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## The Mapleton Tap

**Tap into the latest community development news in Mapleton Fall Creek,  
Watson Park, Meridian Park, Crown Hill, Highland Vicinity, and Meridian  
Highland.**

## C.E.O's Corner

Dear Neighbors,

As spring emerges the flowers bloom, the grass and trees start to grow, and life begins to emerge. We will also begin to see construction start to come up from the ground. MFCDC will be working on a number of projects this year including owner-occupied repairs, at least 7 new units of affordable housing, and we will continue work to develop the land along Central Avenue. Beyond that, we hope to get a better sense of the needs of the area, and look to create plans to help provide those services while also building on the strengths of our community. The Mid-North has a lot of strong assets and anchors, and MFCDC looks forward to working with those groups to make our community even stronger.

Elan Daniel

## Improving Your Financial Literacy



MFCDC, in partnership with Community Action of Greater Indianapolis (CAGI) and invited financial experts, will be delivering financial literacy sessions to help our neighbors improve their financial situations through budgeting and savings tools, relationship building with financial institutions, debt reduction practices, homebuyer counseling, and more.

We invite you to complete our Pre-Session Questionnaire [here](#). It will take less than 5 minutes and the responses will help us to develop educational materials best suited to help you learn key skills and tools to improve your financial situation.

If you are interested in participating in the financial literacy series or have any questions, please contact Allegra Maldonado, Grant & Program Coordinator, at [allegra@mfcddc.org](mailto:allegra@mfcddc.org).

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## Home Owner Repairs

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The Owner-Occupied Repair Program is for low to moderate income homeowners that want to make their homes more safe and livable.

You are eligible to apply for the OOR program if you meet the following criteria:

- You occupy the home as your primary residence
- The mortgage and property taxes are current
- The property is covered by homeowner's insurance
- You have not filed for bankruptcy in the past 24 months
- Your total household income does not exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI)

Examples of eligible repairs include, but are not limited to:

- Replacing broken windows and doors
- Repairing deteriorated stairs and entranceways
- Replacing broken furnaces
- Updating failing electrical systems
- Fixing major plumbing issues
- Repairing deteriorated or leaking roofs
- Removing lead-based paint hazards

To put you name on our applicant list, please contact Roslyn Turner at [roslyn@mfcddc.org](mailto:roslyn@mfcddc.org) or 317-923-5514 by Thursday, May 13.



## Central @ 29 Project Community Meetings

In partnership with The Community Builders and Raphael Health Center, MFCDC is developing the Central @ 29 project, a 60-unit permanent supportive housing (PSH) complex for lower-income residents and persons at risk of, or currently experiencing, homelessness. The building will also have supportive services available to all residents of the Central @ 29 community.

To learn more about the project and offer feedback, please join us at one of two events:

- Mapleton Fall Creek Development Corporation Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. (Join [here](#))
- Mapleton Fall Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting on Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at New Circle Church, 3421 N. Park Ave., Indianapolis



## Rental Assistance

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City of Indianapolis has allocated funds from the second COVID-19 relief package passed in December 2020 to develop a city-wide rental assistance program. Households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) that have experienced a reduction in earned income and are at risk of housing instability are eligible to apply. Up to three (3) months (backward or forward) of assistance at Fair Market Rent (FMR) may be provided.

Although there is currently a waiting list, the City expects to receive additional funds from the American Rescue Plan to support the rental assistance program, but the amount of money and when it would be available have not yet been determined. Please visit the IndyRent Assistance Portal at [www.indyrent.org](http://www.indyrent.org) to apply.



## Employment Resources

- All Unemployment claims can now be filed through the [Department of Workforce Development's online site](#). [Click here](#) for more information about how to file an unemployment claim.
- In response to COVID-19, the [Indy Chamber](#) has created the [Rapid Response Hub](#) which serves as a platform for employment opportunities and small business assistance. [Click here](#) for more information.



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