

## INDIANA AMERICAN WATER PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS GARY CHAMBER LUNCHEON



The Gary Chamber of Commerce will hold its Monthly General Membership Meeting/Luncheon on Monday, March 10, 2025, at Noon at The Chateau Banquets, 530 W. 61st Avenue, Merrillville, IN. Join us as we welcome the new president of Indiana American Water, Mr. Barry Suits, to Northwest Indiana.

As of December 2024, Barry Suits was named the new president of Indiana American Water. Suits was previously the president of Maryland and Virginia American Water. American Water is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States. It serves 14 million people in 24 states, with a treatment plant located in the City of Gary.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25 per person, reserve your seat(s) today. Call the Chamber office at (219) 885-7407. Payment is required in advance. Bring your business cards, Networking starts at 11:30 a.m.

## FEBRUARY CHAMBER LUNCHEON CELEBRATES — BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Pictured top L: Kathy Chaney, our keynote speaker, made history as the First Black and Female Executive Editor at The Times of Northwest Indiana.

Also we acknowledged two of Gary's Indiana Basketball Hall of Famers: (c) Angela Hamblin – Blakely and (r) Terrilyn Johnson. Bottom L: Ms. Chaney presented gift basket from clients of Trade Winds Services in Merrillville.

Bottom R: New members are always acknowledged at meetings: Candis Coleman, All Things Autism and Maureen Germany, MG Mediation Group, LLC.





**World Civility Day Time Again!**

Please have everyone in your home, office and social media page join you and me for World Civility Day 2025.

Along with having Lindsey Davis we are going to show every one that we are the one and only

*"Civility Capitol of the World"*



HAPPY  
ST PATRICK'S DAY  
3.17.25

**WORLD CIVILITY DAY IN THE REGION**  
Thursday, April 10, 2025

The only event of its kind in the country. Join us for **OUTSTANDING WORKSHOPS** from 9am-3pm at the Dean & Barbara White Center

**INTERNATIONAL AWARDS DINNER**  
6pm at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.  
Tickets are \$30 (Students \$15) for the day of workshops including lunch and \$70 for the dinner, with a table of 10 for \$650. All-Day Passes are \$90.

**SPECIAL GUEST**  
**LINDSEY DAVIS**  
ABC NEWS LIVE "PRIME" ANCHOR

**REGISTER TODAY!** Call the Gary Chamber of Commerce, **219 885-7407.**



Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana donates \$500,000 to the Gary Community School Corp.



Candis Coleman, Founder & CEO and mom of twin girls who were diagnosed with Autism, started ATA to fill a void of available resources for them. Contact Candis [info@allthingsautism.org](mailto:info@allthingsautism.org) or 888-743-6222 for info on services.

**GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - UP COMING ACTIVITIES**

**March 10, 2025**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON**

Guest speaker: Barry Suits, Indiana American Water  
The Chateau Banquets **12:00 Noon**

**March 24, 2025**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Gary Chamber Conference Room **12:00 Noon**

► **Vendors Wanted:** Are you looking for ways to engage with seniors through social activities, The Resident Services Department at the **Gary Housing Authority** is looking for you. Email: Marissa Goldman at [magoldman@garyhousing.org](mailto:magoldman@garyhousing.org) for information (see attached flyer).

► **March 5 & 12, 2025—Ivy Tech Community College** Microsoft Training. Learn from a basic format the basics and import tips. Register with Dino at 219-981-4452 or [dramirez52@ivytech.edu](mailto:dramirez52@ivytech.edu) (see attached flyer).

► **March 6, 2025—Urban League of NWI**, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Symposium. Valparaiso University Harre—1509 Chapel. Register at [www.zeffy.com-student-registration](http://www.zeffy.com-student-registration), call 219.887.9621 or visit [www.ulofnwi.org](http://www.ulofnwi.org) (see attached flyer).

► **March 8, 2025—United Way Northwest Indiana** is hosting a FREE First-Time Homebuyers Fair. Gain valuable insights, tips, and access to professionals in real estate. 10am-1pm, NEO, 5201 US-6, Portage. Register at [unitedwaynwi.org/fthbr2](http://unitedwaynwi.org/fthbr2) (see attached flyer).

► **March 14, 2025—Ivy Tech Community College Foundation's** 21st Annual Spring Event. Proceeds will support the "Meet the Need" fund supporting area schools. 5:30pm, Aberdeen Manor, 216 Ballantrae St., Valpo. Call Cindy at 219.476.4710 for reservations (see flyer).

► **March 19, 2025—HealthLinc's** Colon Cancer Awareness Fair. Bingo, Healthy Diet Demonstration, vendors and more. 3pm—5pm, 1313 W. Chicago Ave, East Chicago. Call 888-580-1060 ext: 5401 for additional information and screenings.

► **April 11, 2025—Indiana University Northwest** Office of Career Services Employment & Internship Fair. Open to students, alumni, and community members. 9am—1pm, Savannah Center Gymnasium, 3400 Broadway, Gary. For info call 219-980-6650 or Diava Carter, [careernw@iu.edu](mailto:careernw@iu.edu).

► **April 19, 2025 —Gary Community Partnership** celebrates Earth Day, 11am—2:30pm, 522 Johnson St., Gary. Confirm attendance at [www.garycommunitypartnership.com](http://www.garycommunitypartnership.com), [support@garycommunitypartnership.com](mailto:support@garycommunitypartnership.com) or 219-427-2421.



# Microsoft Training

Word – PowerPoint – Outlook – OneDrive



Learn in a condensed format the basics along with important tips and techniques of using Word, PowerPoint, Outlook & OneDrive. The entire training is 16 hours with 8 hours dedicated to Word, 4 hours dedicated to PowerPoint and 4 hours with Outlook and OneDrive.

*Training is one day week for four weeks.*

Classes on Wednesdays from 5:30pm - 9:30pm

Class Dates

- February 19th
- February 26th
- March 5th
- March 12th

Class Location:

Ivy Tech - Crown Point  
9900 Connecticut Dr.  
Crown Point, IN 46307

Cost: \$195 per participant, includes learning materials

**To register contact:**

Dino Ramirez  
219-981-4452

[Dramirez52@IvyTech.edu](mailto:Dramirez52@IvyTech.edu)





Junior Achievement  
of Chicago

GAPS  
GARY ALUMNI PATHWAY TO STUDENTS

# BAILLY STEM ACADEMY PRESENTS

## “LEVEL UP FOR STEM” DAY- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We celebrate the power of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in shaping our world!

**WHERE: BAILLY STEM ACADEMY**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025**

**SESSION 1: Career Presentors- 8:30 AM TO 11:50 AM-Session End Times Vary by Grade**

**SESSION 2 1:30PM TO 3:20PM-PEP RALLY**

**For Further information contact:**

**Belinda Scott: 219-980-6326 ext:45314**

**bscott1@garyschools.org or sign up here:**

**<https://forms.gle/f2hEp8ThiRR3R4Ec>**





Urban League of  
Northwest Indiana, Inc.,

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION 2025 Symposium

Thursday, March 6, 2025

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**AT VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY**

**HARRE - 1509 CHAPEL**

**VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://www.zeffy.com-student-registration>

**9TH TO 12TH GRADE STUDENTS**

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**REGISTER UP TO 7 STUDENTS**

**PLUS 1 CHAPERONE**

**CALL: (219) 887-9621**

**VISIT: WWW.ULOFNWI.ORG**





# First-Time Homebuyer Fair

**MARCH 8, 2025**



**10AM - 1PM**



**NEO  
5201 US-6  
Portage, IN 46368**



**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

**REGISTER TO ATTEND:**



[unitedwaynwi.org/fthbr2](https://unitedwaynwi.org/fthbr2)

**Are you dreaming of owning your first home?**

**Join us for an exciting First-Time Homebuyer Fair, where you'll gain valuable insights, tips, and access to trusted professionals in the real estate industry.**

- *Explore first-time homebuyer assistance programs available*
- *Meet trusted professionals who can make your home ownership dreams a reality.*
- *Understand the home purchasing process*
- *Learn about financing options, down payment assistance programs, and mortgage pre-approval*





## GARY HOUSING AUTHORITY SEEKING VENDORS FOR

# ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a way to build a rapport with seniors through different programming such as playing bingo, workshops, or events? If so, the Resident Services Department at The Gary Housing Authority is looking for you! Please reach out to Marissa Goldman at [magoldman@garyhousing.org](mailto:magoldman@garyhousing.org).



[www.garyhousing.org](http://www.garyhousing.org)



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# Spring

## EVENT

Join us as we celebrate in Mardi Gras style to raise funds to help Ivy Tech students achieve their dreams of higher education and a better life!

**5:30 PM**

Doors Open, Cash Bar,  
Online Auction

**7:00 PM**

Dinner with entertainment  
to follow

**Tickets are \$90 Per Person.**  
(\$45 Tax Deductable)

You can get your tickets at:

<https://link.ivytech.edu/Spring2025>

Or call (219) 476-4711

Please send checks payable to:

**Ivy Tech Foundation**

3100 Ivy Tech Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383

**LIVE**

Entertainment  
provided by



Reservations are necessary by  
Friday, February 21, 2025.

For additional information, call  
Cindy Hall at (219) 476-4710

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and TREATABLE**  
Colon Cancer Awareness

**Wednesday,  
March 19**

**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST**

**HealthLinc  
East Chicago**  
1313 West Chicago Ave.

**BINGO • Healthy Diet Demonstration  
Vendors • Resources • and More!**

To be screened call to schedule your wellness exam 888-580-1060 Ext: 5401.



This health center receives HHS funding and has Federal Public Health Service (PHS) deemed status with respect to certain health or health-related claims, including medical malpractice claims, for itself and its covered individuals.

**1-888-580-1060 | [healthlinchc.org](http://healthlinchc.org)**

# FREE LED LIGHTING UPGRADES



## Free 4' LED TUBES

To replace existing 4', T8 or T12 fluorescent tubes used in offices, warehouses, retail parking garages and more. If you are using T5 fluorescents, please call for details.

## Free LED OUTDOOR FIXTURES

To replace existing 400-1000W parking lot/outdoor fixtures.

## Free LED WAREHOUSE FIXTURES

To replace existing 400-1000W fixtures currently used in warehouses, big box retail and more.

To order free lights: [CLICK HERE](#)

### Program Details

- Quantity eligible for upgrade is equal to the number of lights currently in use.
- Free shipping for tube orders over 250 (case pack 25). Free shipping on fixture orders over 30 (indiv. case packing).
- Warranty: 5 Years or 50,000 hours. Lasts 2.5x longer than fluorescents with superior LED lumen quality.
- Availability: Limited quantities. First come, first served, while inventory lasts.
- Participants must have an eligible non-residential electric account.
- OEO is a registered program ally with electric utility energy efficiency programs nationally.

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Donating available **LED Indoor Tubes, Outdoor & Warehouse Lights** with Michigan sustainability programs until March 31: <https://oeezled.oeo.com/led-donation/>

To secure your LED upgrades by **March 31st**, simply complete this form with your quantity: <https://oeezled.oeo.com/led-donation/> (takes under a minute).





OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES  
Northwest

**21ST ANNUAL**

# EMPLOYMENT & INTERNSHIP FAIR

Open to students, alumni, and community members. All majors and career paths are welcome.

*Please dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes!*

For more information, visit  
[northwest.iu.edu/career-services](http://northwest.iu.edu/career-services)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

### Graduating Senior **Power Hour**

Seniors will have the opportunity to enter for the **first hour** (9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.) to meet with the employers.

**Do you need resume writing assistance?  
Contact the Office of Career Services.**

Employers interested in participating and receiving information should contact - Diava Carter, Director of Career Services at [careernw@iu.edu](mailto:careernw@iu.edu)



**Friday, April 11, 2025**



**10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**



**Savannah Center Gymnasium  
3400 Broadway, Gary, IN 46408**



**219 - 980 - 6650**

**Employers:**

Do you have a Handshake account?

**Handshake**



# EARTH Community Collaboration DAY

Saturday, April 19, 2025 | 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
522 Johnson Street, Gary, Indiana

**Goggles  
& Gloves  
Provided**  
No Crocs or  
opened toe  
shoes.

**Plant  
Dahlias,  
Sunflowers,  
Lilies, and  
More!**

**Calling All  
Neighbors &  
Community  
Friends!**

**Lunch will  
be served at  
the end!**

GCP is changing the culture of the community through programs that invest in youth empowerment strategies and environment restoration.

CLICKTO CONFIRM [www.garycommunitypartnership.com](http://www.garycommunitypartnership.com) | [support@garycommunitypartnership.com](mailto:support@garycommunitypartnership.com) | 219.427.2421