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# Lifeline

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## GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### The Gary Chamber of Commerce New Executive Committee 2020-2021

Chuck Hughes, President/CEO of the Gary Chamber of Commerce welcomes members of the new 2020-2021 Executive Committee:

Chairman — Dr. Gordon E. Bradshaw, GEMS Network  
Vice-Chair — Jerome Nelson, Renaissance Group, LLC  
Secretary—LaTanya Woodson, The Methodist Hospitals  
Treasurer—Maria Guillen, Latin Media Services, LLC



### A CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR TODD YOUNG

As Indiana and our nation continue to experience the fallout from the Corona Virus, the murder of George Floyd and the continued challenges related to these and other issues, the Gary Chamber of Commerce Economic/Business Development committee hosted

U.S. Senator Todd Young and his staff in a virtual conversation to hear different perspectives from Northwest Indiana business owners, community leaders and concerned citizens. The Zoom event allowed those in attendance the opportunity to share the many concerns as a community with Senator Young and find a positive solution.



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### Roll-Off Dumpster Summer Clean-up Project

Republic Services provides an essential service to our communities. As an industry leader, we provide reliable and responsible recycling and waste disposal services. We are currently offering \$25 delivery on Roll-Off Dumpsters.

Please contact Jason Nowak for your needs and he'll "Handle It". Use promotional code: Summer 2031.

Call Jason Nowak, Division Sales Manager, Northwest Indiana or Lisa Adkins at (219) 987-5313. Offer expires 8/31/2020 (see flyer).



### Executive OFFICE RENTAL

#### OPEN HOUSE SHOWCASED RENTAL PROPERTY

Looking for office rental space or co-housing units? Well Faith Temple of Christ Church, the new owners of property located in the city of Gary recently hosted an Open House on July 24 & 25 to showcase the renovated properties that offers office space and housing.

Executive Office Rentals at 301 E. 21st Avenue and Modern Co-Housing units at 308 E. 21st Avenue are now available for rental.

To set-up an appointment to view property should contact Teri Houk at (219) 484-7078 or [admin@cstcfaith.com](mailto:admin@cstcfaith.com).



### METHODIST HOSPITALS NEW PRESIDENT & CEO

The Methodist Hospitals Board of Directors has named Matt Doyle the hospital system's new President & CEO after the retirement of previous CEO Ray Grady. Matt rejoined Methodist Hospitals in October, 2019 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago, where he served as Chief Financial Officer.



Indiana American Water announced the five organizations who were awarded a share of the 2020 Environmental Grant Program, a \$10,000 grant. Winners from northwest Indiana include The city of Gary-Clean Water Accessibility for Green Infrastructure Maintenance, and the Friends of Marquette Park-Respect and Protect Lake Michigan Project. Established in 2005, the grant is awarded to projects in communities served by Indiana American Water.

**REMINDER: 2020 CENSUS—EVERYONE COUNTS**

## What's time is it Chuck?



Chuck Hughes

### It's Membership Renewal Time!

Have you ever looked at our logo and wondered what it represents?

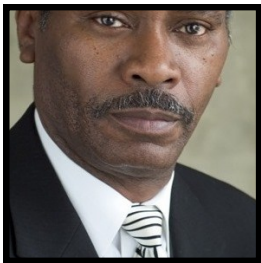
Well, there is no better time than the present to join the Chamber, and not only learn the logo's significance but the power, unity and strength behind it.

Join the Chamber today to promote and protect business interests in Gary and all of Northwest Indiana.



Membership applications available at [www.garychamber.com](http://www.garychamber.com) or call Jan (219) 885-7407 to join!

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Jerome Nelson—The Renaissance Group, LLC



Jerome Nelson

The Gary Chamber of Commerce is spotlighting this month its Board Vice-President and new Chairman of the Economic Development/Business Committee Mr. Jerome Nelson. Mr. Nelson a native of Gary comes in with a wealth of knowledge and experience. He is a graduate of Gary Froebel High School and Purdue University with a degree in Business Administration. He began his business career as an Insurance salesman. Later he became the owner of Nelson Insurance. After successfully managing a major political campaign, Jerome moved to Chicago where he presided as a Bishop of a large non-denominational religious organization with jurisdiction over several states.

Having a fondness for his beloved hometown of Gary, Jerome returned to the city he loves, bought and restored his Glen Park home and reunited with his longtime friend and associate Chuck Hughes. Jerome Nelson is this month's *Lifeline* featured Gary Chamber member.



Mask/Face Coverings are required in all public places to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. The City of Gary's Mayor Jerome Prince has ordered this mandate as well as the Town of Merrillville along with a list of other communities in Northwest Indiana. Everyone must wear a face covering over one's nose and mouth when entering all enclosed public spaces or enclosed places of business. Exceptions are for persons with medical reasons only.



### Member Activities for August 2020

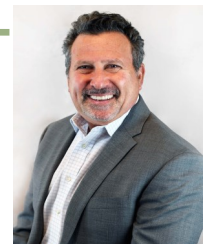
- ▶ Centier Bank is launching "Centier to You" a digital library of helpful & informative financial educational resources. Visit the web-site at [centier.com/financial-education](http://centier.com/financial-education) to learn more about the resources and programs offered (see flyer).
- ▶ The Gary Historical and Cultural Society (GHCS) is asking friends to renew or the community to consideration joining the GHCS organization. Join now. For an application, visit [www.ghcsinc.weebly.com](http://www.ghcsinc.weebly.com).
- ▶ August 4, 2020—Urban League of NWI fundraiser celebrating 75 years of serving the community. Radiothon Live, WLTH -1370 AM 92.7 FM. Donate online: [www.ulofnwi.org](http://www.ulofnwi.org) or call 219.887.9621. Fundraiser continues until September 7, 2020 (see flyer).
- ▶ August 6, 2020—The Good Success will host an Online Business Builders Bootcamp. This will be life-changing event for your business. Most businesses fail, make sure that yours doesn't only **Survive** but **Thrive!** Reserve your virtual seat for \$99. Call 219.742.7857.
- ▶ August 6, 2020—Tradewinds Services will host an Outdoor Job Fair, 10am—4pm, 3198 E. 83rd Ave., Merrillville. Social distancing practices at all times, bring face masks. On the spot interview for DSP Positions. For information: 219-945-0100 (see flyer).
- ▶ August 8, 2020—Deadline for Small Businesses & Nonprofit Organizations Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan applications. For information contact Legacy Foundation, [www.legacyfdn.org](http://www.legacyfdn.org) and Small Business Association (SBA) at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).
- ▶ August 15, 2020—Lucas Luxury Events has rescheduled the "Gary Game Changers" Dinner on the Beach for 7:00pm, at the Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Avenue, Gary. For event RSVP's contact (404) 592-7345 or visit: [www.thewellsluxurygroup.com](http://www.thewellsluxurygroup.com).
- ▶ August 20, 2020—Grand Opening celebration of the new headquarters and processing facility for Alliance Steel, LLC. 10am—3pm, 2700 E. 5th Avenue, Gary. For RSVP's and tour sign-up contact Olivia Sanders at (219) 806.6128.

## SPECTACLE ENTERTAINMENT—MAJESTIC STAR CASINO



**Jahnae Erpenbach** was recently appointed to the position of Chairman and CEO for Spectacle Entertainment. Jahnae will continue her responsibilities as General Manager of Majestic Star Casino. She will continue her commitment to diversity, and inclusion with local involvement.

**Rich Ruden**, Vice President of Finance, was recently promoted to Assistant General Manager at Majestic Star Casino. Rich will assist Jahnae with all operational responsibilities. Rich is also a member of the Gary Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.





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*Fundraiser continues until  
September 7, 2020*