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 to get full details.



Local Growth

If you have been driving on North US41, you have probably noticed the new building going up at a very quick pace. A private developer purchased this property with a plan to build 6,000 - 7,000 sq ft of office space. The plan is to lease the office space to the State of Indiana.

If you are looking for office space to lease or about an acre to build, please contact us.

Business Retention

Partnership Parke County has implemented a Business Retention & Expansion Program. We want to develop great working relationships with our local businesses and better understand the challenges they face.

Having these relationships helped us identify a water utility challenge at Superior Hardwoods in Montezuma.

The sawmill faced concerns with their fire safety protection due to having only well water available onsight.

This prompted Partnership Parke County to facilitate a conversation with the Town of Montezuma and the Parke County Redevelopment Commission. Working together, a project was identified to extend town water and wastewater to the east of Superior Hardwoods. The project not only addressed the fire safety concern but also allows for 175 acres of future development potential with water and wastewater accessibility. This area is located within the West Central TIF district so those funds were used to pay for the project.



Reviving Abandoned Spaces!



Looking for office space to lease, small production area to move in to, or a place to kick start your business? Let us know your needs!

The south portion of the building is now home to Energy Unlimited. Energy Unlimited offers youth dance and gymnastics classes. They're also looking for recommendations to add more to their class offerings.

The Burress Building, named for the generous donor to the Parke County Community Foundation, LLC, is located on North Lincoln Road, next to the IGA in Rockville.

Partnership Parke County is the acting Property Manager for the Burress Building.

The Wabash River Career and Technical Education (WRCTE) building trade students have been working on the rehab of the building. Over the next few months, you will see significant improvements to the exterior and completion of the north portion.

There will be around 4,500 sq. ft. of soon to be remodeled space available.

Contact us to learn more.

Assets and Needs

During the latter part of 2017, we hosted two community events to begin gathering data from community residents on the assets and needs in Parke County. Purdue Extension Community Development, Heather Strohm, was engaged to facilitate the discussion. With their assistance, we expect to complete a full report in February 2018! Be looking for the results in our next newsletter or our website.



Parke County 4-H Fair

The Parke County 4-H Fair will run from July 21-27, 2018.

Would you like to have space(s) in the air-conditioned Commercial Building to showcase your company/ organization and/or products during the fair? If so, the building will be open from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. on July 23-24-25-26.

To reserve your space, contact Alice Finch with Partnership Parke County at partnershipafinch@gmail.com.

NOTE: All vendors/exhibitors will need to be able to provide a Certificate of Insurance in order to qualify as a vendor/exhibitor.





New Office Location

In September 2017, our office moved to a new location. Our address is:

108 S. Market St. Rockville, IN 47872

Please feel free to stop by when you are in town to see our new space.

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 services include 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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