

TODAY'S VERSE

Habakkuk 3:19 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.



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What makes Daniel Hicks smile? "Music, people, fresh air," said the 26-year-old, who was found playing keyboards with his younger brother, Ben Hicks, on stand-up bass, in 2021 at the Noblesville Farmers Market at Federal Hill Commons. He is the son of Dennis and Cassie Hicks and has another brother, J.R. Hicks, a graduate of Westfield High School, where Daniel graduated in 2014 and Ben graduated in 2017. "We play a blend of jazz, blues, soul. It's black American music, created by African Americans. We are just simple practitioners to learn and experience it," Daniel said. Where else might we find Daniel? He plays the piano at Von Maur department store at Castleton Square on weekends. "I mostly do it because there is a lot of foot traffic in the mall and it will lead to other gigs." Daniel started playing piano as a youngster, with lessons at the age of about 8 or 10 years old. "Then I got to the age where I thought the guitar was cooler. I took guitar lessons for a little bit." He played guitar in a couple of bands during high school. "But I found my way back to the piano near the end of high school. That's when I kind of became infatuated with jazz, and I started studying that." He studied classical piano in college, "which really helped my technique and my appreciation for classical music and being a technical person as opposed to just playing whatever." The Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon today.

And Another Few Things...

1. Housing Market

Following the trend of the past few months, September home sales in central Indiana once again decreased, while average sale prices and available inventory continued to increase. Monthly real estate statistics from F.C. Tucker Company found that central Indiana year-to-date home sale prices increased 13.2 percent, and available inventory also continued to increase, up 55.5 percent, compared to September 2021. Pending home sales decreased by 19.4 percent.

The September residential real estate market in Hamilton County cooled slightly, with prices and inventory continuing their upward trend:

• The year-to-date Hamilton Co. home sale price was \$473,602, up 14%.

• Pending home sales decreased by 24.2%, compared to September 2021.

• Available housing inventory increased 132.3%, compared to this time last year.

"Despite the decrease in September pending homes sales, homes are still selling quickly compared to previous years," said Jim Litten, CEO of F.C. Tucker Company. "The unusually active residential real estate market of the past couple of years is returning to a more normal pace where we expect to see activity cool down slightly during the fall and winter months."

Of the pending home sales in the region last month, five (5) were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 27 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 302 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 898 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 973 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 737 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 190 were priced at \$99,999 or less.

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Boomer Bits



Ask Rusty - Octogenarian Asks About Wife's Spousal and Survivor Benefits

Dear Rusty: I am now 80 and my wife is 76, and we both took early Social Security benefits at age 62. When my wife took her Social Security, it was a lot smaller than mine, so they took a portion of mine and added it to hers. How does that work? Also, when I die, will my wife get all of mine or just a percentage? Signed: Curious Senior



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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up to what they are entitled to as a spouse, or as a surviving spouse. So, in your wife's case, she is now (while you are both living) receiving her own earned Social Security benefit plus a "spousal boost" to make her payment equal what she's due as

your spouse. Your wife's spousal boost was not taken from your benefit payment - you still get your own retirement benefit - but her spousal boost amount was computed by comparing

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Dear Curious: Social Security's standard process is to pay a beneficiary's personally earned retirement benefit first, and then add an additional amount as necessary to bring the payment

Baby Boomers Back to Traveling

Baby boomers, known as the "gray tsunami" generation, are flooding back to travel in 2022. Seven Corners, a leading insurance and specialty benefits company, released data showing a resurgent interest in travel among this generation and revealed where baby boomers are traveling most. As the travel industry attempts to predict future trends, Seven Corners helped explain how baby boomers are impacting the return of tourism.

More baby boomers are buying travel insurance.

According to Seven Corners sales data, more baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) are buying travel insurance in 2022 than a year ago. The number of plans they

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Aging in Place: Supporting Your Loved One's Future

By Steve Smitherman, president of CareSource Indiana

Despite our differences as human beings, the ideas of home, work, family and community are typically major aspects of our identity and embedded in our vision of what a "good life" looks like. Aging in place is focused on one's ability to remain within their home, residing either alone or among the people that they love and have chosen to live with. It is rooted in maintaining a sense of identity, optimal independence and autonomy through continuing to have meaningful roles and relationships within one's community. Aging in place should be a viable option for all Americans, regardless of edu-

cational or professional background, income levels, ethnicity or socioeconomic status. By taking a closer look, you might just find that aging in place can provide the right experience for your loved one given their specific wishes, preferences, hopes and needs. This happened for me when I stepped into the role as a caregiver for my mother. In my case, I continue to navigate the world of aging in place with her, striving to ensure that my mother's needs and preferences are met. Based on my family's experience, here are some issues to consider when planning for or supporting a loved one to successfully age in place.

You must identify miscon-

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'War of the Worlds' Radio Show Takes Audience Back in Time



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

I've seen posters displayed all around downtown Noblesville advertising Noblesville Preservation Alliance's "War of the Worlds."

Today's production is "a recreation" of the famous 1938

Orson Welles radio broadcast that caused Americans to believe an actual alien invasion was happening.

"The whole idea is that you're not sitting in a theater. You're the live studio audience back in 1938. When you walk in here and sit down, in about seven minutes, we take you from 2022 to 1938," said Noblesville's Dennis Smith, the show's director. Two performances, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. today, will be offered at NPA's Preservation Hall -- a former Lutheran Church, coincidentally built in 1938 -- on Logan Street. (The 7 p.m. show is sold out with tickets still available for the matinee as of presstime.)

Smith -- who moved from Nicholasville, Ky., to Noblesville a year ago to be closer to his daughter and son-in-law who

are involved in NPA -- invited this journalist to attend a rehearsal earlier this week to learn more about the production.

Just like our local community theaters, there was a callout for actors, on WEPB radio, posters downtown Noblesville and on social media. Auditions were conducted with the reading of lines.

Smith cast himself as well as four other men, who auditioned for the show, and began weekly rehearsals until this week, when rehearsals have become nightly.

"These guys have taken to it like ducks to water. I could not be more pleased with where we have come. It was a little rough when we started," Smith said.

Being that the show is a recreation of a radio broadcast, lines

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HONEST HOOSIER

Can somebody please help me understand the fascination with political signs? Do candidates actually believe that the more they put out the better their chances are of being elected? (And if that were true, what a sad statement that would be about our voting habits!)



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Try to eat as a family often - home-cooked meals are generally healthier. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



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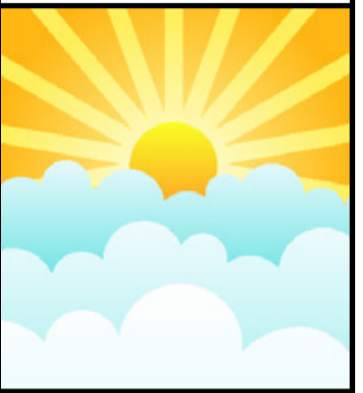
TODAY'S QUOTE

"I'll bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween." - Unknown

TODAY'S JOKE

Who lives in the scary Hundred Acre Wood? Winnie the Boo.

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:47 a.m.
SET: 7:25 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
HIGH: 57 °F
LOW: 34 °F



Today is...

- Alvin C. York Day
National Chess Day
International Newspaper Carrier Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1871 Great Chicago fire begins
1956 New York Yankee Don Larsen pitches the only perfect game in a World Series
2001 President George Bush announces establishment of the Office of Homeland Security



Births On This Day

- 1895 Juan Peron Argentine military officer, politician and 29th President of Argentina
1970 Matt Damon American actor, screenwriter and producer

Deaths On This Day

- 1793 John Hancock American politician and 1st Governor of Massachusetts
1869 Franklin Pierce 14th President of the United States

WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST
SAT 34/57 A.M. FROST
SUN 35/67 A.M. WINDY
MON 49/73 WARMER
TUE 53/76 MILD
WED 58/78 WARM LATE DAY SHOWERS
THU 50/69 P.M. SHOWER
FRI 42/59 WINDY AND COOLER

## OBITUARIES

### The Rev. Jack T. King October 4, 2022

Rev. Jack T. King, 95, pastor emeritus of Carmel United Methodist Church, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022 at the Towne House Retirement Community in Fort Wayne.



A native of Louisiana, the Rev. King earned two master's degrees from both Asbury Theological Seminary and Butler University. A member of the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, he served churches in central Indiana. In 1978 he joined the staff of Carmel United Methodist Church and following his retirement from there became its pastor emeritus. The church's family life center is named in his honor.

Survivors include his daughter Dr. Jeanine (C. Gregory) Childs of Fort Wayne; sister Carol Jean Vorhees of Fredonia, Kansas; seven grandchildren C. Andrew (Becca) Childs of Avon, J. Perry Childs of Fort Wayne, Joel (Brittany) Childs of Huntington, Eileen King of Minneapolis, Minn., Annie King of Davis, Calif., Sarah (Fulvio Brembilla) King of Sarasota, Fla. and Emily King of Forest Park, Ill; as well as four nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Doris (Stubblefield) King in 2011; and son Dr. Ted King in 2014.

A service is scheduled to be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11 a.m. in Carmel United Methodist Church, 621 S. Rangeline Rd., Carmel, with the Revs. Tim Burchill and Patti Napier, officiating. Friends and family are scheduled to call at the church on Friday, Oct. 14, from 3-6 p.m. and for one hour prior to the service.

Burial in Carmel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. Online condolences may be made at [www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com). Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield.

### Dennis Wayne Wyatt April 7, 1942 - October 4, 2022

Dennis Wayne Wyatt, age 80, of Noblesville, passed away peacefully at home and went to be with his lord and savior on Oct. 4, 2022.



He was born in Middlesboro, Kentucky on April 7, 1942, to parents, John D. & Edith M. (Williams) Wyatt.

On Nov. 21, 1962, Mr. Wyatt married his lifelong sweetheart Rebecca J. (Fulton) Wyatt. The couple would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

Mr. Wyatt was a graduate of Noblesville High School, class of 1960. After graduation, he joined the US Air Force where he served as part of the Strategic Air Command from 1960 - 1964. Upon leaving the Airforce he moved back to Noblesville where he began his career with Firestone Industrial Rubber Products where he worked as a supervisor until he retired in 1992. He then took a position with Noblesville Schools where he was an integral part in the growth of the facilities and grounds over his nearly 18-year tenure with the school system.

Mr. Wyatt was very active in the Noblesville community over his lifetime. He was involved in youth athletics and volunteered his time to various other organizations throughout the Noblesville community. He was also a member and Past Master of Noblesville Masonic Lodge 57. In his spare time, he was an avid car aficionado. He enjoyed buying and restoring classic cars including dozens of corvettes which were his true passion.

Mr. Wyatt was the embodiment of a Christian and a family man. Few things brought him as much joy as his grandchildren and he was the ultimate loving Grandfather, which earned him the title of "Best Papa/Papaw" by all of his grandchildren. Mr. Wyatt worked diligently in all aspects of life to ensure that his family could enjoy and reach their own success in life. He passed along a great work ethic and family values to everyone he met. After his retirement he replaced work with family. He valued family above all else and took every moment possible to be with them. Anyone who knew him, was aware that out of all his accomplishments, the one Mr. Wyatt was most proud of was his family.

He was preceded in death by his father John D. Wyatt; mother Edith M. Wyatt; sister Mary Helen Hall; and daughter Denise Marie Wyatt.

Survivors include his wife Rebecca "Becky" Wyatt; four children Chris (Leah) Wyatt, Holly (Jack) Tip-sword (Wyatt), Jeff (Shayna) Wyatt and Leslie (Mike) Salud (Wyatt); nine grandchildren Charles Wyatt, John (Jessa) Wyatt, Natalie Tip-sword, Emily Tip-sword, Morgan Wyatt, Chase Wyatt, Bella Wyatt, Emma Salud and Mason Salud; four great-grandchildren Connor Wyatt, Brantley Wyatt, Adeline Wyatt and Declan Wyatt.

A visitation for family and friends is scheduled to be held on Sunday, Oct. 9 from 1-4 p.m. with a Masonic Rites service scheduled to start at 4 p.m. The funeral service celebrating Dennis's life is scheduled to be held on Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, at 11 a.m. All services will be held at Randall and Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, Noblesville. Pastor Dave Rodgers officiating the services.

Online condolences may be made at [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

### Meeting Notice

#### Hamilton County E911 Executive Board

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a), the Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will be meeting on

Monday, Oct. 10, 2022 at 8 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Mayor's Conference Room in Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. The discussion will be regarding E911 operations.

### Meeting Notes

#### Carmel Redevelopment Commission

Meeting Agenda Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022 at 5 p.m. Council Chambers,

City Hall, One Civic Square  
1. Meeting Called to Order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. **Bid Opening:**  
A. Building enclosure for Carter Green Projection Installation project

4. Approval of Claims  
5. Old Business  
6. New Business  
A. **Action Item #1:** Approval of demolition contract  
a. **Synopsis:** This will approve the contract for demolition of

remaining Monon Square buildings.  
7. Other Business  
8. Execution of Documents  
A. **Next Regular Meeting:** Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.



Photos courtesy of the City of Noblesville

### Ukrainian Mayor Visits Noblesville, Riverview Health

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen hosted Serhiy Sukhomlyn, the Mayor of Zhytomyr, Ukraine yesterday in Noblesville. Mayor Sukhomlyn wanted to tour Riverview Health, specifically the cancer unit, as they look to rebuild in their city.

This meeting was a part of the Sister City Initiative to add Zhytomyr, Ukraine to Noblesville's current Trilateral agreement, becoming the first quadrilateral agreement in Sister Cities international history. This is in partnership with Noblesville SisterCities, City of Noblesville, Mission to Ukraine, Ukrainian Society of Indiana and the International Center.

## County Project Engineer Gary Duncan Graduates from Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy

Gary Duncan, who serves as the Project Engineer for the Hamilton County Surveyor's Office, recently graduated from the Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy in the Academy's 2022 class. Duncan has been employed by the Surveyor's Office for the past 7 years. As the Project Engineer, he is responsible for

managing and designing drainage projects from conception to construction throughout the county. Duncan is a graduate of Norwich University and Purdue University and has been a licensed Professional Engineer in Indiana since 1999. He has 27-years of civil engineering experience including 9-years as a consultant and

18-years for local government in Hamilton County. **About the Watershed Leadership Academy:** The Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy is a program through Purdue University. The Academy educates watershed coordinators, teachers, volunteers, engineers, government, non-profit organizations, and others

to lead watershed efforts that improve water quality in Indiana. Led by Jane Frankenberg, Project Director, and Sara Peel, Academy Coordinator, more than 400 people have participated since the Academy started in 2006. Graduates earn a Professional Certificate in Watershed Management from Purdue.

### Meeting Notes

#### Carmel Plan Commission

Meeting Agenda Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Council Chambers Carmel City Hall, 2nd Floor, One Civic Square, Carmel (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) How to View Electronically:

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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Declaration of Quorum
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Communications, Bills, Expenditures, & Legal Counsel Report  
A. Plan Commission to ratify City Council amended version of Docket No. PZ-2021-00177 CP: Carmel Clay Comprehensive Plan Update
7. Reports, Announcements & Department Concerns

A. Outcome of Projects at Committees:

- a. Commercial:  
i. Docket No. PZ-2022-00149 DP/ADLS: Clay Terrace - Hilton Tempo Hotel - 3-0 favorable recommendation to the full Plan Commission
- ii. Docket No. PZ-2022-00167 Z: 1st Avenue SE C2 Rezone - 3-0 favorable recommendation to the City Council

- b. Residential: (Please note meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 11)  
i. PZ-2022-00117 PUD: 96th and Haverstick PUD Rezone - Withdrawn.
- ii. Docket No. PZ-2022-00119 DP/ADLS: Flora on Spring Mill - Pending.
- iii. Docket No. PZ-2022-00147 OA: Legacy PUD Amendment - Pending.

8. Public Hearings  
A. Docket No. PZ-2022-00169 DP/ADLS: Chick-Fil-A - US 421.  
a. The applicant seeks site plan and design approval for a new restaurant with drive thru on 1.97 acres. The site is located at 9965 N. Michigan Road (previous location of Red Robin), part of West Car-

mel Marketplace, Block F. It is zoned B-2 and is within the US 421 Overlay District. Filed by Joe Vavrina of HR Green, on behalf of ChickFil-A.

- B. Docket No. PZ-2022-00172 PUD: Conner Prairie - PUD Rezone.

- a. The applicant seeks PUD rezoning approval for a west side expansion of Conner Prairie to include a farm to table restaurant, a White River Education Center, Lodge hotel, cabins, a modern farm, parking, walking trails, and more. The site is located at the southeast corner of 146th Street and River Road and is zoned S-1/Residence. Filed by Jon Dobosiewicz and Jim Shivaner of Nelson & Frankenberg on behalf of Ken Alexander, Site Master Plan Manager for Conner Prairie Museum, Inc.

- C. Docket No. PZ-2022-00188 OA: Street Typology Amendments.  
a. The applicant seeks to amend the Unified Development Ordinance in order to update references to certain street types to match the Street Typologies and Thoroughfare Plan in the updated Carmel Comprehensive Plan. Filed

by the Department of Community Services on behalf of the Carmel Plan Commission.

- D. Docket No. PZ-2022-00194 CA: 111th and Pennsylvania - C2 District Commitment Amendment.

- a. The applicant seeks approval to modify commitments made in conjunction with rezoning ordinance Z-628-17 (R-1 to C-2). The site is located at the northeast corner of 111th Street and Pennsylvania Street and is zoned C-2/ Mixed Use. Filed by the Department of Community Services on behalf of the Carmel Plan Commission.

9. Old Business  
A. Docket No. PZ-2022-00149 DP/ADLS: Clay Terrace - Hilton Tempo Hotel.

- a. The applicant seeks site plan and design approval for a new hotel on 1 acre. It will be 5 stories tall (70') with 150 rooms and a rooftop restaurant. The site is located at 14311 Clay Terrace Blvd. in Clay Terrace. The site is zoned PUD (Z-662-20). Filed by Mark Leach of Faegre Drinker on behalf of Clay Terrace Partners LLC.

10. New Business
11. Adjournment



Photo courtesy of INDEX

Fanuc and RZ Automation provide a joint presentation of modern automation solutions to students attending INDEX's MFG Day 2022 event.



Photo courtesy of INDEX

Students view parts produced by additive manufacturing processes at a display presented by INDEX subsidiary One Click Metal.



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Quality technician Bob Metzger provides students with an overview of the tools and processes used to measure parts and ensure accuracy.

# INDEX Corporation Welcomes Students for MFG Day 2022

INDEX announced that it hosted over 200 local middle school and high school students at yesterday's MFG Day 2022 event held at the company's North American headquarters. Additionally, the company welcomed post-secondary students from multiple Indiana colleges and technical schools to learn about career pathways at the company.

Students attending INDEX's MFG Day event were welcomed by the company's president and CEO, Cris Taylor, who focused on the potential for tremendous career growth within the industry. Then, students were split into small groups that toured INDEX's facility.

These tours included stops at eight distinct learning stations where experts provided information on and demonstrations of advanced machine tool technology, automation, additive manufacturing, software and more.



Photo courtesy of INDEX

Students learn about CNC multi-spindle technology from lead applications engineer Daniel Kesting.

At the close of their visit, students heard from Jose Zamora, training and development manager at INDEX. Mr. Zamora previewed initial details of an in-development internship-to-apprenticeship program for high school students that will launch in 2023.

"As someone who forwent university and instead continued my education in a German apprenticeship program, I am very passionate

about making sure young people understand the potential our industry offers," Taylor said.

"In the US, I find that some educators are becoming keener to make sure their students are aware of the opportunities in manufacturing. It's on us, American manufacturing companies, to engage with the schools, the students and the parents. A MFG Day event provides a great



Photo courtesy of INDEX

INDEX president & CEO Cris Taylor welcomes a group of high school students and speaks to them about starting his career in a German apprenticeship program.

vehicle to drive that engagement."

INDEX's MFG Day program also served as the inaugural event for The Pursuit Institute, This newly launched organization has been established in conjunction with all six public school systems in Hamilton County, Indiana. It will work to expand public-private partnerships to create a pipeline of skilled and

credentialed students and directly impact the local economy.

In addition to the students attending with The Pursuit Institute, INDEX also welcomed young people from Noblesville High School and KIPP Indy Public Schools. Multiple other local manufacturing companies and educators also participated in the event, including One Click Metal,

Helmer Scientific, RZ Automation, Schafer Industries, Vincennes University and the Aviation Institute of Maintenance.

For more information on INDEX, visit [us.index-traub.com/en-us/](http://us.index-traub.com/en-us/)

**About INDEX:** INDEX is one of the world's leading providers of CNC turning machines. Through the INDEX and TRAUB brands, the company offers highly productive Swiss, production, multi-tasking and multi-spindle CNC machines for high precision operations.

INDEX's 65,000-sq-ft US headquarters in Noblesville, Indiana includes applications engineering, turnkey solution development, parts and service support and a machine demonstration and training center.

For more information on the company or its products and services, visit [us.index-traub.com](http://us.index-traub.com) or call (317) 770-6300.

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# President Biden to Pardon Federal Offenses for Simple Marijuana Possession, Begin Review of Criminalization

By Ariana Figueroa, Jennifer Shutt, Jacob Fischer and Casey Smith



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President Joe Biden on Thursday announced executive actions that would pardon thousands of people with prior federal offenses of simple marijuana possession.

He will also direct U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra and Attorney General Merrick Garland to review how marijuana is classified under federal law as a Schedule I drug, the Drug Enforcement Agency's most dangerous classification that includes substances like heroin and LSD.

"Sending people to prison for possessing marijuana has upended too many lives and incarcerated people for conduct that many states no longer prohibit," Biden said in a statement.

Biden plans to call on governors to follow suit with state offenses related to simple marijuana possession.

"Just as no one should be in a federal prison solely due to the possession of marijuana, no one should be in a local jail or state prison for that reason, either," Biden will say.

**Indiana's path**  
Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb has repeatedly expressed reservations about signing a new cannabis law, saying earlier this year that until marijuana is federally lawful, "we're getting ahead of ourselves."

"I don't question the potential positive impact it

could have, but this needs to be done lawfully," Holcomb said.

Indiana's GOP lawmakers seem increasingly more open to at least loosening the state's marijuana laws. The interim health committee is currently weighing the legalization of certain cannabinoids as a precursor to possibly legalizing the plant itself for recreational use.

The committee is tasked with studying the legalization of Delta-8, a cannabinoid, but much of the discussion so far has centered on legalization of marijuana medicinally or for recreational use, which three of Indiana's neighboring states allow.

Republican State Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray said he's not sure what, if any, legislation will come from the committee but believes it's an important issue to study.

"We in Indiana have been slower to go that direction than states that are surrounding us, as you all know, but we don't live in a vacuum," he said. "We have to figure out where we are and this is going to be an important conversation to have this summer for where Indiana moves."

Democratic Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor of Indianapolis has maintained he's hopeful that the committee's discussion

will sway the Republican supermajority to seriously consider decriminalization, noting it could be a cost-saving move for the state.

Indiana Democrats immediately called on Gov. Eric Holcomb to follow suit with Biden.

"About 80% of Hoosiers support cannabis legalization in some form, and a vote for Democrats is a vote to legalize this win-win policy in Indiana," said party spokesman Drew Anderson. "Decriminalizing simple possession of marijuana is a game changer, because now Hoosiers with prior convictions will have access to a better quality of life — including new job opportunities and a brighter future for their families."

**Federal moves**  
Biden's move is intended to address the country's "failed approach to marijuana," a senior administration official said Thursday afternoon minutes before the announcement.

Civil rights organizations and researchers have shown that charges for marijuana possession disproportionately affect Black and brown communities. For example, the ACLU found that Black people were 3.7 times more likely to be charged with marijuana possession compared to white people.

Senior administration officials said that even if a person has not been charged or convicted of a marijuana possession, as of Thursday's date, "the pardon does cover that conduct."

The Department of Justice will create an administrative process for those who are pardoned to obtain a certificate of their pardon "so that they will have documentation that they can show to law enforcement, employers and others as needed," a senior administration official said.

States began decriminalizing or legalizing recreational use of marijuana in 2012, when Colorado and Washington voters passed statewide ballot measures. Over the next decade, 17 more states followed suit. Those states have operated for years in conflict with federal laws that have kept the substance strictly illegal.

The U.S. House passed legislation earlier this year to legalize marijuana nationally, but the bill failed to gain traction in the Senate.

The House voted 220-204 to approve the measure, which would fix the split between federal law and states where recreational marijuana is legal. Three Republicans joined all but two Democrats in approving the measure.



Photo courtesy of Gov. Holcomb's twitter account

**As Gov. Eric Holcomb makes trips abroad to attract economic development, advocates at home criticize Indiana for not doing enough to be welcoming to immigrants.**

## Is Indiana Welcoming to Immigrants?

By Whitney Downard and Casey Smith

As Gov. Eric Holcomb participates on another international economic development trip this year, advocates at home wonder whether Indiana is doing enough to overcome its bureaucratic hurdles and welcome immigrants to the Hoosier State.

Ellen Wu, a history professor at Indiana University with a focus on immigration, said people tend to remember America as more welcoming than it really is, focusing on the influx of white Europeans through Ellis Island.

"This kind of warm and fuzzy idea that the United States welcomes people from all over the world... that's just a small part of a larger story and certainly glosses over the many variations," Wu said.

Wu, the daughter of Chinese immigrants, recalled growing up in Indianapolis with a small group of second-generation Asian Americans, the vast majority of whom have left Indiana because they felt unwelcome or disagreed with the state's conservative politics.

"It seems like our state leaders have really invested in business and (our) economy... but Indiana needs to remain attractive not just for immigrants but also for their children and grandchildren," Wu said. "There's sort of a lot in the negative column, to be honest."

Holcomb, a Republican, maintains that Indiana is "very accommodating, very welcoming" to immigrants. He pointed to Indiana's universities and employers "attract more than their fair share" of people from other countries, especially when compared to the rest of the United States.

The governor said, too, that he wants "to increase awareness and access" for anyone in Indiana who feels "detached" from resources they need — such as those pertaining to healthcare or job access. That goes for both native Hoosiers and those arriving to Indiana from other states or countries, he continued.

"What I'm doing is rolling out the welcome mat around the world to come to Indiana because... Hoosier hospitality is known far and wide," Holcomb said Thursday, speaking via Zoom from Zurich. "There is a blinking, neon Hoosier welcome light on, and I spread that message everywhere I go."

Asian American community seeks supportive government

Holcomb's trip earlier this year to Taiwan and South Korea sparked pushback from the state's community of Asian Americans and Asian immigrants, coming just weeks after he signed a near-total abortion ban.

A coalition of groups, the Indiana chapter of the National Asian Pacific Women's Forum (NAPAWF) and the National Organization for Women (NOW) in Monroe



Indiana University Professor Ellen Wu

County, released a statement blatantly encouraging companies not to come

to Indiana.

"These efforts to support and attract business investment into Indiana stand in stark contrast to the way that Indiana is treating its own women, girls, and families — including those in the Indiana tech community," the statement said. "We also urge South Korean companies to weigh the risk of locating in a state where maternal and infant mortality rates are more than double the rates in South Korea and where Asian American and immigrant women from Asia have been targets of xenophobia and hate."

But Wu, a member of the abortion advocacy group NAPAWF, said this wasn't the first time Gov. Holcomb didn't respond to the concerns of Indiana's Asian American and Asian immigrant population.

In the early 2021, around the same time a gunman killed six women of Asian descent in Atlanta, NAPAWF called on Holcomb to condemn the "racism, xenophobia and intolerance against Indiana's Asian American communities."

The petition highlighted several racist encounters across the state.

In Plymouth, two women of Hmong descent were told at a motel that Chinese clients would need to quarantine for two weeks. A cancer doctor was ejected from a gas station in Martinsville. A woman called a woman of Asian descent an "Asian b\*\*\*\*" and accused her of spreading COVID-19 at a Mooresville grocery store.

"Asian American Hoosiers deserve to live safely and free of fear," the petition said. "We need leaders who will do everything in their power to ensure the security and prosperity of all Hoosiers."

But Wu said Holcomb never gave a direct response, instead condemning all racism and diverting their concerns to the state's Chief Equity, Inclusion and Opportunity Officer.

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## Expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene & Marilyn Glick to Impact Traffic at Blake Street

Construction for the expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick in the upcoming week will impact the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Blake Street.

Beginning Monday, Blake Street will be closed at Indiana Avenue for curb and roadway work. The temporary closure is scheduled to last 4-6 weeks.

Indiana Avenue traffic flow will not be impacted by the Blake Street intersection closure.

Those traveling to and from Lockefield Gardens Apartments should use the



Blackford Avenue entrance.

**Indianapolis Cultural Trail Expansion:**

The first expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick is happening in two distinct locations: South St and Indiana Ave/10th Street. The expansion will add two miles to the linear park which connects cultural districts and neighborhoods and

serves as the downtown hub for the city's greenway network. Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, broke ground on the expansion last November and to date has raised \$28.5 million for the estimated \$30 million project.

Construction activity in the past year includes excavation, utility relocation, specialty lighting installation, curb and gutter work, storm water planter construction, resurfacing and construction of the Trail's base layer.

To stay up to date on the construction progress, sign

up for bi-weekly construction updates by visiting [indyculturaltrail.org/expansion](http://indyculturaltrail.org/expansion), follow along on social media @INCulturalTrail or call (317) 653-1948.

**About Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc:**

Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc, a 501(c) non-profit organization, is the world class leader in urban trails and linear parks and is committed to a sustainable funding model that ensures accessible connections for future generations on the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick.

### Meeting Notes

#### Westfield Washington School Board

Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022  
Work Session & Regular Board  
Work Session - 5:30 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting - 7 p.m.  
Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center Community Room, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order
  - A. Determine if Quorum is Present
  - B. Welcome Public to Meeting
  - C. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Special Presentation
  - A. Westfield Washington Public Library
  3. Building Reports & Student of the Month
  4. Public Comment on Agenda Items
  5. Consent Agenda
    - A. Approve Board Minutes

- B. Approve Payroll Vouchers
- C. Approve Accounts Payable Vouchers (9/14/22 - 10/11/22)
- D. Personnel Report
- E. Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented
6. Business Update
  - A. Approve 2023 Budget
  - B. Liability Insurance
  - C. Land Settlement
  - D. Westfield Historical Society Agreement - Barker Cabin
  7. Human Resources &

- Safety Update
- A. School Safety Grant 2023
  8. Curriculum Update
    - A. Curriculum Fees for New Electives
    - B. Special Education Grants
    9. Communications Update
    10. Board Members and Superintendent Success Stories
    11. Next Meeting
      - A. Nov. 1, 2022 at the WWS Administration Center
      12. Adjourn

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the amount she was entitled to at her full retirement age (FRA) to 50% of your FRA benefit amount and then reducing her spousal boost amount because she claimed at age 62 (all Social Security benefits, except disability benefits, taken before FRA are reduced).

Regarding your wife's benefit as your survivor, since her own SS retirement benefit is smaller, if you die first the added "spousal boost" amount your wife now gets will stop and be replaced by a higher supplement which brings her total payment up to what she is entitled to as your surviving widow.

As your spouse while you are still living, the most your wife could have

gotten was 50% of the benefit amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age (FRA) of 66, but she gets less than that because she claimed at age 62. However, if you die, your wife will get a higher total amount consisting of her personally earned age 62 benefit, plus a supplemental amount to make her payment equal to 100% of the amount you were receiving when you died. In fact, her benefit amount at your death may even be more than you were getting when you died, because she will get at least 82.5% of your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA", which is the benefit you were due at age 66 (your FRA).

Think of it this way – as your surviving spouse

your wife's total benefit payment amount will be either 100% of the benefit you were receiving when you died, or 82.5% of the benefit you were entitled to at age 66, whichever amount is higher. And that will replace the smaller amount your wife is now getting as your spouse while you are both living. Of course, your wife will need to notify Social Security of your death and should do so in a timely manner to get the higher benefit she is entitled to as your surviving spouse flowing as soon as possible.

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purchased increased nearly 54% YoY. The generation with the second-highest increase was Generation Z (those born between 1997 and 2012) at 37%, followed by Generation X at 22% and millennials at just 3%.

"Some of the more modest increases may be partly because those generations simply continued to travel at steadier rates during and immediately after the pandemic," said Angela Borden, product marketing strategist for Seven Corners. "The number of baby boomers who traveled in 2020 dropped quite significantly, more so than other age groups. To see them rebounding at this pace bodes well for the travel industry."

Why baby boomers are bouncing back to travel at this accelerated rate is likely affected by two key factors. First, the number of active baby boomers remains high and still makes up a significant portion of the U.S. population. The 2020 U.S. Census estimated there are 73 million in that generation now, while AARP reported that 46% of the U.S. population was 50 years or older in 2019.

The second factor is this generation has significant purchasing power. The Federal Reserve estimates that baby boomers hold 51% of the country's household wealth in 2022. That's more than \$70 trillion, at least some of which is spent on travel, entertainment and other non-essential living expenses.

The availability of disposable income means this generation is able to travel more than other generations, and when they do, they often spend more. "We're seeing reports that many older Americans are taking roughly the same number of trips as they did before the pandemic, but when they do travel, they're spending upwards of a \$1,000 more annually than three and four years ago," said Borden.

In addition to an increase in plans purchased, Seven Corners also saw a 24% increase in Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage purchased by baby boomers. An optional add-on benefit, CFAR allows travelers to cancel their trip for any reason they wish, not just those listed in their standard travel insurance plan document. Because CFAR provides broader coverage, it also increases the cost of travel insurance by approximately 40% to 50% for most plans.

While interest in CFAR is a reflection of the uncertain times in which we live — the recent pandemic, political unrest and labor shortages affecting the travel industry, for example — it is also affected by travelers' ability and willingness to afford the extra expense. By comparison, more millennials, who the Federal Reserve reports having \$8.6 trillion in household wealth, are also purchasing CFAR in 2022 than last year but at a slightly more modest YoY increase of 14%.

**Baby boomers are choosing Europe again**

**as their preferred destination.**

Baby boomers are venturing farther from home in 2022. The top two destinations for American baby boomers this year are Italy and the United Kingdom. This is a shift from the most popular locales in 2021, which were Mexico, Turks and Caicos, and Costa Rica. Italy was fourth a year ago. The U.K. did not rank among the top five in 2021 but was the No. 1 destination for American baby boomers in 2019, showing they are slowly returning to some of their pre-pandemic travel habits.

When looking at all generations together, Italy remains the most popular destination in 2022, bumping Turks and Caicos from the top spot in 2021. The Caribbean nation fell to fifth in 2022.

The fact that more baby boomers are headed to Europe may also be impacted by their higher levels of disposable income. Traditionally a more expensive destination than some other regions, Europe may cater to travelers with larger budgets. Additionally, many European countries relaxed or eliminated their COVID-19 restrictions in the last year, making them more attractive to international visitors. Less stringent requirements are largely why Turks and Caicos was able to draw so many visitors during the pandemic. Finally, more baby boomers may be drawn to Europe simply because they have the time to take longer trips. Although baby boomers historically retire later than previous generations, COVID-19 accelerated retirement for many. It's estimated that approximately three million baby boomers retired during the pandemic, meaning work responsibilities no longer keep them home or force them to choose closer destinations for shorter trips.

**Baby boomers are waiting longer to book their trips.**

Although baby boomers are willing to travel in greater numbers, a noticeable level of traveler uncertainty remains. People are waiting longer to book their trips than they did before the pandemic. "We're seeing this in many areas of the travel industry, such as when people purchase flights at the last minute rather than risk losing money if they need to change their plans closer to departure, as well as in travel insurance," said Borden.

Seven Corners' sales data shows that baby boomers in particular are purchasing RoundTrip Trip Protection plans just 58 days prior to their departure date in 2022. This is half of what was reported in 2019, when baby boomers purchased plans 115 days before the start of their trip. The trend appears to indicate that while they are eager to resume their travels and have the financial means to do so, baby boomers remain cautious in their planning, waiting until much later to invest in their trips.

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ceptions and the specific needs of the individual.

Our society does not adequately value or assist families in their efforts to provide multigenerational caregiving support. Due to both systemic and cultural reasons, public policy has prioritized a heavy reliance on nursing homes or assisted living as the primary options for people when they become sick, get older or have other complex needs.

There are a number of misconceptions that often lead individuals and their family members to explore facility-based options. A major bias held toward the aging in place concept is that this is only an option to those who can afford it. However, economically, it actually costs less to support many individuals through aging in place compared to the cost of facility-based care. For instance, there are low-cost, high impact supports that can ensure an aging relative or loved one remains in their own home vs. advancing into facility-based care. Such services are typically related to supporting people with one or more activities of daily living, and include but are not limited to:

- Running errands such as grocery shopping and picking up prescriptions

- Delivering meals to one's home or transporting them to a community meal program
- Assisting with household chores such as laundry and yard work

Support is essential to the decision-making process

When approaching the topic of aging with a loved one, it is important to keep in mind that decisions are not yours to make. Your position, as a relative or caregiver, is to provide support using research and open communication. Research should be focused on locating resources that are available at a local, state and federal level. The University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community (CAC) advocates and collaborates with a number of government entities, nonprofits and other organizations to improve the quality of life for our older generations, particularly as it relates to care, health and policy. Additionally, there are 16 Indiana-based Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), which are nonprofit or public organizations that provide or direct older adults to home or community-based services. AAAs offer an array of services to both older adults and their family caregivers.

In fact, CareSource recently awarded Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana, a federal and state designated AAA, with The Heart of Community award. This award includes \$28,000 of funding for use in supporting informal family caregivers.

For many health plans, such as CareSource, it is our responsibility to listen to our members' vision for a good life and then help to make it happen. This is done by adopting evidence-based strategies that are focused on prioritizing each individual's goals, hopes and desires as well as facilitating services that are person-centered and based on the individual's unique circumstances. Through our MyLife person-centered planning framework, we attempt to expose individuals through discovery to different opportunities and experiences as well as identifying their support needs, strengths and preferences for a good life.

The human connection is key.

The foundational and most essential aspect of aging in place is the power of belonging and human connection. For many individuals, navigating this era of life can be rather lonely. When we look at who is most

successful with aging in place, the blending of natural, familial and paid supports is the clearest predictor of success. In many instances, individuals relying solely on paid support can be some of the loneliest people. On the flipside, individuals only receiving natural and/or familial support can face barriers to the types of assistance they really need depending on what their family can and cannot take on at any given time. In both situations, the individual is at risk of suffering due to a lack of support or the wrong kind of support.

Remember that nothing can truly compare to the value of a hug, a one-on-one conversation or breaking bread together. Some of the best ways to maintain and foster the human connection is through establishing a weekly visitation schedule, preparing and enjoying meals together, and utilizing virtual technologies and remote monitoring tools when face-to-face interactions are not possible. By maintaining the human connection and a sense of companionship, the aging individual is more likely to feel comfortable being open and honest about what they are facing in their everyday life.

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do not need to be memorized. But actors must read their lines slowly and clearly in their best "radio" voice.

The cast includes Smith, Terry Cunningham, Chuck Kelly, Curtis Bittle and Malachi Bush, all of Noblesville. "These guys knew nothing about NPA before we started," Smith said. Although, two of the cast members live within walking distance of the venue.

Cunningham, a history buff who comes with theater experience, including "Moon Over Buffalo" in 2002 at The Belfry Theatre, is accustomed to memorizing lines. "This is new for me, having the script right in front of you," he said.

Each cast member portrays at least four characters each and will wear 1938 period costumes. Smith, for instance, will wear black pleated pants, white shirt, silver bow tie and silver vest.

Besides a small cast, the crew is even smaller. Mike Stewart, husband of NPA president Sandy Stewart, is sound technician for the



The Times photo courtesy of Betsy Reason

**Chuck Kelly (from left), Dennis Smith, Terry Cunningham, Malachi Bush, Mike Stewart and Curtis Bittle, all of Noblesville, are involved in Noblesville Preservation Alliance's recreation of the 1938 Orson Wells radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds," which will be on stage for two performances today at Preservation Hall in Noblesville.**

The script is in the public domain, so there were no licensing fees paid by NPA to put on the show or any licensing requirements for advertising.

"I am hoping that this is the first of many (radio shows)," said Smith, who comes from a radio background. "There are so many radio programs out there," he said.

Guests at the performances will sit in pews in

**Want TO GO?**  
**What:** Noblesville Preservation Alliance presents the re-creation of the 1938 Orson Wells radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds."  
**When:** 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. today (evening is sold out, tickets were still available for matinee at presstime)  
**Where:** NPA's Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St., Noblesville.  
**How much:** \$10.  
**Where to reserve tickets:** [Preservationhall.org/event/war-of-the-worlds](http://Preservationhall.org/event/war-of-the-worlds).

Tour, the preservation of old homes and buildings in Noblesville, Lights Over Seminary Park and the Holiday Home Tour. NPA is also known for sweeping the People's Choice Award at the annual Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's Darlington Bed Race on the streets of downtown Noblesville.

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## Plant Alliums This Fall to Add Variety and Beauty to Your Garden

By Melinda Myers

Take your garden to new heights with alliums. This ornamental member of the onion family provides welcome color as spring bulbs fade and before summer perennials fill our gardens with colorful blooms.

Most people have seen pictures of the giant allium but there are many other options of flower sizes and heights suitable for any size and style garden. Most allium flowers are globe shaped and all are made of tiny florets. They make great cut flowers, the pollinators love them, and deer tend to leave them be.

Plan for months of color by including a variety of alliums that bloom from late spring through early summer. Longfield Gardens' Planning Guide for Alliums (Longfield-gardens.com) showcases the various alliums, their size and bloom time to help you plan. Add alliums to the zone four to eight garden in fall when planting your other spring flowering bulbs like tulips and daffodils.

Dress up the front of a flowerbed or rock garden with Allium karataviense. It may be small in stature at only eight to ten inches tall, but the broad grey-green leaves and five-inch round, silvery-pink flowers provide big impact in the late spring garden.

Add years of spring beauty with Purple Sensation. Its shimmering four-inch diameter, violet-purple flowers are held above the leaves on 24 to 30"



Photo courtesy of Longfield-Gardens.com

**Purple Sensation allium livens up the early season garden with its violet-purple, four-inch diameter flowers.**

tall stems. It provides nice height and vibrant color to the early season garden. You will enjoy these alliums and their offspring for years to come.

For something uniquely different add Allium bulgaricum, also known as Nectaroscordum bulgaricum, to perennial and informal gardens. The cluster of drooping cream and burgundy bell-shaped flowers are followed by seedpods that lift themselves skyward. This provides an interesting vertical accent in the garden.

Gladiator and Globemaster are sure to have passersby and visitors stopping to take a second look at your garden. Mix them in amongst perennials and add to mixed borders. Gladiator has blue-violet, six-inch diameter flowers that are smaller than Globemaster but Gladiator blooms earlier and stands

a foot taller and the leaves are long lasting. Both are sure to grab your attention and that of pollinators.

Stretch your enjoyment into early summer with Ambassador. Its dense five- to six-inch, violet-blue flowers are a deeper color than most alliums. What's even more impressive is these large flowers are atop four- to five-foot stems. Like the other alliums, bees and butterflies love it.

It's no surprise that Allium christophii is a favorite among gardeners. The eight- to ten-inch diameter, violet-pink flowers have spiky florets and a silvery sheen that makes them look like globes in the garden. Though this allium is only 12-18" tall, it has a big presence in the garden and is very long-lasting.

Allium schubertii produces even larger, 12" diameter flowers on stems of a similar height. Some

of the star-like florets are closer to the center of the flower than others and this makes the blossom appear to be expanding, like fireworks in the garden. Save some of the seedheads and use them in dried flower arrangements.

The flowers of heirloom Allium atropurpureum are dome-shaped rather than round. Their dramatic, dark burgundy color and upright stature add structure to the garden. They are also long-lasting cut flowers.

End the season with Drumstick allium. The egg-shaped flowers are raspberry on top and green on the bottom with long slender stems. They are perfect grow-through plants and good companions for ornamental grasses.

Add a variety of alliums to your garden this fall and enjoy the added color, texture, and height this group of plants provide. You and the pollinators will be glad you did.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD instant video series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## Hyacinth: Princess of Fragrance and Color

If you want to have a colorful party in your garden in early spring, hyacinths can definitely bring the right atmosphere. Their impressive flower clusters, in the most striking shades, offer an explosion of color. Plant them this fall!

### History

Hyacinths originate from the eastern Mediterranean, from central Turkey to Lebanon. The flower color was blue originally and the flower clusters consisted of single flowers. By the 18th century, breeding was in full swing and new varieties, such as double-flowered (multiflora) and other colors, were introduced on the market.

### Fragrance and colors

These days, hyacinths come in a variety of colors such as pink, red, blue, purple, salmon, yellow, black, and white. In addition to their gorgeous colors, they are delightfully fragrant. Each flower color has its own unique scent, which you can enjoy from March through May. You could mix up the colors in your garden, or use a single color. Whatever makes you happy!

### Planting

Hyacinths should be planted in autumn. Find them a nice spot in the sun or half-shade, where excess water can drain away. For best results, plant them in odd numbers: groups of 3, 5, 7 etcetera. Plant them three times as deep as the bulb itself is tall. Hyacinths are sensitive to frost, so you need to give them enough time to form roots before the frost.

### Frost

If you live in an area

with heavy frost in winter, plant the hyacinth bulbs deeper and make sure the bulbs are covered by at least 8 inches of soil. It is also a good idea to cover the planted hyacinths with leaf mulch or garden turf afterwards. Once the hyacinth bulbs have been in the ground and settled for a year, they will be less vulnerable to frost.

### A perennial plant

Hyacinth bulbs bloom year after year. That's because they are perennial bulbs. The flower clusters will be large and full in the first year; thereafter the clusters are less full, but no less beautiful. This results in a more natural look. Did you know that the little flowers on the flower clusters are called "spikes"?

### Interesting facts:

- Hyacinths are suitable for picking gardens. How wonderful to have home-grown and home-picked scent bombs brightening up your home!

- Hyacinthus is a symbol of peace and power.

- If you want to create a wow effect, plant the bulbs so close together that they almost touch.

- Hyacinths are suitable for planting in pots. Choose pots with a hole in the bottom or make one or more holes in the bottom yourself so that excess water can drain away.

- Did you know that you can also grow hyacinth bulbs indoors in glass jars or vases? There are special hyacinth glasses for this that you fill up with water. Put the hyacinth bulb on top, just above the water.

You can find more information about flower bulbs at [www.flowerbulbs.com](http://www.flowerbulbs.com),

## Crocuses and Snowdrops Bring Color Under Trees and Shrubs

Winter gardens: boring? No way! Naturalizing bulbs, like crocuses and snowdrops, can brighten things up in places where other plants won't grow.

### Thriving

Snowdrops and crocuses often grow in wooded areas and around old country houses. Both are naturalizing bulbs that grow beautifully under deciduous trees and shrubs. They get less rain and light there in winter because of the fallen leaves. Flower bulbs like it this way during the cold season. This is why they flower abundantly and profusely in these spots. After flowering, the bulbs draw nutrition from the leaves to prepare for the next season. This is why the foliage needs time to die off properly. Once the trees and shrubs grow their leaves again, the

foliage of the snowdrops and crocuses disappears and the bulbs go dormant. The leaves of the trees and shrubs then keep the bulbs nice and cool during the hot summer months.

### Colorful crocus

Crocuses bring a real riot of color to the garden in February and March. These early-flowering color bombs symbolize spring and joy. If you take a closer look at them, you will discover there are some spectacular varieties. The colors vary from intensely deep to cheerful pastels. The most popular varieties are blue and purple, but they also come in white, yellow and lilac tones, or striped. Both the frivolous large-flowered and delicate small-flowered crocuses are like little gifts growing out of the soil. After the initial planting, an ever-in-

creasing carpet of flowers develops each year thanks to naturalization. Not many flowers will flower in February during the long cold winter, but crocuses are one of the first varieties to start flowering at that time. They are a wonderful source of nectar and pollen. This makes them a favorite among bumblebees, honeybees and some solitary bees. So while enjoying these flowers, you also help these important insects.

### Lovely snowdrops

Snowdrops (Galanthus) arrive on the winter scene very early. Their official name is quite fancy: Galanthus. They put their bell-shaped white flowers on display in January and February, they even grow above the snow. The petals of snowdrops appear white, but are in fact col-

orless. When you squeeze a petal, it becomes transparent. This is because the air bubbles that reflect the light are then gone. Snowdrops are available in several varieties, including double flowers, with green or yellow dots or markings on the petals, and with small or large flowers. The 'common' snowdrop is called Galanthus nivalis. If you plant them in your garden, you will see them increase in number year on year. Did you know that snowdrops can produce heat, up to 50°F? As a result, the snow around these flowers melts. They also spread a delicious scent of honey. The scent comes from insects that collect pollen from the flowers.

Would you like to know more about flower bulbs? Then take a look at [www.flowerbulbs.com](http://www.flowerbulbs.com).



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## 8 Tips to Rethink Clean at Home and On the Go

### FAMILY FEATURES

For years, terms like “clean,” “sanitized” and “disinfected” have been used almost interchangeably. However, if people have learned anything from the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s just because something looks clean doesn’t mean it actually is.

From high-touch surfaces to personal hygiene, many have focused more on the cleanliness of their homes and the businesses they visit amid the pandemic. In fact, roughly 3 in 5 Americans (57%) are more concerned about the cleanliness of businesses they frequent due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to an online survey of 2,504 adults in the United States commissioned by ISSA and conducted by YouGov. Further, more than half (56%) have thought about how clean a business or public space is during the past two years more than ever before.

To help explain what “clean” means and shine a light on the importance of proper cleaning, the worldwide cleaning industry association launched “Rethink What Clean Means,” a first-of-its-kind campaign to educate the public and support businesses in elevating their standard of clean.

Consider these tips from the global experts on clean to help ensure you feel at ease both at home and in public spaces.



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### At Home

- When cleaning, wear gloves and do not touch your face (mouth, nose, eyes) with your hands. Gloves can help reduce the risk of infecting yourself with bacteria on the surfaces you’re cleaning and protect skin from the chemicals in cleaning supplies that could cause rashes or other irritation.
- Use cleaning products according to their directions for the most effective results. Be sure to account for the “dwell time” needed for a product to be effective after being applied. Many cleaning agents and disinfectants require time to sit on the surface to activate rather than being rinsed or wiped off immediately. Always keep cleaning products out of the reach of children.
- Consider using microfiber cloths, which can remove 99.9% of bacteria on hard surfaces due to their electrostatic properties. To help prevent cross contamination, use color-coded cloths for different jobs and wash microfiber cloths with other microfiber items only to maintain their cleaning power.
- Before using disinfecting products, clean soiled surfaces. For example, use a general-purpose cleaner to clean a tabletop before applying disinfectant according to the instructions on the product label.

- Frequently wipe down handles and other oft-touched surfaces like remote controls and light switches with disinfectant wipes or a microfiber cloth sprayed with a cleaner or disinfectant to help reduce the spread of germs.

### On the Go

- Wash your hands with soap and water often, especially before meals and after using the restroom. Dry your hands with paper towels or automatic dryers to help prevent the spread of germs. Keep alcohol-based hand sanitizer on-hand for times when soap and water are not available.
- When traveling, use surface disinfecting wipes to disinfect high-touch surfaces, like armrests and tray tables, as they can easily pass germs between travelers.
- Look for businesses and public places committed to rethinking clean by displaying the Rethink Clean insignia. Additionally, seek out facilities that hold third-party cleaning accreditations like the GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation, which means they uphold the highest standards of cleaning, disinfection and infection prevention to protect public health.

Learn more about cleaning to the highest standards at [RethinkClean.org](https://RethinkClean.org).



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## Airforce Band Of Flight Performance

Join Emens Auditorium as Airforce Band of Flight performs a patriotic show full of entertainment and merriment at Emens Auditorium on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.!

No ticket reservations are required for Airforce Band of Flight as they are currently without charge for all incoming spectators.

The United States Air Force Band of Flight provides quality music and entertainment for a wide

variety of official military, recruiting and community relations events. The band is stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH which is operated by the 88th Air Base Wing under the command of Col Christopher Meeker. The 15-member organization serves the state of Ohio exclusively and is managed by CMSgt Stephen Larson.

Call or text 765-285-1539 with any questions you may have.



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## A One-Artist-Show By Brenda Pettigrew

A One-Artist-Show by Professional Artist Brenda Pettigrew will be at the Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery in Oct., 2022. Our Guest Artist, who resides in Avon, Indiana, will be exhibiting a collection of original watercolor paintings, and some prints and cards.

Brenda has loved painting and drawing since she was a child. In high school she learned to work in oils and acrylics. At a part time job in a library after school, she used watercolors to make bookmarks and posters for the children's room. She earned a BS degree in Personnel Management from Ball State University. The next years were focused on raising her family, but she continued dabbling with watercolor, and fell in love with the medium.

It was in 2015 that she decided to learn all she could about painting with watercolors from books, DVD's, and the internet. She joined the Watercolor Society of Indiana, and began taking classes, entering exhibits, and volunteering with the WSI. She has chaired WSI Juried Exhibitions, and has won

many awards at competitions around Indiana.

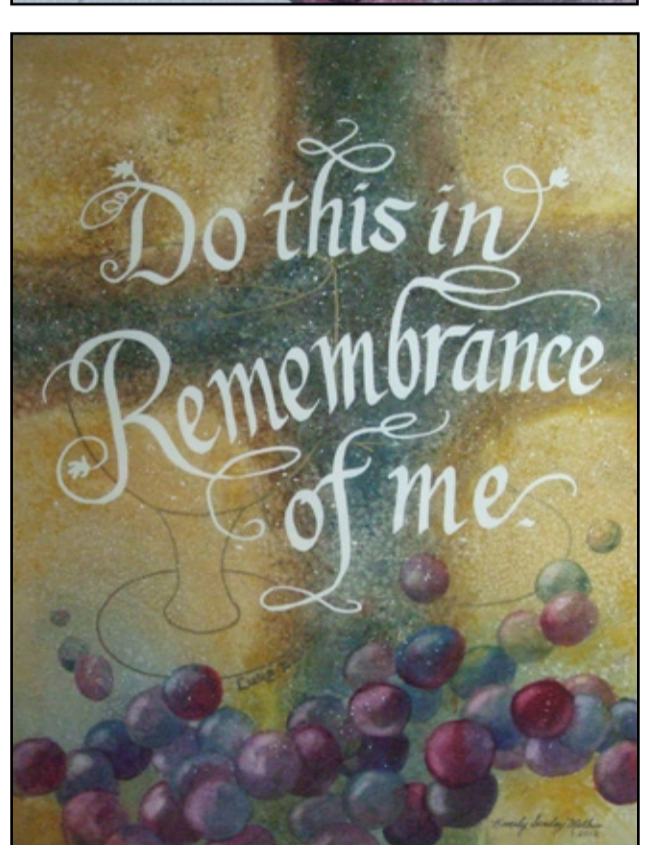
Brenda loves painting in a realistic style and watching her subjects come to life on the paper. Her favorite items to paint are flowers, leaves, and nature. She also designs wedding invitations and special occasion cards.

See more of her artwork at <https://www.watercolorsbrenda.com>

Artwork will be displayed at SALI until Oct. 29, 2022. The Southside Art League, Inc. (SALI) Off Broadway Gallery is located at 299 E. Broadway Street, Greenwood, IN 46143, 2 blocks north of Main St. and 6 blocks east of Madison Avenue in historic Old Town Greenwood.

Visit the gallery during regular hours Wed. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.. Closed Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday. Please call SALI to arrange for viewing by appointment at any other time.

Come meet the artist Brenda Pettigrew at the SALI Open House, Friday Oct. 14, 2022, 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.



Photos courtesy of Beverly Mathis

## Go and Enjoy the Beverly Mathis Solo Show

Come see the Solo Exhibit by Greenwood artist Beverly S. Mathis at the Unitarian Universal Church of Indianapolis. This retrospective collection of 34 favorite watercolor paintings represent a wide range of techniques and materials. Subjects include landscapes, flowers, still life, animals, abstracts, and calligraphy.

Beverly Sunday Mathis graduated from IPS #20, Emmerich Manual High School and then earned her BAE degree from Herron School of Art. Her dream at twelve years old was to become an art teacher, and she did teach

at Keystone Middle School in Perry Township for a short time. She married her high school/church sweetheart, and together they raised two terrific children, celebrated their 50th Anniversary, and now they are spoiling three grandkids.

Beverly believes her artistic ability comes from God, since she has always loved all kinds of arts and crafts. Opportunities to use her art for God include being VBS Crafts director for over 40 years, and designing logos and sweatshirts for many non-profits. To celebrate her 40th birthday, she took

her first class in watercolors from David Tipton at the Southside Art League. She knew immediately that she had found her passion, and she has been teaching watercolor painting classes for adults at SALI since Nov. 1996. Her middle initial in her signature is always there to say, "Thank You!" to God for all His countless blessings.

Beverly is a Cardinal Fellow member of the Watercolor Society of Indiana, the Indiana Artists Club, the Brown County Artists Association, and the Southside Art League. You can see her artwork at the SALI Off Broadway

Gallery in Greenwood, and the Brown County Art Gallery on Main Street in Nashville Indiana. She loves to enter competitions such as the Indiana State Fair, Johnson County Fair, WSI, INA, RAM, and the SALI National Abstract Art Exhibitions.

Artwork will be at the Unitarian Universal Church until Oct. 9, 2022. The Unitarian Universal Church is located at 615 W. 43rd Street, Indianapolis, IN.

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