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■ TODAY'S VERSE

John 14:19 "Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." (ESV)



The heck with all the Colts QBs. Throw in the Notre Dame kid and let's go!

■ HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

Join Westfield Mayor Scott Willis for Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Willis, an open and informal Q&A session where residents and community members can connect directly with the mayor, tomorrow at the Starbucks at 1323 Chatham Commons Blvd. from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Enjoy a cup of coffee while discussing local issues, sharing ideas, and asking questions in a relaxed setting. All are welcome!

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The difference between a stumbling block and a stepping stone is how high you raise your foot."

- Benny Lewis

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

What do dentists call X-Rays?

Tooth-pics!

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Water, Water Everywhere



Paula Dunn
From Time to Thyme

Okay, I'll admit it. I was stuck for a topic for this week's column. Then, while I was brushing my teeth one morning, it hit me (not literally, thank goodness) — water! To be specific, the watercourses in Hamilton County.

Have you ever paid any attention to all the creeks, streams, brooks, branches, etc. that flow through this county? Or, like me, do you usually just drive over them without a second thought? And, how well do you know White River?

Here's a little history/geography quiz to test your knowledge of our county's water resources. (Yes, you could get the answers to

most of these questions by looking at a map, but that would be cheating. You wouldn't do that, would you?)

1. How many townships does White River flow through and which ones are they?
2. Is White River navigable?
3. What creeks were dammed to create Geist Reservoir and Morse Reservoir?
4. What township would you be in if you crossed a bridge over Duck Creek, Bear Creek, Weasel Creek or Pipe Creek?
5. True or False. Every township in Hamilton County has at least a couple of creeks running through

6. In what township would you find Mud Creek, Thorpe Creek and Sand Creek?
7. Where do Stony Creek and Cicero Creek flow into White River?
8. How many townships does Cool Creek run through?
9. Hamilton County once had six covered bridges, plus the one at Perkinsville that was shared with Madison County. Were all of those bridges over White River?

The answers:

1. Today, White River touches four townships. It forms the border between

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Step Inside Sheriff's Office – Your Chance to Experience Law Enforcement Up Close

Ever wondered what it's really like to be behind the badge? The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for our Fall Citizen's Academy — and there's still time to grab your spot!

Beginning Sept. 4, this 12-week journey (11 weeks of immersive training plus a graduation celebration) will meet Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and give you exclusive, hands-on access to the inner workings of HCSO.

This isn't your average classroom. You'll:

- Step into our campus and see the high-level instruction our deputies receive.
- Get behind the wheel of a patrol vehicle and navigate a precision driving course.
- Visit the range to learn about our firearms and less lethal platforms.
- Meet our K-9 partners and learn how they track, detect, and protect.

- Learn about drone operations, the different situations they are deployed, and a demo.
- Gain insight into the law, specialized equipment, and much more.

Whether you're a lifelong Hamilton County resident curious about how your Sheriff's Office operates or someone considering a future in public safety, the Citizen's Academy offers an eye-opening, unforgettable

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. On the heels of their sold-out return to touring this year, country music icons Rascal Flatts will hit the road again for their LIFE IS A HIGHWAY TOUR in 2026. The Live Nation-produced, 21-stop trek will bring "the harmonies and charisma that made them one of the biggest country groups" (American Songwriter) to fans nationwide, including a stop in downtown Indianapolis at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on Saturday, Feb. 7. Fellow country stars Lauren Alaina and Chris Lane will continue to support the trio across this new run.

2. Calling all travel and food lovers. Indianapolis International Airport will, for the first time, participate in Devour Indy. Seven local iconic restaurants and bars at the Indy airport will welcome food lovers from throughout Central Indiana during Devour Indy Summerfest 2025, offering travelers deals and discounts on food and beverages through the end of August. Through the end of the month, select Indy airport food-and-beverage locations will offer specialty priced, multi-course menus — joining more than 150 of the city's most beloved restaurants in this annual food celebration. Devour Indy is a citywide dining celebration that highlights the diversity and creativity of Indianapolis' culinary community.

3. For many Americans, baseball isn't just a sport - it's a ritual passed down through generations, stitched into the fabric of small towns and big cities alike. To celebrate that legacy, Gambling N' Go surveyed 4,936 baseball fans to identify the town in each U.S. state that best represents the heart and soul of baseball. Whether it's a place with a legendary high school team, a beloved minor league stadium, or a history of producing MLB talent, these hometown heroes are where the game still feels most alive. In Indiana, the top three were: South Bend, Evansville and Terre Haute.

Things to know for the Clear the Shelters adoption event this Saturday:

- Those interested in adopting or fostering a cat or dog can fill out an application in advance at hshc-adoptions.com.
- If you have a dog(s), bring them with you to meet an adoptable dog.
- Everyone in the household must meet with the animal.
- If you rent or lease, bring your pet policy.
- Must present government-issued ID.

The first 50 dog and cat adoptions will receive a free goodie bag.

Nearly 600 Animals Left; Staff Plead For Adoptions

A crisis is unfolding with 600 animals waiting . . . and waiting.

But you can do something about it Saturday, from noon to 5 p.m., when the Humane Society for Hamilton County takes part in the 11th annual Clear the Shelters adoption event. With nearly 600 animals in need of adoption, HSHC will do whatever it takes to make sure these animals can live, love, and be loved.

"Facing an overcapacity crisis and a rise in our animals' average length of stay, it is an uphill battle to find these pets a forever home," said Emma Nobbe, Community Engagement Manager for HSHC. "The longer they wait, the harder it becomes for them to imagine a life beyond the kennel walls. We urgently need the community to step in on August 23rd to give these animals the second chance they deserve."

For one day only, adop-

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ADOPT A PET JOE



Joe recently returned to HSHC after spending some time in a foster home, and he is more eager than ever to find his forever family. This 5-year-old male Domestic Shorthair has been available for adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) since 5/3/24. After gaining some confidence in his foster home, Joe has come out of his shell to show off his affectionate side to any visitors who come his way. If you come for a visit, he may even come to you for a full cuddle session. To meet Joe, please fill out an adoption application at hamiltonhumane.com/adopt to schedule a meet and greet.

County Modernizes Emergency Mapping Data

Hamilton County is preparing its 911 system for the next generation of emergency response. The county's GIS (Geographic Information Systems) team, in collaboration with city GIS teams from Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, and Westfield, has successfully transitioned its emergency mapping data to align with the National Emergency Number Association's Next Generation 911 GIS data model.

The recent upgrade brought Hamilton County in line with national standards that are shaping the future of 911 systems across the country. These changes not only meet federal requirements but also put Hamilton County ahead of the curve as 911 technology continues to evolve nationwide.

The project was years in the making and involved close cooperation among city and county teams. Each city provides updated location information – like new streets and addresses – directly into the county's shared GIS database. This helps reduce errors and makes it easier to keep the system current.

"This is a huge undertaking," says Joan Keene, Director of GIS for Hamilton County's Information Systems Services Department. "We are the only county in Indiana to implement these standards in a real-time collaborative GIS system. This initiative shows what's possible when city and county departments work together."

"Having real-time, accurate GIS data is essential for emergency dispatchers and responders," says Tom Bassett, GIS Specialist with Hamilton County Public Safety Communications. "This upgrade puts us in a strong position for the future."

About NENA NG911: The National Emergency Number Association created the NG911 standard to modernize the 911 system across the U.S. It focuses on ensuring emergency responders have the most accurate location data possible – helping them get to the right place faster.

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tion fees will be reduced to just \$10, giving families the perfect chance to welcome a new pet into their homes (some exclusions apply). All adoptions include a free spay/

neuter, microchip, one round of age-appropriate vaccinations/deworming, a wellness exam at a participating veterinarian, and a starter bag of food.

Delicious or Dangerous? Dough is Food for Thought



Branna (McCarty) Shores
Columnist

The word is DOUGH. What first comes to mind – the bread you eat or what results in a receipt? Cash or crumbles?

focus has always been on food. I used to label foods as legal and illegal. I was my own perpetual food police. No wonder I developed a skewed view on eats and edibles. I would say nay to the nibbles, then desperately dash to my friend, the frig. Who's with me so far? (More to come on this contemptuous topic next week!)

I care less about cash and careen more toward the cuisine. Yet, food has always been my frenemy. It's always been something I've loved and longed for, but its lasting effects have invariably left me in a lurch throughout my lifetime.

I attribute my great temptation of the taste buds as far back as toddler times with my Grandma Anna's incredible cookery. I guess you could say I was spoiled with the spoils of savory sweets and delectable dishes she would conjure up for my convivial consumption. One of my very favorites was her pleasingly palatable chocolate cream pie. Before the filling was even set, I would lick the bowl clean, then dive in into one of my greatest desires. Here is where the word "spoiled" comes into play. Grandma noticed I would scrape away every drop of chocolate deliciousness and leave behind her homemade flaky crust. Enter crustless pie – just a pile of scrumptious pudding she would muster up just for me. But her bewitching batch of bakery magic didn't stop there. Her homemade biscuits couldn't be beat and her famous fried chicken ... well, I have no words. So I had better stop before my brain feigns food overload.

So DOUGH – not a deer, but a dear friend. A constant comrade and companion, yet a fond and favored foe. Face it, food fosters the BIG dough when it comes to fine dining (or even McDonald's these days!) We contribute our hard earned cash and cave in to our cravings every single day. From the critical need for morning coffee at Starbucks to noshing at noon at Noble Romans, then on to dinner at Denny's and finally, dessert at Dairy Queen – we are a fervidly food-obsessed society. So stay tuned when next week we delve into the development of the diet industry's profits, promises, and pitfalls. See you soon and stay tuned!

Branna (McCarty) Shores believes that "HOME is where your story begins." A Noblesville native and proud graduate of NHS and Purdue University, she is a professional speaker, advocate for mental health and work / family balance and retired social worker. Branna is the mother of two grown daughters, six precious grandchildren and wife of one brave husband! Her passions include singing, writing and sharing the lighter side of life through lessons learned, both personally and professionally. She can be contacted at bran-na18@gmail.com

Yes, grub has been the hub of my life, literally. Through the good and the bad, and love it or leave it, the

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The Hamilton County Health Department and Indiana Department of Health recommend taking the following precautions to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne disease:

- Use insect repellent.
- Wear protective clothing. Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Know when to expect mosquito bites. Mosquitoes responsible for WNV are active mostly between dusk and 1 a.m., and at dawn.
- Furthermore, homeowners, landlords and property managers should take the following steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors:
- Install screens on windows.
- Keep doors in good repair.
- Look for containers that could hold water such as trash, tires, buckets, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpot saucers, or trash containers.
- Regularly service septic systems, keep grass mowed and shrubs trimmed, clean gutters regularly, and aerate ornamental pools.

To view the Indiana Mosquito-Borne Activity Dashboard and learn more, visit: <https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/zoonotic-and-vectorborne-epidemiology-entomology/vector-borne-diseases/mosquito-borne-diseases/>.

Health Department Recommends Extra Precautions for West Nile

After a Hamilton County resident tested positive for West Nile virus – the second human case reported in Indiana this summer – health department officials are recommending extra precautions.

people will develop a more severe form of the disease affecting the nervous system, including inflammation in the brain and spinal cord, muscle paralysis, or even death.”

People older than 60 years old and those with weakened immune systems are at higher risk of severe West Nile virus disease. People who think they may have West Nile virus should see their healthcare provider.

Hamilton County confirmed its first WNV positive mosquito sample in June. Since then, the Health Department has increased surveillance

The mosquito-borne disease can cause illness in humans, birds, and other animals.

“Most people infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms or only mild flu-like symptoms which can include fever, headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea, or a rash,” says Dr. Charles Harris, Hamilton County’s Health Officer. “Some



Dr. Charles Harris

and testing throughout the county. It has also conducted mosquito spraying to decrease the number of adult mosquitoes.

“Warm, humid weather and recurring storms have created perfect conditions for mosquitoes this year,” says Amy Ballman, Director of Environmental Health at the



Amy Ballman

Health Department. “The season is longer and populations are growing faster - making this a year to be especially cautious.”

Additional information about the case in the county will not be released to protect patient privacy.

Charity Event Tomorrow Helps Boys & Girls Club

On Thursday, The Nesst will host a charitable whiskey and wine tasting to support the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. This second annual event will consist of 50+ wines and dozens of bourbons to taste, heavy hors d’oeuvres, live music and silent auction from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

we hope to build on that success that enables us to keep our high-quality programs as affordable as possible for local families. On our first day of programming last week, more than 325 Club Kids walked through our doors. Events like Whiskey & Wine, along with the generosity of The Nesst, help make it all possible.”

“Last year, the support of over 100 individuals in attendance helped raise over \$6,000 for our affordable after school programs for youth and teens,” said Nathan Helm, BGCN Director of Development. “This year,

A limited number of tickets remain for purchase at www.thenesstoftnoblesville.com under the “Events” tab. For more information, reach out to Helm at (317) 773-4372.

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experience.

Spots are limited — visit the website below or scan the QR Code to secure yours today. <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1257/Citizens-Academy-Online-Application>



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PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HOMER W. BRYANT
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 In the Hamilton Superior Court, Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Kathryn C. Edwards was this date appointed the personal representative of the estate of Homer W. Bryant, who died July 6, 2025, and the estate will be administered without court supervision.
 All persons who have claims against the estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
 Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this August 6, 2025.
 Kathy Kreg Williams
 Clerk
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29D03-2507-EU-000316
 Kevin M. Alerding, #18513-49
 Collin M. Mockbee, #37028-49
 Lewis Wagner & Trimble
 1411 Roosevelt Avenue, Suite 102
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46201
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 In the Hamilton Superior Court No. 3
 In the Matter of the Estate of Sally Ann Schneider, deceased.
 Estate Docket 29D03-2507-EU-000316
 Notice is hereby given that Kurt P. Schneider was on July 23, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Sally Ann Schneider, deceased, who died on June 4, 2025.
 All persons who have claims against the estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
 Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this July 23, 2025
 Kathy Kreg Williams
 Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court No. 3
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the following project:
SURFACE MILLING, PATCHING AND ASPHALT RESURFACING VARIOUS ROADS IN JACKSON AND WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIPS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 6.03 MILES CONTRACT RS-25-0003
 Proposals may be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person, addressed to the Hamilton County Auditor, 33 North 9., Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, until 12:30 p.m., September 8, 2025. After 12:30 p.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation's current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(A) "Bridges: Highway Over Water" will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for this item on the list will be returned to the bidder unopened.
 All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners' Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m., September 8, 2025.
 The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.
 All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents. Copies of the Proposal, Specifications, Contract Documents and Plans will be available at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2025, and may be obtained for the non refundable cost of \$25. Payment shall be by money order or check and shall be made payable to the Hamilton County Treasurer.
 Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the county supplied sealed bid notice, bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name and address of the bidder firmly affixed. The bidder shall affix identifying tabs to the following sheets of each proposal:

Form96	Financial Statement
Highway Construction Contract	Employment Eligibility Verification Certification
Non-Collusion Affidavit	Receipt of Addendum (If Applicable)
Bid Bond	Itemized Proposal

Each individual proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable Bidder's Bond, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Hamilton County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from him to do so within ten days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish performance bond to Hamilton County, Indiana, will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder's bond, as and for liquidated damages. Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all formalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.
 Todd E. Clevenger Hamilton County Auditor
 Dated: August 11, 2025
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT #3)
) SS:)
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D03-2507-MF-008338)
 Fifth Third Bank N.A.)
 Plaintiff,)
 vs.)
 Amritpal S. Sarai, et al.)
 Defendants.)
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
 TO: The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Roderick D. Shaw, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Roderick D. Shaw:
 BE IT KNOWN, that Fifth Third Bank N.A., the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court #3 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Roderick D. Shaw, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Roderick D. Shaw, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Roderick D. Shaw, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Roderick D. Shaw, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Hamilton County, State of Indiana, to wit:
 Lot 373 in Avalon of Fishers Section Four C Secondary Plat, an Addition to the Town of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded August 31, 2011 as Instrument No. 2011042048 in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 716, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
 commonly known as 12802 Thames Drive, Fishers, IN 46037.
 NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 Dated Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court #3
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 Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)
 Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
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 9100 Keystone Crossing, Suite 400
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240
 Phone: (317) 844-7400
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
 In the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
 In the Matter of the Estate of David Bikoff, Deceased
 Estate No.: 29D01-2508-EU-000339
 Notice is hereby given that Terry Greene was on August 6, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of David Bikoff, deceased, who died on the 29th day of July, 2025.
 All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
 Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on August 6, 2025.
 Kathy Kreg Williams
 Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
 Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana will meet Wednesday, September 3, 2024 at their regular meeting place of One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Purpose of this meeting if for consideration of transfer of funds, 144 amendments, reduction of funds and to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year. The Council will hold a public hearing for the additional appropriations. Any person having concerns or questions on said appropriations shall be heard at the public hearing.

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CITY OF FISHERS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE ANX-25-5
 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: <https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/>
 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY STREAM THE LIVE MEETING BY GOING TO: <http://tinyurl.com/CityOfFishers>
 View the list of Council members at [FishersIN.gov/CityCouncil](https://fishersin.gov/CityCouncil)
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Fishers City Council at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 15, 2025, at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.
 REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # ANX-25-5 - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 17.62 acres, known as the Cornerstone Lutheran Church Fishers property. Subject site is generally located north of E. 116th Street and east of Olio Road, with a common address of 13450 E. 116th Street.
 LOCATION: 13450 E 116TH ST, FISHERS, IN 46037
 Written objections filed with the secretary of the City Council before the hearing will be considered. If you would like your written comments to be provided to the Fishers City Council you must submit them one (1) week prior to the hearing date noted above. Oral comments will be heard during the public hearing.
 City of Fishers Community and Economic Development
planning@fishersin.gov
 (317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
 Petitioner: Karen Collins
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CITY OF FISHERS PLAT COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE PP-25-9
 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: <https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/>
 View the list of board members at [FishersIN.gov/Plat](https://fishersin.gov/Plat).
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Fishers Plat Committee at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.
 REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # PP-25-9 - Request to approve a Primary Plat of 21 lots on 9.07 acres, known as the Gerardot property. Subject site has the common address of 11052 Cumberland Rd, Fishers, IN.
 LOCATION: 11052 CUMBERLAND RD, FISHERS, IN 46037
 The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers City Services Building, 3 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:
 City of Fishers Community & Economic Development
planning@fishersin.gov
 (317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
 Petitioner: Pulte Homes of Indiana, LLC
 TL222717 8/20 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS REGARDING DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE TOWN OF CICERO, INDIANA
 The taxpayers of the Town of Cicero, Indiana (the "Town"), are hereby given notice that the Town Council of the Town, at its meeting held August 5, 2025, determined to issue general obligation bonds in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance the acquisition and construction of various capital projects in the Town, and related and incidental expenses to be incurred in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of the Bonds.
 The proposed Bonds will have a maximum term ending no later than twenty (20) years after the date of issuance thereof, and will bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 6.50% per annum. The Bonds will be payable from ad valorem property taxes levied on the taxable property located in the Town.
 Dated this 11th day of August, 2025.
 TOWN OF CICERO, INDIANA
 TL222721 8/20 8/27 2t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF THE TOWN OF CICERO, INDIANA
 The residents and taxpayers of the Town of Cicero, Indiana, are hereby notified that the Town Council of the Town will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. local time, on September 2, 2025, at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, on the matter of appropriating the proceeds of the Town of Cicero, Indiana, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"), to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to pay the cost of acquisition and construction of various capital projects in the Town, and related and incidental expenses to be incurred in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of the Bonds.
 The Bonds shall have a final maturity of no later than twenty (20) years after the issuance thereof. The Bonds are payable from ad valorem property taxes levied on all taxable property in the Town.
 Said appropriation is in addition to any appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy. At said public hearing, all persons shall have the right to appear and be heard on the necessity of said appropriation.
 TOWN OF CICERO, INDIANA
 TL222721 8/20 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
 BY AND AT: Hamilton Southeastern Schools
 Central Office
 13485 Cumberland Road
 Fishers, IN 46038
 (317) 594-4100
 Attn: Jerry Enyart
 FOR: Fall Creek Junior High School Chiller Replacement
 PROJECT LOCATION: Fall Creek Junior High School
 12001 Olio Road
 Fishers, IN 46037
 RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall also submit financial data and a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the bidder, and clearly identified as follows:
 Fall Creek Junior High School Chiller Replacement
BID OPENING: Each bid will be opened at the HSE Administration Building, 13485 Cumberland Road Fishers, IN 46038, by the Owner on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 1:30 PM local time. Deliver Bid in a sealed envelope showing the project name and Bidder's name and address.
PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Wednesday, August 20th, 2025, at 1:30 PM at Fall Creek Junior High School. Meet at main entry doors. The meeting will include an opportunity to tour the mechanical room. To arrange site visits after this meeting, contact Jerry Enyart, email: jenyart@hse.k12.in.us phone: (317) 594-4380. Drawings and specifications shall be available at the ReproGraphix online plan room. <https://eplanroom.reprographix.com/>
CONTRACT TYPE:
 Project will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the project in full accordance with the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Prime bidders and their subcontractors must be certified and in compliance with the Indiana General Assembly's House Enrollment Act #1019.
 Where trade names, brand names, or manufacturer's names are used in the Project Manual, it is for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition. Bidders may offer items or materials equal in quality and having the same durability and efficiency if the Bidder first receives written approval from the Architect/Engineer prior to the date and time of the Bid Opening and complying with requirements indicated in Document 00 21 00, "Instructions to Bidders." The Bidder shall identify such substitutions by name, kind, and type with the Bid.
 A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, complying with the conditions of the Instructions to Bidders and Advertisements for Public Bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana's Public Work Projects Act, Indiana Code 36-1-12. The bidder agrees to hold open its bid for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.
 The Contract to which the Owner will be a party will contain a provision prohibiting the other party to the Contract, and their subcontractors, from engaging in employment practice that constitutes a discrimination against a person because of the person's race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry. The successful Bidder shall provide an affidavit with each billing assuring the Owner that this provision has not been violated.
 Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to RE Dimond and Associates, Inc. Contact Mike East mike.east@redimond.com.
BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security for five percent (5%) of the base bid in the form of a certified check or a bid bond. Bid bonds shall be executed by the bidder and a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Indiana. The check or bid bond shall be made payable to Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages.
PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND: The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, which shall cover faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations. The cost of the bonds shall be at the expense of the Bidder and be included in the Bidder's bid. The bonds shall be executed by a surety company approved by the Owner and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana.
 END OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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CITY OF FISHERS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE ANX-25-6
 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: <https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/>
 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY STREAM THE LIVE MEETING BY GOING TO: <http://tinyurl.com/CityOfFishers>
 View the list of Council members at [FishersIN.gov/CityCouncil](https://fishersin.gov/CityCouncil)
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Fishers City Council at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 15, 2025, at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.
 REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # ANX-25-6 - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 9.63 acres known as the Hidden Oaks Subdivision property. Subject site is generally located west of Southeastern Parkway, with a common address of 16555 Southeastern Parkway.
 LOCATION: 16555 SOUTHEASTERN PKY, FISHERS, IN 46040
 Written objections filed with the secretary of the City Council before the hearing will be considered. If you would like your written comments to be provided to the Fishers City Council you must submit them one (1) week prior to the hearing date noted above. Oral comments will be heard during the public hearing.
 City of Fishers Community and Economic Development
planning@fishersin.gov
 (317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
 Petitioner: Hidden Oaks Subdivision LLC
 TL222716 8/20 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
 Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "County"), that the County Council of the County (the "Council") will meet in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 5:00 p.m. on September 3, 2025 to conduct a public hearing and consider the appropriation of the funds of the County in an amount not to exceed \$12,500,000 to be applied on the costs of three (3) separate and distinct real estate public improvement projects located in the County, including (i) the acquisition of real estate to store and house the County's voting machines and other non-hazardous materials for the Health Department, (ii) the acquisition of the Sheridan Airport real estate and (iii) the improvement of an urgent care facility on Aspire Indiana Health's campus, and the incidental expenses in connection with these projects. The funds to meet this appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes, if necessary, and general obligation bonds of the County. The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budgets and levies. Taxpayers of the County appearing at the hearing shall have a right to be heard in respect of this additional appropriation.
 Dated this 18th day of August, 2025.
 /s/ Todd Clevenger
 Auditor, Hamilton County, Indiana
 TL222719 8/20 1t hspaxlp

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Heights Launches Distinguished Alumni Program

Hamilton Heights School Corporation is pleased to announce the launch of its Distinguished Alumni Program—a new initiative that honors remarkable lifetime achievement among our Hamilton Heights High School graduates. This annual recognition celebrates individuals whose personal and professional journeys exemplify excellence, service, and the enduring vision of HHSC.

a lasting impact aligned with our core values. Nominees must have graduated at least 15 years ago from Hamilton Heights High School or one of our historic schools: Atlanta, Jackson Central, Walnut Grove, Arcadia, or Cicero. All alumni, living or deceased, are eligible—whether their contributions were in business, medicine, athletics, education, law enforcement, government, non-profits, or military service.

"We are proud of the thousands of students who have attended Hamilton Heights High School—and of the profound contributions our alumni have made across generations," said Hamilton Heights High School Principal, Whitney Gray. "From our consolidated schools—Atlanta, Jackson Central, Walnut Grove, Arcadia, and Cicero—to today's Hamilton Heights School Corporation, this community has long nurtured excellence, character, and service. The launch of the Distinguished Alumni Program allows us to formally celebrate the remarkable lives and accomplishments of our graduates whose impact reaches well beyond the walls of our schools."

"The School Board is proud to recognize outstanding alum who began their education at Hamilton Heights School Corporation," added HHSC Board President, Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh, who has served as a member of Hamilton Heights School Board since 2017. "Heights has an excellent reputation of graduating outstanding contributors to society that have changed the world for the better throughout their lives. We are excited to recognize some of these individuals."



Photo courtesy photo Hamilton Heights Schools

The program Heights has created will honor graduates; perhaps like someone posing for this 1967 yearbook photo.

Anyone may submit a nomination, and we welcome candidates from all walks of life—those who have demonstrated outstanding career accomplishments, dedicated community service, and

and formally recognized at our Winter Homecoming celebration. Nomination forms can be found on the website.

Nominations are accepted year-round, with a cutoff date of Nov. 1 each year. Honorees will be selected by the Alumni Committee prior to the end of the fall semester

Hamilton Heights and the individuals who continue to inspire future generations.

This program is more than an award—it's a tribute to the proud legacy of

Gerrymandering? Don't Blame GOP – Blame Them All



Tim Timmons
Columnist

Gerrymandering, according to the good folks at the dictionary George Merriam and Noah Webster started is “the practice of dividing or arranging a territorial unit into election districts in a way that gives one political party an unfair advantage in elections.”

For the purposes of today’s scribbles, let’s just focus on one word – unfair.

Forget political parties for a second. Sure, the Republicans in Texas started the whole hullabaloo this time – but the Democrats have done it just as well.

And let’s also forget the fact that for more than half a century redrawing district lines has only been done in years ending in ones (1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001, 2011 and 2021). Nairy one time has it happened in the middle of a census period, like 2025.

But never you mind any of that. Ther only thing that matters is this. Republicans AND Democrats alike have decided your interests are no longer the priority. Not yours, not mine and certainly not the country’s. Their only priority now is their political party and either keeping it, or getting it back, in power.

Why?

Simple.

Arrogance and greed.

Let’s look at this like we might a marriage. Can you imagine a marriage – any marriage, but for grins and giggles let’s make it your own – where the husband or the wife gets complete control; where their opinion is always going to carry the day?

Don’t know about your house but it certainly doesn’t work that way in mine. And anyone who thinks it does is arrogant. Anyone who wants it that way is greedy.

Our politicians are both.

In short, they have decided to put party before country.

How are we not appalled?

It should matter not if you are a Republican, a Democrat, Libertarian, Independent or the National Pickle Pushers. What should matter is that the Executive and Legislative branches are doing their damndest to ensure their party is on top and stays there. They are saying that the best solutions will not come from two opposing sides hashing things out and finding common ground. The idea of a Republican and Democrat going at it tooth and nail during session and dining together that night is gone. Long gone.

Remember JFK? “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”

Nope. Not even close now.

Maybe both parties should take a lesson from one of America’s greatest presidents, Harry Truman. Long before he became a Senator, VP and eventually Commander-in-Chief, Harry was involved in local and state politics in his home state of Missouri. Harry was a Democrat, proud and true. One year, he opted to throw his support behind a Republican running for county marshal. Seems Harry had served with the fellow in World War I and knew him to be a good man and leader. Some Democrats were miffed, but “Give ‘em Hell Harry” explained that not supporting the right person would be “untrue to the country.”

Being true to the country? It appears that’s a concept lost on our current political parties.

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@the-times24-7.com.



Photos courtesy Hamilton Heights School

The community is invited to a special ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of its Phase 2 Project at 5 p.m. Friday.



The new facility is about the evolving needs of today’s student-athletes and features multiple locker rooms for all sports and teams with additional concessions and restrooms for spectators.

Heights to Host Ribbon Cutting for Completion of Phase 2 Project

Hamilton Heights School Corporation invites the community to a special Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday at 5 p.m. at the Hamilton Heights Stadium, South Ticket Entrance. Dr. Derek Arrowood, HHSC Superintendent and Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh, President, HHSC School Board, will lead the ceremony.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the new Outdoor Locker Facility, featuring the Jarrod T. Mason Team Room, along with handicap-accessible stadium enhancements including a new press box, public restrooms, and concessions. At the high school, upgrades include a new Administration Wing, a new Agricultural Lab and Classroom, and a renovated Construction Lab.

“Following the successful installation of synthetic turf on the Hamilton Heights High School football field, we identified an opportunity to further enhance the athletic complex,” explained Dori Hochstedler, Facility Director for Hamilton Heights

School Corporation. “Driven by a commitment to accessibility, inclusiveness, and community pride, HHSC embarked on a comprehensive improvement project to elevate the experience for students, athletes, and spectators alike.”

Key upgrades include new grandstands and press boxes, enhanced football field lighting, a new south stadium entry, and backstop netting for both baseball and softball fields

At the heart of the project is the replacement and expansion of the original locker room facility—originally built through generous contributions from HHSC parents and community members. The new facility honors that legacy while meeting the evolving needs of today’s student-athletes. It features multiple locker rooms for all sports and teams, a central team room with views of the football field, an expanded training area, and additional concessions and restrooms for spectators.

The design reflects the

identity and heritage of the Hamilton Heights Huskies, blending community pride with modern aesthetics. A newly designed spectator plaza further enhances the gameday experience, offering a welcoming space for families, alumni, and fans to gather and connect. We extended a special thank you to CSO Architects and Mayer Najemur design and project management partners for their guidance and expertise from start to finish.

HHSC will proudly kick off the 2025 fall season in this revitalized facility, marking a new chapter in the school’s athletic tradition. We hope you’ll join us for this special celebration to learn more about the project, meet the staff, and tour the facility alongside district families, visitors, and community members.

Following the ceremony, guests are encouraged to stay as we honor our Band Seniors and cheer on the Huskies in their home turf season opener against the Lapel Bulldogs.

Noblesville Creates Looks Forward, Back in Annual Meeting

Noblesville Creates hosted its 2025 Annual Meeting, reflecting on a transformative year while preparing for challenges and opportunities ahead. The meeting, held last month, brought together board members, staff, and supporters to review accomplishments, welcome new leadership, and align on strategic goals for the organization’s future.

Honoring Service and Welcoming New Leaders

Noblesville Creates honored retiring board members Sarah Reed and Katie Thompson, as well as departing members Georgana Nichols and John Weingardt, in recognition of their dedicated service.

Additionally, Darren Peterson concluded his term as President and stepped into the role of Past President. The organization will recognize Peterson’s extraordinary service to the organization by naming a board seat in his honor.

“There are not enough words to express our gratitude for Darren’s leadership over the past ten years,” said Aili Mc-

Gill, Executive Director of Noblesville Creates. “He held us together through unprecedented challenges, including a global pandemic, and has always been ready and able to step up as a champion for the arts and the work we do. Darren has also been a great mentor and peer to me, as Executive Director, reminding me to take a breath now and then, to never be afraid to say yes to big ideas, and that the work we do is fun, as well as important. We are so glad that he will continue as Past President and as a community member well-versed in the power of arts and creativity.”

Welcoming New Leaders

New board members Julie Finke, Tommy Freeborn, Whitney Kinkle, Jayme Thompson, and Adam Reed were officially nominated.

Julie Finke comes to us from the business sector, leveraging her executive leadership experience to help us dream big for the next phase of our journey. Tommy Freeborn is a landscape architect, Noblesville resident, and current president

of the Noblesville Parks Foundation. His passion for quality of place will help shape our planning and professional services. Whitney Kinkle, a Westfield resident and expert in social media and strategic planning, will take over leadership of our Strategic Planning Committee as the former chair, Rachael Coverdale, steps into the President’s chair.

Adam Reed, a Noblesville resident and product designer for Disney, brings professional experience as a working artist that will inform our programs and services and serve as a resource for emerging artists throughout our region. Jayme Thompson, Project Manager for the City of Noblesville and lead on the Arena at Innovation Mile, will serve as the City’s representative on our board. She will ensure that we stay aligned with the city’s vision and goals while helping identify opportunities to harness the power of the arts across a wide array of municipal projects.

The 2025 Board Officers include President Rachael Coverdale, Vice

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KENNY THOMPSON

With decades of experience as an award-winning sports writer and sports editor – most of it covering Purdue athletics – Kenny Thompson has a perspective and inside knowledge that few others have. Whether it’s putting what’s going on in the Big Ten in historical perspective or shooting straight from the hip on what’s happening today, no one has a better take on Purdue and sports than Kenny!

Catch Kenny every Friday in The Times!

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Clay and Delaware Townships, and it flows through Noblesville and White River Townships. That wasn't always the case, however. Clay Township didn't extend to the river until 1954. That's when it acquired the part of Delaware Township that used to lie west of White River.

2. Only to a point. The first settlers had high hopes of using it as a major means of transportation, but they soon discovered that it had too many obstructions and wasn't deep enough for anything larger than a flatboat. Even flatboats could only travel so far upriver.

3. If you don't get any other question, you should at least be able to answer this

one. Fall Creek was dammed for Geist and Morse Reservoir and was created by damming Cicero Creek.

4. White River Township.

5. True. And that's just naturally occurring watercourses. If you add in all those named, man-made ditches, there's a LOT of water running through this county. (The ditches are here for drainage. Hamilton County was originally pretty swampy.)

6. Fall Creek Township.

7. Stony Creek flows into White River just west of Allisonville Road, across from the Wellington Parkway entrance to Noblesville's Wellington Northeast subdivi-

sion. Cicero Creek enters White River less than a mile north of there, just a little bit north of Horse-shoe Bend.

8. Cool Creek runs through two townships: Clay and Washington. (A bit of trivia — the 1866 Hamilton County map refers to Cool Creek as "Cold Creek.")

9. No. Cicero's covered bridge was over Cicero Creek and the Greenfield Pike (Greenfield Avenue/State Road 238) bridge southeast of Noblesville spanned Stony Creek.

Paula Dunn's From Time to Thyme column appears on Wednesdays in The Times. Contact her at younggardenerfriend@gmail.com

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President Ryne Rayburn, and Secretary/Treasurer Leslie Lane.

Committees Poised for Action

Several board committees are set to carry forward the organization's mission through strategic focus areas. These include the Strategic Growth, Events, Celebration, and Corporate Engagement Committees, each with specific goals related to program development, partnerships, and impact evaluation.

There is room for Community Members on each committee. If you are interested in participating, reach out to Aili McGill at amcgill@noblesvillecreates.org.

A Look Back: 2024 Impact and Financials

Despite infrastructure challenges such as road closures, Noblesville Creates maintained strong community engagement throughout 2024. The organization facilitated over \$15,000 in local art sales and bolstered the regional economy by supporting the equivalent of 37 full-time jobs and generating nearly \$730,000 in household income. Additionally, it provided funding to artists for services including performances, teaching, and public art installations.

As operational costs continue to rise, Noblesville Creates faces ongoing challenges in meeting its grow-

ing expenses, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable revenue sources and improvements to its physical space.

Pressing Needs: Space and Revenue

A key theme of the meeting was the organization's ongoing struggle with insufficient space and underdeveloped revenue streams. Current facilities limit event execution, staff productivity, and artist opportunities. The meeting emphasized a feedback loop where space constraints hinder revenue growth, and uncertain revenue prevents investment in improved spaces.

To address this, the team is rethinking use of its campus, including a new partnership with Looking Glass Pottery and expanded collaboration with Griffy's Art Supply. The demand for affordable studio space remains high, as more artist-entrepreneurs look to establish themselves.

Strategic Direction and Arts Planning

The organization officially ratified its new strategic plan and is investing in arts master planning for communities across Hamilton County. A draft plan for Westfield will be presented in September, with planning for Noblesville's Master Arts Plan to begin in October. These plans will identify ways arts can enrich community identity, activate

public spaces, and drive economic development.

Looking Ahead

Noblesville Creates is preparing for funding fluctuations in 2026 and beyond, particularly due to anticipated cuts at the state level. Priorities include cultivating philanthropy, refining programs through impact analysis, and expanding corporate partnerships. The organization also has its sights set on community-wide celebrations in 2026, including Noblesville Parks' 100th Anniversary and the upcoming National Sestercentennial, which marks the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence.

Join Us This Fall

Noblesville Creates invites the public to its Annual Celebration on September 25, 2025 at Embassy Suites, where the community can gather to honor local creativity and support the future of the arts. You can learn more about this celebration at <https://noblesvillecreates.org/gala/>.

To view the slide deck that was presented at this meeting, visit <https://noblesvillecreates.org/media/>.

For more information about Noblesville Creates, its programs, or how to get involved, visit www.noblesvillecreates.org.

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