

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ



➤ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Bekah Vanderpool smile? "Seeing all the kids have fun at the things we organize," said the 16-year-old, a Carmel High School junior and president of Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders. She headed up Junior Leaders' annual Halloween Carnival, Haunted House and Hayride on Oct. 3 at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Bekah organized all of the kids' games and helped with the candy for the event, which attracted more than 500 families, a record attendance, according to Lisa Hanni, Purdue Extension Hamilton County program assistant. Bekah is the daughter of Charlie and Andrea Vanderpool and is heading into her ninth year of 4-H. Bekah dressed in costume as an M&M candy at the Halloween party. Why 4-H? "My grandma was an Extension Leader for one of the counties in Indiana. So it's kind of like a family thing we've done. All of my sisters are doing it (4-H)." She joined Carmel 4 C's 4-H Club before getting involved with Junior Leaders, which is her biggest involvement in the 4-H program. During the Fair, she shows 4-H Arts and Crafts and Sewing, the latter of which is her favorite project. Favorite food at Fair? "Elephant ears." Favorite activity at the Junior Leader Halloween party. "Cake walk." What she likes most about Junior Leaders? "I have a lot of fun." Enrollment is now open to join Hamilton County 4-H for the 2024 year, now through Jan. 15, with the theme, "Let's Have S'More Fun." Enroll in 4-H and earn a s'more kit. Stop by the 4-H Office in the Exhibition Center at the 4-H Fairgrounds 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Enroll online at https://in.4Honline.com. Also, order poinsettias now through Nov. 14 from any Hamilton County Junior Leader at \$10 per 6-inch pot with pickup in early December.

And Another Thing...

1. Halloween Fun For The Whole Family

The First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville would like to invite our community to a free Trunk-or-Treat event in the church parking lot. * Bring your little ghouls and goblins and enjoy lots of treats, a make-n-take craft, music, movie and a brown bag hotdog dinner. Bring the whole family and wear your costumes! October 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville 1207 Conner Street. *In the event of inclement weather, festivities will be inside our fellowship hall.

2. Drinks & Appetizers at Field Brewing

Join us at Field Brewing on Tuesday, October 24 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for an exciting happy hour event hosted by the Westfield Young Professionals. Field Brewing is a Westfield, Indiana brewery serving award winning beers and a chef-driven, one-of-a-kind menu using local seasonal ingredients. Join us to enjoy delicious apps and drinks while networking with fellow Young Professionals in the community!

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Boomer Bits



Ask Rusty – Can My Wife Claim Her Benefit Now, And Switch To A Spouse Benefit From Me Later?

Dear Rusty: Can my wife claim her benefits now (at 63, and we know about the reduction for claiming early) and then, when I retire at 66 years and 10 months of age almost 3 years from now, can she switch over to spousal benefits based on my benefit amount? She worked at a higher paying job for much of her career but is now at a much lower income and would be under the amount that would reduce her benefits further. I currently earn about nine times her annual salary so the spousal benefit for her would be an increase when I retire. Signed: Seeking Information

Dear Seeking: Yes, your wife can claim her own (reduced) Social Security retirement benefit now, and she will be automatically awarded a spousal boost when you later claim your SS retirement benefit. However, your wife's benefit when you claim will not be 50% of your full retirement age (FRA) amount because she claimed her own SS benefit early and also because her spousal boost will be awarded prior to her FRA. Any benefit taken before FRA is reduced, including the spousal benefit.

Here's what will happen if your wife claims her own Social Security at age 63:

- Your wife's personal SS retirement benefit, when she claims, will be reduced by



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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about 25%

- When you claim at your full retirement age, your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her own reduced benefit.
- The amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, reduced because the spousal boost will be awarded (automatically) before she has reached her own full retirement age. FRA amounts are used to compute the spousal boost, regardless of the age at which benefits are claimed.
- When you claim your wife will not yet be her FRA, so the amount of her spousal boost (the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement) will be reduced.
- The reduced spousal boost will be added to your wife's reduced SS retirement benefit, resulting in her total benefit payment being less than half of yours.

The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until her

own FRA (67) to claim Social Security, but by doing so she also forfeits the money she would otherwise receive if she claimed her own benefit now. As long as she won't significantly exceed the earnings limit while working before her FRA, claiming now is an acceptable strategy because it will take many years to recover the money forfeited by waiting until her FRA to claim. It's also reasonable because women statistically outlive men and your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse will be 100% of the amount you are receiving at your death, instead of the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were both living.

When to claim is always a personal choice, and life expectancy should always be thoughtfully considered, but the answer to your specific question is - yes, if your wife claims her own benefit at 63, she will automatically receive her spousal boost when you claim, but her payment as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

Doctors' Tips To Stay Healthy During The Holiday Season

(StatePoint) The holiday season is a joyous time to reconnect with family and loved ones, but it also brings unique health and safety risks, according to doctors, who recommend a bit of extra vigilance to protect yourself and those close to you.

"During the hectic holiday season, it can be hard to carve out time to focus on your wellness. Awareness, along with the adoption of a few healthy habits, can help you and your family enjoy this special time of year in the best of health," says American Medical Association (AMA) president, Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D., M.P.H.

For a healthy, happy season, follow these tips and recommendations from the AMA:

1. Vaccination is the best protection against a number of serious respiratory viruses circulating this fall and winter. To protect yourself and your family, get up to date on your vaccines, including the annual flu shot, as well as the updated COVID-19 vaccine for everyone 6 months and older.

Vaccines are also available to protect older adults from severe RSV. New tools to protect infants during RSV season include maternal vaccination as well as the monoclonal antibody immunization.

If you have questions, speak with your physician and review trusted resources, including getvaccineanswers.org.

2. Watch what you eat this holiday season. Pay particular attention to labels and avoid processed foods as much as you can, especially those with added sodium and sugar. Drink water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages, and eat nutritious, whole foods like fresh fruits and vegetables alongside richer holiday fare.
3. If you're consuming alcohol, drink only in moderation. The U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans defines that as up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men, and only by adults of legal drinking age.
4. Make time to exercise

Seniors Beware Of Scams Posed As Tech-Support, Financial Institution, Or Government

Attorney General Todd Rokita warned Hoosiers that complex forms of "phantom hacker" scams are on the rise — a new three-step hoax in which fraudsters pose as tech-support representatives, financial institutions, and government officials claiming foreign hackers have accessed their account.

"Cybercriminals keep coming up with new and elaborate schemes to deceive Hoosiers," Rokita said. "We work tirelessly with law enforcement to bring these criminals to justice, but we are equally committed to educating consumers on how to spot these scams and avoid falling prey to them."

This latest trick, "the phantom hacker" often targets older victims with three clever steps:

1. Hackers pose as a tech support representative from a

Gov. Holcomb, Indiana National Guard Beak Ground On Hamilton County Readiness Center

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana National Guard hosted a groundbreaking ceremony today for its newest readiness center in Atlanta, IN. The new facility will include approximately 66,000 square feet of space on an existing, state-owned 55-acre plot of land in Hamilton County.

"In May, I proudly signed a budget including \$8 million in funding for the Indiana National Guard's new Hamilton County Readiness Center," said Gov. Holcomb. "Indiana will continue to invest in supporting the men and women who answer a call to serve at home and abroad, respond to state emergencies and secure our peace and freedoms."

The center will house the 38th Sustainment Brigade headquarters company, its detachment and special troops battalion, and the 338th Signal Company and approximately 300 Hoosier Guardsmen. The new facility will meet current code, American Disabilities Act and Anti-Terrorism Force Protection requirements.

"The three units that will be supported here work together to support approximately 10,000 soldiers in support of large-scale combat operations and state active duty," said Gen. Lyles. "Ensuring we're always ready means ensuring our training and our facilities are modern and that we attract talent to the thrilling and fulfilling multitude of part-time careers we offer."

In addition to the Hamilton County readiness center, which will be a home for Indiana National Guard units in the decades ahead, the State of Indiana has invested more than \$9 million since 2019 to modernize the Bluffton, Danville and Martinsville readiness centers.

The new facility is set to open in 2026.

National Drug Take Back Day, October 28th

In honor of National Drug Take Back Day, the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs (HCCOAO) will host a take-back event on Saturday, October 28th in the far east parking lot of Riverview Health in Noblesville. The drop off location is directly across from Federal Hill Commons on State Road 32.

"Most people who misuse prescription drugs get them from family, friends, and

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

When lottery prizes get up into the gazillions, why do we think we'd be disappointed if we won the Hoosier Lottery for only a few million?



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're trying to lose weight, keep a food diary and calculate what you're actually eating each day - there are apps for that! 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



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

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

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What is a ghouls favorite candy flavor? Lemon and slime.

➔ OBITUARIES

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A gun smokes after being fired on stage by actor Kelly Keller of Fishers during The Belfry Theatre's "Rehearsal for Murder," which was nominated for Encore Awards' Best Lead Actor in a Drama, Best Production of a Drama, Best Director of a Drama and Best Major Supporting Actress in a Drama. Awards will be announced Monday night.



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Tanya Haas (as Mrs. Savage, holding the teddy bear) was nominated Best Lead Actress in a Comedy and Phoebe Aldridge (as Fairy) was nominated as Best Major Supporting Actress in a Drama star with Lisa Warner (as Mrs. Paddy, background) in Basile Westfield Playhouse's "The Curious Savage," up for Encore Awards on Monday night.

3 Hamilton County Community Theatres Up For 100+ Awards



BETSY REASON From The Editor's Desk...

Tonys, but for community theater, where people dress to the nines, and cheer on fellow thespians lucky enough to go home with awards for being the best in their show.

Community theaters based in Hamilton County have received more than a hundred Encore Association nominations for the 2022-23 Encore Awards. And I'm proud to share with our Times readers that I'm one of the nominees for Best Production of a Drama for The Belfry Theatre's "Rehearsal for Murder." my 10th show to produce for The Belfry. It's my third nomination for Encore Association's Best Production of a Drama; the two previous nominations in years past were "It's a Wonderful Life" on stage in 2018 and "A Christmas Carol" on stage in 2019. Winners will be announced during the 54th annual Encore Awards and Scholarship Ceremony at the Indianapolis Museum of Art in Indianapolis. The Encore Awards celebrate excellence in community theater.

Congratulations to our Hamilton County theaters.

BELFRY THEATRE
Hamilton County Theatre Guild's The Belfry Theatre has received 33 Encore Association award nominations:
-Best Production of a Drama: Betsy Reason, producer, "Rehearsal for Murder"; and Diane Wilson, producer, "The Great Gatsby."
-Best Director of a Drama: Andrea Odle, "The Great Gatsby"; and Diane Wilson, "Rehearsal for Murder."
-Best Lead Actor in a Drama: Troy Bridges, "The Great Gatsby"; and Kelly Keller, "Rehearsal for Murder."
-Best Lead Actress in a Comedy: Becca Bartley and Sara Eberhardt, "Crimes of the Heart."
-Best Lead Actress in a Drama: Tessa Gibbons, "The Great Gatsby."
-Best Major Supporting Actor in a Drama: Jackson Stollings, "The Great Gatsby."
-Best Major Supporting Actress in a Comedy: Ka'lena Cuevas, "Crimes of the Heart."
-Best Major Supporting Actress in a Drama: Olivia Carrier, "Rehearsal for Murder"; Jessica Hawkins, "The Great Gatsby"; and Kim O'Mara, "Rehearsal for Murder."
-Best Cameo in a Drama: Cindy Duncan, "Rehearsal for Murder."
-Best Ensemble in a Comedy: The Three Sisters, "Crimes of the Heart."
-Best Performer Under the Age of 18 in a Drama: Rachel Bush, "The Great Gatsby."
-Best Costumes for a Drama: Addie Taylor and Judy McGroarty, "The

Great Gatsby."
-Best Set Design of a Comedy: Jen Otterman, "Crimes of the Heart."
-Best Set Decoration of a Comedy: Nicole Amsler and Jen Otterman, "Crimes of the Heart."
-Best Lighting Design for a Comedy: Eric Matters, "Crimes of the Heart."
-Best Lighting Design for a Drama: Brian Coon, "The Great Gatsby."
-Best Light Board Operation for a Drama: Lexi Odle, "The Great Gatsby."
-Best Props for a Play: Nicole Amsler and Jen Otterman, "Crimes of the Heart"; and Lindsay Vest, "Around the World in 80 Days."
-Best Stage Manager of a Play: Monya Wolf, "Around the World in 80 Days."
-Best Lead Actress in a Musical: Ellen Vander Missen, "The Sound of Music."
-Best Major Supporting Actor in a Musical: Rob Lawson, "The Sound of Music."
-Best Major Supporting Actress in a Musical: Susan Boliek Smith, "The Sound of Music."
-Best Female Singer: Ellen Vander Missen, "The Sound of Music."
Also, The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players youth cast members ages 5-18 from the summer's "Willy Wonka Jr." are expected to perform during a Rising Star portion of the program at the Encore Awards Monday night.

WESTFIELD PLAYHOUSE
Main Street Productions, which operates Basile Westfield Playhouse, received 53 nominations:
-Best Production of a Drama: Ka'lena Cuevas, "August: Osage County" and Georgeanna Teipen, "Mothers and Sons."
-Best Director of a Drama: Jim LaMonte, "Mothers and Sons" and Brent A. Wooldridge for "August: Osage County."
-Best Lead Actor in a Drama: Adam Phillips, "Night Must Fall" and Austin Uebellhor, "Mothers and Sons."
-Best Lead Actress in a Comedy: Tanya Haas, "The Curious Savage."
-Best Lead Actress in a Drama: Molly Bellner and Sally Carter, "August: Osage County"; Rachel Kelso, "Night Must Fall"; Elizabeth Ruddell, "Mothers and Sons."
-Best Major Supporting Actor in a Drama: Matt Hartzburg, "Night Must Fall"; Nicholas Heskett, "Mothers and Sons"; and Jim LaMonte, "August: Osage County."
-Best Major Supporting Actress in a Comedy: Phoebe Aldridge, "The Curious Savage."
-Best Major Supporting Actress in a Drama: Julie Dutcher and Caitly Withers, "August: Osage County."
-Best Minor Supporting Actor in a Play: J.B. Scoble, "August: Osage County."
-Best Minor Supporting Actress in a Play: Bella King, "August: Osage County."
-Best Cameo in a Drama: Rob Lawson, "August: Osage County."
-Best Ensemble in a Comedy: The Residents, "The Curious Savage."
-Best Performer Under



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Samuel Ratchett (Tim Latimer, from left), Hercule Poirot (Larry Adams) (nominated for Encore Awards' Best Lead Actor in a Comedy), Hector MacQueen (Jonathan Young), Countess Andrenyi (Viviana Quinones Fabre) (nominated for Best Minor Supporting Actress in a Play) and Monsieur Bouc (Earl Campbell) are featured in Carmel Community Players' "Murder on the Orient Express" comedy, which is also nominated for Best Costumes for a Comedy and Best Stage Manager of a Play.

the Age of 18 in a Drama: Tyler Acquaviva, "Mothers and Sons."
-Best Costumes for a Drama: Linda Findley Grow, "Night Must Fall."
-Best Set Design of a Drama: Jim LaMonte and Jeremy Tuterow, "Mothers and Sons"; Ian Marshall-Fisher, "Night Must Fall" and Ron Roessler, "August: Osage County."
-Best Set Decoration of a Drama: Jim LaMonte and Jeremy Tuterow, "Mothers and Sons"; Ian Marshall-Fisher and Pam Jenson, "August: Osage County"; and Ian Marshall-Fisher and Heidi Moranski, "Night Must Fall."
-Best Lighting Design for a Drama: Eric Matters, "August: Osage County."
-Best Light Board Operator for a Drama: Aaron Ploff, "August: Osage County."
-Best Props for a Play: Pam Jenson, "August: Osage County."
-Best Stage Manager of a Play: Susan Yeaw, "August: Osage County."
-Best Production of a Musical: producers Bill Miller and Teresa Skelton, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Director of a Musical: Brenna Whitaker, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Lead Actress in a Musical: Chrissy Crawley and Georgeanna Teipen, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Major Supporting Actor in a Musical: Daniel Graves and Scott Fleshood, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Major Supporting Actor in a Musical: Susan Boliek Smith, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Set Design of a Musical: Ian Marshall-Fisher, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Set Decoration of a Musical: Ian Marshall-Fisher, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Lighting Design for a Musical: Eric Matters, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Sound Design for a Musical: Rob Stokes, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Light Board Operator for a Musical: Jim Williams, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Vocal Direction: Brenna Whitaker, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Male Singer: Scott Fleshood, "The Spitfire Grill."
-Best Stage Manager of a Musical: Tonya Rave, "The Spitfire Grill."
Basile Westfield Playhouse youth cast members from the summer's "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood" play are expected to perform during a Rising Star portion of the program at the Encore Awards.

Don't Miss Oct. 31 Application Deadline For Paid Statehouse Internship

Hamilton County lawmakers encourage local college students and recent graduates to apply online for an internship at the Indiana Statehouse before the Oct. 31 deadline.

"The House internship program has helped hundreds of students lay a foundation for successful careers in both the public and private sectors," said House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers). "Students gain tangible skills while getting paid and earning college credit, and I strongly encourage local college students and graduates to apply before the deadline."

State Rep. Chuck Goodrich said the House of Representatives offers paid spring internships to college sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate students and recent graduates of all majors. Interns will receive \$900 biweekly while working at the Indiana Statehouse in downtown Indianapolis during the 2024 legislative session, which begins in January and concludes mid-March.

"As someone who launched their career through an internship, I know firsthand that the experience can help young professionals build their network and their portfolios," Goodrich said. "With this program, students are better prepared to hit the ground running for a meaningful career and can stand out from other job applicants."

State Rep. Chris Jeter said interested Hoosiers should visit indiana-houserepublicans.com/internship and complete the application before Oct. 31.

"Interning with Indiana House Republicans is a great opportunity for students and recent graduates to use what they've learned in the classroom in a professional setting," Jeter said. "I encourage interested Hoosiers to apply soon for this rewarding experience."

According to State Rep.

Donna Schaibley positions are available in legislative operations where interns work directly with constituents and help track committee activity. The communications department is looking for interns to help write press releases and email newsletters, and work with social media, graphic design and audio/video production. The policy department is also in need of interns to help research, track and analyze legislation.

"The skills our interns gain while working at the Statehouse are valued in the job market, and we really count on interns to assist staff and members with important tasks," Schaibley said. "Whether it's helping constituents, assisting members of the media or researching legislation, there's a position for anyone who's interested in working hard and learning."

State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) said internships are full time, Monday through Friday, and include free parking, career and professional development assistance, enrollment access to an Indiana government class, and opportunities to earn academic credits through the student's college or university. Interns are also eligible to apply for a competitive \$3,000 scholarship to use toward undergraduate and graduate expenses.

"This internship program puts young Hoosiers in the middle of the action, working with legislators and staff on issues impacting all of Indiana," Torr said. "This is a great opportunity for students and recent graduates to get paid, strengthen their resumes and gain critical skills that set them apart from other candidates in today's highly competitive job market."

To learn more and apply online before the Oct. 31 deadline, visit [indianahouserepublicans.com/internship]indianahouserepublican

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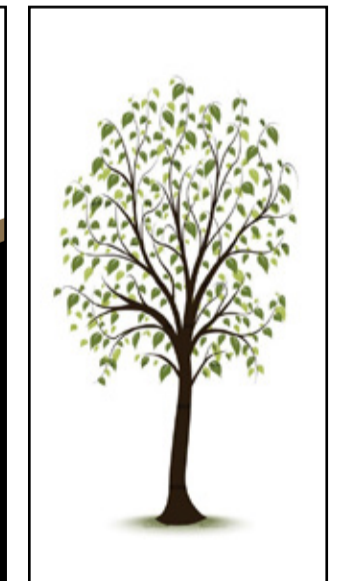
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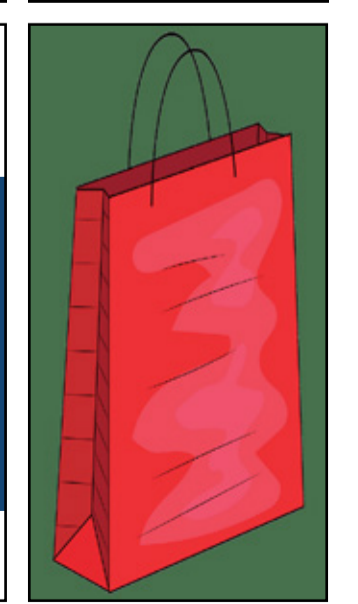
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09-23, A SALARY
ORDINANCE
FOR APPOINTED
OFFICIALS AND
EMPLOYEES OF
THE CITY OF
NOBLESVILLE FOR
2024, AS AMENDED
(HOLLY RAMON)

#26-09-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #26-
09-23, A SALARY
ORDINANCE FOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS
FOR THE CITY OF
NOBLESVILLE FOR
2024 (HOLLY RAMON)

#27-09-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #27-09-
23, AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE AND THE
SALE OF SHORT-
TERM BONDS OF THE
CITY, SERIES A, FOR
THE PURPOSE OF
PROVIDING FUNDS
TO BE USED FOR THE
COSTS OF CERTAIN
CAPITAL PROJECTS
(JEFFREY SPALDING)

#28-09-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #28-09-
23, AN ORDINANCE
APPROPRIATING
THE PROCEEDS
OF THE CAPITAL
PROJECTS SHORT-
TERM GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS
OF 2023, SERIES A
(JEFFREY SPALDING)

PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ORDINANCE #28-
09-23
#29-09-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #29-09-
23, AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE AND THE
SALE OF SHORT-
TERM BONDS OF THE
CITY, SERIES B, FOR
THE PURPOSE OF
PROVIDING FUNDS
TO BE USED FOR THE
COSTS OF CERTAIN
ROAD AND STREET
PROJECTS (JEFFREY
SPALDING)

#30-09-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #30-09-
23, AN ORDINANCE
APPROPRIATING
THE PROCEEDS
OF THE CAPITAL
PROJECTS SHORT-
TERM GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS

OF 2023, SERIES B
(JEFFREY SPALDING)
PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ORDINANCE #30-
09-23

#33-09-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #33-09-
23, AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING
ORDINANCE #83-
12-21 OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF
NOBLESVILLE,
INDIANA,
CONCERNING
HEALTH BENEFITS
FOR CERTAIN
RETIRED AND
APPOINTED
EMPLOYEES/
ELECTED OFFICIALS
OF THE CITY OF
NOBLESVILLE
(HOLLY RAMON)

#36-10-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #36-10-
23, AN ORDINANCE
ADOPTING A
CHANGE IN LAND
USE CATEGORY
FROM INDUSTRIAL/
OFFICE TO
COMMERCIAL/
OFFICE WITHIN
THE CORPORATE
CAMPUS PLANNED
DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT FOR
APPROXIMATELY
32 ACRES IN THE
14200 BLOCK OF
EAST 141ST STREET,
SOUTH SIDE (DENISE
ASCHLEMAN)

#42-10-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #42-10-
23, AN ORDINANCE
APPROVING AN
ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATION
IN THE PARKS
PROGRAM FUND
TO AUTHORIZE
THE EXPENDITURE
OF ADDITIONAL
REVENUE
COLLECTED DUE TO
STRONGER THAN
EXPECTED SALES
IN THE CITY'S GOLF
OPERATIONS (IAN
ZELGOWSKI)

PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ORDINANCE #42-
10-23

PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT
PRESENTATION
#1 COUNCIL
TO HEAR
INTRODUCTORY
INFORMATION
FOR A PROPOSED
RESIDENTIAL
TOWNHOMES
DEVELOPMENT FOR
APPROXIMATELY
20 ACRES WEST
OF HAZEL DELL
ROAD AND SOUTH
OF AND ADJACENT
TO THE MIDLAND
TRACE TRAIL,
TO BE KNOWN
AS HOLLAND
MEADOWS PLANNED
DEVELOPMENT
(ATTORNEY JIM
SHINAVER, JON
DOBOSIEWICZ)

NEW ORDINANCES
FOR DISCUSSION
#44-10-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #44-10-
23, AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING
THE UNIFIED
DEVELOPMENT
ORDINANCE #62-
12-95 REGARDING
ARTICLE 4, ARTICLE
5, ARTICLE 8,
AND APPENDIX
B REGARDING
PROCEDURES AND

SUBMITTALS (DENISE
ASCHLEMAN)

#46-10-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #46-10-
23, AN ORDINANCE
FOR A PLANNED
DEVELOPMENT FOR
APPROXIMATELY
32 ACRES IN THE
14200 BLOCK OF
EAST 141ST STREET,
SOUTH SIDE, A PART
OF INNOVATION
MILE (DENISE
ASCHLEMAN)

#47-10-23 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE #47-10-
23, AN ORDINANCE
ANNEXING
APPROXIMATELY
1.1 ACRES AT 15533
CUMBERLAND
ROAD, A PART
OF WASHINGTON
BUSINESS PARK
IN NOBLESVILLE
TOWNSHIP;
ESTABLISHING A
PUBLIC HEARING;
AND RESOLUTION
RC-48-23, ADOPTING
A FISCAL PLAN
(JOYCEANN YELTON)

MISCELLANEOUS
#1 COUNCIL

TO CONSIDER
RESOLUTION RC-45-
23, A RESOLUTION
AMENDING
RESOLUTION RC-
36-23, WHICH
APPROVED A
LEASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY
OF NOBLESVILLE
REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY AND
REDEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
RELATING TO THE
PLEASANT STREET
PROJECT (JONATHAN
HUGHES)

#2 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
RESOLUTION RC-46-
23, A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING THE
MAXIMUM CIVIL
CITY PROPERTY
TAX RATE FOR 2024
AND AUTHORIZING
THE CONTROLLER
TO REQUEST THE
RATE BE RATIFIED
BY THE INDIANA
DEPARTMENT
OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
FINANCE (JEFFREY
SPALDING)

#3 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
RESOLUTION RC-47-
23, A RESOLUTION
APPROVING A
TRANSFER OF
PROPERTY FOR
PLEASANT STREET,
PHASE II (ALISON
KRUPSKI)

#4 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
RESOLUTION RC-49-
23, A RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING
CERTAIN
EMPLOYEES OF
THE CITY OF
NOBLESVILLE
(AARON SMITH)

#5 COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER
RESOLUTION RC-50-
23, A RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE
COMPREHENSIVE
MASTER PLAN
OF THE CITY OF
NOBLESVILLE
TO INCLUDE THE
INNOVATION
MILE MASTER
PLAN (DENISE
ASCHLEMAN)
COUNCIL
COMMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

Board Of Public Works And Safety Meeting

Tuesday, October 24,
2023 – 9 a.m.

Call meeting to order
pledge of allegiance

Petitions or comments
by citizens who are
present approval of
agenda

Consent Agenda For
Approval

#1 Approval Of
Minutes: October 10,
2023

#2 Board To
Consider Acceptance
Of Warranty Deed For
Greenfield Avenue Over
Wheeler Ditch Culvert
Replacement (EN-354-02)
(Andrew Rodewald)

#3 Board To Consider
Acceptance Of Warranty
Deeds And Partial
Mortgage Release For
Pleasant Street Phase
III (EN-325-02) (Sacha
Lingerfeldt)

#4 Board To Consider
Release Of Performance
Bond For Monumentation
For Westmoor, Section
1A And 1B (Michael
Pouch)

#5 Board To Consider
Release Of Performance
Bond For Monumentation
For Westmoor, Section 2
(Michael Pouch)

#6 Board To Consider
Release Of Performance
Bond For Monumentation
For Westmoor, Section 3

(Michael Pouch)
#7 Board To Consider
Release Of Performance
Bond For Monumentation
For Westmoor, Section 6
(Michael Pouch)

Contracts/Purchases
Under \$50,000 (Approved
By Mayor Or Director)

#8 Services Agreement
With Dutchpopp Painting,
LLC For Interior
Painting At Fire Station
76 (Deputy Chief Murry
Dixon)

#9 Services Agreement
With Station Automation,
INC. D/B/A PSTRAX
For Compliance
Management Software
(Division Chief Scott
Hunter)

New Items For
Discussion

#1 Board To Consider
First Amendment To
Parking Management
Services Agreement With
Denison Parking, INC.
(Chad Knecht)

#2 Board To Consider
Façade Improvement
Grant For 808 Logan
Street (Aaron Head)

#3 Board To Consider
Permission To Advertise
Request For Proposal
To Design And Install
Beautification Of Two
Roundabouts On State
Road 32/Westfield Road
(Patty Johnson)

#4 Board To Consider
Occupancy Agreement
With The Hamilton
County Board Of
Commissioners For
Property Along Pleasant
Street, Phase II (Alison
Krupski)

#5 Board To Consider
Contract With Rieth-
Riley Construction CO.,
INC. For Construction
Of Pleasant Street, Phase
II (EN-324-06) (Alison
Krupski)

#6 Board To Consider
Contract With Gradex,
INC. For Construction
Of Pleasant Street, Phase
III (EN-325-04) (Alison
Krupski)

#7 Board To Consider
Supplemental Agreement
NO. 1 With Lochmueller
Group For Olivo Road
From 146TH Street To
156TH Street (EN-359-
02) (Jim Hellmann)

#8 Board To Consider
Services Agreement With
Lochmueller Group For
A Safety Action Plan
(EN-377-01) (Andrew
Rodewald)

#9 Board To Consider
Supplemental Agreement
NO. 1 With Butler,
Fairman & Seuffert
For MS4 SUPPORT
(EN-367-01) (Andrew
Rodewald)
ADJOURNMENT

Regular School Board Meeting Noblesville Schools

I. CALL TO
ORDER – PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE
– MOMENT OF
SILENCE

II. RECOGNITIONS
□ Hare Teacher
Spotlight / Hinkle Creek
Elementary School

III. REPORTS
□ Building Spotlight /
Hinkle Creek Elementary
School

□ Jack Lawrence,
Principal

IV. PUBLIC
COMMENT –
AGENDA TOPICS

The purpose of this
comment period is to
allow the public an
opportunity to share input
with the Board about
current agenda topics,
pursuant to Policy H225,
Public Comments and
Concerns.

V. CONSENT

By single motion, the
board approves/adopts
the following items or
actions which reflect
application of Board
Policy and Indiana
Code. Any items marked
“Consent” may be moved
from the list at the option
of a board member or the
superintendent and acted
on separately.

□ Claims
□ Donations
□ Minutes / September
2023

□ Overnight Trips
□ Personnel Listing

VI. ACTION
By individual motions,
the board approves/
adopts the following
items or actions which
reflect application of
Board Policy and Indiana
Code.

□ Personnel –
Background Checks

□ Teachers Contract
Ratification / 2023-2024
and 2024-2025

□ Budget Adoption
2024

□ Policy Adoption
□ Policy Deletion

VII. POLICY
CONSIDERATION / 1st
READ

VIII. PUBLIC
COMMENT – NON-
AGENDA TOPICS

The purpose of this
comment period is to
allow the public an
opportunity to share
input with the Board
about non-agenda topics,
pursuant to Policy H225,
Public Comments and
Concerns.

IX. COMMITTEE
REPORTS

X. ADJOURNMENT
The school board
president asks for a
motion to adjourn.

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legitimate technology company offering “assistance.”

- Scammers target soon-to-be victims through calls, texts, emails, or pop-up windows instructing them to call a phone number for “assistance.”

- Scammers persuade victims to download software — enabling remote access and pretend to run a virus scan of their computer.

- After informing victims that their computer has been hacked, the fake “tech support” rep instructs them to open their financial accounts to determine whether any unauthorized charges have occurred.

- After identifying the most lucrative account to target, these con artists tell victims to expect a call from the financial institution corresponding to that account.

2. Hackers pose as a representative from a financial institution

- Scammer falsely confirms the victim that their accounts have been hacked by a foreign entity and they must move their money to a safe third-party account.

- Victims are directed to transfer money via wire transfer, cash, or cryptocurrency.

- In reality, victims are sending money directly to the fraudsters.

3. Hackers may pose as U.S. Government Agency

- If victim becomes suspicious, scammers may send a letter or email on fake government letterhead to convince the victim their funds are not safe.

The FBI, which provided information used in this release, reports that it received 19,000 complaints related to tech support scams between January and June 2023 — with estimated victim losses exceeding \$542 million.

Hoosiers should follow these tips to protect themselves:

- Do not click on unsolicited pop-ups, links sent via text message, or email links or attachments.

- Do not contact the telephone number provided in a pop-up, text, or email.

- Do not download software at the request of an unknown individual who contacted you.

- Do not allow an unknown individual who contacted you to have control of your computer.

- The U.S. Government will never request you send money to them via wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or gift/prepaid cards.

If you believe you are a victim of a scam attempt, you may contact Roki-ta's staff by visiting gov/attorneygeneral or calling 1-800-382-5516. You also may report suspected phantom hacker scams to the FBI at www.ic3.gov.



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during this busy time of year. A good rule of thumb for adults is at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, or 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity. Brisk walks, or even a family trip to the gym, can provide easy and fun ways to get off the couch and elevate your heart rate over the holiday season. If you're traveling, don't forget to pack your sneakers!

5. Factors like holiday spending and navigating time with extended family can bring on extra seasonal stress. Invest in your mental health and manage stress by getting sufficient sleep, exercising and seeking help from a mental health professional when you need it.

6. Make smart choices and plan ahead if you're

driving. In December 2021 alone, 1,013 Americans died in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. Do not under any circumstances drive if you intend to drink. And if you are the designated driver, make a 100% commitment to sobriety.

7. Get your New Year's resolutions started early. Speak with your doctor or health care professional about quitting tobacco and nicotine use, and declare your home and car smoke-free to eliminate second-hand smoke exposure.

“Amid the holiday cheer, don't neglect your health and safety. By eating well, exercising, and taking necessary steps to stop the spread of respiratory viruses, you can help protect yourself against common seasonal health risks,” say Dr. Ehrenfeld.

Health Care Costs Target Of State Policy Proposals

By Whitney Downard
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Lawmakers continued to wrestle with Indiana's high health care costs Thursday, determining which state actions would be effective to strengthen a free market.

Two national experts testified virtually before the committee to share what other states had done and review options but legislators seemed frustrated by the need to take action.

“... in a (true) free market, we wouldn't have to do (this). In a free market, folks would know what to pay for what ... we don't have that,” said Sen. Chris Garten, R-Charlestown. “What's nauseating to me is that we have to get involved in this from a regulatory standpoint and legislate transparency.”

Garten, at the top of the meeting, noted that Indiana had recently been ranked tenth worst in the nation by Forbes when it came to health care, demonstrating the need for continued study and analysis.

“The study should serve as a reminder of why we're here; Hoosiers deserve better,” Garten said.

The cost of monopolies
Brent Fulton, a research professor from California, shared policy proposals for tackling the “highly” concentrated health care and insurance markets in Indiana — which built upon his October presentation from last year on the state's monopolies.

“Our number one problem in the United States, when it comes to health care, (is) prices. We actually visit the doctor less than other countries, we go to the hospital less ... (but) when we go to the doctor, when we go to the hospital we pay very high prices,” Fulton told the committee.

The lack of competition occurs when systems buy smaller chains, known as horizontal mergers, or purchase physician networks in vertical mergers.

The state could enhance

its merger review authority — Massachusetts, for example, has a commission to review mergers and the Attorney General also plays a role in ensuring competition. Following a merger, Fulton discussed ways to restrict anti-competitive contracts, increase price transparency and institute hospital rate regulation.

He acknowledged other options — including a state commission on health care affordability, site-neutral payments and re-evaluating the tax exempt status of nonprofit firms — but Fulton didn't expand because he said they'd been covered elsewhere. The last, in particular, has been a focus of Indiana economist Mike Hicks, who frequently criticizes Indiana's largest non-profit systems for making billions in profits that he says are invested in the stock market, rather than sent back to locals.

But each move has its own drawback. In terms of price transparency, Fulton noted that providers could then coordinate their prices and those offering affordable procedures could see an opportunity to raise their prices.

“The role of the government in the market is to ensure that the market is functioning; these markets are not functioning,” Fulton said. “There are not a large number of sellers competing on price ... or quality.”

States setting prices, as explored earlier this year in a bill that would set prices at 285% of Medicare rates, is something commonly done to decrease health care costs in Europe. But choosing a price can be “complex” Fulton said, and can easily go wrong if not done correctly.

Price setting still leaves room for profit

Instead of setting prices at 285% of Medicare rates, lawmakers instead tasked the Family and Social Services Administration to research where

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acquaintances,” says HCCOAO Executive Director Monica Greer. “We know prevention starts at home. The simple step of clearing out medications that are no longer needed makes our homes safer, prevents prescription drug misuse, and can help save lives.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 100,306 people died of drug overdoses in the United States last year, marking the largest number of drug-related deaths ever recorded in a year. With close to 5,000 collection sites nationwide, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, along with its law enforcement partners, have removed more than 15.2 million pounds of medication from circulation since the inception of

National Drug Take Back Day in 2010.

“The only safe medications are ones prescribed by a trusted medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist,” Greer adds. “Old and unwanted medicine too often becomes a gateway to addiction. Events like these are a critical effort to curb the historic surge in U.S. overdoses.”

Hamilton County residents are encouraged to drop off their expired or unused medications between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. No liquids, sharps, or needles will be accepted. For those who cannot make it, there are opportunities to safely dispose of unneeded medications at local pharmacies, hospitals, and police departments throughout the year.

hospitals sat — though at least one national expert thought it was a good move.

“I do think it's ... in my opinion, a healthy opportunity for hospitals to make profit margins because of course they need to make some level of profit,” said Maureen Hensley-Quinn, a senior director with the National Academy for State Health Policy.

“However, we do see ... across the country and not just in Indiana, that some hospitals are getting paid from private plans as much as four to five times the Medicare rate without a clear understanding if that has actually helped with improved quality or if it is just raising prices.”

The National Academy for State Health Policy is an organization of government policymakers and stakeholders that highlights state solutions to common problems. Hensley-Quinn shared solutions other states had tried and types of reform.

High levels of market concentration left employers and consumers with few levers to address health care costs, Hensley-Quinn said, sharing model pieces of legislation developed by her organization. In particular, she discussed site-of-service language — a bill ultimately weakened by industry pressure in the latest session after hospitals said it would force them to close their doors or reduce services.

“(Procedures) like a colonoscopy or an MRI, that could be done off of a hospital campus. But usually after consolidation happens, providers will drive patients to a hospital campus...” Hensley-Quinn said. “And then those services are more expensive.”

Lawmakers were intrigued by her presentation of data showing no correlation between hospitals caring for public insurance patients and its private insurance costs, disputing an argument that appeared

multiple times during the legislative session.

Indiana hospitals have argued that they need to charge private insurance policies more to offset losses from caring for impoverished Hoosiers covered under government insurance programs like Medicaid — which they say has an unsustainable and outdated reimbursement rate.

But research from the National Bureau of Economic Research included in the presentation found that hospitals were more likely to invest in new technology or increase payroll when rates were adjusted.

“When hospitals received an unexpected 10% increase in Medicare payment rates, they did not reduce their prices,” the presentation read, citing the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Hensley-Quinn said this bore out in other states: adjustments to Medicaid and Medicare don't always correlate with a decrease in private health care costs but rather stayed flat.

But she and legislators emphasized that multiple sectors of the industry had problems, including insurers passing costs to employers while reaping profits and pharmacy benefit managers confounding drug prices.

“The lack of transparency is throughout the health system; it is not unique to hospitals,” Hensley-Quinn said.

The Health Care Cost Oversight Task Force, helmed by Garten, will meet one more time to discuss final report recommendations on Nov. 13.

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WEEKEND

In The Home

6 Ways to Weatherize Your Home

FAMILY FEATURES

As the changing of the seasons may mean adjustments to your routine and updates to your home decor, but it also brings maintenance and upgrade opportunities for homeowners. As temperatures shift and seasonal weather rolls in, weatherizing can help you conserve energy, save money and improve comfort all while protecting the exterior (and interior) of your home from the elements.

This checklist from the door experts at Masonite, a global industry leader in interior and exterior doors and door systems, can help you keep the outdoors out.

Have Heating and Cooling Systems Inspected

Turn to the professionals to have your furnace and air conditioning inspected before temperatures change. They can make sure the system is working properly so you can have heat or cool air when you need it while conducting safety checks to keep your family safe from carbon monoxide leaks and other hazards. Plus, having your system inspected before any extreme weather means necessary repairs can be completed before you're relying on it for comfort.

Trim Trees

Your trees and shrubs might provide a beautiful aesthetic in spring and summer, but winter weather can turn them into hazards for your home. Heavy winds and snow and ice buildup can cause branches to break off and damage roofs, windows and more. Some experts recommend waiting until leaves fall to prune; be sure to research the types of trees on your property and understand the best maintenance methods to keep them healthy without putting your home at risk.

Replace Your Front Door

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- Adaptive weatherstripping made of high-end, low-wick memory foam snaps back into shape when bent or twisted, stopping air and water in its tracks.
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Clear Gutters

While it's a bit of a dirty job, clearing gutters of debris and buildup like leaves and twigs keeps the system running as it should. Gutters can't properly drain when they're blocked, which means water isn't being diverted properly. This leads to water spilling over and can cause problems ranging from mold or mildew to larger issues like foundation damage.



Secure Outdoor Furniture

It may cause a bit of sadness putting patio furniture away for the season, but it's an important step in protecting both the furniture itself and your home from high winds that can pick up during colder months or increased moisture during the rainy season. Some pieces may need stored away while others can simply be covered, but make sure to clean and carefully dry to avoid mold and mildew growth beforehand. Take advantage of the opportunity to thoroughly clean grease and grime off grill grates, repair damaged furniture items and clear the entire area of dirt and debris so everything's ready to be dusted off and enjoyed in the spring.

Hire a Roof Inspector

The roof is a critical component in keeping your home structurally sound. A professional can examine your roof for damage and assess anything that may need fixed or replaced ahead of winter weather or rain. This examination includes shingles, soffit, fascia, chimneys, gutters and more along with a check for signs of interior damage like water stains, mold, holes or wood rot.

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