

# Lifeline

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# 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 Linsey Davis we are going to show every one that we are the one and only

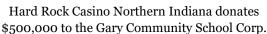
"Civility Capitol of the World"



HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY 3.17.25











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 <a href="mailto:info@allthingsautism.org">info@allthingsautism.org</a> 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 <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u>

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 <a href="mailto:magoldman@garyhousing.org">magoldman@garyhousing.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:drawings.com/draminez52@ivytech.edu">draminez52@ivytech.edu</a> (see attached flyer).

► March 6, 2025—Urban League of NWI, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Symposium. Valparaiso University Harre—1509 Chapel. Register at <a href="https://www.zeffy.com-student-registration">www.zeffy.com-student-registration</a>, call 219.887.9621 or visit <a href="https://www.ulofnwi.org">www.ulofnwi.org</a> (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 <u>unitedwaynwi.org/fthbr2</u> (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.

▶ April 19, 2025 —Gary Community Partnership celebrates Earth Day, 11am—2:30pm, 522 Johnson St., Gary. Confirm attendance at <a href="https://www.garycommunitypartnership.com">www.garycommunitypartnership.com</a>, <a href="mailto:support@garycommunitypartnership.com">support@garycommunitypartnership.com</a>, 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:**

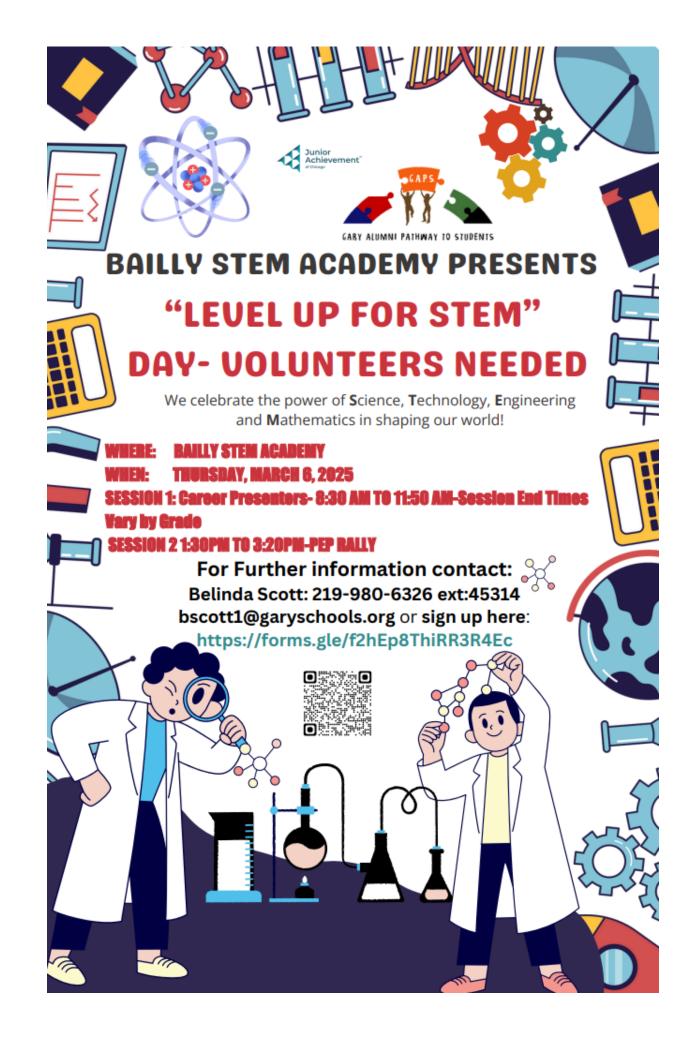
Ivy Tech - Crown Point 9900 Connecticut Dr. Crown Point, IN 46307

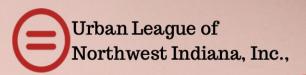
Cost: \$195 per participant, includes learning materials

# To register contact:

Dino Ramirez 219-981-4452 Dramirez52@IvyTech.edu







# S MCHOSO 2025 Symposium

Thursday, March 6, 2025

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

AT VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY HARRE - 1509 CHAPEL VALPARAISO, INDIANA

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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





# **MARCH 8, 2025**

- (I) 10AM 1PM
- NEO 5201 US-6 Portage, IN 46368
- S FREE TO THE PUBLIC

# **REGISTER TO ATTEND:**



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# 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



# SEEKING VENDORS FOR

# **ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you looking for a way to build a rapport with seniors through different programing 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.







www.garyhousing.org



21st ANNUAL

# SPINS

**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







Reservations are necessary by Friday, February 21, 2025. For additional information, call Cindy Hall at (219) 476-4710

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# PREVENTABLE and TREATABLE

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.





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



# **21ST ANNUAL**



# **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

# SAVE THE DATE!

- 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?

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