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# THIS WEEK on the WEB



## Building a new facility is important to future survival

A message from the commander: It was obvious that just over 47 percent of those VFW members present at the Nov. 21 meeting, who voted against selling the VFW property, had a primary concern about taking on debt with the purchase of land and building a new facility. Although, those who voted in favor of the project was 53 percent, however, the VFW requirement to move ahead was two-thirds or 51 of the 76 votes that were cast.

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## Eskenazi Health offers advice on avoiding cold weather injuries

Frostbite is caused by freezing of the skin and underlying tissues caused by extreme cold weather. If you notice your skin becoming very cold and red, then numb, hard and pale, those are the early signs of frostbite. Similar to burn injuries, damage to the skin can be very serious and can occur quickly.

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## AROUND TOWN

### Franciscan Health implements visitor restrictions

**Flu season** – With the escalation of flu-related cases, Franciscan Health is working with local public health agencies and will implement a temporary visitation policy at its Indianapolis hospital, Franciscan Surgery Center and Franciscan Physician Network practices, effective Dec. 30. The policy is: Only immediate family as identified by the

patient or patient's designated representative will be allowed to visit; No visitors under 18 years of age unless they are seeking medical care or are the parents of pediatric patients; No visitors who have symptoms suggestive of influenza will be allowed. Additionally, Franciscan Health facilities will: Display signage describing visitation policy to the public; Ensure that all access points are well stocked with disposable masks and hand sanitizers; Strongly encourage all families, vendors, staff and volunteers to be particularly vigilant about hand washing and covering coughs. Visitors should call the Franciscan Health hospital they plan to visit before arriving with any questions about the restrictions: Indianapolis: (317) 528-5000.

## Southside News Quiz

How well do you know your Southside community?

Test your current event knowledge each week with a little Q&A!

**1** What is not one project that the Southport mayor is looking forward to in 2018?

- A. Development of the former lumber yard into apartments
- B. Roundabout built at the intersection of Southport Rd. and Madison Ave.
- C. New accessible park equipment
- D. Completion of Southport Municipal Complex

**2** Napoli Villa owner Carmelina Pizzi says she looks forward to, what, in 5 years?

- A. Growth on Main Street
- B. Growth in her business
- C. A complete remodel of the restaurant
- D. Adding more staff

**3** What does new Solndy Quality of Life Director Michelle Strahl Salinas look forward to in 2018?

- A. Completion of the plan
- B. New volunteers
- C. An expanded service area
- D. Grants to fund the plan

**4** NY Slice opened on Madison Avenue, Perry Township, in November. Owner Dan Frost ran the business as what in the past?

- A. A recipe blog
- B. An online delivery company
- C. A nonprofit service
- D. A food truck

**5** What does Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers say was NOT one of the city's greatest accomplishments of 2017?

- A. A decrease in crime
- B. Partnering businesses for Grow Greenwood
- C. Completion of roundabout on Smith Valley Road
- D. FedEx Ground selecting Greenwood as its home

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Left, H.H. Holmes. (Submitted photo) | Right, the annual Irvington Ghost Tours led by Alan Hunter makes a stop by the former location of Holmes' former residence. (Photo by R. Hinton)

## H.H. Holmes comes for a visit

### HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

Indiana can claim bragging rights for a variety of things: sports, downtown culture, restaurants, greenways and state parks, and industry and business. Yet, it also holds the distinction of briefly flirting with the first officially designated serial killer in United States history. The man was H.H. Holmes. It happened in the small community of Irvington. It was a little too close for comfort!

H.H. Holmes (Herman W. Mudgett) was an enterprising man, a trained doctor in the 1890s. His medical skills it turned out were not to help those with health issues, but rather to hinder—upon death! He oversaw construction of a hotel in Chicago in anticipation of the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. Folks traveling to Chicago would need a place to stay and Holmes would provide, with a minor provision—many checking in would not check out. The Murder Castle, as later designated, was a building of trapdoors, strange hallways, hidden rooms and chutes to the basement... Holmes's working area. He was out of Chicago just before the authorities closed in.

Holmes, small in stature with a walrus mustache and a perk for the ladies, became a traveling man. He had his charms, yet his demons. Insurance fraud and murder became his foray. Before being put to death, he admitted to 27 victims, but it was likely many more. You could never get a straight answer from Holmes, or one you could believe.

An accomplice, Benjamin Pitezel, unknowingly sacrificed his three children

(Alice, Nellie, Howard) to an insurance fraud, losing his own life in the balance. The children traveled with Holmes, but it was a short journey. The girl's bodies were found buried in a basement of a home in Canada. Meanwhile, Holmes rented a small cottage in Irvington—yes, This Irvington—arriving with 10-year-old Howard Pitezel in tow. Numerous people recalled the strange little man, quirky, and with the child. Holmes wasn't in Indianapolis long. By the time Philadelphia detective Frank Geyer arrived the home was empty. However, young Howard remained behind—in pieces: teeth, bits of bone and charred human remains. The children were sacrificed—there could be no witnesses!

Holmes was caught and prosecuted, not only for the murder of Benjamin Pitezel, but also his three children; and then others. In prison, his confidence rivaled a rooster strutting in the barnyard. It didn't help. He was hanged in Philadelphia on May 7, 1896. And so this would seem to end the legacy of H.H. Holmes. Or does it?

Questions have arisen. Was it really Holmes that was hanged? If not, who's buried in his grave? And, did Holmes have extracurricular activities in London, England? Was he Jack the Ripper? Great-great-grandson Jeff Mudgett has some thoughts on the subject...



Rick Hinton, a Southport resident, loves researching things that go bump in the night. His articles can be read on Facebook: Rick Hinton, Southport Paranormal Examiner. Hinton conducts paranormal investigations with his team, South Central Paranormal.



Left, SoIndy celebrated its Winter Summit on Dec. 11, discussing what the seven action teams achieved in 2017 and goals for 2018. | Below, on right, is new director Michelle Strahl Salinas. (Submitted photos)



## Ready to engage

### Solndy looks to revitalize Quality of Life Plan with new members and new leadership in 2018

### FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

SoIndy is looking to bring in new volunteers in 2018, giving a fresh perspective and energy to the group which seeks to revitalize the Southside Indianapolis community. With that comes new leadership in the newly-appointed director, Michelle Strahl Salinas.

She took on the position at SoIndy's Winter Summit on Dec. 11.

"For me, as we move into 2018, I feel like one of the biggest goals is to engage new residents in the plan and reactivate some of the businesses," Salinas said. "Bringing in more people is going to help the action teams meet their goals quicker and more successfully. Identifying key people that, because of their background and placing them in the right action team, is something I will be looking to do. That's just building relationships, putting them in the right position, good ol' volunteer management."

The University of Indianapolis, Fifth Third Bank, Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership (INHP) and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) partnered in 2015 to lead the Quality of Life Plan. Through that, seven action teams consisting of community volunteers work together to revitalize the designated Southside neighborhoods. Those teams are Community Building, Con-

nectivity, Education & Workforce Development, Health & Wellness, Housing and Shelby Street and Madison Avenue Corridors.

The plan is now being facilitated by Big Car Collaborative.

The new director, Salinas, has lived in the Garfield Park neighborhood for nearly 12 years, having been active in the neighborhood association and other various committees. She became involved with SoIndy's Quality of Life Plan a year and a half ago through participation the community building action team.

Salinas said the SoIndy teams have achieved a lot in the past two years, such as engaging businesses which weren't involved in the community before.

"By coming together as eight neighborhoods, we're better able to advocate than we were able to as individual neighborhoods," she said.

Aside from the monthly action team meetings, the next big event SoIndy will host is a Career and Trades Fair on Jan. 27, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Garfield Park Arts Center.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful recently proclaimed SoIndy as a focus community, which leads to on April 28, the eight neighborhoods will come together for a clean-up effort. KIB will provide three-to-five hundred volunteers to assist in beautifying the area.

For more information or to volunteer with SoIndy, visit [soindy.org](http://soindy.org) or text [soindy](tel:3172282828) to 22828 to register for its newsletter.

# OUTLOOK ON 2018

## Southside mayors share their thoughts on 2017 & goals for the new year

Compiled by Nicole Davis

While the past year was full of ups and downs - from fighting crime and the loss of some great leaders to large development projects and goodwill from local residents - government officials say that 2018 is full of potential for economic growth in Southside communities. Entering 2018, Southside mayors share their goals and hopes for the coming year, emphasizing city revitalization, development projects and work to make their neighborhoods a more inviting place to live. *Happy New Year!*

### Greenwood

Answered by Mayor Mark Myers

#### What were the city's greatest accomplishments of 2017?

The City has had the opportunity to partner with many local businesses in our GROW Greenwood project. This has allowed local businesses to update their businesses' outside appearance, thus making Greenwood more attractive. We have also completed another roundabout on Smith Valley Rd., making our streets safer. We also were able to announce FedEx Ground selecting Greenwood as their home! This is very exciting for the city as it brings many new jobs and a very large financial boost to our economy once built.

#### What is the biggest challenge the city overcame in 2017? How did it do so?

We have had numerous projects happen this past year. Our largest issue was the old dilapidated complex at County Line Rd and Madison Ave. The city has finally been able to purchase that property and will demolish all of the current buildings and remove the parking lot to make this a grassy park area with the possibility of future development.



Roundabout on Smith Valley Rd. (Submitted photo)

#### What project(s) are you most looking forward to for 2018?

We will start the construction of the Surina Way/Market Plaza connector road along with the remake of Old City Park. This is the first step to our downtown projects. We will also see the Madison Ave streetscape project that will occur this year. The first phase is from Pearl St. to Noble St.

#### Is there anything else you would like to add, summarizing 2017 or looking forward to 2018?

In 2018 we will also see the reconstruction of Smith Valley Rd. at Madison Ave. intersection. This will include adding a roundabout at that intersection along with many other traffic enhances to that area.

### Beech Grove

Answered by Mayor Dennis Buckley

#### What were the city's greatest accomplishments of 2017?

- Property values increased by 5.5% for 2018
- Lowered our debt obligation
- Made significant improvements in public safety equipment
- Continued to pave roads and invest in infrastructure
- Installation of new sidewalks on Churchman Avenue and on North 9th. Avenue.
- Replacement of sidewalk panels throughout our city
- Drainage improvements throughout our city.

#### What is the biggest challenge the city overcame in 2017? How did it do so?

Continuing to fight crime and the use of heroin by increasing patrols, adding an additional officer and collecting unused medications. Teen Court was initiated at Beech Grove High School.

#### What project(s) are you most looking forward to for 2018?

- Preparing for the roundabout construction at Arlington and Churchman.
- Preparing for the greenway construction.
- Façade planning grant completion for Main Street from Emerson to 8th
- Community Crossings (\$396,000) Paving grant completion (paving more roads)
- Possible awarding of funds for Phase 2 of the greenway, Elm Street reconstruction, and sidewalks on Thompson Road.
- St. Francis dismantling is completed.
- Beginning the process to add signage at the I-465 and Emerson interchange for "Beech Grove" and cleaning up the area.
- Development of a "Master Plan" for the City of Beech Grove.



Anna Gremling cuts a ribbon for the Churchman Ave. Sidewalk Project in October. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

#### What do you feel is the greatest strength of your city, going into the new year?

Stable and open government with good functioning departments that provide an excellent service to the citizens of Beech Grove. Good equipment and adequate employment levels. Clean streets and local neighborhoods.

Good committees such as the BZA, Greenscape, RDC and Parks Board which all work to make our city better.

#### Is there anything else you would like to add, summarizing 2017 or looking forward to 2018?

2017 was a very good year for the City of Beech Grove and I have no reason to believe that 2018 will be any different. I want to study how our Police Department interacts with the school district and I would like to see our Fire Department begin a Community Paramedicine program with area hospitals.



The Southport Municipal Complex is under construction. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

### Southport

Answered by Mayor Russell McClure

#### What were the city's greatest accomplishments of 2017?

- The construction of a new city building began. This is the first city building we've had since Southport started. This is the first, major city construction project since the early 70s. It's the first time the police department will have dedicated training space for officers, outside agencies and the public. There will be better facilities for the city and council meetings, which frees up the current community building for nonprofit use and the general public to rent the space. We'll apply for a grant to upgrade the current community building.
- We also had a commitment from a builder to redevelop the lumber yard property into a 100-unit apartment complex. When that project starts, it will bring even more interest from outside developers looking to help us redevelop the city and that downtown area. That development will also include the first portion of the trail we will build behind the old Walgreens to the city park.
- The Community Crossings grant we received from the state of Indiana for roads and sidewalks, a \$271,000 grant.

#### What is the biggest challenge the city overcame in 2017? How did it do so?

The loss of Lt. Aaron Allan. We overcame it through the dedication of our police force, elected officials and the public support. The help we received from the public went a long way for us to process and get through it. We had lines and lines of people coming through with things for the family and offering their support for the police department and the city.

#### What project(s) are you most looking forward to for 2018?

- Completing the project for the development across from Renaissance, the old lumber yard.
- Our city building being completed.
- The park renovations that will be started in the spring. We're going to have a new basketball court, they're going to redevelop the softball diamond and there will be a lot of additional playground equipment with accessible pieces of equipment.

#### What do you feel is the greatest strength of your city, going into the new year?

Anytime anybody asks, I say our greatest strength is the citizens of Southport. Without them, there's no reason to have a government or anything. The greatest strengths of our city aren't buildings, roads, or infrastructure. It's the people that live here. A close number two, the police are incredibly important too us for safety and the public service that they do.



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## FROM THE EDITOR



## Excited to share in this new year

The bubbly's been popped, Old Acquaintances have been forgot, and here we are now in 2018.

For all of our communities here on the Southside, the sky's the limits!

From Fountain Square to Greenwood and everywhere around and in between, we have been blessed with kind, thoughtful people, impeccable school systems, and an ever-improving housing and economic state. Such a recipe can only spell success for our future. We've enjoyed all the wonderful folks we've met in 2017 while bringing you news that captures the heart of the Southside and we're looking forward to all that 2018 has to offer. We're certainly up for the challenge, are you?

Whether you resolve to make it to the gym more frequently or to get out and involved in the community more often – we'll be right there with you, working in tandem with this community we love so dearly to bring you the best journalism on the Southside.

You don't have to resolve to cure cancer or end world hunger to make a difference in the world – sometimes even the smallest gestures can brighten someone's day. We know the Southside is full of folks who make us proud to serve you and we can't wait to showcase all the Southside has to offer in 2018.

From our family to yours, we wish you a truly Happy New Year.

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## STARS &amp; STRIKES ON THE SOUTHSIDE

*The Southside Times is all about people and our community. What do you like in your neighborhood? What don't you like? Who has done something nice, no matter how*

*small and should be recognized? Email your "Stars and Strikes" to news@ss-times.com. Marylyne Winslow of Southport contributed to this week's Stars and Strikes.*



★ **Stars:** To Scott and Christy on their engagement on New Year's Eve at the Barn at Bayhorse Inn. What a great way to start the new year!

★ **Stars:** To the volunteer drivers at Perry Senior Services who venture out in the cold weather in order to take clients to their medical appointments. To learn more about how to volunteer, visit perryseniors.org.

★ **Stars:** To the person/s that shoveled Beech Grove residents driveways without being asked on Dec. 30.

★ **Stars:** To Center Grove High School 4A basketball player Cassidy Hardin for leading the state in 3-point field goals made in the season at (56). Hardin was also named to the All-Tournament Team.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"To have the kind of year you want to have, something has to happen that you can't explain why it happened.*

*Something has to happen that you can't coach."*

– **Bobby Bowden**  
Retired American football coach

## HUMOR



## TOP TEN THINGS LEARNED FROM THE RECENT COLD SNAP

By Torry Stiles

10. A dog really can freeze himself to a fire hydrant.
9. A whole lot of people in this city got a valuable lesson in proper tire pressure.
8. Shivering while drinking very hot coffee is bad. Very bad. ... It burns and then freezes.
7. This is not a good time to "go commando."
6. Even the police eventually give up and tell you to just leave your car there and the wrecker will get it when he can.
5. You find yourself envying the guy working the grill at Waffle House.
4. A lot of smokers suddenly develop the will power to NOT step outside for a break.
3. Pizza delivery people expect and deserve a good tip. Failure to provide one guarantees a biohazard on your next one.
2. The wind chill factor is less a factor when it's already minus 10 degrees and your nose hairs are frozen.
1. The puppy who refuses to go for a walk will rarely follow your explicit instructions to only go on the newspapers.

## BELIEVE IT!

**Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each week, we'll share one with you ...**

In Montana, it is a misdemeanor to show movies that depict acts of felonious crime.

Source: [dumblaws.com](http://dumblaws.com)

# Puzzle Time



Find the items in the puzzle going up, down, sideways or diagonally and list them. Each letter is used no more than once.

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## Getting to know Carmelina...

- I have a 2 1/2 year old. My husband and I have been married for 7 years.
- I'm a reader. I read just about anything that seems interesting. I tend to lend to more futuristic fiction, anything that takes you away from the day in and day out.
- I love decorating. With my design background, I can sew. I'll do the curtains and stuff here.
- I'm one of those people that if I don't know how to do something, it bothers me. So I try to self-educate. I'm always trying to learn something new.

## How did Carmelina do it?

### BEST ADVICE:

You have to take on one thing at a time.

### WORST ADVICE:

The worst advice I get on occasion, it's more when people want to go back and do or have things that were done in the past. I've always been a forward thinker. Things are in the past for a reason.

### BEST BUSINESS DECISION:

Focusing on getting a good, quality staff, making sure the people I choose can work well together. Making sure everyone understands we are a very team-focused business. I've always thought in the management world, I shouldn't ask of anyone that I won't do myself, so I've done everything from doing dishes to cleaning bathrooms, cook on the line, host, bartender. I expect everyone to do that same.

### SECRET TO SUCCESS:

Staying true to our family recipes, trying not to deviate too much, but moving forward and getting some new things.

### IN 5 YEARS...

I want to be part of the growth in our community. I want to see the businesses here on Main Street succeed and help anybody on Main Street any way I can. I love to see us be what the Next Stop, Beech Grove focus is, a destination for families and events, and get ourselves out there like other towns have. With that, I'm sure our business will grow.

## Napoli Villa Ristorante Italiano

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# Carrying on the cuisine

## Carmelina Pizzi, self-deemed "owner in training," carries on family traditions at Napoli Villa Italian Restaurant

By Nicole Davis

As a child, Carmelina Pizzi enjoyed going into Napoli Villa Italian Restaurant and helping her mother with the work: folding napkins or doing dishes. While she and her siblings were always taught that running the family business did not have to be their choice of career, Carmelina's path has turned back to the restaurant. As "owner-in-training," as she calls it, she has worked alongside her mother to learn the ins and outs of the growing business for the past five years.

"It just made sense to continue the business," she said. "I couldn't see it changing hands to someone out of the family. I didn't think anyone would care as much as we have. It was (a good move) for my mom and I both."

Napoli Villa on Main Street in Beech Grove was started by Guerino and Carmela Cento in 1962. Guerino had been in the U.S. for approximately five years, having immigrated from Southern Italy. The Centos' daughter, Antoinette Pizzi, has been sole owner since 1985.

"When my mom came on here full time, I was five years old," Carmelina said. "She managed to get the business up and going again. It was temporarily closed. I remember five years old, going over to auction houses with her to get equipment, things we needed for the restaurant. My mom did a lot on her own. There were days in the early parts of the business where she was running everything, the only person cooking. Things are different now. I have a full staff."

Carmelina did venture away from the family business for awhile. She attended Indiana University, earning bachelor's degrees in merchandising, design and education with a minor in business. Her two brothers were business/finance majors, and are still the go-to people when making decisions for the family restaurant.

Carmelina and Antionette alternate which days they work at the restaurant, a situation which Carmelina said has worked out well for them both.

"Since I've been here, we've ran increases every year," she said. "We're busy, trying to keep up with the weekend business. Through the week, it seems more local. The weekends, we're more of a destination place. We get a lot of customers from further away."

That growth, Carmelina said, can be attributed to a lot of factors, but it's primarily due to their consistent service

and focus on Southern Italian cuisine, traditional foods made from recipes her grandfather used. While some new items have been added, most of the recipes have been handed down. Many things are made from scratch, including the tiramisu, cannoli, lasagna and all of Napoli's sauces.

"We're trying to grow the business and move forward in a direction that can grow with the demand, trying not to be stagnant," Carmelina said. "In the next year, we're looking at a new menu setup, re-vamping the wine list and cocktail menu."

Along with progressing their own business, the Napoli owners are members of the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce and Next Stop, Beech Grove. Through that community involvement, Carmelina said she hopes to be part of the revitalization of Main Street and tries to be part of any functions those nonprofits host.

Within the business, Carmelina said she loves getting to know their customers, their lives and hear stories about Napoli's past.

The interior of the restaurant has changed a lot since 1962. At one point, the business was conducted within three connected units. Guerino started the business where the bar currently sits. There used to be a carry-out facility. Napoli made changes in the 1990s to take that area out. They did renovation eight years ago to upgrade the flooring, cieling walls, electrical, painting and restrooms. These changes were done to brighten up the business. While it's come a long way, Carmelina said she looks forward to continuing that family tradition and improving upon it.

"We're a family restaurant with a lot of regular customers," she said. "A lot of people that I consider friends come in to dine as well. They know about me and I know about them. We're all like a family, so we're pretty family oriented. It's more of a team atmosphere than an individual atmosphere. We're trying to keep up with our growing business. I like being able to work with my mom and see the growth that I've contributed to."



Carmelina Pizzi. (Photos by Nicole Davis)

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## PERSONNEL MATTERS

## Best Year Ever?

By Mike Heffner

I don't know about you but I am optimistic about this year. Most of the small businesses I am in contact with all indicate that they expect growth in 2018. I have not spoken to anyone that has said they plan to see a decrease in business. There are still many challenges on the horizon but overall indications point towards this being a great year. Here are my thoughts on the trends that could have a major impact on business and our workforce.

## There are jobs out there but the skills gap is worrisome

Across most industries, there are jobs to be found. However, candidates with the skills to fill in-demand positions are becoming fewer and far between. Attracting and retaining top performers continues to be one of the highest priorities for businesses. My clients tell me it's either "somewhat" or "very" difficult to recruit for and fill positions. The top three reasons business leaders are telling me jobs are going unfilled are lack of applicants with experience, a shortage of applicants in general, and applicants not having the necessary hard skills. Keeping up with rising wages has also become a major challenge.

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) will change how businesses operate

Many jobs have already been replaced by machines, and many more will see the same fate. Due to their technical nature, future jobs will likely require more skill and training. So, an emphasis on employee development will be the key to maintaining a productive workforce.

## Millennials want to lead and want it now

One of the key strengths millennials bring to leadership roles is their tech savvy and ability to integrate new technology into the way their companies operate. They are also one of the most diverse generations in the workplace and actively seek out purpose-driven initiatives or ways to support important social and charitable causes with the work they do.

## Baby Boomers still want to work

Some want to work full time, some part time but they are not ready to fully retire. From trying out new jobs to exploring entrepreneurship to mentoring younger generations of workers, the path to retirement is becoming less traditional for baby boomers. Businesses that actively embrace and help facilitate the changing retirement needs of older generations stand to benefit from the knowledge and experience they bring to the workforce.

I think 2018 could be one of the best years ever if the new tax laws help spur even more growth. I am concerned about the ability for the job market to sustain the growth that an increased demand can stimulate but the signs I see show cause for optimism none the less. I continue to urge those that will listen to make sure they are doing what they need to do to attract, engage and train the employees that they will need to grow. I like to say, "love 'em or lose 'em." I hope this is the best year ever for you and your team.



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## BUSINESS

## Southside homes sell a little slower in November

**Real estate** – Greenwood home sellers continue to see their homes appreciate, while Southport home sellers continue to see their properties sell quickly. According to F.C. Tucker, in November 2017 the average price for homes sold in Greenwood was \$167,547, a 22.6 percent increase from November 2016. However, Greenwood homes spent more time on the market, selling in 43 days, or 13.2 percent slower than November 2016.



The average price for Southport homes sold, on the other hand, was \$137,377, a 3.2 percent decrease from November 2016. Southport homes sold in an average of 54 days, or 16.9 percent faster than November 2016.

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## BIZ WEB

## Getting the scoop on Bitcoin

By Andrew Angle

By now you have heard the words "Bitcoin" and "cryptocurrency." Relatively few people know what it is. Far fewer actually own some.

This article cannot tell you everything there is to know about the subject. What I will do is try to whet your appetite for becoming a little more familiar with this phenomenon that, as of this writing, has a market cap of more than \$600 BILLION dollars, and appears to be rapidly approaching the one TRILLION DOLLAR mark. My disclaimer is that I am a newbie on this subject, and the only financial advice I have for you is, "Don't spend more than you can afford to lose." I, myself, have spent a whopping \$100 to buy a piece of LiteCoin just to jump in the game and find out what it's about.

Wikipedia definition: "A cryptocurrency is a digital asset designed to work as a medium of exchange that uses cryptography to secure its transactions, to control the creation of additional units, and to verify the transfer of assets." It's also known as "currency for the Internet". The only way to use US dollars to pay someone online, you have to go through banks. The bank and transaction processor take between 3 percent to 11 percent of the transaction for themselves. Plus, they typically hold onto the funds for up to 7 days. With cryptocurrency, the transaction fee can amount to less than 1 percent of the total, and is completed within 10 minutes anywhere around the globe. The

revolutionary technology behind it, known as "block chain", makes cryptocurrency virtually impossible to counterfeit.

Different people have different motives for using cryptocurrency. The underlying technology that makes cryptocurrency work is so intriguing that many consider cryptocurrency as being a far superior replacement for the fiat money now being circulated by governments. Already it has formally replaced the currency of at least one small country. Some speculators anticipate that cryptocurrencies will someday replace the Euro and the US dollar. Others expect that its value is going to plummet to absolute zero. Nobody knows for sure.

**"Some speculators anticipate that cryptocurrencies will someday replace the Euro and the US dollar."**

One thing I know is that it is interesting. If you would like to learn more about cryptocurrency, go to <https://myC-GICON.com/cryptocurrency>.

If you would like to do more than just read about it, a live meetup group is forming at the Greenhouse JoCo coworking space in the Tilson HR building on Tuesday evenings, Jan. 9, from 5 to 6. I plan to be there. Would you like to join the discussion?



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## PEER TO PEER

## Three Peas, It All Starts With Three Peas

By Howard Hubler

Whenever we go to a best practice meeting regarding our business, inevitably it all starts with "people, process and product." These are the basic elements of bringing most goods and services into the marketplace. It has been said if you have a pretty common product, should your people and processes be excellent, you may have success that superior products do not have with mundane people and processes.

Again, I go the restaurant example, generally the easiest to digest; yes, that was a pun. Recently I went to a small coffee shop/lunch place with my wife, Janet. She had earlier scouted the place on an outing with "the girls." You know the place, when you come back with your wife, they treat her like an old friend. They give you that, "Wouldn't you feel more comfortable at Applebees look?" This place was chef owned and operated. As I dined there, I could see the chef laboring through a door in his kitchen, busting his tail to provide the very best of his unique product. He wanted the lunch to be hot and crispy as it was pastry based. He wanted the coffee fresh and hot and say, "You came for the lunch but you will come back again and again for my coffee."

Anyway, when he put the food out on the serving window, there was no hurry on behalf of the wait staff to serve it to the table. I am a hot food freak. Janet watched as I squirmed; I could see our pastry-based lunch just cooling off on the window. I could not wait for them to hurry up and "mosey" over to me with my food. She has seen me get my own food and bus my own table in a restaurant, the definition of embarrassment for her. As

this was a "little old lady" place, it was her domain and I would be good and just wait. Once we got our tepid food, she told me that last week, the food was served hot and it was fabulous. This leaked out by mistake. My wife is a people pleaser; last week she met the chef for a few minutes. This was a life-long friendship now. She would never admit to a tepid meal after they were buddies.

The chef's job was the product, unique indeed. The people have to carry out the process to support the product. A process is defined as "an intentional repeated procedure with an anticipated preferred outcome," like hot food. Say, if the chef trained his staff to wait by the food window, there is a five-minute time period that the food could be "plated" from the oven. In a small place, the food would come from the oven hot whenever the server was right there. Then the server could tell the diner those famous words, "I know it looks delicious, but you might give it a few minutes to cool down".

I read in our local paper every month or two in the food column of more acclaimed chef-owned restaurants going out of business. I will promise it is not the chef's food, but the people and process. To the chef, your years of training mean nothing if you do not train your wait staff to have the same passion for serving as you do for creating.



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## Upcoming chamber meetings and events

**4** - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Complete Nutrition Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting); Jan. 4, 3 - 4 p.m., 1001 N. State Rd. 135, Suite B7, Greenwood. For more information, visit [greenwoodchamber.org](http://greenwoodchamber.org).

**9** - Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce (January 2018 Meeting); Jan. 9, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wheatley's, 8902 Southeastern Ave., Wanamaker. For more information, visit [franklintwpchamber.org](http://franklintwpchamber.org).

**11** - Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce (Monthly Meeting); Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Hornet Park Community center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. For more information, visit [beechgrovechamber.org](http://beechgrovechamber.org).

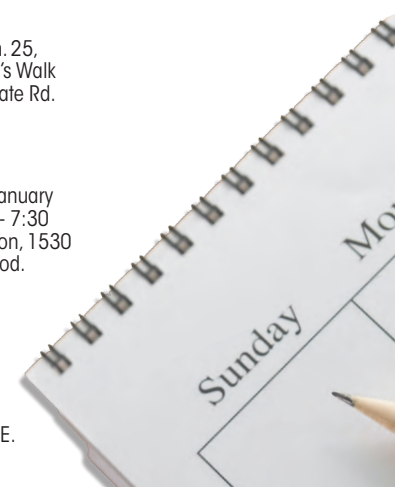
**12** - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Legislation Matters Luncheon); Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center, 755 E. Main St., Greenwood.

**18** - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Business After Hours); Jan. 18, 4 - 6 p.m., The Nest Events, Inc., 400 Byrd Way, Greenwood.

**25** - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Emerging Leaders); Jan. 25, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Rd. 135, Greenwood.

**30** - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Greenhouse Co-Work January Meet-Up); Jan. 30, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Greenhouse @ Tilson, 1530 American Way, Greenwood.

**1** - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Legislation Matters Luncheon); Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center, 755 E. Main St., Greenwood.





Dan Frost makes NY Slice's pizzas as authentic as possible to a New York-style pizza. Pictured, a fresh cannoli and a margherita pizza. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

## Grab a Slice

**Dan Frost opens NY Slice on Madison Avenue, offering authentic, New York-style pizza**

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Having moved to Indianapolis from New York in 2002, Dan Frost knew what a good, New York-style pizza should taste like. He has worked hard to perfect the culinary art of making a thin crust, hand-tossed pizza taste just like his home city would enjoy.

After purchasing NY Slice and operating a food truck for a couple of years, he's finally opened a retail location to serve pizza, breadsticks and more in Perry Township.

"I don't believe in ego whatsoever. I will say

our pizza is as authentic as possible because I know how it should be," Frost said. "However, I will not say our pizza is the best. I'll let our customers say that. My success is driven by the customers, not the cash register."

NY Slice serves pizza, calzones, salads, sandwiches, breadsticks and desserts. Pizzas come in large, 16 and 20-inch sizes. Everything is made fresh and to-order. While Frost takes pride in a comfortable atmosphere for his Madison Avenue shop, the business has partnered with Uber Eats for those who would prefer delivery.

### Why did you open this business?

I was born and raised in New York. I started NY Pizza in Indianapolis back in 2002. I got involved in NY Slice a couple of years ago. It's a good food, a comfort food. It draws everyone, more or less, everyone will eat pizza. As a chef by trade, I've steered toward pizza as opposed to all of the fancy country clubs, because it's good to meet all different types of people and know I can make them happy with some authentic product.

### What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

When I took on the business, the original location was on 10th street. I only utilized that as a commissary kitchen for the food trucks. I wanted to move down this way where there's more traffic and more families.

### Who is your ideal customer/client?

It's such a vast demographic. Children love pizza. We had two gentlemen in here the other day that are veterans but also from from New York. They were going to be extremely hard

critics on me. That's why I steered toward pizza, because through my career, I've seen a lot of levels of cuisines: country clubs, been a private chef. That gets all streamlined and it's a certain demographic. Here, you get to know everyone.

### How do you plan to be successful?

Doing what my family has done their whole life: give great food and treat everyone like family. You get to know people a lot more personally, you know their tastes. It's about making people feel comfortable, not just here's your food and out the door. As soon as you step in the door, you become family.

### What would we be surprised to learn about you or your company?

One thing with all of my businesses that I've heard is that it resembles in a positive way, a corporate-style ambiance when you walk in. In other words, it looks professional. However, when you get in, the independent part comes out. People become comfortable. People want to sit and chat.

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### Baby New Year 2018 arrives at Franciscan Health Indianapolis

**Delivery** – The clock read 2:24 a.m. and became the first baby born in 2018 at Franciscan Health Indianapolis, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Joanna is the daughter of Vanni Thein and Joseph Ciang of Indianapolis. Families of the first New Year Day baby born at Franciscan Health receive a gift basket containing items for the infant.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## BEECH GROVE

**Safe Sitter** • This class is designed to prepare students in grades 6 - 8 to be safe when home alone or babysitting. Class fee is \$35. Students should bring a sack lunch. | When: Jan. 6, 9:30 - 3 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: (317) 803-9086.

## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

**Jane Smiley Book Discussion** • Join the discussion featuring the novels of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jane Smiley led by an expert from the Indiana Writers Center. | When: Jan. 8, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4380.

**Toddler Storytime at Franklin Road** • Toddlers 18 - 36 months and an adult can listen, clap, move and learn with Miss Karen. | When: Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4380.

**Family Dance Party** • Families and children of all ages are invited to listen, move, jump and dance with Miss Kasey. Scarves and rhythm instruments will be provided. | When: Jan. 9, 1:15 p.m. and Jan. 10, 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4380.

## CENTER GROVE

**Craft Night: Birthday Calendars** • Attendees grades 8 to adults can create a perpetual calendar to keep track of family's and friends' special days. All materials provided. | When: Jan. 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Tot Art** • Create a masterpiece! Toddlers ages 1-3 with their caregivers can create tot-friendly art projects. Stick around after the craft for socialization and a short playtime. Dress for a mess. | When: Jan. 12, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

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### FOUNTAIN SQUARE

**Jane Smiley Book Discussion** • Join the discussion featuring the novels of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jane Smiley led by an expert from the Indiana Writers Center. | When: Jan. 11, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Branch library, 1066 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4390.

### GARFIELD PARK

**Beginning Word** • Families and individuals of all ages are invited to learn how to write letters, resumes, papers, and other documents. By the end of this class, participants should be able to create, edit, save, and open a document; change formatting and appearance; check spelling and grammar; and print files. | When: Jan. 9, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Branch library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4490.

### GREENWOOD

**Paws & Read** • K-5: The Dogs are back! Join the second Thursday of each month from 6-7:30 p.m. and read with dog volunteers from Paws & Think! | When: Jan. 11, 6 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us.

### SOUTHPORT

**Family Game Day at Southport** • Families and children of all ages are invited to drop in any time to make new friends while playing board games or solving puzzles. Games and puzzles will be provided. | When: Jan. 6, 12 - 4 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd. | Info: (317) 275-4510.

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Gary Oldman in *Darkest Hour*. (Photo by Jack English - © 2017 Focus Features LLC. All Rights Reserved.)

## Top 10 films of 2017

### MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Staten

As 2018 gets underway, let's take a quick look back at the films of 2017. Without a doubt the biggest takeaway from 2017 - as far as film is concerned - was the tremendously weak summer box office. Nevertheless, there were still a number of films throughout the year that were of note.

A few of these are sure to be remembered come award season and others most assuredly will not. Regardless, here are my top 10 films of 2017.

**10. *Table 19*** - A funny, lighthearted film boasting a terrific cast, with Anna Kendrick as the lead. Once you think you've figured out where the story is going, it takes a completely unexpected, but welcomed turn.

**9. *IT*** - Creepy, chilling and freaky only begin to describe this horror classic. If there was ever a film that keeps you on the edge of your seat, this is the one. Not generally a big fan of horror flicks, but this is definitely a film to check out unless you have a fear of clowns, of course.

**8. *Baby Driver*** - Bank heists, fast cars and rollicking, feel-good tunes and an awesome cast highlight this film. Despite a somewhat questionable ending, *Baby Driver* still manages to be a terribly fun ride and then some.

**7. *Detroit*** - Strong performances and even stronger direction highlight this fact-based flick. Probably a little too long, but it's still easily one of the best films 2017 provided.

**6. *The Big Sick*** - Sweet. Funny. Heartbreaking. This quirky, indie romantic comedy is an most enjoyable watch. Despite being slow in a few places, *The Big Sick* still manages to make its way onto my list.

**5. *Patti Cake\$*** - *Patti Cake\$* is an inspiring well-written, well-acted flick about chasing your dreams, no matter the obstacles. It's hard not to like this one.

**4. *Dunkirk*** - The story, the direction and the breathtaking cinematography are all sights to behold. Christopher Nolan shows why he's considered one of the best directors working today. Check out *Dunkirk*, you won't be disappointed.

**3. *Shape of Water*** - Definitely not one for everyone. But for those interested, they'll witness a director at the top of his game. The excellent performances of Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer and Michael Shannon don't hurt either.

**2. *Lady Bird*** - Excellent writing and directing are on full display with this one, but it's the performances of Saoirse Ronan and Laurie Metcalf that separate it from other such films.

**1. *Darkest Hour*** - Gary Oldman delivers the performance of the year as Winston Churchill in this surprisingly fast-paced drama. Watching him bring this monumental historical figure to life is such a treat to witness. *Darkest Hour* is without a doubt the best film of 2017.



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## Doobie or not Doobie?

### NUTRITION

By Wendell Fowler

Are you curious why smoking weed or using clean-burning hemp oil become associated in the collective consciousness of Americans with violence, immorality and soul-draining insanity, when mountains of research reveal the complete opposite?

During Hoover's presidency, an elite group was dominated by Du Pont petrochemical company and major financial backer, Treasury Secretary and banker Andrew Mellon who controlled Gulf Oil Corporation. In 1913, secret meetings were held by fat-cat financial tycoons, including industrialist Henry Ford who revolutionized assembly-line modes of production for the automobile. Benign hemp seed oil and psychoactive Marijuana were lumped together: stigmatized by the petroleum industry abetted by American businessman, politician, and newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst who built the nation's largest newspaper chain and media company.

Propaganda launched by Hearst's flamboyant yellow journalism and movies, hemp and weed were stigmatized: a threat to their billion-dollar enterprises. Who has seen films like Reefer Madness (1936), Marihuana: Assassin of Youth (1935) and Marihuana: The Devil's Weed (1936), all propaganda films designed by these industrialists to create an enemy out of marihuana. To continue profiting, hemp oil and weed had to go. Early 1930 trusting Americans didn't question authority or the media as we do today.

Wakingtimes.com and many others point out: "Environment-pollut-

ing petroleum can be replaced with renewable, clean-burning, efficient, hemp-based biofuels. Everything, petroleum does, hemp does... however, vastly cleaner plus it's an environmentally-friendly, renewable resource. Hemp burns 95 percent cleaner than fossil fuel with no CO2 emission.

Fresh, raw weed or marijuana, a complete food source, contains complete protein and omega 6 and 3 EFA's necessary in maintaining health. Fresh raw marijuana holds magnesium, phytosterols, ascorbic acid, beta carotene, calcium, folic acid, fiber, iron, potassium, phosphorus, zinc, riboflavin, niacin and thiamine. The CBD in fresh raw marijuana is rich in vitamins A, E, D and B12. Fresh raw marijuana rejuvenates the skin and is beneficial for sunburn, acne, eczema and psoriasis. Fresh raw marijuana relieves symptoms of PMS is an effective anti-inflammatory that relieve from arthritis pain, , prevents and treats certain cancers, epilepsy, glaucoma, Parkinson's disease, reduces fatigue and chronic pain, improves memory, emotional stability, concentration and alertness, increases learning abilities, provides instant energy. Evil weed?

Exhausted by the lies, people don't believe horror stories anymore. Weed is becoming widely accepted as a medicinal miracle for a wide array of ailments. Seems the only thing "dangerous" about weed is greed, ignorance and it's a felony to possess.



Chef Wendell is a lecturer and food journalist. Contact him at [chefwendellfowler@gmail.com](mailto:chefwendellfowler@gmail.com).

## None is the Loneliest Number

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Is *none* singular or plural? If any mathletes out there are reading this, they would likely interject, "False! None is zero." And then they would adjust their adult retainers and get back to discussing their theories on who Rey's parents really are.

By choosing *is* in the sentence, the math nerds unwittingly made *none* singular, grammatically speaking. So does that mean zero equals one? No. I'm not about to anger the math community more than I already have.

When *none* means *not one* or *no part*, use a singular verb. For example: Because I wanted my body to not hate me, *none* of McRib *was* eaten. Similarly, *none* can be considered singular when part of a mass noun: *None* of the wine *was* wasted. Here, wine is a mass noun (as in: I drank the entire massive box of wine all by myself with some help from my trusty twisty straw.).

The plot now thickens quicker than a malted milkshake. While many believe *none* is always singular, *none* can also be plural. When you're able to substitute *none* for *not any*, none takes a plural verb.

For instance: *None* of the members of the math club *have* ever kissed a girl. *None* of them *were* asked to the prom, so they held an alternative "prob," which is short for *probability*. At the prob they thought their chances were statistically decent to end the night with a smooch from the cute girl who recently got contacts. When you make *none* plural, it makes your syntax less awkward, just like Gwenifer (the girl with the contacts).

So, let's recap all of the none rules here. Use singular verb agreement when *none* quantifies a singular or mass noun. When *none* modifies a plural noun, to me, it sounds/reads better to use plural verb agreement, although both singular and plural are technically both acceptable. If someone suggests *none* always has to be singular, tell them it's *none* of their business. If that person is Gwenifer, try not to get lost in her suddenly unforgettable blue eyes.



Curtis Honeycutt is a freelance humor writer. Have a grammar question? Connect with him on Twitter @curtishoneycutt or at [curtishoneycutt.com](http://curtishoneycutt.com).

### Puzzles & Answers – SEE PAGE 7

#### Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

**Synonyms:** BRONCO, COLT, MARE, NAG, PONY, STALLION;

**Games:** HEARTS, POKER, RUMMY, SPADES, WAR;

**Vessels:** CUP, GLASS, MUG, TUMBLER;

**Men:** LETTERMAN, LINCOLN, LUGAR;

**Cities:** KNOX, KOKOMO;

**Honoree:** GEORGE ROGERS CLARK

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**OBITUARIES**

**Colleen Ann Ablog**

Colleen Ann Ablog, 50, of Indianapolis, died on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017. She was born on July 30, 1967 in Des Plaines, Ill. to Joseph and Ellen Schultz. Colleen was a graduate of the prestigious Columbia College School of Dance in Chicago. She was an award winning Ballroom/Latin professional for Arthur Murray Dance Studios and later became the Butler University Ballroom Dance Director for 23 years. Colleen a homeschool teacher for her children; in addition she taught in the educational coop at Life Point Church (Ballroom Dancing). She was an ACBC Biblical Councilor Candidate. She was a Godly woman and wife and her favorite phrase was "Do it all for the glory of God." Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Angelo G. Ablog, Jr.; and sons, Angelo "A.J." Joseph Ablog, III and Daniel William Ablog. Family and friends will gather Jan. 5, from 3 to 8 p.m. in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, 1458 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Additional visitation will be held before services on Jan. 6, 9 to 11 a.m. with a celebration of life service at 11 a.m. in Life Point Church, 8540 Combs Rd., Indianapolis of which she was a long-time member. Pastor Jym Gregory will officiate at the service. Entombment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

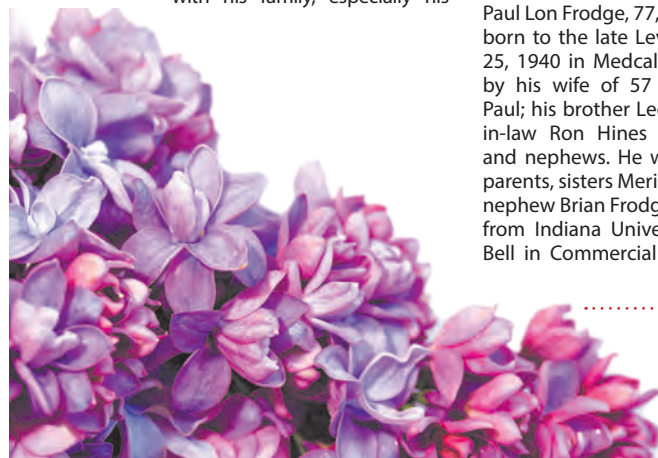


**Anna L. Altum**

Anna L. Altum, of Bargersville, died on Dec. 29, 2017. Anna is survived by her daughters, Shirley (Larry) Wood and Susan (John) Richards; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, William "Bill" L. Altum and two siblings. Funeral services will be Jan. 5, 12 p.m. at First Christian Church of Bargersville, 101 East St., Bargersville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service. She will be laid to rest in Crown Hill Cemetery.

**William Martin Bachman**

William Martin Bachman, 66, of Greenwood, died on Dec. 28, 2017. He was born on Sept. 10, 1951 in South Bend to William P. Bachman and the late, Mary Ruth Laurito. William was a computer programmer at Liberty Mutual for 18 years retiring in September 2017. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his



grandkids. He was a Eagle Scout and a past vestry member at Christ Church Cathedral. Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Bachman; two sons, Danny Bachman (Ashley) and Scott Bachman (Suzy Nasser); four grandchildren, Abby, Ethan, Sally, and William Bachman; his father, William Powell Bachman; three siblings, Bruce, Cindy and Andrew; mother-in-law, Harriet Henck; numerous nieces, and nephews. Visitation was Jan. 2 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Rd. 135, Greenwood. Funeral services were Jan. 3 at Christ Church Cathedral, 125 Monument Circle, Indianapolis.

**Lena Marie Carney**

Lena Marie Carney, 99, of Greenwood, died on Dec. 31, 2017. She was born on Dec. 31, 1918 in Indianapolis to the late Horace W. and Ora May Smith. Lena was a member of the Beech Grove Order of Eastern Star. She had worked at Matthew's Sign Company, Perry Township Schools in the cafeteria and Discovery Junction. She enjoyed spending time with her family, crocheting and sewing. Lena is survived by her two sons, Delbert (Becky) Carney and Phil (Anita) Carney; daughter-in-law, Carla Carney; six grandchildren, Karen Fitzpatric (Fitz), Darrell Carney (Michelle), David Carney (Melissa), Angela Whack (Franklin), Sara Davis (Chris) and Nicholas Carney (Amanda); 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Roy L. Carney; son, Leon Carney; great-granddaughter, Alicia Carney and a brother, Vestal "Bud" Smith. Funeral services were Jan. 3 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Rd. 135. She will be laid to rest in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

**James Evans**

James Evans, 67, of Greenwood, died Dec. 26, 2017. Jim was born July 12, 1950 in Troy, Ohio to the late Lorin and Glenna (LeFevre) Evans. He is survived by his wife, Paulette Evans; daughter, Julie Evans; and sister, Lorinda Tucker. He served in the U.S. Airforce, retired from U.S. Airways, and was a Bob Ross instructor. His hobbies included drawing, fishing, reading, and reading. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.

**Paul Lon Frodge**

Paul Lon Frodge, 77, died on Dec. 29, 2017. He was born to the late Levi and Lillie Frodge on March 25, 1940 in Medcalf County, Ky. Paul is survived by his wife of 57 years, Laqueta; his son Eric Paul; his brother Lee Frodge (Vickie); his brother-in-law Ron Hines (Cheryl); and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Merine Ward, Dorothea Bryant and nephew Brian Frodge. Paul received his BS Degree from Indiana University. He worked for Indiana Bell in Commercial Sales, RCA as Sales Training

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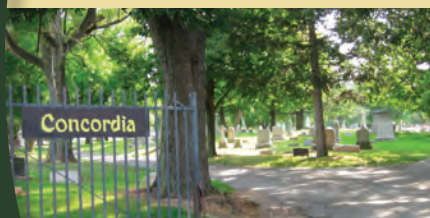
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## GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG

### BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Meeting, Jan. 2

#### What happened:

- Ordinance 10 was approved on third and final reading. Ordinance 12 was approved on second reading.

#### What it means:

- Ordinance 10 updates the parking ordinance.
- Ordinance 12 establishes a non-reverting operating fund for Beech Grove Parks & Recreation.

#### What's next:

- Ordinance 10 will go into effect. Ordinance 12 will undergo third reading at the February meeting.

#### What's next:

- The council elected Buddy Templin to serve another one-year term as president pro-tem.
- The council debated whether or not to pay to upgrade and switch the street lights to LED through Indianapolis Power & Light.
- The council appointed Don Webb and Amanda Rubadue to the RDC for 2018.
- The council appointed Diana Hendricks and Julie Weaver and Dawn Whalen to the BZA for 2018.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

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Director for Color Television, J Walter Thompson Advertising Agency as liaison with RCA, and Executive Director Printing Industry Association Indiana. Paul received the Key to the city from Mayor William Hudnut III. He loved nature, was a Master Gardener and enjoyed collecting hostas for his hosta garden, camping with Eric and white water rafting with his son. A Celebration of Life service is Jan. 13, 1 p.m. with visitation from 11 a.m. until service at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

### Andrew Paul Gullikson

Andrew Paul Gullikson, 58, of Kokomo, died on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017. He was born on Aug. 6, 1959 in Milwaukee, Wis. to the late Kenneth E. and Grace E. (Burd) Gullikson. He was an avid reader and movie buff who loved the Green Bay Packers. Andy is survived by his sisters, Ruth (Mark) Stephens and Elizabeth (David) Berg; four nieces and one nephew. As per his request, no services will be held. Arrangements and care were provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.



### Edward Eugene Henemyre

Edward ("Ed") Eugene Henemyre died on Dec. 30, 2017. Ed was born to Thomas and Margaret Henemyre on Nov. 1, 1959 in Richmond, Ind. Ed moved to Indianapolis in junior high and was a 1978 graduate of Emmerich Manual High School, where he played football and baseball. Ed enlisted in the Navy after high school and served as a boiler technician aboard the USS William H. Standley from 1979-1982. He was employed as a Maintenance Mechanic at Ingredion Incorporated (formerly National Starch Food Innovations) for 33 years, retiring in Dec. 2017. He was a member of the United Steelworkers union. Ed married his late wife, Julia, in 1985 and together they had one daughter, Amanda. Ed enjoyed working as many hours as possible, spending time with his family, playing with his pets, doing daily crossword puzzles in the Indianapolis Star, playing golf, bowling, and walking through Garfield Park. Ed is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Daniel Waltermann; partner Sheila Anderson; mother, Margaret "Peggy" Henemyre; cats, Elroy and Muffin; dog Maude; stepmother Alice Henemyre; siblings David Henemyre, Patty Knoob, Heidi and Gary Vadakin, Goldie Martin, Woody Matney; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Ed was preceded in death by his wife, Julia; father, Thomas; brothers, Joseph, Thomas Jr.; and step-mother, Janet Horton. Memorial service was Jan. 3 at Newcomer - Indianapolis Chapel, 925 E. Hanna Ave.

### Dorothy F. Jones (Walsh)

Dorothy F. Jones (Walsh), 95, of Greenwood, died on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017. She was born in Indianapolis on July 5, 1922 to the late William Walsh and Gertrude Higgins. Dorothy was a graduate from the Indiana School for the Deaf and retired from



Indiana National Bank. She was survived by her two children, Larry Jones (Kathy) and Rosemary Gibson; her daughter of the heart, Rose Decker; her three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Walton R. Jones and three siblings. There will be no funeral services held at this time. Arrangements and care provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, Indianapolis.

### James P. Putnam

James "Jim" P. Putnam, 81, of Indianapolis, died on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017. He was born on May 19, 1936 in Beech Grove to the late Norbert J. and Dorothy Catherine (Sapp) Putnam. Jim was a proud Korean War Veteran having served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Monsignor James E. Downey Council 3660, Knights of Columbus and the Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Union, Local 18. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Mary E. (Dietrich) Putnam; sons, Jim, Bill (Amy) and Ron Putnam; sisters, Rita Kopernak and Sandy Althoff; grandchildren, Kailey, Samantha and William Putnam and Sarah Ritchie (Noah); great-grandchildren, Austin, Brianna, Haylee, Abby, Joe and Minerva. Family and friends will gather on Jan. 4, 4 to 8 p.m. in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Jan. 5, 11 a.m. in St. Roch Catholic Church with prayers being said at the funeral home prior to Mass at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.



### A. Joan Tomamichel

A. Joan Tomamichel, 88, of Beech Grove, died on Dec. 26, 2017. She was born on Jan. 30, 1929 in Indianapolis to the late John and Anna Peterson. Joan enjoyed spending time with her family. She also enjoyed painting, seamstress, doll making, gardening, and cooking. She was previously a member of Olive Branch Christian Church where she enjoyed singing in the choir and other activities in the church. Joan is survived by her children, Kathryn (Terrill) Mahler, Carl T. (Pamela) Tomamichel and Joseph A. (Teresa) Tomamichel; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Carl M. Tomamichel and daughter, Vicky Lee Walsh. Funeral services were Jan. 2 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave. She will be laid to rest in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

### Kathleen M. (Raftery) Wiggins

Kathleen M. (Raftery) Wiggins, 70, of Greenwood, died Dec. 29, 2017. Visitation will be Jan. 5, 4 - 8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Jan. 6, 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

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**Trinity Baptist Church** • 375 E Southport Rd., Indpls | Ph: 317-881-2122 | Pr. Douglas Rumsey | Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday Services: 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. | Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteous-

ness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

ISAIAH 51:16-18

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