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“CONNECTING BUSINESSES TO CUSTOMERS”



## INDIANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO ADDRESS CHAMBER LUNCHEON

*Our next two Gary Chamber monthly luncheon locations will be at The Chateau Banquets, 530 W. 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Merrillville. It is our end of the year salute to one of our fine Chamber member establishments.*

The September General Membership Luncheon on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. with our featured guest speaker, the President and CEO of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Kevin Brinegar.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce, is the largest, broad-based business advocacy group in the state, representing businesses of all types and sizes throughout Indiana. The legislative action team is the voice for pro-jobs, pro-economy public policies at the Statehouse and in Congress. President Brinegar is recognized as an expert in the areas of business taxation, property taxation, state budget, school finance and general business issues. Let's hear what Kevin has to share with our business community.

The meeting/luncheon is open to all interested parties. The cost is \$25 pre-paid reservations. Call Jan at the Chamber office (219) 885-7407 or [jbowden@garychamber.com](mailto:jbowden@garychamber.com) to reserve your seat(s) today. We accept American Express, Master Card and Visa Credit and Debit cards.

### Luncheon Sponsors



### HEAR YE' HEAR YE'

### THE GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN BUSY THIS PAST MONTH



August luncheon speaker: Art Norman, NBC 5 Chicago



(l-r) Notre Dame FCU's Daniel Rodriguez and Nate Shaw meet Atty. MacArthur Drake



(l-r) Chamber Board Chairman, Jerome Nelson, Joann Nelson and Gary Public Transportation Interim Director Walter Scott.

**There is plenty of networking and an enlightening message at every Chamber event.**

**These are just a few examples of how we do it!**

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Notre Dame FCU's monthly \$100 gas card raffle August winner, Cindy Hall of Ivy Tech Community College (c) with Nate Shaw, NDFCU and Chuck Hughes.



U.S. Global Leadership Conference held at The Art House in Gary on 8/15/22. Pictured (l-r) Chuck Hughes, Eric Moorer, USGL Washington DC, and Congressman Frank Mrvan.



U.S. Global Leadership Conference attendees pictured (l-r) Atty. Michael Tolbert, Bruce Curry Ivy Tech College, Rep. Frank Mrvan: Deputy Mayor Trent McCain: Chuck Hughes, Paul Dawning State Farm Insurance.

## What's Up Chuck?



Chuck Hughes

May I commend the leadership and participation by members of two of our stellar committees. Those being our Economic Business and Development Committee (EBD) chaired by Jerome Nelson and our Education Committee chaired by Ms. Latanya Woodson. A couple of our other committees are in transition but kudos to these two committees for doing an outstanding job.



Returning Youth Initiative, a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization held a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for The Safe Haven, 487 Broadway, LL in Gary. Mayor Jerome Prince, Chuck Hughes, Pastor Paul Nelson from Pennsylvania, Deputy Mayor Trent McCain, as well as many other city officials & business leaders were in attendance. Pictured left: Mayor Jerome Prince greets Dr. Surajit Khanna owner. Visit @ReturningYouth on social media or Cheryl at 219-805-4226 to learn more about the program.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Corporate Luncheon**  
**November 22 | Classic**  
**Games 25 & 26, 2022**



Dr. Trina Lynch-Jackson's (c) Lake County RISE Scholars Entrepreneurship Program held it's 1st class at Ivy Tech East Chicago Campus. In attendance Guest Speaker Chuck Hughes, Chancellor Louie Gonzalez, HR Director Charlotte Brown & Facilities Director Bruce Curry.



Amanda Steeb (center left) with United Way staff: (l) Sean Steele, Adam O'Doherty, President/CEO (center right) and Kasie Tenbarge.

## GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - UP COMING ACTIVITIES - Mark your calendar!

**September 5**  
**September 11**  
**September 12**

**LABOR DAY—GARY CHAMBER & ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED**  
**9/11 Remembrance Day!**

**September 21**  
**September 23**  
**September 26**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
The Chateau Banquet Center 11:30 a.m.  
**Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting** 9:00 a.m.  
**Education Committee Meeting** 11:00 a.m.  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING** 11:30 a.m.

### **Member Activities for September 2022**

► **Methodist Hospitals** is among first in the U.S. to use new lung cancer technology. A new innovation that holds promise to fight lung cancer, Auris Health's Monarch Platform enables earlier and more accurate diagnosis of small and hard-to-reach nodules in the lung. Learn more about this procedure, contact Linda Hadley [lhadley@methodisthospitals.org](mailto:lhadley@methodisthospitals.org).

► **Milestone Contractors North, Inc.**, a prime contractor, is bidding 2 projects: INDOT Contract R-42309-A and INDOT Contract R-44422-A. Quotations from MBE/WBE/IVBE subcontractor/supplier firms are welcome. Send written quotations to [gestimating@milestonelp.com](mailto:gestimating@milestonelp.com) or fax to 219-924-8768 (see attached letters).

► **Indiana American Water Co.** recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate completion of a new \$600,000 solar array at the Northwest Indiana distribution center in Gary. American Water maintains alternative energy across the country to reduce costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

► Kankakee Valley REMC and CoBank Sharing Success gifted **United Way of Northwest Indiana** with matching funds totaling \$10,000 to support United Way's Backpacks United. Backpacks United was developed in 2020 in response to COVID and food scarcity needs for children who lacked access to food at home (pictured above with Amanda Steeb Kankakee Valley REMC representative).

► **September 3, 2022—Food Bank of Northwest Indiana's Ride The Region** fundraiser. Motorcycle riders from around the Region will ride through the streets of Northwest Indiana raising funds for hunger relief. 10am Kickstands Up, Food Bank of NWI, 6490 Broadway, Merrillville. Contact [amcdunn@foodbanknwi.org](mailto:amcdunn@foodbanknwi.org) or 219-980-1777 x313.

► **September 15, 2022—Edgewater Health** partnering with **Gary Health Department** for end-of-the-year **Farmer's Market**, 11am—2pm, 1145 W. 5th Ave, Gary (east parking lot). Free Blood Pressure Screenings and COVID Testing (see attached flyer).

► **September 16-17, 2022 – City of Gary Citywide Community Clean-up.** Register your group at: [www.citywidecleanup@gary.gov](http://www.citywidecleanup@gary.gov) or call 219.881.1300 for additional information (see attached flyer).

► **September 17, 2022—Food Bank of Northwest Indiana's Annual Hunger Hike**, walk, run, or bike fundraiser, 9am-12pm at the Lake County Fair Grounds, Crown Point, IN. Create a team with family, friends, and coworkers. The event will also feature a kid's area with inflatables and games, upbeat music, sponsor booths, and more. Visit: [www.foodbanknwi.org/hike](http://www.foodbanknwi.org/hike) for registration (see flyer).

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# SAVINGS WORTH CELEBRATING!

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August 29, 2022

Re: September 14, 2022 INDOT Letting

To Whom It May Concern:

Milestone Contractors North, Inc. is bidding the project listed below as a prime contractor. We are inviting quotations from MBE/WBE/IVBE subcontractor/supplier firms that might be interested in working with us on this project.

**PROJECT: INDOT Contract R-44422-A, Various Counties. Pavement patching at various locations on SR 152, SR 43, SR 51, SR 8, US 30, US 31, US 41 and US 6**

Subcontractor/Supplier opportunities include but are not limited to: construction engineering, subgrade treatment, geogrid, construction signs, pavement markings and hauling. Plans and specifications are available for viewing at our office located at 1700 E. Main St., Griffith, IN between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday. Questions regarding this project should be directed to Sam Mandon at (219) 313-1970 or at [grestimating@milestonelp.com](mailto:grestimating@milestonelp.com). A written quotation should be sent via email to Sam Mandon or faxed to his attention at 219-924-8768. All quotations are due **on or before 3pm, Tuesday, September 13, 2022.**

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**PROJECT: INDOT Contract R-42309-A, Lake County. Intersection Improvement on Indianapolis Blvd. and Michigan St. in Hammond, IN**

Subcontractor/Supplier opportunities are: construction engineering, clearing right of way, concrete removal, regulated materials removal, SWQCP preparation, subgrade treatment, landscaping, storm sewer, construction signs, pavement markings and electrical items. Plans and specifications are available for viewing at our office located at 1700 E. Main St., Griffith, IN between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday. Questions regarding this project should be directed to estimating at (219) 924-5900 or at [grestimating@milestonelp.com](mailto:grestimating@milestonelp.com). A written quotation should be sent via email to [grestimating@milestonelp.com](mailto:grestimating@milestonelp.com) or faxed to 219-924-8768. All quotations are due **on or before 3pm, Tuesday, September 13, 2022.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**CITYWIDE  
COMMUNITY  
CLEANUP**



**SEPTEMBER  
16TH & 17TH**



**REGISTER YOUR GROUP AT:  
CITYWIDECLEANUP@GARY.GOV  
OR CALL ☎ 219.881.1300**

★ FEAST FOR HEALTHIER LIVING ★

# Healthy Harvest

FARMERS MARKET

11 AM - 2 PM

## Thursdays

September 1 and September 15

Edgewater Health is partnering with Gary Health Department for the end-of-the-year farmer's market.

**Gary Health Department**

1145 W. 5th Ave, Gary, IN (East parking lot)

Fresh and delicious fruits & vegetables  
Wholesale Prices  
EBT/SNAP Accepted!

Free Blood Pressure Screenings and COVID Testing!



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Lake County's Community Foundation



# HUNGERHIKE 2022

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (899-857 LAKE ST, CROWN POINT)**

**9AM CHECK IN | 10AM START**

Walk, run or bike with the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana at the annual Hunger Hike.

Create a team with your family, friends, and coworkers to raise awareness and funds to provide meals for individuals and families facing hunger.



## *Kids Area!*

The Kids Area features an inflatable obstacle course and games, character entertainers, balloon twisters, yard games, prizes, and more!

**Register Today @ [foodbanknwi.org/hike](https://foodbanknwi.org/hike)**



**HIKE ONLY**



**HIKE, T-SHIRT,  
& LUNCH**



### **HUNGER HERO**

Individuals who raise \$250+ will become a **2022 Hunger Hero!**

Benefits include leading the walk, special day of event recognition, and a limited edition Hunger Hero sweatshirt.

For more information, contact Amy McDunn at 219-980-1777 ext. 313 or [amcdunn@foodbanknwi.org](mailto:amcdunn@foodbanknwi.org).







# Youth Wellness Forum

Educating & Empowering Professionals and Parents

**September 27th, 2022**

Valparaiso University Harre Union  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**\$25 Registration** (Lunch Provided)  
\$15 with College ID (Lunch Provided)  
VU Students Free (No Lunch Provided)

## Topics Include:

- Emotional Literacy
- Teen Vaping Information
- Targeted Marketing for Youth
- Optimal Health Models
- Juvenile Detention Perspective
- Youth Mental Health & Coping Skills
- Classroom Culture

**Youth Forum Team** - Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids Youth Ambassador and VOICE Core Team Leaders of Lake and Porter Counties will facilitate a panel discussion with legislators.



**Victor DeNoble, Ph.D.** will deliver keynote address "Inside the Dark Side: The Biology of Addiction" about taking on the multi-billion dollar tobacco industry.

**REGISTER AT**  
[tinyurl.com/YWF2022](http://tinyurl.com/YWF2022)

-OR-



For sponsor or exhibit information please contact  
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