



(COUNCILMAN AT-LARGE MYLES TOLLIVER)

NEWSLETTER

"SERVING ALL OF GARY"

ISSUE #5

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

I'm proud to serve you as your Councilman here in Gary, Indiana, a city full of strength, pride, and possibility. Each day I'm inspired by the resilience of our community and the dedication of neighbors who continue to push Gary forward.

As the leaves change and the beauty of fall surrounds us, October gives us a chance to pause and reflect, not only on the season, but on the value of one another and the time we share as a community. Whether it's enjoying a walk at the Indiana Dunes, attending local events, or simply coming together with neighbors, these moments remind us of what truly makes Gary strong, our unity, our compassion, and our care for each other.

Let's carry that spirit into everything we do this month. Together, we can continue building a city where families thrive, opportunities grow, and every resident feels valued. Thank you for trusting me to serve. You are the heartbeat of Gary, and I'm honored to walk this journey with you.

With gratitude,
Councilman Myles J. Tolliver



LET'S KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING !

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22ND FEST IN THE FIRST!

I had an amazing time serving as MC for the 22nd Annual Fest in the First! Year after year, this event continues to bring our community together with music, dancing, food, and so much joy. It's truly a celebration that my family, friends, and I look forward to every single year.

Thank you to everyone who came out, supported, and helped make this festival such a success. Events like this remind us of the power of community, culture, and togetherness. Already looking forward to next year's Fest in the First!



Over the weekend, I visited the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and I'm still in awe. Walking through the exhibits was an experience that words can hardly capture. Each floor tells a story of resilience, culture, struggle, and triumph that has shaped not only African American history but American history as a whole.

One of the most moving moments for me was standing in front of the exhibit on the 1972 National Black Political Convention held in Gary, Indiana at West Side High School. To see my city and even one of our schools represented in such a pivotal moment in our nation's story was powerful beyond measure. That convention brought together thousands of leaders, activists, and everyday people committed to building political power and charting a path forward for Black communities across the country.

For me, it wasn't just history behind glass. It was a reminder that Gary has a permanent place in African American history, and that the legacy of those who came before us continues to guide our steps today. It made me think about how much more work there is to be done, and how important it is that we honor and build upon the foundation they laid.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

GET JERKED CARIBBEAN CUISINE

Gary has a new spot to check out, Get Jerked has officially opened its doors on Broadway! Serving up authentic flavors with a Caribbean twist, this new restaurant is already making waves with its bold seasonings and mouthwatering plates. From savory jerk chicken to fresh seafood and flavorful sides, Get Jerked is bringing a taste of the islands right here to our city. Be sure to stop by, support local, and enjoy a dining experience that's both vibrant and unforgettable!





CREATING PARADISE, ONE BLOCK AT A TIME

THIS YOU SHOULD KNOW



I AM PROUD TO ANNOUNCE MY CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FOOD BANK OF NORTHWEST INDIANA AS WE COME TOGETHER FOR A COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE. THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM, AND IT'S ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO STAND UNITED IN SUPPORTING FAMILIES ACROSS GARY. I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO FIRE CHIEF LARRY TILLMAN AND POLICE CHIEF DERRICK CANNON FOR ALWAYS ANSWERING THE CALL FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THIS GIVEAWAY POSSIBLE. THEIR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION REMIND US THAT WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001

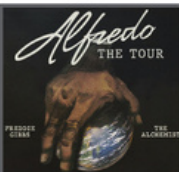
CHIEF LARRY TILLMAN, GARY FIREFIGHTERS UNION LEADER KEVIN BENFORD, AND THE GARY FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORED THE MEMORY OF THE THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. THEIR TRIBUTE SERVED AS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF THE SACRIFICES MADE BY FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE STRENGTH OF A NATION THAT CAME TOGETHER IN THE FACE OF TRAGEDY. WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO OUR OWN LOCAL HEROES WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY DAY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY HERE IN OUR GREAT CITY OF GARY.



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, A TIME TO HONOR SURVIVORS, SUPPORT THOSE CURRENTLY FIGHTING, AND REMEMBER LOVED ONES WE'VE LOST. IT'S ALSO A REMINDER THAT EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES, AND REGULAR CHECKUPS ARE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN PROTECTING HEALTH. AS A COMMUNITY, LET'S STAND TOGETHER, SPREAD AWARENESS, AND SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY WEARING PINK AND ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER TO TAKE ACTION. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER.

GARY'S OWN !!

Freddie Gibbs with The Alchemist
Byline Bank Aragon Ballroom in Chicago, IL
Fri, Oct 24 at 7:30PM



GARY COMMON COUNCIL - SEPTEMBER CITATIONS



I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to DJ K Ceaser for once again receiving a Gary Common Council Citation this September. This recognition is a testament to the lasting impact he continues to make through his music, creativity, and community engagement. DJ K Ceaser's influence reaches far beyond the turntables as he inspires positivity, uplifts others, and proudly represents the spirit of Gary every single day. Thank you, DJ K Ceaser, for your dedication and the light you bring to our city!

THANK YOU, TOMMIE G. TYLER!



I want to take a moment to recognize Tommie G. Tyler, who I value not only as a dedicated community stakeholder but also as an exceptional photographer. No matter the event, Mr. Tyler is always there, capturing the essence of Gary and preserving the memories that define our city. Through his commitment and talent, he ensures that the moments, milestones, and spirit of our community are never forgotten. His work reminds us of the beauty, resilience, and heart of Gary, and we are grateful for his unwavering dedication to documenting our shared story.



A MESSAGE FROM TIARA WILLIAMS OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES !

Tiara Williams is a proud Gary native who believes deeply in the power of community. As the City's Director of Constituent Services, she focuses on making City Hall a welcoming place where residents feel heard and supported. Before stepping into this role, she led the Love Your Block initiative, working side by side with neighbors to turn vacant lots into vibrant spaces, organize cleanups, and bring new life to community projects. Tiara's passion comes from her own roots. Her grandparents raised her here and often shared stories of Gary's golden era. She carries that history with her every day, working to rebuild trust and help the city shine again.



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The Duties Of A Councilman: How I Serve Gary!



THE GARY COMMON COUNCIL IS THE LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL BRANCH OF CITY GOVERNMENT, MADE UP OF NINE ELECTED MEMBERS, SIX REPRESENTING INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS AND THREE SERVING AS AT-LARGE MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE ENTIRE CITY. I AM PROUD TO SERVE AS ONE OF THOSE AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES.

THE COUNCIL'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO SERVE AS THE LAWMAKING BODY OF OUR CITY. WE DRAFT, DEBATE, AND PASS ORDINANCES THAT SHAPE PUBLIC SAFETY, HOUSING, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. BEYOND ORDINANCES, WE ALSO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS THAT HELP GUIDE THE DIRECTION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

AS THE FISCAL AUTHORITY, THE COUNCIL HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REVIEWING AND ADOPTING THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET. THIS PROCESS DETERMINES HOW TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE INVESTED IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES SUCH AS POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, SANITATION, STREET REPAIR, PARKS, YOUTH PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE ALSO REVIEW AND APPROVE FUNDING REALLOCATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS TO ENSURE RESOURCES ARE DIRECTED WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED.

THE COUNCIL ALSO PLAYS A ROLE IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP BY APPOINTING MEMBERS TO IMPORTANT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT SERVE THE PUBLIC, SUCH AS THOSE OVERSEEING EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT. THESE APPOINTMENTS ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS' VOICES ARE REPRESENTED IN DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR DAILY LIVES.

AS COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, MY DUTY IS NOT LIMITED TO ONE DISTRICT. I REPRESENT EVERY CORNER OF GARY. THIS POSITION REQUIRES ME TO BE A VOICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS, ADVOCATING FOR EQUAL INVESTMENT ACROSS NEIGHBORHOODS, FOSTERING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND PUSHING FOR POLICIES THAT STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. SERVING IN THIS ROLE MEANS BEING ACCESSIBLE, RESPONSIVE, AND COMMITTED TO BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR EVERY FAMILY IN OUR CITY.



EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

POPEYES LOUISIANA KITCHEN IS MAKING ITS RETURN TO THE CITY OF GARY! THANKS TO A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE ABY GROUPS AND THE CITY OF GARY, RESIDENTS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THE GRAND OPENING OF A BRAND-NEW POPEYES LOCATION IN 2026. THE RESTAURANT WILL FEATURE A MODERN DESIGN, CONVENIENT DRIVE-THRU SERVICE, AND THE SIGNATURE FLAVORS THAT HAVE MADE POPEYES A FAVORITE ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THIS NEW ADDITION REPRESENTS MORE THAN JUST DELICIOUS FOOD. IT IS ALSO A SIGN OF CONTINUED GROWTH AND INVESTMENT IN OUR CITY. WITH POPEYES COMING BACK, WE ARE NOT ONLY WELCOMING A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BRAND BUT ALSO CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. GARY IS MOVING FORWARD, AND EXCITING PROJECTS LIKE THIS SHOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS ON THE RISE.

INFORMATION

Brats & Blues



Join the Steel City Gary Democratic Precinct Organization for an evening of food, music, and fun raffles!

Friday, October 3
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
CHAIRMAN MIKE BROWN
(219) 545-6147

Calumet Township
Multi-Purpose
Center

1900 W. 41st Ave



Miller Garden Club

PLAN YOUR SPRING GARDEN IN OUR BEER GARDEN



LOCAL AND
SEASONAL CRAFT
BEER & CIDER



BULBS, BRATS & BEER

Saturday, October 4, 2025

10 am to 3 pm

Aquatorium, 6918 Oak Ave.

Gary, Indiana

Brat Lunch
Beer Garden with
Music by Col Busters Chicken Dinner
And Homemade Bake sale!



FUN for the Entire Family!

*Jim Louderman with
Rosie the Tarantula

*Craft Station
for the kids

OVER 4,000 RARE & UNUSUAL BULBS

- *20 varieties of Allium
- *10 varieties of Tulip
- *Wild and Species Tulips
- *Naturalizing Daffodils
- *8-foot-tall Tree Lilies
- *25 types of Woodland Bulbs for shade
- *Rock Garden bulbs
- *Deer/Squirrel-Resistant
- *Bulbs for Pollinators
- *Heirloom bulbs
- *Award-winning bulbs
- *Bulbs for forcing
- *10 different Amaryllis
- *US Native bulbs

Bulb of the Year: Lycoris ~ Naked Ladies

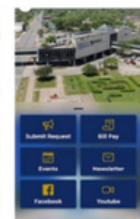


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\$15 MILLION INVESTMENT IN DOWNTOWN GARY

I'M EXCITED TO SHARE THAT THE INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HAS APPROVED A \$15 MILLION READI GRANT TO SUPPORT DOWNTOWN GARY'S REVITALIZATION. THIS FUNDING BUILDS ON THE \$12 MILLION ALREADY COMMITTED BY THE CITY OF GARY AND THE RDA, BRINGING TOTAL INVESTMENT TO \$27 MILLION IN JUST 19 MONTHS.

THE GRANT WILL SUPPORT:

- RENOVATIONS AT THE HUDSON & CAMPBELL CENTER
- BLIGHT ELIMINATION IN THE HOLY ANGELS NEIGHBORHOOD
- REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

AS YOUR COUNCILMAN, I'M PROUD TO SEE THESE INVESTMENTS MOVING FORWARD. GREAT JOB, MAYOR MELTON, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN DRIVING THESE EFFORTS. THIS IS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD TRANSFORMING OUR CITY AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

POST-TRIBUNE

Faith CDC to premiere documentary in October



CONGRATULATIONS FREIDA GRAVES & FAITH CDC !!!

EXCITING NEWS FROM RIGHT HERE IN GARY. FAITH CDC WILL PREMIERE ITS VERY FIRST FEATURE-LENGTH DOCUMENTARY, "NOURISHING LIVES: THE POWER OF FOOD IS MEDICINE," ON OCTOBER 16.

THE FILM HIGHLIGHTS THE INCREDIBLE WORK BEING DONE THROUGH FAITH FARMS, SHOWING HOW ACCESS TO FRESH PRODUCE CAN TRANSFORM HEALTH, STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES, AND PROVIDE REAL HOPE.

WE'RE PROUD TO SEE THIS STORY BEING TOLD ON THE BIG SCREEN, A POWERFUL REMINDER THAT FOOD TRULY IS MEDICINE.

INFORMATION

THE CITY OF GARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

OPIOID AWARENESS WALK 2025

HONORING LIVES. RAISING AWARENESS. WALKING TOWARDS HEALING.

OCTOBER 4, 11AM - 2PM

Join us for a powerful day of unity and remembrance as we walk together to raise awareness about the opioid crisis, support families, and honor those we've lost. Whether you've been personally affected or want to show support, your presence makes a difference.

Location:
3400 Jefferson St.
Gary, IN

Registration & Check-In:
11:00am

Walk Begins:
12:00pm

Scan the QR code to register.
For questions or more information email cgum@gary.gov

GARY on the Little Calumet River

Saturday, October 4th 9:30am-2:00pm



Join us for a day in the outdoors at Lake Etta: come paddle the Little Calumet River, take a bird walk, and learn about the upcoming river restoration efforts happening at the Chase St Complex.

Where: Lake Etta, 4801 W 29th Ave
When: Saturday, October 4th 9:30 am-2:00 pm
(10:30 am paddle start, 10:15 am bird walk start)

Kayaks are limited and are on a first come basis. Please dress for outdoor activities (light weight clothes and shoes that can get dirty/wet).



COATES & CONVERSATION

SAVE THE DATE!

An evening of networking, games, and good conversation. Food and drinks will be provided!

NETWORKING EVENT



RUN LIBRARY
CONFERENCE ROOM 108
3400 BROADWAY GARY
IN 46409

OCT 9
5:30 - 7:30 PM



REGISTER HERE!



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COMMUNITY FORUM WITH MAYOR EDDIE MELTON!

JOIN MAYOR EDDIE MELTON AND HIS TEAM FOR A COMMUNITY FORUM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 5:30-7:30 PM AT IU NORTHWEST'S BERGLAND AUDITORIUM (3400 BROADWAY, GARY, IN). HEAR CITY UPDATES, SHARE FEEDBACK, AND CONNECT WITH DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.



Gary residents and partners are cordially invited to a

COMMUNITY FORUM

Hosted By:
Mayor Eddie Melton & Team

October 14th
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Indiana University Northwest
Bergland Auditorium
3400 Broadway
Gary, IN 46408

Hear updates from the Mayor and his team. Share feedback with the City of Gary Departments and sister agencies.

For any questions or concerns about the event, call (219) 881-1300



Scan the QR code to register.

Have questions for Mayor Melton?
Scan the QR code to submit them online by **October 7th**.
www.gary.gov/feedback



INFORMATION

MAYOR EDDIE MELTON & THE CITY OF GARY PRESENTS



TRUNK OR TREAT
October 31st
5pm - 7pm

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL LOT
730 W 25TH AVE, GARY, IN 46407

FOOD, PHOTOS, GIVEAWAYS

For questions, contact
Danielle Harris at
danharris@gary.gov

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP & PARTICIPATE



JOIN US FOR GREATER GARY'S

WIND DOWN

Wednesdays!

DATES

- SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
- OCTOBER 8, 2025
- OCTOBER 22, 2025
- NOVEMBER 5, 2025
- NOVEMBER 19, 2025

5-9PM MARQUETTE PARK PAVILION (INSIDE)
1 N GRAND BLVD, GARY, IN 46403

We're bringing the fun inside! Get comfortable, and join us for a night full of energy this fall season in Greater Gary!

***Outside alcohol is prohibited.**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • DJs • FOOD TRUCKS • CASH BAR*

1ST DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
LORI LATHAM

BEYOND 4 WALLS
875 S LAKE STREET, GARY IN 46403
OCTOBER 6TH AT 5:00 PM