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Ask Rusty - Retired Federal Employee Curious About His Smaller Social Security Benefit

Dear Rusty: When I started getting Social Security at 62, I was told by the SS office I would get a smaller monthly amount because I worked for the Federal Government and received a Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) pension. I paid into Social Security for about 20 years working outside the government, and I now receive only about \$280 a month in Social Security. It just seems like I should be getting more. How can I look into this matter that Social Security calls a "windfall?"
Signed: Federal Retiree



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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contribute to Social Security while earning your CSRS pension, but you did contribute to SS while working elsewhere, thus earning a Social Security retirement benefit in addition to your CSRS pension. Those who receive a federal pension under the old Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) are affected by

Social Security's Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), which reduces any Social Security benefit they become entitled to through other work outside the Federal government, and this is the reason your SS benefit is only \$280 per month. For

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Dear Federal Retiree: From what you've shared, you didn't

Best Ways to Care for Older Adults

(Family Features) As the proportion of older adults in the U.S. continues to increase, appropriate care for older people becomes increasingly important. In fact, caregivers and loved ones should be aware of age-appropriate care for heart attack or chest pain.

The first step is to call 911. Once medical care is started, age-related changes in general health and in the heart and blood vessels require consideration, and likely modifications, in how

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How to Protect Your Finances and Family in the New Year

(StatePoint) After a holiday season spent racking up credit card bills, many Americans consider making financial resolutions in the New Year. However, now is the perfect time to not only reevaluate your saving and spending, but also commit to creating a more holistic financial plan designed to protect your finances and your family.

Consumers are seeking stability and preparedness in today's uncertain economic environment, according to a recent Consumer Sentiment Tracker study by Lincoln Financial Group. With ongoing inflation and market volatility, 56% of respondents cited protection from risk as being most import-

ant to them. When it comes to thinking about their finances, people said they have the greatest interest in protecting their family (39%) followed by their income (26%).

"Our research reinforced the importance of financial solutions that can help consumers navigate through market cycles and protect their loved ones," said David Berkowitz, president, Lincoln Financial Network, Lincoln Financial's wealth management business. "People are not only concerned about having enough to pay their bills, but also saving for retirement and preparing for the unex-

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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.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Thomas Kneeland smile? "My kids," said the 30-year-old Fishers Arts Council member. He has a blended family of five children, ages 5-12. He was born and raised in Greenville, Miss. He came to Indiana to attend DePauw University in Greencastle to study creative writing and graduated in 2014. He is former assistant director of admission, diversity and inclusion specialist for DePauw University, and is a third-year Master of Fine Arts candidate at Butler University, where he studies the craft and passion of poetry. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. He is currently an English instructor for Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana. He is editor and chief of the Elevation Review. He is a former downtown Noblesville resident of three years. He graduated from Indiana Wesleyan with a master's degree in ministry. He is the founder and executive director for Kneeland Center for Poetry, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. "We focus on creating places for under-represented writers across the world." Professionally, he is a poet, best-selling author and copywriter and has three books of poetry, one in second edition that is available at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, where he also has other books available, the latest about black lives.

And Another Few Things...

1. Foster A Pet

There's no place like home for the holidays, and for so many animals at the Humane Society for Hamilton County, a home is their one holiday wish.

Home for the Holidays Foster Edition encourages people to consider the short-term fostership of a shelter animal through the holidays. This program has no tinsel attached - no cost and no long-term commitment. This seasonally inspired twist on the Home for the Holidays program allows you to grant a very special wish to a lonely animal in need of some holiday cheer.

How it works:

- Complete a foster application online at bit.ly/fosterfortheholidays
- Bring all family members to meet your foster pet
- Pick up your foster pet between Dec. 18 - 24*
- Return your foster pet to the shelter starting December 26*

*Pickup and return times are during regular adoption hours - hours are available online at bit.ly/hshchours

The Humane Society for Hamilton County provides all supplies needed for fostering. This includes beds, food, toys, leash and collar, medications, etc. They also provide all medical and behavior care needed while the pet is in your home. They offer expert access 24 hours a day in case emergency.



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Boys & Girls Club

Inaugural Spotlight on Art Benefits Three Local Youth-Serving Organizations
This week, the committee for the Spotlight on Art, Benefiting Children, presented a check to representatives from the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, The Children's TherAplay and Pre-vail, Inc. In its inaugural year, the Nov. 10 event held at the Hotel Carmichael raised \$50,000 to support the work of the three organizations. Pictured with event founder and committee chair Esther Lakes are organization executive directors and board presidents (front row left to right) Esther Lakes, Mindy Konrath, Kathy Pelletier, Daryl Petry (back row left to right), Debbie Johnson, Lisa Kobek and Becky Terry.

HONEST HOOSIER

8 Hamilton County shopping days until Christmas. Take a drive through Noblesville and marvel at all the great Christmas decorations!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Chill out - people who are aggressive appear to be at greater risk for heart attacks and strokes.

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

"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts."
- Janice Maediter

TODAY'S JOKE

What's the most popular Christmas wine? 'But I don't like Brussels sprouts!'

OBITUARIES

Timothy Joel Finke
Barbara Lou Roberts

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **ROBERT L. RAMEY** for subscribing!



The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:00 a.m.
SET: 5:20 p.m.

High/Low
Temperatures
HIGH: 31 °F
LOW: 25 °F

Today is...

- National Maple Syrup Day
- Wright Brothers Day
- National Wreaths Across America Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1903 The Wright brothers make the first controlled powered, heavier-than-air flight in the Wright Flyer
- 1933 The first NFL Championship Game is played at Wrigley Field in Chicago between the New York Giants and Chicago Bears; the Bears won 23-21
- 1989 The Simpsons premieres on television with the episode "Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire"

Births On This Day

- 1770 Ludwig van Beethoven German pianist and composer
- 1936 Pope Francis Current Pope of the Catholic Church

Deaths On This Day

- 1830 Simón Bolívar Venezuelan commander
- 2011 Kim Jong-il North Korean politician and 2nd Supreme Leader of North Korea

Hamilton County Coroner John Chalfin to Retire on December 31

Hamilton County Coroner John Chalfin is set to retire on Dec. 31 when the second of his two terms expires. Chalfin was first hired on as a part-time deputy for the Coroner's Office in 2008 and won the first of his two elections in 2014. Coroners are limited to two four-year terms in the State of Indiana.

"It's been an honor to serve the people of Hamilton County and help them in some of their darkest hours," Chalfin said. Chalfin and his team investigate nearly a quarter of the County's deaths. They are responsible for tending to suspicious and unattended deaths - primarily homicides, suicides, and accidental deaths.

"We owe it to people to treat their loved ones with dignity. Anything we can do to provide

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7 DAY FORECAST

25/31 NEW ALUMBER NEW ALUMBER	20/30 MUCH WINTER	20/33 MOSTLY CLOUDY	25/35 WINDY	18/30 MOSTLY CLOUDY	15/23 WINDY AND CLOUDY	3/15 WINTER COLD WINDY POSSIBLE
SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

⇒ OBITUARIES

Timothy Joel Finke

August 20, 1959-December 14, 2022

Timothy Joel Finke, 63, of Carmel, passed away after a short illness on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1959 to the late Gerhard and Wilma (Stuckey) Finke in Columbus, Indiana.

Mr. Finke received a bachelor's degree in marketing from IU and worked for Quaker Windows as Director of Marketing. Most of all, he loved his grandkids who called him "Pa T". He was a wonderful father and grandfather who was very involved with all of their activities. Mr. Finke was an avid drummer and enjoyed watching Star Wars as well as old black & white science fiction movies. Family outings were very important, and he loved traveling and sitting around the fire pit.

Survivors include his wife Tami Finke; 3 daughters Ashley Lease, Taylor Gonzalez and Morgan Finke; 2 grandchildren Bryer Lease and Ruby Lease; brother Jon (Sandy) Finke; sister Judy Finke; 1 nephew; and 2 nieces.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with services scheduled for 12 p.m., noon on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Rd., Noblesville. Pastor Ryan Bramlett will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indianapolis Animal Care & Control, 2600 S. Harding St., Indianapolis, IN 46221 (friendsofindyanimals.org/donate)

Online condolences may be made at randallroberts.com

Barbara Lou Roberts

June 15, 1937-December 15, 2022

Barbara Lou Roberts, 85, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

She was born on June 15, 1937 to Clifton and Mildred (Landes) Hartley in Cicero.

Mrs. Roberts graduated from Jackson Central High School in Arcadia. She was the Hamilton County Clerk for 8 years and worked in the clerk's office for 35 years. She was a member of the Arcadia Church of the Brethren. Mrs. Roberts was a Cub Scout Den Mother and was a 10 year 4-H leader.

Survivors include her son Brian Roberts; daughter Cheryl (Glenn) Birge; 2 sisters-in-law Nancy Hartley and Patty Hartley; 2 grandchildren Zach (Melissa) Birge and Tonya (Josh) Smith; several nieces & nephews; and 6 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Don J. 'DJ' Roberts; 2 brothers Ralph Hartley and David Hartley; and daughter-in-law Patty Roberts.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1685 Westfield Rd., Noblesville. Private burial will be at Arcadia Cemetery in Arcadia at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at randallroberts.com

Noblesville Councilman Mark Boice to Run for Reelection in District 4

Noblesville Common Councilman Mark Boice has announced his candidacy for reelection to the Noblesville Common Council.

"I am honored to serve this outstanding city and to help continue making this the best community to live, work and raise a family," Boice said.

Boice is filing to go back to his previous district 4 position in lieu of the at-large position he currently holds.

"There is a better opportunity to work with and help the community on a local level as a district representative. I would love to return to that level of serving for the next 4 years."

Boice hopes to help keep Noblesville safe. During his terms on Noblesville's Common Council, he has served as a liaison to the Police Department, the Fire Department and the 911 Dispatch. He continues to work with Public Safety Director Chad Knecht to research and develop new strategies for public safety. He also played a major role in the plan to hire incremental officers and provide additional resources to keep Noblesville Schools safe.



Councilman Mark Boice

Boice intends to continue utilizing the knowledge he has gained as a professional with Chrysler, as well as his experiences running a local business, to help Noblesville's economic development department attract and retain businesses. Local businesses bring new job growth, help lower taxes and bring additional funding to Noblesville.

"I absolutely love Noblesville. I have lived in the City nearly my entire life, and now, with my wife Kristen, I am raising two daughters in the community I am extremely passionate about. I look forward to serving our great community and citizens another four years on Noblesville's Common Council," Boice said.

For more information, visit markboice.com or [facebook.com/markboice-forcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/markboice-forcouncil)

Noblesville Business Owner and Councilman Mike Davis to Seek Reelection to Common Council

Mike Davis, lifelong Noblesville resident, business owner and local leader, has announced his intentions to run for a second term on Noblesville Common Council, District 1. Davis was first elected to public office in 2019.

"I am looking forward to continuing my service on the Noblesville City Council because I truly love Noblesville. I've been ingrained in Noblesville for my entire life. I want to continue giving back and building on the accomplishments of the last few years. Every day I count my blessings, and I'm thankful to live in one of America's greatest cities," said Davis.

Davis plans to continue his focus on Noblesville's



Councilman Mike Davis

growth through:

- Making public safety the number one priority -- in schools, neighborhoods, parks, downtown and throughout the city.
- Building a brighter future by making sound financial decisions, proactive and proper planning and respecting the past while making decisions

for a successful city.

• Focusing on roads, parking, and traffic, making sure the current and future infrastructure will support a growing population

Since his time in office, Davis has accomplished these three areas of focus by being fiscally responsible, using his business skills and experience, hardworking values and involving feedback from Noblesville citizens.

Since joining the Council, Davis has been on the following Common Council Committees:

Finance, Public Safety, Wastewater, Economic Development and Building/Land Acquisition.

Community involvement is a passion for

Davis. Throughout the years, he has been on boards for the Noblesville Elementary Football League, Hamilton County Fifty Club and North Harbor HOA. He is past President of the Noblesville Redevelopment Authority Board.

Davis married his wife, Bobbi, in 1991. They have three adult children, Karli, Jake and Hank, all Noblesville Schools graduates. The family has lived in North Harbor for 29 years. Davis has enjoyed coaching Varsity football at Noblesville High School and is a big supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Noblesville Elks Club 576, and the Hamilton County Humane Society.

⇒ Meeting Notes

Noblesville Common Council

Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022
at 7 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

5:30 p.m., Executive Session, Room A213 - Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (4)(I), Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.

6:30 p.m., Executive Session, Room A213 - Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (2)(D)(iv), For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction, including a transfer.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of minutes: Dec. 6, 2022 - Retreat
5. Approval of minutes: Dec. 6, 2022
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Petitions or Comments by Citizens Who Are Present
8. Council Committee Reports
9. Approval of Claims

10. Previously Discussed Ordinances

A. #74-12-22 Council to consider Ordinance #74-12-22, an ordinance approving an Additional Appropriation in the Parking Meter Fund to provide additional funding for costs of parking management services engaged after the Annual Budget was adopted (Ian Zelgowski).

a. Public Hearing for Ordinance #74-12-22

B. #75-12-22 Council to consider Ordinance #75-12-22, an ordinance approving an Additional Appropriation in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund to authorize the expenditure of insurance proceeds deposited into The Fund (Ian Zelgowski).

a. Public Hearing for Ordinance #75-12-22

C. #76-12-22 Council to consider Ordinance #76-12-22, an ordinance approving an Additional Appropriation in the Parks Program Fund to authorize the expenditure of additional revenue collected due to growth in the City's golf operations which has

generated more costs (Ian Zelgowski).

a. Public Hearing for Ordinance #76-12-22

D. #78-12-22 Council to consider Ordinance #78-12-22, an ordinance adopting a Change of Zoning from R1 Single-Family Residential and PB Planned Business to R5 Multi-Family Residential and PB Planned Business for approximately 34 acres south of State Road 32 (Westfield Road) and east of Hazel Dell Road (Joyceann Yelton, Attorney Steve Hardin).

11. New Ordinance for Discussion

A. #63-10-22A Council to consider Ordinance #63-10-22A, an ordinance amending Ordinance #63-10-22, the 2023 Salary Ordinance for Appointed Officials and Employees for The City of Noblesville (Matt Light)

12. Miscellaneous

A. Council to receive a Summary of Fiscally Neutral Fourth Quarter Appropriation Transfers pursuant to Resolution RC-1-22, Section 1 (Jeffrey Spalding)

B. Council to receive

a Summary of Appropriation of Fourth Quarter Grant Proceeds pursuant to Resolution RC-2-22 (Jeffrey Spalding)

C. Council to consider Resolution RC-56-22, a resolution approving an Economic Development Agreement with Patch WBP Lot 3 LLC (Chuck Haberman)

D. Council to consider Resolution RC-57-22, a resolution approving Real Property Tax Abatements for Patch WBP Lot 3 LLC (Chuck Haberman)

E. Council to consider Resolution RC-58-22, a resolution concerning Acquisition of Real Property (Matt Light)

F. Council to Consider 2023 Appointments (Evelyn Lees)

13. Transfer

A. Council to consider Transfer TA-21-22, an Appropriation Transfer in the Local Road and Street Fund to cover the cost for an equipment purchase disrupted by delays and price increases that invalidated the original funding source (Ian Zelgowski)

14. Council Comments

15. Adjournment



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools

NHS Students on the Menu at Bru Burger Noblesville

Thanks to Noblesville High School's Innovations class, three local students are on the menu at Bru Burger Noblesville!

Junior Kate Goins (right), sophomore Madilyn Colunga (center) and freshman Kaydence Westbrook partnered with Bru Burger executive chef John Sanderock to create a featured appetizer and entree for the restaurant's December menu.

Millers' buffalo dip and a hot honey chicken sandwich will be available until the end of the month with the restaurant donating a dollar for each item sold back to Noblesville High School.

The students were challenged to research the menu and available ingredients, pitch ideas to Bru Burger, develop the recipe, recommend pricing and market test their proposals.

The partnership developed through the high school's Innovations class, where students pursue real-world learning through career development projects of their choosing.

Obituary deadline

The Times publishes obituaries daily at www.thetimes24-7.com, and in its print product every day with the exception of Sundays and Tuesdays.

All obituaries must come from a funeral home. A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-resolution JPEG.

Daily obituary deadline is 4 p.m. for the following day's print publication.

To read more obituaries, visit www.thetimes24-7.com.

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Photo courtesy of NPD

The NPD Citizens Police Academy 2022 graduates pictured with their diplomas (in no order): Angela Szumski, Blair Smith, Brad Wariner, Carl Johnson, Cassie Broadwater, Steve Broadwater, Jackie Wariner, Mark Greiner, Merry Penn, Norma Bishop, Rick Lorch, Saroj Priyadarshi, Sydney Sparks, Todd Thurston and Zeke Bolinger.

Apply Today for NPD's Citizens Police Academy

The Noblesville Police Department is currently accepting applications for the next Citizens Police Academy classes. The academy is a 12-week course, free of charge, designed to provide community members with an opportunity to become better acquainted with our professional staff and to learn about police procedures.

The Academy familiarizes citizens with the operations of the police department. This includes classes on patrol procedures, criminal law, narcotics, search and seizure, tactical operations, investigations, juvenile law, emergency vehicle operations, use of force issues, and a police canine demonstration.

Participants will also have the option to ride with

a patrol officer and witness the activities our officers encounter on a day-to-day basis.

The objective of the Citizens Police Academy is to produce informed citizens. The academy is intended to open lines of communication between the community and the police department. By allowing citizens a firsthand look at the police department and how its operations are handled, citizens take away a better understanding of the police role in the community.

Additionally, citizens bring a wealth of knowledge about their community. In this way, our police officers learn and better understand the concerns of the citizens.

Eligible candidates must:

- Have no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions within the last (3) years
- Pass a background check
- Reside or be employed in Noblesville

NPD is accepting applications through Feb. 7 for the 2023 Spring session which will begin on Feb. 8 and will conclude on April 26 with a graduation ceremony. Classes are held every Wednesday evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Applications are available online at cityofnoblesville.org/police or at the Noblesville Police Department. Class size is limited so be sure to apply as soon as possible. For further information, contact Lieutenant Bruce Barnes at (317) 776-6340 ext. 1243 or bbarnes@noblesville.in.us.

Meeting Notes

Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety

Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022
at 9 a.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Petitions or Comments by Citizens Who Are Present

4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda

6. For Approval
A. Approval of Executive Session Memorandum: Dec. 6, 2022

B. Approval of minutes: Dec. 6, 2022

C. Board to consider write-off of unpaid debt at the Utility (Jonathan Mirgeaux)

D. Board to consider Secondary Plat for Lots 3 and 4 at Hamilton Town Center (Joyceann Yelton)

E. Board to consider release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Maintenance Bond for HMA Surface and Storm Sewer at Washington Business Park, Phase I (Jayme Thompson)

F. Board to consider acceptance of Secondary Plat; Performance Bonds for HMA Surface, Storm Sewer, Common Area Sidewalk, Monumentation, Common Area Landscaping and Signs; and Maintenance Bonds for Stone, Base and Intermediate Asphalt, Curb, Asphalt Path and Sanitary Sewer for Silo Ridge, Section 1 (Jayme

Thompson)
G. Board to consider acceptance of ILP Erosion Control Bond for Pebble Brook Crossing Offsite Sanitary Sewer (Jayme Thompson)

7. Contracts/Purchases Under \$50,000

A. Agreement between Stryker and the Fire Department for Preventative Maintenance of Eight LIFEPAK 15 Units (Division Chief James Macky)

B. 2023 Chaplain Service Agreement with the Police Department (Deputy Chief Jason Thompson)

C. Consulting Agreement with Legacy Sports Group for evaluation and recommendations for Phase II Construction at Finch Creek Park (Matt Light)

D. Equipment Rental Agreement with Vermeer Midwest for trial before purchase for the Maintenance Department (David Dale)

E. Process Improvement Agreement with HWC Engineering for review of Processes and Standards regarding new development (Sarah Reed)

F. Services Agreement with the Da Vinci Pursuit for Design, Engineering and Project Management of a Lighting Installation in the South Alley (Aaron Head)

8. New Items for Discussion

A. Board to hear an update on The Village at Federal Hill Project (Shaun Barcelow)

B. Board to consider

Agreement between Stryker and the Fire Department for Preventative Maintenance on AED Equipment, LIFEPAK 15 Equipment, and Lucas Compression Devices (Division Chief James Macky)

C. Board to consider 2023 Service Agreement with The Humane Society of Hamilton County (Assistant Chief Brad Arnold)

D. Board to consider a Special Purchase for tasers for the Police Department (Assistant Chief Brad Arnold)

E. Board to consider 2023 Mental Health Consultant Service Agreement with the Police Department (Deputy Chief Jason Thompson)

F. Board to consider Acceptance of a Temporary Right of Entry from Indiana American Water for a Geotechnical Investigation (Jonathan Hughes)

G. Board to consider 2023 Appointment to the Plan Commission (Joyceann Yelton)

H. Board to consider a Façade Improvement Grant for 808 Logan St. (Aaron Head)

I. Board to consider Annual License Renewal with Cityworks Software for Work Order Management (Mike Morris)

J. Board to consider On-Call Agreement with American Structurepoint for Engineering Consulting Services (Jonathan Mirgeaux)

9. Adjournment

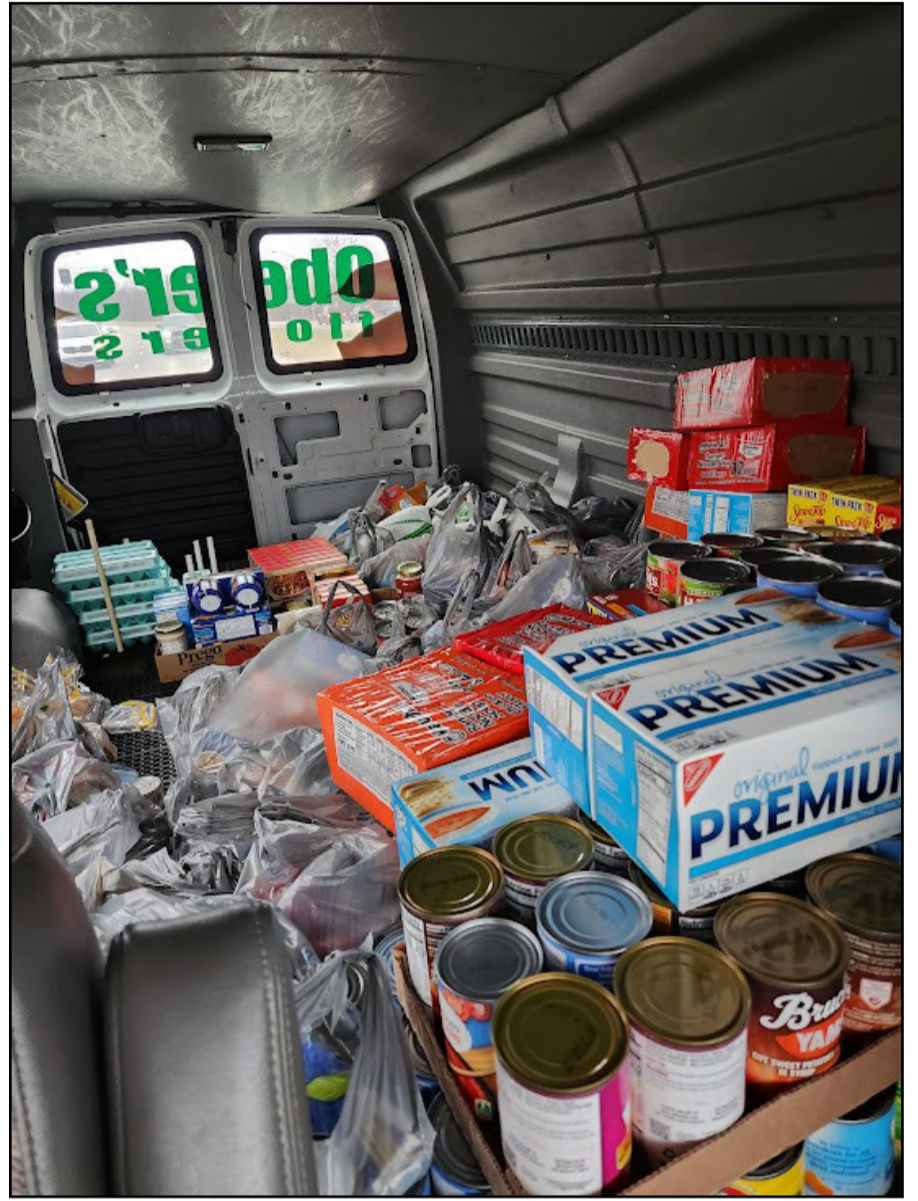


Photo courtesy of HHSC

HHMS Volleyball Club Helps Shop for Angel's Attic

Members of the Hamilton Heights Middle School Junior Husky Volleyball Club conducted their annual Christmas shopping trip for Angel's Attic last Sunday. The coaches, girls and some very kind parents all went shopping together to help fill the shelves of the local pantry based at the Arcadia Christian Church. They were able to purchase enough food to help nearly 100 local families. Just as important as raising money and maximizing the value of the money to spend, was the actual shopping spree, which teaches students about the joy of giving and thinking of others.

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Indiana's November Employment Report Shows Little Movement

Indiana's unemployment rate in November remains at 3.0%, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate in November remains at 3.7%.

In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate is 63.2% for November, remaining above the national rate of 62.1%. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3,394,935 - a decrease of 2,463 from the previous month.

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 9,000 jobs over the last month, translating to a gain of 74,500 jobs from this time last year. Indiana once again is experiencing a peak in private employment, which now



stands at 2,791,500. Industries that experienced job increases in November included:

- Leisure and Hospitality (+3,000);
- Trade, Transportation and Health Services (+2,200);
- Private Educational and Health Services (+1,300);
- Financial Activities (+700); and
- Construction (+600).

As of Dec. 1, there were 136,243 open job postings throughout the state. In November, 17,109 people in Indiana received unemployment benefits.

Individuals looking for work, training or career advice are encouraged to visit NextLevelJobs.org.

IWU Acquires Eleven Fifty Academy to Expand Tech Education Capabilities

Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) has received board of trustee approval to acquire the key assets of the Eleven Fifty Academy in a deal that will allow the program to continue providing Hoosiers a quick, proven way to ramp up their technical skills for future careers in the tech sector.

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, acting on behalf of the entire board, enthusiastically and unanimously approved the acquisition of key assets from Eleven Fifty Academy at today's board meeting," said Carl Shepherd, IWU Board of Trustees Chairman.

"The University has a long and successful history of innovation in Higher Education. I am excited to watch as the administration works with local and state officials and the private sector to leverage the Academy to address the workforce needs today and in the future."

With the acquisition complete, Indiana Wesleyan University now shifts its focus on hiring a managing director to oversee the nonprofit organization that will operate as an affiliate organization of IWU.

"We believe strongly in developing programs that align with our commitment to academic excellence," said Dr. Jon S. Kulaga, President of IWU.

"The Eleven Fifty Academy acquisition of key assets supports our online and regional center strategy to provide lifelong learners opportunities to further their education and create a better life for themselves, their families, and our community."

"We strongly believe the Academy is a valuable resource in

assisting Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb and his administration's focus on addressing the workforce needs throughout the state of Indiana," Kulaga said.

Former Eleven Fifty Founder Scott Jones will not have a role with the new organization. IWU has engaged John Qualls, a long-time tech business entrepreneur and a former executive at Eleven Fifty, to lead the transition effort during this interim period.

"It is important to acknowledge Scott Jones for his tireless efforts to create an organization that can move the needle for re-skilling a workforce," said Dr. Eileen Hulme, Chancellor of IWU-National & Global.

"We thank him for his commitment to improving the lives of Hoosiers. We understand this program must continue to give students an affordable way to rapidly gain the skills needed in today's tech workforce. IWU plans to build on this while also enhancing its reach by using our network and existing infrastructure to connect to those who seek to further their education."

IWU has acquired the following key assets as part of the deal: Eleven Fifty Academy's curriculum, trademarks, trade names, domain names, and social media accounts. It also assumes responsibility for the continued education of the approximately 65 students scheduled to complete their training in March 2023. IWU hopes to build relationships with past alumni of the program and offer both current students and alumni of the Academy an opportunity to continue their educational journey through IWU's various programs. IWU is not assuming any responsibility for its debt.

Meeting Notes

Carmel Common Council

Meeting Agenda Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, One Civic Square

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Recognition of City Employees and Outstanding Citizens
 - A. Retirement of Building Commissioner Jim Blanchard
 - B. Swearing-in of new Carmel Police Officer Michael Hatton
6. Recognition of Persons Who Wish to Address the Council
7. Council and Mayoral Comments/Observations
8. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Dec. 5, 2022 Regular Meeting
 - B. Claims
 - a. Payroll \$3,177,675.66 and \$3,222,816.72
 - b. General Claims \$4,294,004.31
 - c. Retirement \$102,105.97 (November) and \$102,105.97 (December)
 - d. Wire Transfers \$2,075,518.01
 9. Action on Mayoral Vetoes
 10. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee
 - B. Land Use and Special Studies Committee
 - C. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.
 11. Other Reports (at the first meeting of the month specified below):
 - A. Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Monthly)
 - B. Carmel Historic Preservation Commission (Quarterly - January, April, July, October)
 - C. Audit Committee (Bi-annual - May, October)
 - D. Redevelopment Authority (Bi-annual - April, October)
 - E. Carmel Cable and Telecommunications Commission (Bi-annual - April, October)
 - F. Economic Development Commission (Bi-annual - February, August)
 - G. Library Board (Annual - February)
 - H. Ethics Board (Annual - February)
 - I. Public Art Committee (Annual - August)
 - J. Parks Department (Quarterly - February, May, August, November)
 - K. All reports

designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.

12. Old Business

- A. **Resolution CC-09-19-22-02:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Amending **Resolution CC-12-21-20-04;** Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Aasen, Campbell, Finkam, Rider, and Worrell. *Sent to the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee (12/14/22 Meeting Date).*

a. **Synopsis:** Resolution amends prior Council Resolution approving 2021 Redevelopment District Bonds to add certain Palladium projects to the eligible project list.

B. Third Reading of **Ordinance D-2657-22;** An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Amending Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 25 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Rider, Worrell, Aasen, Finkam, Nelson and Campbell. *Sent to the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee (12/14/22 Meeting Date).*

a. **Synopsis:** Amends the definition of "public art," and clarifies that only permanent public art acquisitions will be subject to review by the Carmel Public Art Advisory Committee.

13. Public Hearings

- A. First Reading of **Ordinance D-2656-22;** An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Vacating Right-of-Way Located Within the Lot One Redevelopment Project; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Rider, Aasen and Worrell.

a. **Synopsis:** Vacates surplus right-of-way that is needed for the Old Meridian and Main redevelopment project.

14. New Business

A. **Resolution CC-12-19-22-01:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Authorizing the Cash Defeasance and Retirement of Certain Redevelopment District Bonds, Approving the Form of an Amended and Restated Revenue Deposit Agreement and Authorizing Matters Related Thereto; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.

a. **Synopsis:** Resolution approves (1) the payment in full of all outstanding 2013 Redevelopment District Bonds that funded the Illinois Street project, and (2) related amendments to the TIF revenue deposit agreement between the

City and the CRC.

B. **Resolution CC-12-19-22-02:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the Old Town Economic Development Area (Concourse Allocation Area); Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.

a. **Synopsis:** Resolution approves (1) a resolution of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission creating a new Concourse Allocation Area within the Old Town Economic Development Area, including an economic development plan supplement, and (2) a related Carmel Plan Commission resolution.

C. **Resolution CC-12-19-22-03:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Approving a Transfer of Funds in the 2022 Department of Redevelopment Budget; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.

a. **Synopsis:** Transfers \$30,402.00 to cover expenses incurred in various line items within the 2022 Department of Redevelopment Budget.

D. **Resolution CC-12-19-22-04:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Approving a Transfer of Funds Within the 2022 Parks Department Budget; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.

a. **Synopsis:** Transfers \$200,000.91 within the 2022 Parks Department Budget to cover additional expenses related to the replacement of a culvert on the Monon Greenway.

E. **Resolution CC-12-19-22-05:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Authorizing a Transfer of Funds Within the 2022 Carmel Fire Department Budget; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Rider and Worrell.

a. **Synopsis:** Transfers \$509,944.00 between various line items within the 2022 Carmel Fire Department Budget.

F. **Resolution CC-12-19-22-06:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Approving a Transfer of Funds Between the 2022 Department of Community Services Budget and the Non-Reverting Carmel Historic Preservation Fund (#507); Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Rider, Aasen and Worrell.

a. **Synopsis:** Transfers funds from the 2022 Department of Community Services

Budget into the NonReverting Carmel Historic Preservation Fund (#507).

G. **Resolution CC-12-19-22-07:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds Pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Rider, Aasen and Worrell.

a. **Synopsis:** This resolution authorizes the solicitation of quotes for, and investment in, certificates of deposit.

H. First Reading of **Ordinance D-2661-22;** An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Amending Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 2-146 and Adding Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 2-153 to the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Rider, Aasen and Worrell.

a. **Synopsis:** Replaces the LOIT Special Distribution Fund (#257) with the Opioid Settlement Restricted Fund (#257) and establishes the Opioid Settlement Unrestricted Fund (#256).

15. Agenda Add-On Items

16. Other Business

- A. City Council Appointments

a. Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Terms Expire 12/31/23, one-year terms); Two appointments.

b. Carmel City Center Community Development Corporation (4CDC) (Term Expires 12/31/23, one-year term); One appointment.

c. Carmel Police Department Merit Board (Term Expires 1/1/25, two-year term); One appointment.

d. Carmel Fire Department Merit Board (Term Expires 1/1/25, two-year term); One appointment.

e. Carmel Ethics Board (Republican) (Term Expires 1/1/25, two-year term); One appointment.

f. Carmel Audit Committee (Terms Expire 12/31/23 and 12/31/24, two-year terms); Two appointments.

g. Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability (Terms Expire 12/31/24, two-year terms); Two appointments.

h. Carmel Economic Development Commission (Term Expires 1/31/26, three-year term); One appointment.

B. Election of 2023 Council Positions

17. Announcements
18. Adjournment

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➔ Meeting Notes

Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting

Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, One Civic Square

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Minutes and Old Business

A. Minutes from Dec. 7, 2022, Regular Meeting

B. Dec. 7, 2022, Hearing Under Indiana Code § 36-7-9

a. Continuous Enforcement Order

b. The Findings of Fact

3. Bid Award

A. Bid Award for 21-05 City Center Dr. & Veterans Way Roundabout; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

4. Contracts
A. Request for Agreement; Duke Energy Indiana, LLC; (\$1,776,541.51); Phase II Distribution Relocation - 69k Underground; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

B. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; AVI Systems, Inc.; (\$20,404.00); AV Equipment; Additional Services Amendment #2; Timothy Renick, Director of Information and Communication Systems

C. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; AVI Systems, Inc.; (\$168,898.00); Remaining AV Package - Fire Administration Building; Additional Services Amendment; Chief David Haboush, Carmel Fire Department

D. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Ben Goebel; (\$1,600.00); Performance Agreement - Ice Carving - 2023 Festival of Ice at Carter Green; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

E. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; White Construction; (-\$16,294.38); 16-ENG-22 Monon Boulevard Phase 2; CO #3 - FINAL; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

F. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc.; (\$46,020.59); 16-ENG-17 Roundabout Improvements: 116th Street and Medical Drive at Range Line Road; CO #4 - FINAL; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

G. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Cross-Road Engineers, P.C.; (\$1,346,300.00); 22-ENG-01 - Monon Boulevard & Urban Trail - Phase 3 - Engineering Services; Additional Services Amendment #3; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

H. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Government-Jobs.com, Inc. d/b/a NEOGov; (\$11,637.00); Power Time Subscription; Additional Services Amendment; Lisa Hartz, Director of Human Resources

I. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Hannum Wagle & Cline Engineering, Inc.; (\$25,000.00); Main Street Water Main Replacement - Engineering Service; John Duffy, Director of the Department of Utilities

J. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Kelley Automotive Group, LLC; (\$43,180.00); Service Vehicle; Additional Services Amendment #2; Timothy Renick, Director of Information and Communication Systems

K. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Laketec Communications, Inc.; (\$7,575.00); Professional Services and Project Management; Timothy Renick, Director of Information and Communication Systems

L. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Leach & Russell Mechanical Contractors, Inc.; (\$26,900.00); Tower Site Cooling; Additional Services Amendment #2; Timothy Renick, Director of Information and Communication Systems

M. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; MEG & Associates, LLC; (\$6,000.00); Google Binder for 2023 Events; Additional Services Amendment #2; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

N. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Municipal Emergency Services, Inc; (\$47,327.85); Turn Out Gear Recruits; Additional Services Amendment #4; Chief David Haboush, Carmel Fire Department

O. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; PKS Construction, Inc.; (\$77,121.00); Building Repairs and Maintenance; Additional Services Amendment; James Crider, Director of

Administration
P. Resolution BPW 12-21-22-03; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Reagan Outdoor Advertising; (\$11,760.00); Holidays in Carmel Advertising; Addendum to Media Display Contract; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

Q. Resolution BPW 12-21-22-04; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Indiana Design Center; (\$0.00); Event Space Rental Agreement; Santa House Event; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

R. Resolution BPW 12-21-22-05; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Indiana Design Center; (\$0.00); Event Space Rental Agreement; Holiday in the Arts District Event; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

S. Resolution BPW 12-21-22-06; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Traynor & Associates, Inc.; (\$12,000.00); Appraisals for P1-5 & P9; 20-ENG-06 - Haverstick MU Path; Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

T. Resolution BPW 12-21-22-07; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Yardberry Landscaping & Excavating Co.; (\$138,000.00); 22-STR-09 - Gray Rd Site Prep; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

U. Resolution BPW 12-21-22-08; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Lithko Restoration Technologies, LLC; (\$199,320.00); Sophia Square Waterproofing; CO #1; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

V. Resolution BPW 12-21-22-09; A Resolu-

tion of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Advanced Limousines, LLC; (\$13,666.00); IndyTrolley Event Services; December 2022; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

W. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Rundell Ernsterberger Associates, Inc.; (\$986,000.00); 22-ENG-01 - Monon Boulevard & Urban Trail - Phase 3 - Engineering Services; Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

X. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Specialized Land Services, Inc.; (\$18,675.00); 20-ENG-06 - Haverstick MU Path - Buying Services; Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

Y. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Tangent Resource, LLC; (\$36,000.00); 2023 Consulting and Professional Services; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

Z. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Wilkinson Brothers, Inc.; (\$43,536.11); Graphic Design, Website and Creative Marketing; Additional Services Amendment; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

5. Request to Use City Streets/Property

A. Request to Acknowledge Mayor's Approval of Three Shuttle Stops; Parking Shuttle - No Parking Signs; Dec. 9, 2022; 5-11 p.m.; Dec. 10, 16 & 17, 2022; 5-10:30 p.m.; City Hall Parking Lot, Veterans Way on the Southwest Corner of Civic Square Parking Garage, and Monon Green Boulevard at Northwest Corner of Veterans Way Parking Garage; Marissa Kay, City of Carmel

B. Request to Use City Streets; Creekside Middle School 5K in Village of West Clay; April 29, 2023; 7-11 a.m.; Randy Hartog

C. Request to Use/Close City Streets; 15th Annual Ghost and Goblins 5K/2K; Rolling Closures; Oct. 21, 2023; 6 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Jennifer Penix, Carmel Education Foundation

D. Request to Use/Close City Streets; Carmel International Arts Festival; Sept. 22, 2023 at 4 p.m. - Sept. 24, 2023 at 9 p.m.; Main Street and Range Line Road Closures; Meg Gates Osborne, City of Carmel

E. Request to Use City Sidewalks; Meet Me on Main; Oct. 14, Nov. 11 & Dec. 9, 2023; 4-10 p.m.; Main Street; Carolyn Brumley, City of Carmel

F. Request to Use Midtown Plaza; Midday at Midtown; Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 2-Oct. 26, 2023; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Carolyn Brumley, City of Carmel

G. Request to Use Midtown Plaza; Movies at Midtown; Mondays, May 1, 2023-Oct. 30, 2023; Saturdays, Nov. 4, 11 & 18, 2023 and December 2, 9, 16 & 30, 2023; 12-8 p.m.; Carolyn Brumley, City of Carmel

A. Resolution BPW 12-21-22-01; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Presentation of Pistol and Badge for Lieutenant Brett A. Keith; 29 Years of Service; Chief James Barlow, Carmel Police Department

B. Resolution BPW 12-21-22-02; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Presentation of Pistol and Badge for Officer Gregory F. Dawson; 36 Years of Service; Chief James Barlow, Carmel Police Department

C. Request for Consent to Encroach and Variance; 11269 Williams Court; 12-inch Drainage Pipe; Brian & Theresa Pieper, Property Owners

D. Request for Consent to Encroach and Variance; 14341 Laura Visa Drive; Deck Extension; Fiona & Jeff O'Connor, Property Owners

E. Request for Lane/Road/Sidewalk Closure and Open Pavement Cut; 10 East Main Street - 1st on Main; New Water Main; Brad Snowden, Lauth Group

F. Request for Replat; Reserve at Springmill; Lots 68-71; Steve Pittman, Pittman Partners

G. Request for Right of Way Dedication; Main Street and Old Meridian; Three (3) City of Carmel Owned Parcels; City of Carmel, Property Owner

➔ Meeting Notice

Noblesville Common Council

The Noblesville Common Council organization meeting scheduled for Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 has been changed to Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 at 6 p.m. in room A213 of City Hall, 16 South 10th St.

➔ Meeting Notice

Noblesville Fire-fighter Merit Commission

The Noblesville Fire-fighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at 4 p.m. has been canceled.

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clarity, federal employees who retire under the newer Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) are not affected by WEP because they contribute to Social Security.

The formula for computing Social Security when WEP applies is rather complicated and depends on the number of years you contributed to Social Security from substantial earnings in the private sector. With 20 or fewer years contributing to SS you incur the maximum WEP penalty for your "eligibility year" (the year you turned 62), but with more than 20 years contributing to Social Security the WEP reduction is mitigated, and with 30

or more years contributing to SS, WEP no longer applies.

If you were receiving your CSRS pension when you claimed Social Security, your WEP-reduced SS benefit was computed at that time and has continued. But if you had additional years working and contributing to Social Security after you first claimed, it's possible that you now have more than 20 years contributing, in which case you may be entitled to a smaller WEP reduction and thus a higher Social Security benefit. The only way to find out if you're now entitled to a higher benefit due to additional years contributing is to call Social Security,

either at your local office or at the national number 1 (800) 772-1213 and ask them to review your current benefit under WEP. If you now have more years contributing to Social Security than you had when you first claimed, you may be entitled to a benefit increase.

Before calling SS, you may wish to first review your lifetime earnings record on file at Social Security and determine how many years of contributions from substantial SS earnings you actually have. You can get a copy of your lifetime SS earnings record from Social Security, most easily from your personal online "my Social Security" account.

If you don't yet have an online account set up, you can easily do so at ssa.gov/myaccount. Then, you can review your lifetime SS-earnings against the chart at the following link which shows what your earnings must have been each year to count under WEP: ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10045.pdf.

So, to recap: if you continued to work after starting your WEP-reduced Social Security benefits, you may be entitled to a smaller WEP reduction and thus a higher Social Security benefit now, but you will need to contact Social Security to evaluate your current status (and, if appropriate, increase your Social Security benefit).

CORONER From Page A1

them with more comfort and decency, we want to do."

During his tenure as Coroner, he has done his best to keep pace with the County's growth. The department's caseload has increased 200% in the past decade, from 200 cases a year to over 600 cases a year. Chalfin's proudest accomplishment is building a new morgue in 2018.

"If we hadn't built the morgue when we did, we would have been sunk, especially when Covid hit," Chalfin said.

"I'm also proud of our new office space, our increased manpower, and the fact that we now have vehicles that allow us to do our own transport."

Chalfin will be 79-years-old in March but has no plans to slow down. Once he completes his wife's "honey do list," he plans to either attend auctioneering school or apply to law school. "I certainly won't miss being on call 24-7, but I still want to do something that allows me to



County Coroner John Chalfin

give back," Chalfin added. "I feel like as long as I'm alive, it's my God-bound duty to do something to make the world a better place."

Jeff Jellison, the current chief deputy at the Coroner's Office, will take over as Coroner on Jan. 1. He has spent the past six years working as a part-time deputy coroner with Chalfin. "John is a tremendous mentor," Jellison said.

"He carries a ton of wisdom and has been a father figure to many of us. He will easily go down as the best coroner this county has seen."

CARE From Page A1

people age 75 and older are treated, according to a scientific statement from the American Heart Association, published in its flagship, peer-reviewed journal "Circulation."

The statement, "Management of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) in the older adult population," highlights evidence to help clinicians better care for older patients. According to the statement, 30-40% of people hospitalized with ACS, which includes heart attack and unstable angina (heart-related chest pain), are age 75 or older.

"Older patients have more pronounced anatomical changes and more severe functional impairment, and they are more likely to have additional health conditions not related to heart disease," said Abdulla A. Damluji, M.D., Ph.D., FAHA, chair of the scientific statement writing committee, director of the Inova Center of Outcomes Research, and an associate professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. "These include frailty, other chronic disorders (treated with multiple medications), physical dysfunction, cognitive decline or urinary incontinence."

Normal Aging and Age-Related Changes in the Heart and Blood Vessels:

Cardiovascular changes that occur with normal aging make ACS more likely and may make diagnosing and treating it more complex. These changes include large arteries becoming stiffer, the heart working harder but pumping less effectively, blood vessels becoming less flexible and less able to respond to changes in the heart's oxygen needs and an increased tendency to form blood clots. Sensory decline due to aging may alter hearing, vision and pain sensations. Kidney function also declines with age, with more than 1/3 of people ages 65 and older having chronic kidney disease.

Multiple Medical Conditions and Medications:

As people age, they are often diagnosed with health conditions that may be worsened by ACS or complicate existing ACS. As these chronic conditions are treated, medications prescribed may result in unwanted interactions or medications that treat one condition may worsen another.

"Geriatric syndromes and the complexities of their care may undermine the effectiveness of treatments for ACS, as well as the resiliency of older adults to survive and recover," Damluji said. "A detailed review of all

medications - including supplements and over-the-counter medicines - is essential, ideally in consultation with a pharmacist who has geriatric expertise."

Steps for Heart Attack Care and Follow-Up for Older Adults:

- Call 911 if you notice someone experiencing heart attack warning signs. These include chest discomfort, discomfort in other areas of the upper body (one or both arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach), shortness of breath or other symptoms such as a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.
- Consider treatment needs for co-existing conditions. An individualized, patient-centered approach is best for older adults.
- Get input from multiple specialists, including a pharmacist, to manage care and medications.
- People with cognitive difficulties and limited mobility may benefit from a simplified medication schedule, with fewer doses per day and 90-day supplies of medications so fewer refills are necessary.
- The goals of care for older people with ACS should extend beyond clinical outcomes and focus on quality of life and the ability to live independently.
- Do-not-resuscitate

orders should be discussed before any surgery or procedure.

For more information about managing ACS in older adults, visit Heart.org.

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pected. It's important to have a well-rounded financial plan that can address those risks, protect assets and create positive outcomes for today's families."

To achieve a stronger financial future, don't neglect your finances in 2023 — instead, add a little TLC (Talk, Learn, Commit). Resolve to create a robust financial plan using these three tips from Lincoln Financial:

1. Talk about it. Financial conversations play a crucial role. Be transparent with your loved ones about financial priorities so you can set expectations and work toward your shared financial goals. Initiate ongoing discussions to stay on track with everything from saving for retirement to paying for a long-term healthcare event, which can happen suddenly and be very costly. Also, con-

sider talking to a financial professional who can help identify solutions that best meet your individual needs, as well as drive better outcomes. Lincoln's research found those who work with financial professionals are more likely to prioritize retirement savings (26% vs. 10%).

2. Learn more about tax-deferred investments. Life insurance can be more than just a death benefit, with some types of policies offering income replacement for unforeseen events. It can also protect your financial security from the impact of taxes, market volatility and longevity. It's not just for individuals and families either, but businesses too. Also, consider diversifying your portfolio with an annuity, which can provide protected growth and monthly lifetime income to help cover expenses in

retirement and ensure you have a stream of income.

3. Commit to maximizing your workplace benefits. Look into supplemental coverages like disability, accident and life insurance that may be available through your employer. Solutions like these protect against unexpected events that can disrupt your ability to provide for your family or drive you into additional debt. If you have an employer-sponsored retirement plan, make sure you are contributing and getting a match, if offered. Tap into any financial wellness tools offered at work to help provide you with an accurate picture of your holistic financial situation and lower stress.

Visit lfg.com for more tools and resources.

With a robust plan, you can help ensure a solid financial future for you and your family.

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Some Botanical Christmas Gems

It's the most wonderful time... Are you also looking forward to the most atmospheric time of the year? Flowers are the crowning glory for your Christmas decorations.

Greenery makes us happy

We live in a time when all we want is to surround ourselves with nature, simply because it makes us happy. The same is true at Christmas time. Bring nature closer with seasonal flowers like tulips and amaryllises. With these botanical Christmas gems, you will enjoy the Christmas atmosphere even more.

Use
You can really get creative with tulips and amaryllises. Use them as a table decoration and put them on the Christmas

table in small vases. Put a flower on each plate to give your guests a warm welcome. They are also very popular as a Christmas gift. You could also put a bouquet of mixed tulips in a vase.

Care

You can enjoy fresh amaryllises for about ten days and tulips for a week or so. If you look after your flowers, you will enjoy them for even longer and the flowers will bloom even more beautifully. Put the flowers in water as soon as you can, cut the stems at an angle and put them in a spot away from fruit, direct sunlight or drafts.

Would you like to know more about bulb flowers? Take a look at www.ilsystems.com.

5 Ways to Make Your Home Smell Fresh and Clean

(Family Features) A clean and inviting home doesn't just look tidy, it smells pleasantly refreshing, too. However, running a household can be a stinky business and it may take some special effort to make your living spaces feel more welcoming.

Consider these sensible ideas to improve the scents throughout your home:

Bring the Outside In

Fresh air is a terrific option for banishing bad smells. Throwing open windows creates a cross breeze that can chase stale, musty air away in a hurry. You can also improve your air quality by adding house plants, which naturally help purify the air by absorbing pollutants and exchanging carbon dioxide for oxygen. Plants like jasmine, eucalyptus and gardenias also offer their own pleasant scents.

Refresh Soft Surfaces

Textiles and other soft surfaces throughout your home easily trap odor-causing bacteria, dust and other particles that can contribute to unsavory smells. That's why it's a good idea to regularly give the rugs, carpet, bedding, throw pillows, curtains and other soft surfaces throughout your home a deep cleaning. If you can't machine wash an item, use a vacuum with a hose attachment to remove as many hidden particles as possible.

Install a Heated Towel Rack

Damp spaces like bathrooms are breeding grounds for bacteria. If you notice a musty smell in the bathroom but can't pinpoint the source, it may be your towel. That's especially true if, like many people, you reuse a towel several times before washing it. Hang-drying your towel may not be enough to chase away smell-inducing bacteria. However, the growth of bacteria

is reduced on heat-dried towels by as much as 99%, according to a study commissioned by Amba Products. What's more, in the study, a heat-dried towel produced a fresh smell over a seven-day period, whereas an unheated sample produced a musty odor by the fourth day.

With a variety of styles and finishes to fit almost any decor, the line of heated towel racks produces radiant heat to gently warm and dry towels. That can help eliminate moisture, resulting in less growth of mold and mildew. They also offer time, water and energy savings, plus some models come ready to use and take as little as 5 minutes to set up.

Simmer Fresh Aromas

If you need to add a pleasant scent in a hurry, such as just before hosting a special event for guests, consider simmering something that smells delicious on the stove. Simmering a blend of orange slices, cloves and cinnamon in a pot of water over low heat produces a subtle, pleasing scent that doesn't overpower the room. Diffusers, candles and room sprays can also help add appealing smells in rooms that may need some extra attention.

Clean Common Culprits

Every household has some common culprits and, if you're noticing smells, you may need to step up your game to keep these areas clean. Trash cans, litter boxes and pet beds all need regular attention that goes beyond the basics. Make a point of not only emptying the trash but also cleaning the trash can itself. Don't just scoop the litter box. Replace the entire pan at least weekly. Strip and wash the exterior covering of pet beds and air out the cushion.

Keep Holiday Greens Looking Their Best

By Melinda Myers

Wreaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays. Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest. Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location. Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end to allow it to better absorb moisture.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to warm, dry air indoors and drying winds and sunlight outside.

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treating. Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar and blue spruce. The waxy coating that makes these look blue



Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

When outdoor temperatures are cooler, green arrangements, like this winter container garden, last much longer than indoor displays.

can be damaged by these products. Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to activate some of these chemicals. Allow the treated greens to dry for three to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces moisture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat, and flames from candles. Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered locations, out of direct sunlight and wind where they suffer less drying. Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems

in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes, you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

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" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Tips to Prep Your Home for Cold, Wet Conditions

(Family Features)

Americans should brace for a potentially cold and wet winter, according to NOAA and this year's Farmer's Almanac Winter Outlook. That means now is a perfect opportunity to think about preparing your family and home for the colder months ahead.

From heating homes with a high-performing furnace or fireplace to keeping children warm and comfortable on school buses, propane can help keep families cozy this winter.

Relying on a diverse energy mix - including propane, solar and wind - can help ensure you're prepared for whatever winter brings and reduce the strain on the fragile electric grid. Plus, propane is a stable energy source that is stored on-site and can keep homes operating during severe weather or utility power interruptions. Using propane also produces 43% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than an equivalent amount of electricity generated from the grid.

Get winter-ready with these tips from the experts at the Propane Education & Research Council:

Have Your Furnace Serviced. Proactively think about ways you can reduce the demand on your heating system. In addition to scheduling routine maintenance by a trained professional, there are a few things homeowners

can do. First, open all air vents and make sure they are uncovered as blocked airflow forces the furnace to work harder.

Check the thermostat to ensure it's working properly by increasing the temperature by 5 F and waiting to hear the furnace turn on. Consider setting the thermostat a couple degrees cooler than what might feel comfortable as doing so not only saves money but lessens the load from your furnace. Keep thermostats at 65 F during the day and 55 F at night, closing off rooms that don't need to be heated.

Using a programmable thermostat can save homeowners as much as 10% per year on heating costs, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. It's also a good idea to replace air filters every 1-3 months to help keep your furnace working efficiently and effectively.

Upgrade Your Furnace. If it's time to upgrade your home's climate control system, it's a smart idea to do your homework and explore your options. There are several state and federal incentive programs to help homeowners upgrade their current systems to a clean energy option like propane. Propane is an affordable, comfortable, reliable and efficient energy source. It's also a clean, low-carbon option. What's more, propane-powered furnaces last 50% longer

than electric heat pumps, which means a lower lifetime investment. Propane furnaces also provide warmer air than other heat sources (115-125 F), are less impacted by outdoor temperatures and produce 50% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than electric furnaces and 12% less than fuel oil furnaces.

Rethink Your Boiler System. For a home that runs on a boiler system, you can make upgrades that improve performance while providing space savings and the versatility to provide heating, hot water and even snow melt. High-efficiency propane boilers can last up to 30 years and have significantly lower emissions than those fueled by heating oil.

Take Advantage of Your Fireplace. The warm glow of a fire isn't only comforting; it can be a practical and effective way to increase the heat inside your home. Not

only do propane fireplaces offer 5-6 times the heating capacity of electric fireplaces, they're also more energy efficient, environmentally friendly, convenient to use and easier to install than woodburning models. They also emit less soot and other emissions.

Be Efficient with Water Heating. Water heating can be a large expense, accounting for 14-18% of home utility bills, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Set your water heater no higher than 120 F and install low-flow shower heads or temperature-sensitive shower valves to reduce energy consumption. High-performance propane tankless water heaters can reduce a home's energy consumption because it only heats the water when you need it, ultimately saving you money.

Find more tips to prepare your home for winter weather at Propane.com.

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5 Tips to Pull Off *Holiday Hosting*

FAMILY FEATURES

With stay-at-home holidays a thing of the past for many families, they're now busy preparing for full-blown celebrations. The return of traditional festivities brings seemingly never-ending to-do lists and pressure to be the perfect host.

From mastering a mouthwatering menu and donning your home with decadent decor to ensuring guests enjoy the evening to the fullest, hosting duties bring plenty of responsibilities. This year, though, you can avoid those anxious feelings with some preparation ahead of the big day.

To help pull off a sensational seasonal soiree, consider these tips from the entertaining experts at Sun-Maid to make the holidays brighter and more manageable so you can navigate the stresses of hosting.

Invite Others to Share Favorite Traditions

Especially with stay-at-home holidays in recent years, some friends and family members may have developed their own special traditions from new recipes and foods to seasonal games and activities. Inviting your guests to bring or share something that represents their favorite part of the holidays can help everyone feel welcome.

Take Time for Yourself

Remember to make time for yourself so you can enjoy the fruits of your labor right alongside guests. The busyness of this time of year can add stress but reflecting on the true meaning of the season and reveling in your favorite parts of the holidays can help you avoid feeling overwhelmed.



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Add New Ingredients to Your Menu

While pairing this year's turkey or ham with the classics provides comfort and calls to mind holiday memories of the past, cooking with new ingredients and adding fresh recipes to the menu can put a fun spin on the season and maybe even create your own traditions to carry forward.

For example, baking with an option like Sun-Maid Raisins provides a whole fruit option with zero grams of added sugars per 1/4-cup serving. They're an easy, better-for-you substitution to reduce overall sugar intake without compromising flavor or texture when compared with dried cranberries, which contain 27 grams of added sugars per 1/4-cup serving. The natural sugars of raisins make them a versatile, useful addition to a wide variety of holiday-worthy dishes.

Hop On Hot Food Trends

One of this year's most popular trends in the kitchen is food boards, a fun and easy way to elevate flavor while incorporating favorites like cured meats, cold cuts, cheese slices and cubes, dips, nuts and more. Plus, you can keep your board balanced with nutritious items like vegetables and fruit, such as raisins, which provide sweet flavor without the added sugars.

A Time for Truce

Gathering for the holidays is about coming together with loved ones, family, friends and neighbors – and pulling it off means catering to everyone's needs and wants. It's a time for compromises and truces. To help add a little extra spark this year, try incorporating a theme to the party or coordinate fun activities and games that can be enjoyed by all. For example, holiday-themed charades, a seasonal "name that tune" game and gift exchanges all give guests ways to get in on the excitement.

To find more holiday entertaining inspiration and recipe ideas, visit SunMaid.com/PullOffTheHolidays.

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BAKEcation Warms Holiday and Winter Travel in Ohio's Hocking Hills

Explore Hocking Hills today launched its new BAKEcation, a one-of-a-kind travel experience that capitalizes on the warm winter escapes offered by area's cozy cabins and luxury lodges, tree houses and other unique accommodations. Most feature full kitchens that invite families and groups of friends to gather and create together. Ideal for multi-generational families, groups of girlfriends, couples, mother/daughter and sister groups, among others, travelers can call 1 (800) 462-5464 to reserve their BAKEcation kit in advance after booking a Hocking Hills cabin.

Upon arriving in the Hocking Hills, BAKEcationers stop by the Hocking Hills Regional Welcome Center, 13178 OH-664, en route to their cabin, where they can

borrow – at no charge – a basket loaded with tools they'll need for holiday and winter baking. Kits include everything from a mixer, spatulas, baking sheets and pans to a mixing bowl, rolling pin, cookie cutters and stamps, and cooling racks. Travelers are required only to show their lodging confirmation and a driver's license and credit card to ensure they return the BAKEcation kit to the Welcome Center for the next visitor to enjoy. Details are available at Hockinghillsbakecation.com, along with links to cabins and other lodging, dining options and all there is to do in the Hocking Hills, with additional traveler information found at ExploreHockingHills.com.

"So many of our holiday and winter guests get together with friends and

family in the gorgeous cabins and lodges around the Hocking Hills to bake together," said Explore Hocking Hills Executive Director Karen Raymore. "We wanted to make it extra easy for them to have just about every tool they might possibly need right at their fingertips, without having to load up the car with everything but the kitchen sink."

Raymore added that her team has included favorite family recipes from Hocking Hills residents, along with a list of nearby stores and shops where visitors can pick up any forgotten ingredients. Hocking Hills BAKEcation is offered throughout the holidays and beyond, with recipes changing seasonally. All recipes are available online at Hockinghillsbakecation.com so visitors have an ingredient shopping list.

Located 40 miles south-east of Columbus, Ohio's Hocking Hills is home to loads of affordable accommodations, from cabins, cottages, hotels and country inns, to treehouses, yurts, geodomes, hobbit houses and more unusual lodging. Miles and miles of wooded trails marked by gorgeous rock formations deep gorges and waterfalls offer stunning winter hikes. Unique galleries, gift and antique shops are home to wonderful locally crafted treasures and holiday gifts. A salt cave, woodland spas and sauna pods and a visit to John Glenn Astronomy Park add to the allure of the Hocking Hills as the perfect place to unplug during holiday time and throughout the winter. Complete traveler information is available ExploreHockingHills.com or 1 (800) 462-5464.

See Christmas Around the World

The Haan is decked out for Christmas Around the World with beautiful trees and sparkling lights, holiday cheer, and festive decorations and special programs highlighting different cultures, plan your visit now! Sunday hours have been added for the season through December 30 (closed December 24 and 25). For the most up-to-date information on tickets and special hours, visit <https://theHaan.org>. Visit on Wednesday - Friday, and Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Generations 2023 Fine Art Sale and Exhibit is around the corner. The April 29 opening event is for registered guests and the public exhibit runs from May 3 - June 3. Don't miss this opportunity to see or purchase

works of art by Indiana's premier artists. Keep your eyes open for more information about this fantastic event.

Karen Freeman joins the Haan staff as administrative manager, working closely with Jo McGraw, operations assistant. This staffing change allows the Haan to offer extended office hours, 10am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Karen's first visit to the Haan was just a year ago. Her passion for this Lafayette treasure provided numerous opportunities for her to share her talents as a volunteer. We will introduce Karen and her background in more detail in our next newsletter. Take a moment to get to know Karen the next time you visit the Haan.

Get Ready to Soar With Snowbird Travel Tips

(Family Features) During the winter months, many sun seekers put beach and desert destinations at the top of their travel lists. Chasing the winter sun can be a rewarding vacation experience, made even better when you can enjoy home-like accommodations.

"Snowbirding isn't just for retirees anymore," said Melanie Fish, Vrbo travel expert. "More flexibility at work allows travelers of all ages to escape the cold and stay in warmer places for days or weeks. Private vacation rentals provide all the comforts of home and allow snowbirds to travel in flocks and spend the winter month with their family or close friends."

Many snowbirds plan to travel for weeks or even months at a time, and that can translate into discounts for stays more than a week or month long, especially if you'll be staying at a vacation home.

If you're considering a

sunshine-filled escape this winter, consider these popular destinations, which offer premium amenities, ample space and outstanding reviews, making them ideal places for family or friends to stay together and soak up the sun.

Akumal, Mexico: In the Mayan Riviera, attractions include the Yalku lagoon with its unique freshwater to saltwater snorkeling and restaurants serving up fine local cuisine. You can find a wide selection of rental homes, including options boasting rooftop sun decks, hand-painted murals and tropical enclosed yards with pools, spas and outdoor dining.

Destin, Florida: In the sought-after neighborhood of Destiny West, rental homes are situated directly on the lake and complemented by impressive views of the Gulf across the street. Look for options with added bonuses like built-in spa pools, sun shelves, hot tubs and mod-

ern outdoor furnishings.

Galveston, Texas: In the heart of Beachside Village, guests can find both character and comfort. Rentals offer easy access to the beach; sought-after spots nearby for fishing, swimming and local shopping; and stunning views.

Guanacaste, Costa Rica: Nestled between the Costa Rican mountains, guests love the relaxing and private natural surroundings with 270-degree mountain views. For one of the best ways to enjoy the scenery, take those views in from a tropical villa with an infinity-edge pool.

Palm Springs, California: Breathtaking views of the San Jacinto Mountains are just part of the reason snowbirds flock to Palm Springs. Many rental options in the area blur the lines between indoor and outdoor living with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors and open layouts, along with fireside lounging areas to wind down each

day.

Maui, Hawaii: At an elevation of 700 feet and only 10 minutes from Lahaina, guests enjoy premium access to nearby hiking and biking trails from luxury rental homes. Surrounded by 1 1/2 acres of lush tropical gardens, this retreat also offers unobstructed views of neighboring islands, floor-to-ceiling windows and a wraparound lanai.

Phoenix, Arizona: With a large backyard and heated pool, built-in grill and a fire pit, guests can take advantage of Tucson's year-round outdoor living in a well-appointed, contemporary modern rental home.

For snowbirds planning an upcoming winter escape or just looking for future inspiration, visit Vrbo.com and explore the Trip Boards feature, where you can like, save and share favorite properties to make planning a group trip easy.

Brown County SP Ranks 6th in the Country for Beauty

Brown County State Park ranks sixth on a list of most beautiful state parks in the country according to a study done by Travel Lens. Brown County

The online publication used Yelp and TripAdvisor reviews, the number of times they mentioned the words beautiful, stunning, and breathtaking, as well as a park's Instagram popularity and Google search data to compile its list of the "most aesthetically pleasing" state parks.

Based on their research, the park just outside of Nashville, Indiana received 86 total Yelp reviews, 42 "beautiful" reviews, one "stunning" review, six "breathtaking" reviews and 49 total aesthetic reviews.

"Brown County State Park offers stunning views of the Brown County Hills Region, provides a diversity of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians, and wel-

comes overnight guests for camping, cabin and lodge stays," said Terry Coleman, director of Indiana State Parks. "As with all of our Indiana State Parks, the staff who work in the park provide service that allows guests to focus on those natural resources, history, and making great memories with family and friends."

Travel Lens also ranked Brown County State Park 13th for Most Instagrammed State Parks.

This is just the latest of a long list of special recognitions Indiana's largest state park has received. Last year, the park was added to the National Register of Historic Places, and it is a fixture on various "best of" rankings for its mountain biking trails.

The park comprises nearly 16,000 acres, most of them heavily wooded.

More about Brown County State Park is at on.IN.gov/browncountysp.

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