcoming Mayor-Sponsored Charter School Board Recruitment Event on March 6 from 5-7 p.m. at The Stutz. This is your chance to help shape the future of education in our community. More details can be found on the event's webpage – [Click here to learn more](#)



OFFICE of
EDUCATION INNOVATION

MAYOR - SPONSORED CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD RECRUITMENT EVENT



About:

Join us for a unique opportunity for passionate professionals in Indianapolis to engage with education leaders, explore board service, and contribute to the future of our city's charter schools.

Details:

When: March 6, 2024
Time: 5 - 7 P.M.
Where: Visionloft Stutz

1060 N Capitol Ave Suite 1-102, Indianapolis, IN 46204

INRC GRANT



**THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT
PROGRAM ROUND 5**

UP TO
\$15,000

AVAILABLE IN GRANTS PER
INDIANAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD
ORGANIZATION

ROUND 5 OPENS:
MARCH 11TH

ROUND 5 DEADLINE:
APRIL 15TH AT 5 PM

Projects requiring more
than 4 weeks to obtain
permits are not eligible.

APPLICANTS CAN NOW
HAVE TWO OPEN GRANTS
WITH AN APPROVED
WAIVER!

INDIANAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER
INDIANAPOLIS
30th Anniversary
DETAILS AND APPLICATION
INRC.ORG/GRANTS

Interested in supporting your community? The Neighborhood Grant Program focuses on neighborhood spaces, public art, community events, and beautification. It is intended to enhance engagement, collective action, and development for neighborhoods and neighborhood-based organizations. The effort is made possible through funding from federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

INRC hosts virtual info sessions where you can learn more. The next info session is Tuesday, March 19th, from 6-7:30 pm.

[Click this link to sign up](#)



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NEIGHBORHOOD
RESOURCE CENTER

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A Gathering to Inspire,
Engage and Celebrate
Our Neighborhoods

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**GREAT COMMUNITIES:
IT BEGINS WITH US**

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Watch inspiring videos March 1st-8th and join
us at Martin University, 2186 N Sherman Dr,
Indpls, IN 46218 March 9th for a free
conference.

In-person workshops	Community Panel	Resource Tables
Lunch	Networking	Awards

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ARTS GRANTS

Each year, Indy Arts Council offers a number of grant programs to artists and arts administrators. These grants enhance and support the development of quality arts performances, programs, professional development, services, exhibitions, and arts activities throughout central Indiana. Grant applications are adjudicated in an objective process that is free from conflicts of interest and assures fairness and professionalism.

Their grant programs fall into two categories: grants for individuals and grants for organizations.

Mental Health & Wellness Grants

This grant supports artists and creative workers in navigating and preventing addiction and substance abuse.

Round 1 applications are due March 31, 2024

Public Art for All Grants

This grant makes funding available to project partners who have the capacity and desire to address public art equity issues.

Applications are due March 31, 2024

DeHaan Artist of Distinction Award

This grant is for contemporary visual artists who want to take risks.

Round 1 applications are due May 12, 2024

Public Art for Neighborhoods Grants

Open to Indianapolis-based artists and non-arts community organizations, artists, and communities to collaborate on arts & culture projects that all residents can enjoy.

Applications will be reviewed in April, July, and October of 2024

[You can apply for any grant above by clicking this link](#)

ICCR HIGHLIGHT



INDY CENTER FOR
**CONFLICT
RESOLUTION**

A PROGRAM OF THE INDY PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

ICCR provides community-based interventions related to conflict and quality of life issues **—for all!**



**If only one party
participates**

ICCR can provide coaching or conflict management skills.



**If all parties
participate**

ICCR can conduct a mediation, to help reach a resolution.

Services ICCR Provides:

- Mediation
- Conflict Resolution Coaching
- Community Engagement
- Resource Referrals
- Conflict Management

ICCR Can Assist With:

- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Family Conflicts
- Neighborhood Disagreements
- Interpersonal Issues

SUBMIT A CASE

Scan the QR code and complete the intake form to begin working with ICCR

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