

Lifeline

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CLINE AVENUE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION TOPIC OF CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The Gary Chamber of Commerce will hold its General Membership Meeting/Luncheon at noon on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the **Gary SouthShore RailCats Administration Building**, 2nd Floor, One Stadium Plaza, Gary. Join the Chamber as we welcome Mr. Terry Velligan. General Manager, United Bridge Partners.

United Bridge Partners is the construction company responsible for reconstruction of the Cline Avenue Bridge in East Chicago. Come out and hear about the construction progress and what its' completion will mean to all of Northwest Indiana.

Networking starts at 11:30am. RSVP early, \$20 in advance or \$22 at the door.

Call the Chamber office to RSVP (219) 885-7407 We accept all major Credit/Debit cards

AUGUST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS



August 13, 2018 Mr. Garvester "Gar" Kelley, Development Director in the Community Development and Policy Studies division of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, is congratulated on his informative presentation by

Chuck Hughes at the August General Membership Meeting/Luncheon.





Pictured above: The topic of funding draws a group from the Gary Housing Authority. **Below:** Marie Pittman from Lakeshore Public Media, was a door prize winner of State Farm Ins. goodies.



MISSION STATEMENT

To serve as a catalyst for creating awareness, building excitement and promoting a common understanding and appreciation for the responsibility of the school community, faith community, business community and community at large. Pictured below **L-R**: Jerome and JoAnn Nelson of Transforming Lives and Community, Inc. presenting Chuck Hughes with a \$5,000.00 check to further the Chambers' Education Committee and its' **"StepUp"** for Education Initiative.



For additional information on "**Step Up",** contact the Chamber at 219.885.7407 or any Education Committee member.



Luncheon door prize winners (l-r) pictured with Chuck: Rockell Griggs-Fullilove, new Branch Manager First Midwest Bank-Gary Branch; Palmer Myers, Meridian Title Company; unidentified Gary Housing Authority guest.

What's Up Chuck? - Chamber Activities



I would like to pay tribute to all of our Chamber members. You are the reason the Gary Chamber of Commerce has achieved any success. We cherish you, we value you and we will continue to serve you with all of our might.

Executive Director Chuck Hughes God Bless you and be well.



What are the odds!

Husband and wife duo; Hattie and Harold Exum of Legal Shield, Inc. were both door prize winners. No one goes empty handed. You either receive a door prize or leave with a wealth of knowledge from our guest speakers!!

GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - COMMITTEE UP COMING ACTIVITIES

Gary Chamber of Commerce Calendar:

September 10, 2018	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Chamber
	Gary SouthShore RailCats, 2nd Fl. 12:00 Noon	of
	Guest speaker: Terry Velligan, United Bridge Partners	Commerce
September 11, 2018	REMEMBERING 9/11	
September 19, 2018	Economic/Business Development Committee Mee	ting
	Gary Chamber of Commerce 9:00am	-
September 24, 2018	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	
	Gary Chamber Conference 11:30am	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
September 25, 2018	Education Committee Meeting	
	The Excel Center High School 11:00am	The the
	3438 169th Street - Hammond	DARY BOUTHEHORE
September 25, 2018	Public Policy Committee Meeting	PALICATC?
	Gary Chamber of Commerce 9:30am	

Member Activities

► Legislators Update: State Senator Lonnie M. Randolph (D-East Chicago) has been appointed to serve on the following legislative interim committees: Agriculture & Natural Resources; Commerce & Economic Development; Courts andJudiciary; Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications; Fiscal Policy; and Public Policy. State Senator Eddie Melton (D-Gary) was elected to serve on the 2018-2019 National Conference of State Legislatures' Executive Committee. The committee oversees the development and implementation of NCSL policies.

Methodist Hospitals announces the appointment of Ed Romero as the new Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Romero has a Master's of Science in Healthcare Administration, a Masters in Professional Accountancy in Accounting and a Bachelors of Business in Accounting. Pres. & CEO of Methodist Hospitals, Ray Grady says: Romero brings a wealth of experience to us.
September 5, 2018 - Mayor Freeman-Wilson will also host an in-person Town Hall Meeting at the Art House: A Social Kitch-

en, 411 E. 5th Avenue, Gary at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor will discuss the 224 Fund, the account analysis and the city's finances. The public is invited. The full report of the account analysis will be posted on the city's website at www.garyin.us.

► September 8, 2018 – P.O.P. On Youth Violence, Inc. presents 5K Run & Walk, Hidden Lake, 6355 Broadway, Merrillville. Registration: 7am, Stepping Off: 8:30am. Bikers/Runners/Walkers welcome. Registration fee: 18+ \$25, 18 & under \$10. More info & registration go to: <u>www.nwipop.org</u>. (see attached flyer)

September 8, 2018 – Marquette Park Lagoon "Outlook Garden" Celebration. A ribbon cutting ceremony, 1 N. Grand Blvd., Gary, 1:00pm. Music, Juggling, Chess and much more. All ages welcome! (see attached flyer)

▶ September 8, 2018 – Back-to-School Jamboree, Indiana University Northwest, 3400 Broadway, Gary, 8:30 - 4:00pm. 3on-3 basketball tournament, double-dutch jump competition, carnival games, movies and more. Free school supplies to first 300 students. For more info, contact Rep. Vernon G. Smith, toll free: 1-800-382-9842.

 September 12, 2018– The Salvation Army Experience: The Total Package. Turn challenges into growth and opportunities. Help in giving second chances and giving a hand up. The Salvation Army NWI-Adult Rehabilitation Center, 1351 W. 11th Avenue, Gary. Dinner served. Register with Catherin Spann at <u>catherine spann@usc.salvationarmy.org</u>. (see attached flyer)
September 12, 2018– Centier Bank hosts an update from the State with Jim Schellinger, Indiana Secretary of Commerce,

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September 29, 2018 – Community HealthNet Health Centers Annual Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Walk. Marquette Park, Gary. Registration 9am, walk starts at 10am: Individual walkers \$20, Team of 10 \$150. Proceeds to benefit the Community HealthNet Health Centers' Program & Services. For info call: (219) 484-2444 or Ms. Sanders (219) 314-2052. (flyer attached)
September 29, 2018 – The Blind Social Center 4th Annual Walkathon Fundraiser. Starting at 4955 Broadway (TBSC) and walking the Oak Savannah Bike Trail (52nd Broadway). Donations \$30 includes T-Shirt. Entertainment by radio personality Marvin Lyles. For information call (219) 980-0097 or visit www.theblindsocialcenter.org.



LAGOON OUTLOOK GARDEN CELEBRATION





Marquette Park 1 N Grand Blvd, Gary, Indiana 46403, 1-2pm

It's time to celebrate a wonderful milestone. Come join the fun Saturday, September 8th at 1pm at Marquette Park Lagoon. All ages welcome!

Summers 2017 and 2018 Volunteers have been working on creating an accessible garden at Marquette Park Lagoon, it is now time to come together and celebrate our accomplishments and plan for future seasons.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will he held on Saturday, September 8, at 1:00 PM. Come for a bit of music, a bit a juggling and a bit of chess. Come out and join us in the merriment.

P.O.P. ON YOUTH VIOLENCE, INC PRESENTS

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JOIN US AS WE RAISE FUNDS & AWARENESS TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORT IN DECREASING TEEN VIOLENCE IN THE 219 AREA CODE. PLEASE PLAN TO PARTICIPATE & BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

 REGISTRATION FEES:

 18 + UP \$25

 18 & UNDER \$10

 18 & UNDER \$10

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6355 BROADWAY MERRILLVILLE, IN 464 REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 7:00AM

BIKERS/RUNNER/WALKERS ARE WELCOME

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION **WWW.IIWIPOP.Org** OR CALL KEVIN KIMBLE

SEPT 8TH

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THE TOTAL PACKAGE

NWI-ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER - DOING THE MOST GOOD

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 1351 West 11th Ave Gary, IN 46408 5:00 PM—7:00 PM 219-359-1736

Greetings to the City of Gary and surrounding communities. WE BELIEVE IN SECOND CHANCES AND GIVING A HAND UP: Please help us turn challenges into growth and opportunities . Join us and learn how you can

help us help them.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS !

Dinner will be served

Contact Catherine_Spann@usc.salvationarmy.org



A FREE BUSINESS SEMINAR SERIES PRESENTED BY CENTIER BANK & THE TIMES MEDIA, CO.

An Update From the State: Learn About the Region's Roadmap and How Your Business Can Benefit

SPEAKER:

Jim Schellinger Indiana Secretary of Commerce

TIME

Registration | 7:30 - 8:00 am Seminar | 8:00 - 9:00 am Q&A | 9:00 - 9:30 am

VENUE:

Centier Corporate Center 600 East 84th Avenue, Merrillville, IN RSVP:

www.Centier.com/break-through

1-888-Centier

MEDIA PACKAGE GIVEAWAY: All attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a NWI Times Digital Media Advertising Package valued at \$1,000.*

* The MWI Times media package includes 100,000 targeted box or leaderboard impressions on nwi com and must be used by 11/30/2018. Must be present to win. The Times Media Company and Centier associates are excluded from the drawing.

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