
Partnership Parke County Newsletter

Want to know about some of the exciting developments in Parke County and be a part of the positive conversations taking place? Continue reading our newsletter and visit our website at www.partnershipparkecounty.com.

Affordable Housing Project

On April 11, 2018, Partnership Parke County hosted a meeting with local employers and supporting organizations to brainstorm and gain support on how we can work together to make our application this year stand out.

Jim Bosley from New Hope Services gave the group background information on the proposed project and collected additional feedback from the community which will be incorporated into their application.

New Hope Services submitted the Affordable Housing application in July and expect awards to be announced in November 2018.



Jim Bosley, New Hope Services

USDA Grant

In April 2018, Partnership Parke County prepared an application for the Parke Redevelopment Commission to apply for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant. The Grant would support our County's effort to prepare a Strategic Economic Development Plan. A Strategic Plan provides the steps required to create marketable development areas in the County for future growth.



USDA has notified us that our grant request was awarded! In the next few weeks, we will be engaging with a firm to conduct the study and prepare the Economic Development Plan. A Steering Committee will be used to gain public input as well as a public meeting during the process. Please contact Cyndi Todd, Executive Director for Partnership Parke County, if you are interested in being part of the process.

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana (CAPWI)

The mission of the CAPWI is to empower communities, families, and individuals toward self-sufficiency by removing the causes and conditions of poverty through services, support, and education. As a Commissioner appointed board member representing Parke County, Cyndi Todd takes this role to heart to ensure this empowerment is felt throughout our County. Each year two Joan Cline Memorial Scholarships are granted by CAPWI. This year's recipients were both from Parke County; Hunter James and Josie Eslinger.

Congratulations to both of these deserving recipients!



Hunter James and Josie Eslinger

Indiana Economic Development Association (IEDA) Anniversary Gala

The IEDA held a gala on June 22, 2018 to celebrate not only the many accomplishments of the past 50 years, but also the prosperous future of Indiana and what will be accomplished in our next 50 years.

Each Indiana county was asked for their support with a donation to the silent auction held at the gala. Thanks to the generous support of Parke County vendors/businesses, we were able to assemble a basket for the silent auction.



Evaluating Agriculture Opportunities


In partnership with Purdue Extension, we hosted Evaluating Agriculture Opportunities on July 10, 2018.

Over 20 local business owners, farmers, financial advisors were in attendance and discussed multiple opportunities for the Parke County community.

Roy Ballard, our speaker, shared many Agri-Tourism projects he has experienced and helped execute. He also shared grant opportunities that have allowed organizations to gain financial support.

If you have an interest in Agri-Tourism, please contact Jim Luzar at the Parke County Extension Office.

A panel discussion was held with: Nathan Adams, Roy Ballard, Elise Brown, and Tracie Yelich.



EVALUATING AGRICULTURE OPPORTUNITIES
JULY 10, 2018 6-8PM
 PARKE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE MEETING ROOM
 With Roy Ballard
 Purdue Extension Hancock County Educator

Hosted By Purdue Extension and Partnership Parke County

PURDUE EXTENSION
 PARTNERSHIP PARKE COUNTY

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action university. If you are in need of accommodations, please contact Jim Luzar prior to the meeting at (765) 369-3176 by July 6, 2018.

Topics

- Trends and Experiences on Agritourism
- Local Foods
- New Agriculture Ventures
- Farm Start-Ups
- Securing Planning Information
- Funding

Panel Discussions Presented By:

- Nathan Adams
- Roy Ballard
- Tracie Yelich
- Elise Brown

Neighborhood Assistance Program – Tax Credit Program

The Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) is a program of the State of Indiana, created by IC 6-3.1-9. This program distributes state tax credits to eligible non-profit organizations, which the non-profit organizations can re-sell to raise funds for programs and services. When donors purchase credits from an eligible non-profit organization, they receive a reduction of their Indiana income tax liability valued at 50% of the amount of their donation (a \$100 donation receives \$50 in tax credits). The donors receive this credit when they file their state tax return.

Partnership Parke County has been awarded tax credits to sell during the July 2018 – March 2019 program period. Tax credits will further enhance our not-for-profit efforts to raise funds needed to support our organization.

Please contact our office if you are interested in supporting Partnership Parke County or to learn more about NAP.




Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority



Parke County 4-H Fair

The Parke County 4-H Fair was held from July 21-27, 2018.

Partnership Parke County and the Parke County Community Foundation were happy to sponsor the activities in the Commercial Building for the third year from July 23-26.

We had ~150 people participate in our evening drawing and had 32 local vendors / exhibitors this year.



The Purpose of Partnership Parke County

The purpose of Partnership Parke County, Incorporated is to enable Parke County, Indiana to improve their quality of life and provide direction for economic growth. As a non-profit organization, we have performed vigorous investigation of other successful like counties, multiple discussions with Parke County, Indiana's incorporated towns, residents, and local organizations to identify needs, and in-depth discussions with our local county government.

Our Programs, Services & Responsibilities

Partnership Parke promotes programs and activities once performed by Parke County Redevelopment Commission in the pursuance of economic growth and development by implementing those activities and programs for private individuals, businesses, local municipalities, and community groups.

Our scope of service includes the managing the process for tax abatements, commissioner property tax certificate sale, and the revolving loan grant. In addition, Partnership Parke is responsible for infrastructure and business development, site location, and business retention and expansion.

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