

Lifeline

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AIM FORMERLY KNOWN AS "INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS" CEO TO ADDRESS CHAMBER LUNCHEON



Matthew C. Greller

Indiana Association of Cities and Towns dba "AIM", a vibrant and engaged organization, remains the official voice of municipal government in Indiana, with more than 460 cities and towns as members. AIM's main purpose is to foster, promote and advocate for the success of Indiana municipalities which is needed for the success of the many businesses, large and small located in our region.

The Chamber luncheon is open to all interested parties who would like to get first hand knowledge on how success can be obtained through the programs with AIM.

Call the Chamber office (219) 885-7407 to reserve your seat(s) today for the Monday, March 9, 2020 luncheon with special guest speaker Matthew C. Greller, CEO of AIM. Luncheon location is at the Majestic Star Event Center, One Buffington Harbor Drive, Gary. The cost is \$20 per person in advance and \$22 at the door (\$20 will be invoiced for noshow RSVP's). Make your payment in advance. We accept all major credit & debit cards.

SAVE-THE-DATE



4.9.20

The 5th annual World Civility Day is April 9, 2020. World Civility Day is a Chamber initiative to encourage individuals to treat others with dignity and respect in all their interactions. It is not duplicated anywhere else in the country.

Each year we have hosted individuals and groups from 28 states and 15 countries, and young people from various school districts in Northwest Indiana and again we expect them to be in attendance this year.

World Civility Day is taking place right here in Northwest Indiana and we thank you for your interest and we welcome your support. Conduct a civility workshop, be a sponsor, a vendor or enjoy the awards dinner. Contact Jan Bowden (219) 885-7407, or Chuck Hughes (219) 746-6339 for information.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Paul Dawning—State Farm Insurance

Paul Dawning, owner of State Farm Insurance-Paul Dawning Insurance Agency, Inc.. An established entrepreneur, civic leader, mentor and family man, Paul grew up in South Bend, IN in a loving, close-knit family where his values for the love of God and family were rooted and cemented into his character. A product of the South Bend Public School System, Paul had great aspirations for his future and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University in 1991. Upon graduating from college, he began working as a trainee in the claims department with State Farm Insurance. After spending 8 years advancing through the



ranks of Operations, Paul decided to tap into his inner entrepreneurial spirit and became an Independent Sales Agent. Paul saw this as an opportunity to not only chart his own course but also have a greater impact within the community through providing insurance, financial services and education that would help others garner greater financial

health, stability and generational wealth.

Paul serves on the Board of Directors for The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Northwest Indiana, President of the Bridgewood Homeowners Association, Circle of Men Athletics Board of Directors, and a member of the Economic/Business Development Committee of the Gary Chamber of Commerce. An avid sports fan, Paul has spent over 10 years mentoring and coaching many youths in the community. He is also a

proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. for over 30 years. Paul has been married for 26 years and the father of two beautiful children. He has dedicated himself to serving God and helping others.

Paul Dawning Insurance Agency, Inc.-State Farm Insurance is located at 5001 Cleveland St., Gary. Contact Paul at (219) 884-6947 or visit: www.pauldawning.com for all your life, auto, home, personal property insurance and banking needs.





What's Up Chuck?



Chuck Hughes President / CEO

Progress Report...

We are about to finish the first quarter of the year and the Gary Chamber is going great guns. Our new Board members have hit the ground running and members are doing great things throughout Northwest Indiana. Stay tuned folks because the best is yet to come!



Lindsay Maliqi, U.S. SBA, guest speaker at the February Chamber Luncheon.



Luncheon door prize winner, Patricia Looman-Bradley, BMO Harris Bank



Roosevelt Haywood III, Haywood And Fleming Associates is a proud new member of Community Civility Counts.

Gary Chamber of Commerce Activities

All of the following meetings are held at the Gary Chamber of Commerce

March 9, 2020 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON 12:00 Noon

Majestic Star Casino Event Center

March 18, 2020 <u>Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting</u> 9:00 a.m.

March 23, 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 11:30 a.m.

March 24, 2020 Public Policy Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.



Member Activities

▶ Who will be "Best of the Region" in 2020? The Times of Northwest Indiana presents this annual celebration with voting ending 3/31/20. Contact Andrea Puente at 219-933-4164, 219-730-5509 or andrea.puente@nwi.com for information.

- ► Lake Area United Way and Methodist Hospitals are partnering with local child care provider Tonika Davis to open the city's next child care center at Methodist Hospitals Northlake Campus, Gary. The completion date is scheduled for the end of 2020. For additional information contact Lake Area United Way (219) 923-2302 or visit: www.lauw.org.
- ▶ Parents and students are invited to learn answers to questions regarding College Admissions and the 21st Century Scholars program at three locations in Gary through the **Indiana University Northwest** Admissions Office. For information contact: Dorothy Fink, Director of Admissions & Strategic Recruitment (219) 980-6994 or www.iun.edu/yes2college (see flyer).
- ▶ Centier Bank's Home Equity Loan Special. Rates as low as 4.125%. Visit www.center.come/homeequity (see flyer).
- ► Cheryl Scott-Fields & Noni by NewAge invites you to a 30-Day weight loss challenge with TeMana Shape this month. Contact Cheryl at 219-805-4226, lionessking33@gmail.com or www.morinda.com/4721194 for challenge information.
- ► **Methodist Hospitals** welcomes Dr. Jennifer Dochee, Structural Interventional Cardiologist to the Methodist Physicians Group Network. A heart and vascular specialist, located at 5800 Broadway, Merrillville. For appointments call 219-884-9180.
- ► March 3, 2020 Hurry in for Centier Bank's Home Equity Special. Rates as low as 4.125% APR (see flyer).
- ► March 6, 2020—Legacy Foundation launches a First Friday Book Club to spark conversation in reading a collection of short stories, on creating a culture of health, equity and well-being. Be a part of the discussions. Contact the Legacy Foundation at 219-736-1880 or visit: www.legacyfdn.org.
- ► March 12, 2020—The Times Media Company presents "2020 Spring Diversity Job Fair", 3-7:00pm, Patrician Banquets, 410 E. US Hwy 30, Schererville, IN. For sponsorship, booth reservation, and job fair information, contact: Maria Avila, (219) 933-3281 or maria.avila@nwi.com (see flyer).
- ► **Gary Housing Authority** "Gary EnVision Center", Genesis Tower, 578 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Gary, activity for March. See attached flyers for RSVP and registration information:
 - March 13, 2020—Community Partnership Meeting, 2:00-3:00 PM. Identify workshops/activities to facilitate.
 - March 18, 2020—Job Fair, 11:00am—1:00pm. Open to the public. Work One is in need of employers to participate.
 - March 27, 2020—Community Resource Fair, 12:00pm—2:00pm. Find out about community educational resources and advantages. Vendors welcome.
- ► March 19, 2020—Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Inc. presents "Diversity and Inclusion Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Avalon Manor, 3550 E. US Highway 30, Merrillville. Featured speaker: Congressman Pete Visclosky, U.S. House of Representatives. For information call (219) 887-9621 or www.ulofnwi.org (see flyer).

SAVE-THE-DATE * HEALTHY HEARTS SENIOR HEALTH FAIR * APRIL 17, 2020 (see flyer).



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Say 2 2 College

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT ...

- what it takes to be admitted to college?
- how to pay for college and find scholarships?
- how the 21st Century Scholarship works?
- how to choose the right college for you?

Parents AND students are invited to learn the answers to all of these questions and more from college admission experts and a 21st Century Scholars representative on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

MONDAY, MARCH 23

4700 E. 7th Ave. Gary, IN 46403

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Gary Public Library and Cultural Center

220 W 5th Ave. Gary, IN 46402

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

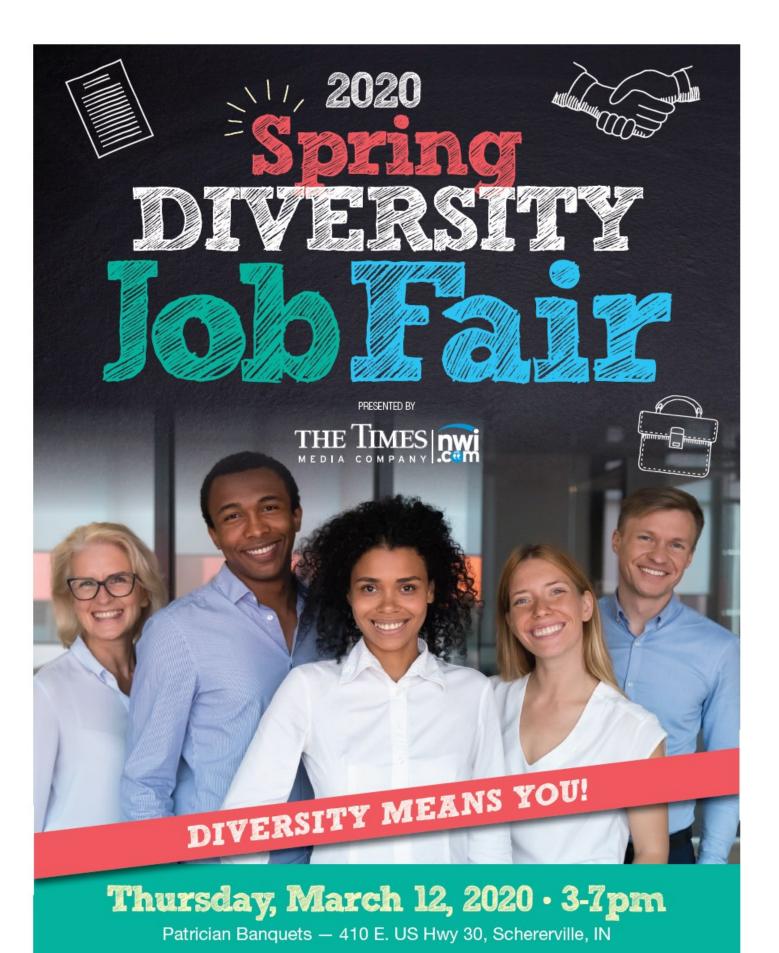
American Legion
Post 270

1113 Taft Street Gary, IN 46408

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Free T-shirts • Light Refreshments • 21st Century Scholars Encouraged to Attend









Greetings!

I hope this email finds you well! Here are a few important events taking place next month at the Gary EnVision Center; I hope you can join us!

EnVision Center Community Partnership Meeting

As mentioned in our last EnVision Community Partnership Meeting in December, we want to host a Quarterly Community Partnership Meeting; therefore our next meeting will take place on:

Friday, March 13th, 2020 2:00pm-3:30pm Gary EnVision Center Genesis Towers 578 Broadway, 2nd Floor (Ballroom) Gary, IN 46402

The purpose of this meeting is to have partners identify workshops/activities they can facilitate, as part of the Gary EnVision Center Schedule/Calendar (for April through June 2020). We will share updates (lessons learned) on the the first quarter of activities that were hosted at the Gary EnVision Center.

To confirm your participation, please register your agency here: https://forms.gle/vjDfHuZRevrDRZst8

Please send a representative that is knowledgeable of your workshops/programs and that can committ to be part of the schedule/calendar. Prior to the meeting, I will send a Workshop form (to those registered), to help with the planning of workshops/programs.

Job Fair

WorkOne is in need of employers to participate in the Job Fair that is taking place on:

Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 11:00am-1:00pm Gary EnVision Center Genesis Towers 578 Broadway, 2nd Floor (Ballroom) Gary, IN 46402

If you are interesting in being a vendor, click on the registration form;

JOB FAIR

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:00am-1:00pm



Find new career options and job opportunities!

Questions? Call Liz at 219-462-2940 ext. 1038 or email Inegron-haniford@qotoworkonenw.com

Gary EnVision Center
578 Broadway, Gary, IN
(Located in the Gary Housing
Authority Building on the 2nd Floor)

Open to the public

Those age 55 or better are encouraged to attend















DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARDS LUNCHEON MARCH 19, 2020



FEATURED SPEAKER

CONGRESSMAN PETE VISCLOSKY U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AVALON MANOR BANQUET CENTER

3550 E. Lincoln Highway Merrillville, Indiana 46410 10 a.m. VENDOR SHOWCASE 11:30 a.m. AWARDS LUNCHEON

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TICKETS, BUSINESS, AD & VENDOR PACKAGES

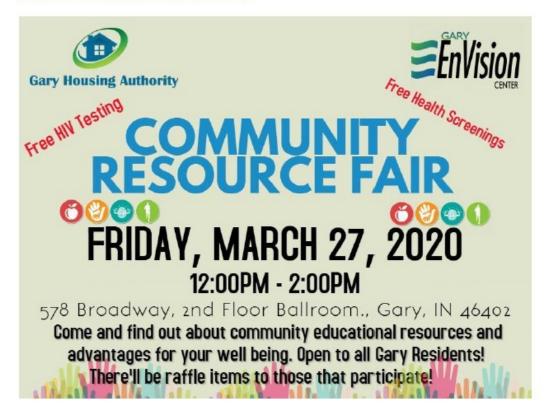


Community Resource Fair

In addition to our workshops, we would like to invite our partners to the Community Resource Fair, which will take place on :

Friday, March 27th, 2020 12:00pm-2:00pm Gary EnVision Center Genesis Towers 578 Broadway, 2nd Floor (Ballroom) Gary, IN 46402

If you are interested in having a table, please register your agency by clicking here: https://forms.gle/NxBsT62quyvF93G49





APRIL 17TH • 11AM-3PM 7601 WHITCOMB ST. MERRILLVILLE, IN



Join Abraham & Sarah Senior Ministry for our Health fair! Make your health always your priority. Participate in this year's exciting activities and take steps towards a healthier lifestyle!