

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.

Investment in Parke County

We recently did an exercise that we thought was very insightful. Each of our six incorporated towns were asked to share major investments/projects that they have worked on in the past five years or planning this year. That total was:

\$26,916,736 (includes grant and match money)

WOW! Investments included infrastructure such as roads, water, wastewater, stormwater, and sidewalks, public safety vehicles and buildings; and an obtainable housing project.

We want to recognize their leadership and many volunteer hours to see our communities flourish.

Marshall, Mecca, Montezuma, Rockville, and Rosedale reported – Hats off to you! 🎩



Opportunities to Share

The Indiana Defense Network

West Central Defense Network

Asset Inventory
Autonomous Systems



It is an organization of state and private entities focused on the defense industry. They have asked for names and contact information of companies in West Central Indiana that could potentially support defense-related projects in the area of autonomy. This information is being gathered in an effort to support a technology need for a potential Department of Defense customer.

This is an effort to support the state's goal of tripling federal defense investment by 2025, and a chance to improve awareness of Indiana's tech industry. We are seeking to identify universities as well as small and large businesses. Please fill out the form if your organization participates in any related activities around autonomous systems.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVBYVVJ>

Emerging Leaders Program

Small Business Administration Indiana



Small Business Administration (SBA) Indiana is recruiting entrepreneurs for this year's Emerging Leaders program, one of SBA's premier small business training programs. Classes begin in mid-April and they would love your help recruiting small businesses. Think of this as a way to help your small business owners help your town strengthen that Economic Vitality pillar that is so important to the growth of a town and its Main Street program.

The SBA Emerging Leaders Initiative provides free entrepreneurship education and training for executives of small, poised-for-growth companies that are potential job creators. Since its inception in 2008, the SBA's Emerging Leaders Initiative has trained over 5,000 small business owners, creating over 6,500 jobs, generating over \$300 million in new financing, and securing over \$3.16 billion in government contracts. Indianapolis is one of only 55 SBA sites across the nation offering this valuable program.

The registration link is:

<https://interise.org/sbaemergingleaders/>

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Indiana Grown Initiative



On February 6, 2020 Indiana Grown released its newest map of local artisans, the Indiana Grown Distillery Trail. This guide adds to the previous five maps, trails and guides Indiana Grown has created over the past two years to highlight the various segments of agriculture within their membership.

The Distillery Trail features 18 distilleries and their craft spirits, such as whiskey, vodka and gin. Participants will discover members like Old 55 Distillery, which is Indiana's only sweet corn distillery and Hotel Tango, a veteran-owned distillery whose name pays tribute to the owner's military service. The distilleries are all members of Indiana Grown and many choose to partner with Indiana Grown member farms as well for their ingredients. This creates a unique collaboration that is purely Indiana from grain to glass.

In addition to the Wine Trail and Brewery Trail, Indiana Grown has developed a number of other guides, including a map of Christmas Tree farms, a Winter Farmers Market map, and a Protein Guide, listing producers who sell proteins directly to consumers. Indiana Grown plans to continue developing new guides throughout the year for Hoosiers and our visitors to enjoy.

You can find more information about the program and all of the Indiana Grown maps, trails and guides at: www.IndianaGrown.org.

Training

West Central Indiana Small Business
Development Center



The following workshops are going to be offered in Parke County:

GYBO (Google Your Business Online) – April 20 or 27 – 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Customer Engagement – May 4 – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Next Step: Can My Great Idea Become a Business? – May 18 – 4:00–5:00 p.m.

IN Biz – June 8 or 15 – 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Am I Bankable? – August 25 – 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Branding 101 – November 2 – 4:00–5:00 p.m.

For further information, contact:

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We appreciate your interest and attendance so we may continue to offer these opportunities in our community.

Parke County 4-H Fair – July 10-17, 2020



Partnership Parke County along with the Parke County Community Foundation and Operation Round-UP (through the REMC), will be sponsoring the vendors/exhibitors in the Commercial Building during the Parke County 4-H Fair in July. The Commercial Building will be open on July 13-14-15-16, 2020 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

If you have a business in Parke County or provide service to Parke County and would like more information about free booth space in the air-conditioned Commercial Building, please contact:

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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.

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