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Sheridan's Dale McCullough honored by Rotary International

The REPORTER

Congratulations go out to Sheridan Rotarian Dale McCullough, who recently received his Paul Harris +5 recognition.

Paul Harris was a Chicago attorney and formed the first Rotary Club of Chicago on Feb. 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful relationships, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. In 1957, the Rotary International Foundation was established as the charitable arm of this international organization.

The Paul Harris Fellow program recognizes individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The honor was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions that support the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or an approved Foundation grant.

McCullough's +5 recognition means that he is a multi-Paul Harris Fellow



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Rotary District 6560 Assistant Governor Dave Carter (left), congratulates Sheridan Rotary Club member Dale McCullough for his Paul Harris +5 contribution level. Congratulations, Dale, from everyone in the Sheridan Club.

and has given subsequent \$1,000 donations five more times. In recognition, he will receive a certificate and a Paul Harris pin with five sapphires. The recognition pins are set with additional stones corresponding to the recipient's recognition amount.

Thanks to the technological efforts of current year Sheridan Rotary Club president Fred Sturdevant, the club has continued to meet nearly every week via Zoom. This past week was the first time since early March that members met in person. The next club

meeting will be on Tuesday, June 30 for the annual President's Picnic and the installation of the 2020-21 officers.

If you would like more information about Sheridan Rotary, please contact any club member or call Steve Martin at (765) 513-7457.

Silver Alert issued for missing Fishers girl

The REPORTER

Indiana State Police have issued a statewide Silver Alert Friday for a 15-year-old girl missing from Fishers.

According to police, 15-year-old Ariana Paris Ware was last seen on Monday around 11 a.m. Police say Ariana is believed to be in danger.

Ariana is 5-foot-2 and weighs 115 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing black sweatpants, a dark blue shirt with the words "Emory Riddle" on the front, and gray socks.



Photo provided

Anyone with information about Ware's whereabouts is asked to call the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department at (317) 773-1282 or dial 911.

Is anyone thinking of running for school board?

For people considering running for their local school board, the filing of petitions of candidacy will be accepted at the County Elections Office beginning July 22. The deadline to file is noon on Aug. 21 for the Nov. 3 elec-

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FRED SWIFT
The County Line

tion. In Hamilton County's six school districts there are a total of 14 board seats at stake this year. All school board elections are non-partisan. With all the

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Westfield man pushing for change to intersection

By KATIE WISELY
WISH-TV | wistv.com

There's a push to change an intersection at the entrance of a small neighborhood in Westfield.

There's talk of sidewalks at State Road 32 and Willow Creek Way. It's a future plan that's being worked out with the city and INDOT.

Originally, the speed limit was 50 miles an hour. A few years ago, it was reduced to 40. Now, it's 30.

But one Westfield resident says that's not enough.

Jose Beyer has lived in Willow Creek for 25 years.

In November of 2017, Beyer was hit on his driver's side by a car without headlights. A sheriff's deputy had to get him out of the car. Before his accident, his son was attempting to turn left into



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the neighborhood eastbound and was rear-ended by a distracted driver.

Beyer says the biggest factor is speed with the amount of traffic on State Road 32. He says more patrol could also be beneficial.

The Westfield Police Department says over the

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Fountain Square Committee cancels Carmel's 2020 Gazebo Concert Series

The REPORTER

The Summer Concert Series at the Gazebo, held each summer on the lawn of Carmel City Hall, has been canceled by the Fountain Square Committee, which oversees the annual series. The cancellation is due to concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The popular concert series has drawn thousands of people to the lawn for the Wednesday night shows, making it difficult to respect physical distancing recommendations by the CDC and raising the risk of spreading

the virus.

"After much thought and consideration for our guests, we've decided to make a tough call and unfortunately, canceling this series is the responsible thing to do," the Fountain Square Committee said in a statement issued Thursday. "It's the first time in 25 years that the concerts will not take place on Wednesday evenings in the summer. This is one of our favorite ways to gather with friends in the community, but we need to prioritize the health and safety of our bands, sponsors, attend-

ees and volunteer committee members."

The committee explored the possibility of virtual concerts, but decided the atmosphere of these live events could not be recreated adequately by watching a band through a streaming device or television.

"We remain committed to providing the City of Carmel and the community with outdoor entertainment in the summer and will continue to work on our 2021 concert season with our sponsors and bands," the committee said.

County GOP delegates watch first-ever live state convention



Reporter photo by Denise Moe

Hamilton County Republican delegates gathered Thursday night to watch the 2020 Indiana Republican State Convention, including live-streamed speeches from Governor Holcomb and Lt. Governor Crouch. Candidates for Attorney General provided pre-recorded messages. This is the first time the party's convention has ever been aired live. Ballots will begin arriving soon in delegates' mailboxes. (Above, from left) Hamilton County Republican Party Chair Laura Campbell, 5th District Congressional Candidate and State Senator Victoria Spartz, and Hamilton County Republican Party Chair Treasurer Raju Chinthala.

Fishers Health Department adds free COVID-19 testing for children age 12-17

The REPORTER

The Fishers Health Department has announced it is expanding its free COVID-19 testing to all residents aged 12 and up. The FHD COVID-19 testing program, which was launched in April, has tested more than 3,000 residents.

Parents and guardians may begin scheduling children aged 12-17 beginning Saturday, June 20 with appointments beginning Monday, June 22. Residents wishing to secure a COVID-19 testing appointment for their minor child(ren) 12 and older will need to consent for any minor and accompany the child to the testing.

Minor children who are sick or experiencing any unusual symptoms should be fully assessed by their primary medical provider. The assessment and COVID-19 testing are not medical evaluations and should not be considered a substitute for any testing ordered by a medical provider.

The Fishers Health Department provides free COVID-19 testing for all Fishers residents at its drive-thru testing site, located at 3 Municipal Drive. Residents do not have to be symptomatic or part of an at-risk group to qualify for testing. Residents may learn more about testing and take the assessment to schedule a testing appointment at fishersrecovery.com/testing.



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interest in public education, it is interesting to note that the elections do not draw large numbers of candidates. In many board elections there are often several seats that go uncontested to only one candidate. School boards are responsible for the largest budgets and the largest number of public employ-

ees in their respective communities. Any registered voter living within his or her school district is eligible to run. This year there are three at-large seats up for election in the Noblesville district, which includes all of Noblesville Township. In the Hamilton South-eastern district there are also three seats at stake, one

from each of the district's townships: Delaware, Fall Creek and Wayne. South-eastern has a seven-member board; all the other school systems have five-member boards. Carmel Clay, which includes all of Clay Township, will see two at-large board members elected this year. Hamilton Heights will

also elect two, one from Jackson Township and one from White River. Westfield Washington has two seats up this year, one in District 1 and one in District 3. Sheridan Schools, where the district covers Adams Township and Marion Township in Boone County, will elect two members from Marion Township.

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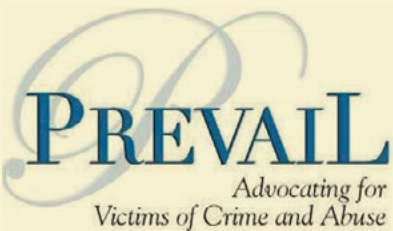
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past three years, there have been 21 crashes at Willow Creek Way and State Road 32 – 11 of them resulted in injuries, but no pedestrians or bicyclists were involved. “They could easily put a bridge/sidewalk on there,” Beyer said. “I don’t see why they can’t do that. They could find a way. They focus so much on Grand Park and most of the older neighborhoods get put aside.” The City of Westfield

says it’s working with INDOT for a future State Road 32 added travel lane project between Westfield and Noblesville. They are asking for sidewalks to be part of the project. The city has committed \$1 million towards sidewalks on the future project. But some say sidewalks near Willow Creek Way are not an easy fix because of the floodway, which makes

construction more difficult and costly. But sidewalks could appear soon. Construction could start in the next five to seven years – but plans have not been finalized. Another speed limit change would have to be approved through INDOT, as well as a stoplight. The City of Westfield says this location does not register in the city’s top 10 accident locations.

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn’t something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don’t often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we’re breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.


– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

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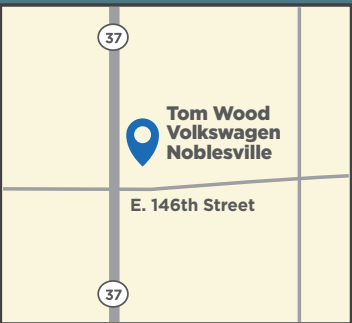
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Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader says real problem is “arbitrary” limits on government debt

Editor's note: This letter is in response to both Sue Finkam's letter published in the Friday, June 19 edition, and Bill Shaffer's letter, published in the Thursday, June 18 edition.

Dear Editor:

I am glad to see Sue Finkam publicly address Bill Shaffer here. It is good and healthy for there to be debate and discussion. I hope Councilor Finkam or other elected Hamilton County Republican officials stay engaged here. I think, factually, neither Bill nor Sue are wrong: Technically, the city isn't on the hook for this kind of debt, but the state does add it to the running total debt of the city. The state legislature or bureaucrats aren't infallible. Go figure!

I would like to address more philosophical issues with our debt and tax structure. The Indiana Constitution limits government debt to 2 percent of assessed value, but also limits taxing to either 1, 2, or 3 percent of assessed value, depending on what type of property it is. One percent for homes and 3 percent for commercial, essentially.

My observation of watching Carmel and southern Hamilton County is that it is very rare for a new business or commercial building to occur absent some kind of government incentive, whether abatements, TIF-type diversions (including these developer-backed bonds), or government "investment" like the Hotel Carmichael (public-private partnership) or Grand Park. It is also common, to avoid the Constitutional debt limit, to "lease" new government buildings from often newly-created public building corporations.

I would suggest that the Constitutional limits on debt and tax rates, because they are arbitrary and too often "followed" in the breach, should be ended. Regarding the tax rates, we now have regular and expected referenda to overcome those limits, especially for schools, plus growing income tax rates (see new 911 tax), on the low side (1 percent for residential), and tax abatements and TIF-type incentives to lower taxes on the high side (3 percent for commercial).

All these add costs to government, enriching lawyers drafting the resolutions and financial consultants like Curt Coonrod analyzing them. The same occurs to legally avoid the 2 percent debt limit, with the creation of these shell corporations that "own" the buildings and from which the government-entity leases them.

Before I moved here, I assumed Mitch Daniels was like me, a libertarian, since he reads authors like F.A. Hayek, and these property tax caps were great. However, observing them in practice, plus reading critics from the right like the late Gary Welsh and the still very much alive Paul Ogden, has proven my opinion of My Man Mitch wasn't based fully on facts.

I would encourage Councilor Finkam to use her "bully pulpit" to address these concerns head on with our state legislature. Debt, whether through leases or not, and tax incentives all make bankers, lawyers and financial consultants richer, while making the rest of us poorer, all under the well-intentioned goal of having lower taxes today.

Here is what then-Governor Daniels stated about Hayek's classic Road to Serfdom: "Hayek, when I thumb back through it and look at what I marked when I first read it, was the book that, to me, convincingly demonstrated what was already intuitive: namely, the utter futility, the illusion of government planning as a mechanism for uplifting those less fortunate."

Government planning, though, does uplift the 1 percent of crony-connected group of developers, lawyers, bankers and government financial planners, so ending these arbitrary limits of 1, 2, and 3 percent actually will, though counter-intuitively, reduce government micro-planning and bring more honesty to government rather than the smoke-filled halls of the 4CDC and Carmel Midtown Community Development Corporation.

The goal should be less government spending, whether couched in terms of "investment" or "prudent" debt or Public-Private "Partnership." It is clear our tax structure disincentives private capital formation, the real goal, or otherwise these developers wouldn't be needing to ask to divert significant parts of their tax payments to build the buildings in the first place!

Eric Morris
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer says Finkam's “gripe is with the news reports, not me”

Dear Editor:

I am flattered that Carmel councilor Sue Finkam took time to provide hints on how I should write letters to the editor of this newspaper ([Letter to the Editor, June 19](#)). She indicated in her 446-word novella that I should praise city leaders (her description) “for securing \$138 million in investment during the pandemic at no risk to taxpayers.”

My humble reply, however: I will never praise any elected poobah for borrowing \$138 million when \$2.5 billion in debt hangs over the city. And, my facts came from published reports. Her gripe is with the news reports, not me.

It is ironic that, on the day her chastisement appeared, Councilor Finkam also was reported calling for mandatory education about diversity and inclusion for city employees and officials. This comes seven months after the Carmel police department's traffic citation records show 33 percent of the tickets went to black drivers who make up just 3 percent of the population.

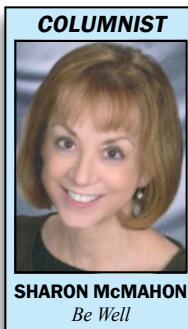
Perhaps the learned councilor will solve that problem and the \$2.5 billion tax on future generations at her next council meeting.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

“Spring flew swiftly by, and summer came; and if the village had been beautiful at first, it was now in the full glow and luxuriance of its richness ... It was the prime and vigour of the year; all things were glad and flourishing.” – Charles Dickens, *Oliver Twist*

I fully realize that it is not “officially” summer yet; however, it seems that I have waited so long to welcome the warm months, fresh breezes, and all the wonderful produce available! Some say that aging has a lot to do with being uncomfortable in the cold weather months and unfortunately, I can now understand that reasoning. I recently commented to my husband Bruce that it seems I am only truly warm about four months of the year!

We have had a rather wet spring season but I do believe that we can finally look forward to spending more time outside and enjoying the delicious opportunities for fresh produce. I



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

am a firm believer in “eating in the season” and we have already pulled plenty of fresh kale from our small garden. Soon we will have radishes, cucumbers, beets, peppers, asparagus, spinach, and herbs such as parsley and cilantro, among others. Mid-summer will offer up all kinds of berries and peaches, and late summer delights include eggplant, corn, tomatoes, zucchini, green beans, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts. This, of course, is a very partial list of all the delicious opportunities for us to not only enjoy locally grown produce, but to provide out bodies with what it craves – vitamin and mineral rich REAL food to keep us healthy and vibrant. Do be careful to wash your produce thoroughly, especially the items you consume with the skin or outer covering on the produce.

If this column was much longer, I could go into detail about what we actually

are offered on our standard grocery store shelves; so-called “food” laden with preservatives and chemicals. Unfortunately, because we cannot always obtain all the fresh items we need we must sometimes purchase shelf-stable and frozen food items. Just be cautious when purchasing, learn to not only read the labels but be informed on what those labels are telling you and make conscious decisions. I sometimes use this analogy: Would you pump kerosene into your auto gas tank? Somehow I think the answer for most of us is “NO” of course not! How much more *important* is your health and well-being? Be mindful and particular about the fuel for your body.

Let's get outside when we can – with copious amounts of sunscreen of course! – and pick up the pace by walking your neighborhood or other safe area, and focus this summer on finding some great recipes for your local produce. The farmers' markets are a great place to start and you still have time to plant some tomato, pepper, and

herbal plants.

Some of you may be familiar with the Teter Organic Farm which is owned by the First United Methodist Church in Noblesville. The Farm often provides items for sale and also provides produce at no cost to local residents who are food insecure. Find out more at teterorganicfarm.com.

Lastly, for those “wordsmiths” among us, I do understand that the word “vig- or” is spelled differently in the quote I have used this week. However, Mr. Dickens chose to use the British spelling and who am I to argue with this esteemed author and master of prose?

Enjoy the warm weather and sunshine, the bountiful produce, practice coronavirus recommendations and most of all, enjoy life!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader thankful for new state law that bans holding a phone while driving

Dear Editor:

Those of us in the business of building and maintaining Indiana's roads, bridges and interstates are excited about changes coming to these transportation systems on July 1. That's when House Bill 1070 becomes law, banning drivers from using their hands to operate a mobile phone when behind the wheel.

The law doesn't prohibit drivers

from using hands-free or voice-operated technology to make a call, but holding a phone to talk, text or tweet while driving will be illegal, enforceable and punishable.

It's a common sense move that should put a dent in grim statistics that, in 2018, reported 14 people killed and 650 injured in INDOT work zones. Driving a motor vehicle is no time for distraction of any kind,

especially in a work zone.

On behalf of transportation workers statewide, thank you to the General Assembly and Governor Holcomb for making our roadways safer.

Dave McDougall
Carmel

Dave McDougall is the Indiana office leader for HNTB Corporation, an infrastructure solutions firm.

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Community First Bank makes four promotions

The REPORTER

Robb Blume, President and CEO of Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB), is pleased to announce the promotions of Katie Crumley, Whitney Wright, Natalie Morrow and James Davis.

Katie Crumley, Hoffer Street Branch Manager, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. She has been employed with CFB for over six years. She has spent her time on the retail side of banking working closely with her team, peers and customers. It has been a joy of hers to make personal and professional relationships with those she has interacted with. She has the benefit of volunteering with her team to serve the com-



Crumley

munity and she also sits on the Project Access Board of Directors.

Whitney Wright, Hoffer Street Assistant Branch Manager, has been promoted to Bank Officer. She has been employed with CFB for over two years and was awarded 'Best Bank Teller in Kokomo' in 2019. She is a graduate of Northwestern High School and was



Wright

born and raised in Howard County. She enjoys working closely with her team and building personal and business relationships with her customers. She is an avid reader, enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, and volunteers for organizations like Kokomo Urban Outreach.

Natalie Morrow, Pebble Village Assistant Branch Manager, has been promoted to Bank Officer. She was born and raised in Kokomo and began her banking career there in 2005. She first started with CFB in 2007 as a part time float teller for CFB's Howard County branches. After stepping away from banking in 2011 to raise a family, she came back to work for CFB in May 2018 joining the Hamilton County team. She currently sits on the board for the Noblesville Girls Softball Association as a Division Commissioner, Umpire in Charge, and Public Relations Rep (as well as a coach for two of her daughters). She is very excited to continue working with the Hamilton County team in growing the bank and carrying out the CFB



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mission.

James Davis has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Compliance Officer. He started in banking as a part-time teller while in college at IU. He then pursued a career in emergency medicine, culminating to a 13-year ongoing career as an airborne combat medic in the U.S. Army (and still serves with the Indiana National Guard). His career experience also includes Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security Investigations Analyst), collaborator with FinCEN, and the Indiana Counterdrug Task Force. He is from the Tipton County area where he currently resides with his 15-year-old daughter and three-year-old Chocolate Great Dane.

About Community First Bank

Community First Bank was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo, where there are currently three branches, along with two branches in Westfield and one branch in Noblesville. Additional information can be found at CFBIndiana.com. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.



Davis

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.
Acts 15:1-2 (KJV)

Thomas Wayne Harper

May 4, 1935 – June 17, 2020

Thomas Wayne Harper, 85, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. He was born on May 4, 1935 to the late Bert and Amy (Cain) Harper in Hamilton County.



Thomas attended Fishers High School and graduated from Hamilton Southeastern with his GED. He then earned a bachelor's degree in business from Clark University. Thomas served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. He was employed at Western Electric for 28 years and retired from the Columbus, Ohio plant in 1987.

In 1958, Thomas married Rhonda Dodd, who survives him. Also surviving are their four children: daughter,

Lynne M. Rhea (Ed) and their three children, Elizabeth Cobb (Fred Rose), Lyndsey Cobb (James Mounger), and Daniel Cobb (Lauren Dawson); son, Thomas Dodd Harper (Deborah Freeman) and their two children, Thomas L. Harper (Michelle) and Summer Harper; son, Timothy Wayne Harper and his two sons, Joshua Harper and Joseph Harper; and son, Tod F. Harper. Other survivors include three great-grandsons, Calvin Dawson Cobb, Bryce Kehl and Thomas Xavier Harper; sisters-in-law, Harriet Vicory, Adele Dodd, and Jackie Harper; and several nieces and nephews.

Thomas was a life-long member of Fishers United Methodist Church. He belonged to Hamilton Masonic Lodge, Order of Eastern Star of Indiana Fishers Chapter, Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, Murat Shrine, and Prather York Rite. Thomas was secretary of his Masonic Lodge for 40 years and of Prather York Rite for over 20 years. He was a member of the Fishers American Legion and, prior to its dissolution, the Fishers Lion's Club, of which he served as president.

Thomas enjoyed having breakfast once a week at Steak 'n Shake and then going to the local police station to catch up on news there. He also had donuts with a group most mornings. Thomas enjoyed each of these groups. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his family and friends.

Tom's family is very grateful for the excellent care given the past few years by the caregivers at Prairie Lakes Health Campus.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2020 at the funeral home, with Dr. Ben Greenbaum officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana Masonic Home Foundation, 525 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; or Fishers United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 9691 E. 116th St., Fishers, IN 46037.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Atlanta Town Council will meet to discuss the Atlanta New Earth Festival at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. An executive session will precede at 6 p.m. The executive session will be pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(H). Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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Focusing on sanitization and social distancing . . .

Grand Park taking safety precautions as activity ramps back up on campus

By RICHIE HALL

There have been several big events going on at Grand Park this week, with more to come this summer, so things are starting to get back to normal there.



Knox

Of course, this is a “new” normal. The facility, like many others, was effectively shut down for nearly three months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These shutdowns have been difficult, but it’s been even more acute at a place like Grand Park, which is usually buzzing with athletes and spectators year-round.

So, all this activity has been a welcome sight. But since people are starting to come back and gather again, necessary precautions are being taken when it comes to safety and sanitizing the campus.

William Knox, Director of Grand Park, said that the facility is working in accordance to guidelines it’s been given by the governor’s office, the CDC and other authorities.

“We’re definitely taking a lot of precautions,” said Knox. That includes simple things, like make sure spectators are practicing social distancing while watching games, and that athletes are doing the same when they are not playing.

In addition, there is a regular wiping down of all the high-touch points at the park. Knox said that includes a wipe down of all the bathroom fixtures and ev-

everything around the concession stands.

“Most of the activity is outdoors, so we don’t really have doors or things like that,” said Knox. “If there’s any equipment that’s being touched during those different games, going and spraying that down as well. We just want to make sure that anything that is touched, or people come in contact with, is all sterilized to the best of our ability.”

Blake Hibler is the president of Bullpen Tournaments, which frequently conducts tournaments at Grand Park. He is also in charge of sanitization, which is helped by eight electrostatic foggers that the facility bought to aid the cleaning process.

“So after each activity, we’ll come out and fog and spray down every piece of metal and do all the bathrooms,” said Hibler. Workers also walk around with a typical sanitization spray, with three people per quad spraying even 15 minutes, in addition to wiping down every high-use area.

Cleaning is only half the battle, though. The athletes and spectators must do their part with social distancing. Knox believes that seems to be going well so far.

“I think for the most part, a lot of people understand the situation we’re in and where we are today,” said Knox. “If they’re with their family members, then obviously they can be a little closer together, but they don’t co-mingle with other families. It is working. We’ve put some markings out on the sidewalks and paths



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Grand Park bought eight electrostatic foggers to help aid with the sanitization process at the campus. Cleaning and social distancing are the main focus for athletes and spectator as activity ramps back up at the facility.

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D1 Training: Finch Creek offering free workouts

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D1 Training: Finch Creek is giving back to communities in Hamilton County with free workouts. Coaches have put together age-specific programs for people, of all ages, whether they’re athletes or not.

They’re inviting anyone interested from ages 6 to 70 to join them at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville on Mondays and Wednesdays or Mudsock Fields in Fishers on Tuesdays and Thursday.

Head Performance Coach Brian Clarke talks about why the programs will help the kids.

“[It’s] giving them positive opportunities to interact, team building and obviously work on health,” he said. “Making sure they understand how their fueling their bodies [and] the movements that they’re doing.”

Above all else they want the kids to enjoy themselves while pushing their bodies.

“The main thing is we’re working them hard while they’re having fun,” Clarke said.

The free workouts are happening while the D1 Finch Creek facility is under construction. Owner Tayt Odom hopes it’s a good introduction to people who are just finding out what he and his team are all about.

“At the end of the day the top thing we



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D1 Training: Finch Creek is offering free workouts for people of all ages next week. Those interested can join D1 Training at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville on Mondays and Wednesday, or at Mudsock Fields in Fishers on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

have in our business plan is we want to make the communities run better,” Odom said. “It isn’t just about the athletic side. We really care about the overall person too.”

He invites people to come out and try D1 Training when they hold the facility’s soft opening; aiming for some time around July 20.

“We have a guarantee,” Odom said.

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GRAND PARK

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and the spectator areas just so people can really see where they need to be. But yes, for the most part we think it's working out well so far."

Hibler said that people must be educated when it comes to social distancing, which means having to change set habits and other parts of the tournaments, such as canceling indoor activities.

"I think we're all so accustomed with what we do, especially in baseball," said Hibler. "We're outdoors. We're happy. And we're just excited to be back around people that you have to educate these people and kids especially. They're going to go to school and they got to learn how

to do it now before they get into an indoor building and there's a spike or whatever. They have to learn how to manage their expectations of what they can and can't do."

Things may be different, but Grand Park is back. While some events were canceled, Knox said that the facility has picked up a few events for this summer and is hoping to get back to a normal sense of activity by the end of June.

"We have picked up activity and we're still working with some groups to potentially bring some more activity to the campus," said Knox.



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Colts close practice facility for Juneteenth, first of initiatives in fight against racism

By OLIVIA RAY
 WISH-TV

"Few things stir the human heart and soul like injustice. When we see it, feel it, experience it, it is heart-wrenching," said Indianapolis Colts Head Coach Frank Reich.

"It is not enough for a person who looks like me to say, 'I'm not racist,'" the coach added.

Colts General Manager Chris Ballard said, "Shame on me. That won't happen again. We're going to stand up for what is right. We're going to stand up for what is right as an organization."

For most of this month, Reich and Ballard have devoted team meetings to discussing social injustice. The front office has vowed to become active in the fight against racism.

Reich said, "We are not going to be passive. We are going to make it grow. We are going to do it in small ways. We are going to do it in big ways. We're going to do it in quiet ways where nobody knows what is going on, but we will also do it in the spotlight in the platform in which we have being an NFL team and NFL players."

On Friday, the first set of actions were set in motion. The Colts complex, the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center, sat empty because for the first time in franchise history Juneteenth was declared a

permanent company holiday.

Colts rookie running back Jonathan Taylor said, "They always say actions speak louder than words, so being able to take steps like you said, 'putting Juneteenth into effect,' I think it's definitely steps in the right direction of the entire bigger picture and it shows that they're actually moving toward creating that overall change or hoping to create that overall change."

The Horseshoe also plans to soon hire a diversity, equity and inclusion director. That person's job will be to ensure inclusion in the entire organization.

"We should use our platform that we have now in the NFL," said Colts running back Nyheim Hines. "I think we have to use that for the kids, just even from everybody watching. Everybody is watching what athletes are doing right now."

That audience includes Colts owner Jim Irsay. He's watching and taking action quickly. For the next generation of Colts Nation, Irsay created the Irsay Family Impact Scholarship to help minority students achieve their educational goals.

Taylor said, "No step is too small I feel like when you're creating a bigger change."

The Colts say they plan to keep moving forward, promising more initiatives in the weeks to come.

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