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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,

Labor Day is a time to reflect on the sacrifices and achievements of our forbearers that we sometimes take for granted today. Still, many people today work essential jobs that are not easy AND also don't pay very well. These low wages can lead to housing instability and the connected financial concerns do not only affect the current labor force, but our future workers as well. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, housing instability is the single greatest indicator of absenteeism from schools threatening children's ability to be prepared for the challenges of tomorrow's workforce. Affordable housing is MFCDC's contribution to the stability of not only our current workers, but our community's future.

Elan Daniel

MFCDC to Host Public Ally

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MFCDC is hosting a Public Ally in 2021-2022 to conduct a community needs assessment focusing on identifying the unmet poverty-related needs within the community. Get to know more about our Public Ally, DaJada!

DaJada Cowherd grew up on the far eastside of Indianapolis as part of a large, blended family. In this context, DaJada was afforded the opportunity to meet a variety of people solidifying her passion for working with others. DaJada is a senior at the University of Indianapolis majoring in Political Science and Business Administration. She chose this field because of her desire to help others and make a positive impact on society. Growing up on the far eastside of Indianapolis also shed light on the inequities in her community. Due to witnessing the negative impact of financial hardships on people in her community, she grew passionate about alleviating poverty. She is excited to learn more about community development while completing her Public Allies term.

About Public Allies

Public Allies is a social justice organization committed to changing the face and practice of leadership by recruiting and training talented young leaders, with a passion for social impact, to create meaningful change in our community. Our Allies are diverse, equity-centered, innovative problem solvers, dedicated to mobilizing community assets to develop solutions to local challenges. In partnership with nonprofit partners, we deliver our nationally recognized, values-driven, results-led apprenticeship to advance our mission to create a just and equitable society and the diverse leadership to sustain it.

Public Allies Indianapolis is a program of [Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center \(INRC\)](#). Our work is made possible through funding from [Serve Indiana](#) and [AmeriCorps](#).

Protecting Your Identity & Other Assets Workshop

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Join Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation and First Financial Bank on Wednesday, September 29 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a workshop on "Protecting Your Identity & Other Assets." This task has never been more challenging than in today's digital era, but it's also never been more essential. The workshop will discuss how to reduce risks associated with identity theft or fraud, what to do in the event of identity theft or fraud, how insurance can help protect you from financial loss, and the importance of keeping good records. Mimi Hoang, Community Outreach Officer and AVP, at First Financial Bank will lead the workshop.

To register, please fill out the form [here](#).



Owner-Occupied Repair Program



The OOR Program provides assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to finance deferred maintenance repairs. Examples of eligible repairs include energy efficient retrofitting, roof repair, foundation repair, septic system repair, and more. Assistance is available to low- and moderate-income homeowners in MFCDC's catchment area with preference given to seniors age 62+ and persons with disabilities.

MFCDC's Owner-Occupied Repair (OOR) Program is no longer accepting applications for this year. If you are interested in being added to a waitlist for

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Community Events

Ivy Tech Vaccination Clinics



IVY TECH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

VACCINATION CLINICS

10 A.M. - 6 P.M.
LAWRENCE | **DOWNTOWN**
AUG 31 | **SEPT 1**

In partnership with the Indiana Department of Health, Ivy Tech Community College's Indianapolis locations will offer COVID-19 vaccination and testing clinics open to students, employees and general public. No appointment needed. State issued ID required.

LAWRENCE

Student Parking Lot
9301 E. 59th Street

DOWNTOWN

Outside Illinois Fall Creek Center
Parking Lot #3, 2535 N. Capitol Ave.

IvyTech.edu/COVID-19

Getting Fit With The Chancellor

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GETTING FIT WITH THE CHANCELLOR



Dr. Lorenzo Esters,
Indianapolis Chancellor

Every Tuesday & Thursday From
September 7th - October 7th

Check-In Starting At 5:45PM
In IFC 133

Tuesdays Cycling, Thursdays
Walk/Jog From 6PM - 7PM

Network Till 7:30PM In IFC 133

Student Participants Will Have The
Chance To Win A \$1,000 Scholarship.

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Faculty, And Staff.

All Participants Must Complete A
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Participation.

Indy Night Market

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