



Lifeline

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“CONNECTING BUSINESSES TO CUSTOMERS”

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“AN ANNUAL EVENT HELD VIRTUALLY” GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON W/MAYOR JEROME PRINCE

Gary Mayor Jerome Prince was the featured guest speaker at the Gary Chamber first monthly General Membership Luncheon of 2021 on January 11. President/CEO Chuck Hughes hosted a virtual fireside chat with the mayor as he explained the many challenges he experience after only three months into his first-year in office amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Prince will continue to “Reimagine Gary” in 2021 as he pointed out with the Metra’s commuter initiative for the Miller area, renovations to the downtown area, cleaning up all areas of the city, the public school system’s improvements in education and last but not least a priority on crime.



INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST RIBBON CUTTING OF THE NEW ACADEMIC MEDIA PRODUCTION SPACE

Officials at Indiana University Northwest are pictured cutting the ribbon on a state-of-the-art media production studio designed to facilitate innovation in teaching. Located in the John W. Anderson Library/Conference Center, it includes telecasting devices, a green screen, a transparent digital lightboard, a teleprompter and video editing tools to allow instructors to maximize the use of technology to reenergize teaching and learning.

The media space comes as a collaboration between IU Online, and IU Norhtwest’s Center for Innovation and Scholarship in Teaching and Learning, or CISTL.

Pictured left: (l-r) CISTL Director Chris Young, IUN Chancellor Ken Iwama, Vicki Roman-Lagunas, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.



Well wishes go out to a member and huge supporter of the Chamber, Julian Marsh, Executive Director of the Gary Housing Authority. Mr. Marsh will conclude his assignment February 28th from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as Gary Housing Authority comes out of receivership.

Taryl Bonds, a city of Gary native, who currently serves as Deputy Executive Director will assume the Executive Director title. Mr. Bonds has worked alongside Mr. Marsh overseeing a diverse portfolio of projects through his 7 years with GHA.

Congratulations Taryl, the Chamber looks forward to a long and prosperous relationship with you at the helm of GHA. Pictured: **L-J. Marsh**, **R: T. Bonds**.



A GRAND DONATION TO THE FOOD BANK
Hasse Construction Co., a 100-year old family owned business based in Calumet City, IL and Munster, IN are pictured with a mock check of their total donation of \$15,000 to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana.

Seeing the need for food during these trying times due to the pandemic, and doing their part to ease that need are the Hasse Brothers (L) Bill and (R) John presenting a check to Allyson Vaulx, NWI Food Bank’s VP of Communications.

Volunteers needed, call the Food Bank at:
(219) 980-1777 or info@foodbanknwi.org

OLD YEARBOOKS WANTED

The Gary Historical & Cultural Society is looking for old yearbooks from the Gary Public Schools for its library. If you have Gary yearbooks from your parents or grandparents to donate, email Linda Jones at ghesin@yahoo.com



Chuck Hughes
President/CEO

BLACK HISTORY SALUTE TO GARY'S OWN

There are several out there but I would like to take a Black History Month moment to salute two often unsung pioneers in our community:

Dolly Millender (Deceased) – Dolly served for years on the Gary City Council but no one captured the history of our city like Dolly. Forever educating and touting the historical relevance of Gary Indiana

Earl Smith Jr, - Earl was one of Gary's greatest all around athletes making history at every level in High School and College. He taught and coached in Gary for well over 50 years developing young minds and athletes for future life. The thought behind Gary's future sports Hall of Fame and he is still doing great things and making a difference.

This is our Gary Chamber of Commerce Black History Month moment.



Goodwill Industries, located at 4610 W. Ridge Road, Gary, is offering a variety of events for the month of February. The Goodwill Career Centers are offering the NorthStar Digital Literacy Project Basic Computer Skills Certification Training Program.

Resolve Human Resources, a staffing and recruiting company will have open interviews and employment assignments available upon interview with recruiters.

The Gary Goodwill Career Center has partnered with the Goodwill WIOA Re-Entry program to provide practice tools to assist Offenders or Ex-Offenders with finding substantial employment. See attached flyers for date and times of each event.



HUNDRED OF JOBS PLANNED FOR GARY

Akyumen Industries, Corp. is the new owner of the Genesis Center in downtown Gary (left is a rendering of the remodeled center). Akyumen also plans to build and operate the first U.S. based smart technology manufacturing plant, a 150,000 sq.ft. facility, in Gary on the former Ivanhoe Gardens property at 11th Avenue & Chase St. and will be the company's U.S. headquarters. Construction of the plant will produce 300 construction jobs, and the plans are also to hire 300 workers the first year and 2,500 workers by the second and third years.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following committee meetings will be held VIRTUALLY

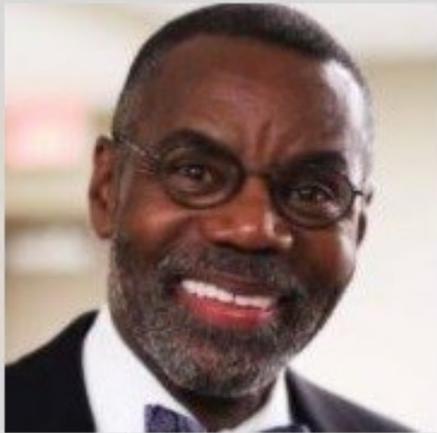
February 17, 2021	Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
February 22, 2021	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	11:30 a.m.
February 25, 2021	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	8:30 a.m.
February 26, 2021	Education Committee Meeting	11:00 a.m.

Member News:

- ▶ **First Financial Bank** and its Foundation have established a Minority Small Business Fund that will provide \$40,000 to the Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance (NWIRA) for distribution to small minority-owned businesses with a limited number of employees in Northwest Indiana in the form of grants. Contact nwira2008@gmail.com or 219.750.1206.
- ▶ **City of Gary COVID-19 Testing Sites**—The Hudson-Campbell Sports & Fitness Center, 455 Massachusetts St., (219) 886-2814, offers rapid 10 minute test results for city employees and public safety personnel 6 days a week. Closed on Sunday. The Gary Health Department, 1145 W. 5th Ave., (219) 882-5565, offers PCR nasal swabs walk-in testing, Tuesday-Saturday. Gary Neighborhood Services, 300 W. 21st Ave., (219) 883-0431, offers PCR nasal swabs, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Testing is performed regardless of ability to pay. Contact the facilities for testing dates and times.
- ▶ **February 8, 2021—Gary Game Changers Meet-Up**, update & discussions, an on-line event, 7-8:30pm. Special guest: Penelope Love with the Aetna Manor Revitalization Program. For info follow Lucas Luxury Events on facebook & twitter.
- ▶ **February 11, 2021—Gary Mayor's Annual UNCF Breakfast**, hosted by Mayor Jerome Prince, will welcome Dr. Elfred Anthony Pinkard, President of Wilberforce University as keynote speaker. The Mayor's UNCF Breakfast raises money for much needed scholarship for local students. Contact Bryan Kelley, 317.283.3920 or bryan.kelley@uncf.org to register for this virtual event (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **February 23, 2021-IVY Tech Community College**, title sponsor for the 15th Annual INTERNnet's MPACT Awards honoring internship excellence will be hosted virtually. Students, employers and educators from around the state will be honored for the 2020 internship season. Visit <https://www.indianaintern.net/impact-awards> to register (see attached flyer).
- ▶ **Aperion Care Tolleston Park**, 2350 Taft St., Gary, shares a list of Senior Safety Tips for the winter. Remember if you need short-term rehabilitation give Aperion Care a call. Visit www.aperioncare.com, or contact Shameia Pope 219.895-5417 (see attached flyer).



President of UNCF-Member School to Keynote 2021 Gary Mayor's Breakfast



On February 11th, the annual Gary Mayor's Breakfast hosted by the Honorable Jerome Prince, will welcome Dr. Elfred Anthony Pinkard as it's keynote speaker. Dr. Pinkard is the 22nd president of Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio. Wilberforce is one of 37 member schools supported by UNCF.

UNCF through the Mayor's Breakfast has raised more than \$335,000, which goes toward need-based scholarships for local students. Shelice Tolbert, serves as chair of the UNCF NW Indiana

Leadership Council, which supports students in Northwest Indiana. On average students receive scholarships averaging \$4,500 that are renewable for up to four years.

More than 400 community influencers, education leaders and supporters of UNCF gather at this annual event to raise funding for the next generation of leaders in providing the needed resources to get to and through college and historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). [Register now](#) for this virtual event.

[READ MORE](#)

Gary Mayor's Breakfast Presenting Partner:





Ivy Tech to Sponsor Indiana INTERNnet's Annual IMPACT Awards

Indiana INTERNnet is thrilled to welcome back Ivy Tech Community College as title sponsor for the [15th Annual IMPACT Awards](#) honoring internship excellence, to be hosted virtually on February 23, 2021. Ivy Tech has been IMPACT Awards title sponsor since 2012 in recognition of the work of Indiana INTERNnet in fulfilling its mission to retain Hoosier talent in Indiana through work-based learning.

Students, employers, and educators from around the state will be honored across eight categories for excellent work during a 2020 internship season that required everyone to adapt and innovate to a constantly changing work environment. The efforts of winners and nominees, as well as the more than 900 students this year who found internships through Indiana INTERNnet's [matching platform](#), will be well worth celebrating.

As a long-time partner, Ivy Tech Community College shares Indiana INTERNnet's dedication to the state's current and future workforce. Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and also serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering associate degree and short-term certificate programs, and trainings that align to the needs of the community. The College also offers courses and associate degree programs that seamlessly transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a Bachelor's degree. Over 12,000 Ivy Tech students have used Indiana INTERNnet to search for internships.

Indiana INTERNnet will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2021 and has matched more than 11,000 Hoosiers to internships with Indiana employers since program inception. The opportunity to register and attend the IMPACT Awards will be shared in early 2021. Organizations can join Ivy Tech in sponsoring the IMPACT Awards by reaching out to executive director [Mike Slocum](#).

115 West Washington Street, Suite 850S, Indianapolis, IN 46204



RESOLVE HUMAN RESOURCES

FEBRUARY HIRING EVENTS

February 9, 2021

February 23, 2021

11:30AM - 2:30PM

GOODWILL COMMUNITY CAREER CENTER

4610 W. RIDGE ROAD

GARY IN, 46406

(219) 595-0652

AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

Janitor

Welder

Electrician

Machine Operator

General Labor

CNC Operator

Forklift

Please create a profile at
WWW.resolvehrs.com



**GOODWILL
COMMUNITY
CAREER CENTER**



Employment Re-Entry Workshop

Gary Goodwill center in collaboration with Goodwill WIOA Re-Entry program invite Offenders and Ex-Offenders to gain tools for substantial employment.

This workshop will help you with the following:

- Job interview readiness
- information on expungement
- List of Offender friendly employers

**11:00AM-12:30PM
February 19, 2021
Goodwill Community Center
4610 W Ridge Road
Gary , IN 46408
(219) 595-0652**

*Upon completion of this workshop you will be scheduled for a meeting with one of our our Re-Entry Advisors.

GOODWILL COMMUNITY CAREER CAREER CENTER



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MICROSOFT EXCEL

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

***Mask
Required***

**9:00AM-4:00PM
4610 W RIDGE ROAD
GARY, INDIANA 46408
(219) 595-0652**

Tips to Prevent Falls and Injuries

Leave early to avoid rushing



Use handrails when available



Wear winter boots or slip resistant shoes with laces tied correctly



Stretch to help make your muscles more flexible



Drink fluids to avoid dehydration as that can affect your balance



Be cautious when entering and exiting vehicles



Always have a charged cellphone handy in case of an emergency



Walk through areas that have already been cleaned



If you need short-term rehabilitation,
visit our website at www.aperioncare.com.