



# Lifeline

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“CONNECTING BUSINESSES TO CUSTOMERS”

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## EDUCATION & BUSINESS: UPHOLDING TO PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY TOPIC OF CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The Gary Chamber of Commerce will hold its Monthly General Membership Luncheon on Monday, May 14, 2018, promptly at 11:30 a.m. at **Calumet New Tech High School, Conference Center, 6111 W. Ridge Road, Gary**. The Chamber welcomes Dr. Peggy Hinckley, MGT Consulting Group and Dr. Sharon Johnson-Shirley, Superintendent of Lake Ridge Schools as our special guests.

Why is it important to have an educated workforce? How does the shortage of teachers negatively impact the workforce? How can favorable legislative decisions involving education achieve better outcomes? What are the opportunities available here in Northwest Indiana?

Come out! Hear these dynamic leaders. Get answers to these important questions and learn how an educated workplace can make your business successful. **Doors open at 11:00am**. Great Networking: Bring your Business Cards.

**The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00. We accept American Express, Master Card and Visa Credit and Debit cards. Advance reservations are requested. Call the Chamber office at 219 885-7407 to reserve your seat(s) today.**



## What's Up Chuck? - WORLD CIVILITY DAY THANK YOU!



**Community Civility Counts** and the **Gary Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee** would like to thank all of our sponsors, vendors and participants who made World Civility Day 2018 a success. Sponsors are: NIPSCO, Methodist Hospitals, The Times Media Co., Edgewater Health, IUN School of Business & Economics, Legacy Foundation, The Civility Center, Majestic Star Casinos & Hotel, iChange Nations, North Township Trustee, National Institute for Civil Discourse, MGT Consulting Group, SCORE NWI, Lake Area United Way, GNIAR, Law Office of Mayra Rodriguez, Strack & Van Til, Southwest Airlines, Fresh County Market, South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority and the South Shore Dance Alliance.



### GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - UP COMING ACTIVITIES - Mark Your Calendar! COMMITTEE MEETINGS—839 BROADWAY, SUITE S103, GARY

**May 8, 2018**

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY – CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED**

**May 14, 2018**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON**

Calumet New Tech High School **11:30am**

Guest Speakers: Dr. Peggy Hinckley & Dr. Sharon Johnson-Shirley

**May 16, 2018**

**Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting - 9:00am**

**\* May 21, 2018**

**Executive Committee Meeting - 11:30am**

**May 22, 2018**

**Public Policy Committee Meeting - 9:30am**

**May 24, 2018**

**Education Committee Meeting - 11:00am**

#### **Member Announcements:**

- ▶ **Congratulations to Bill Hasse, President Hasse Construction and Jeff Strack, President Indiana Grocery Group** on being selected to the 2018 Class of Northwest Indiana Business & Industry Hall of Fame.
- ▶ **Ivy Tech Community College** Basic Technology Workshop, 1-4:00pm, 1440 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North building Computer lab C110. This workshop is for beginners who want to learn Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Email set-up & Internet. Contact Diana Sandlin, Workforce Development Services, (219) 882-0033.
- ▶ **Gary SouthShore RailCats** – Kicking off the season Opening Weekend 2018. Purchase tickets for May 18th through May 20th against the St. Paul Saints, on sale now at the U. S. Steel Yard Box Office, by calling 219-882-2255, or by visiting railcatsbaseball.com.
- ▶ **Community HealthNet** will later this year break ground for the new Community HealthNet Health Center at 1500-1535 E. 35th Avenue in Gary. Dr. Janet Seabrook is founder and CEO of Community HealthNet.
- ▶ The **City of Gary** and the **Youth Services Bureau** were recently awarded a planning and implementation grant from the National League of Cities (NLC). The city receives this support from the Cities Connecting Children to Nature (CCCN) and will receive \$75,000 and nearly three years of intensive technical assistance.
- ▶ **May 2, 2018** – A Town Hall Meeting, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Ivy Tech Arts and Science Multi-Purpose Room, 3400 Broadway, Gary. Presented by the Alliance for a Healthier Indiana. To register for this FREE event contact Denise Dillard (219) 886-4540, or LaTanya Woodson, Community Outreach Manager at (219) 885-5641. You may also contact Jennifer Hurtubise, Vice President of Communications, Indiana Hospital Association, at [jhurtubise@IHAconnect.org](mailto:jhurtubise@IHAconnect.org), or by calling (317) 423-7733
- ▶ **May 3, 2018**—Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting, Emerge Training Center, 2pm, 201 E. 5th Ave., Ste. D, Gary.
- ▶ **May 4, 2018**—**Legacy Foundation** celebrates 25th Anniversary, Marquette Park Pavilion, 1 N. Grand Blvd., Gary. Info: contact Carolyn Saxton, 219-736-1880 or [csaxton@legacyfdn.org](mailto:csaxton@legacyfdn.org).
- ▶ **May 10, 2018**—**McShane's Inc.** Open House, 11:30am-7pm, 312 Roberts Rd., Chesterton, IN. Celebrate and preview new supply website. Reserve at [rsvp@mcshanes.com](mailto:rsvp@mcshanes.com).
- ▶ **May 15, 2018**—**ACCION** hosts its' Annual Small Business Coaching Event, 5:30-8:30pm, The Art House, 411 E. 5th Ave., Gary. Register for FREE at [hmarceau@accionchicago.org](mailto:hmarceau@accionchicago.org) or (312) 924-2179.
- ▶ **May 17-18, 2018**—**GPTC** 2 day Regional Transportation Forum, Indiana Welcome Center, 7770 Corinne Dr., Hammond. 5/17—7:30am-8pm, 5/18—9am-1:30pm. RSVP [info@gptcsummit.com](mailto:info@gptcsummit.com) or (219) 595-2688.
- ▶ **MAY 19, 2018** - FREE Screenings & Smoothies sponsored by **Methodist Hospitals**, 8:00-10:00am, Innsbrook Country Club, 6701 Taft St., Merrillville. Join us for a Saturday morning of FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS to improve your health. Make your reservation today! Call 1-888-909-3627.

**STATE**  
— OF OUR —  
**HEALTH**



# 2018 Town Hall ROAD SHOW

## *The Alliance is embarking on a State of Our Health Road Show.*

From April through October of 2018, we will travel the state and host a series of town hall meetings to raise awareness of Indiana's poor health rankings. The Road Show will bring together health care leaders, employers, policymakers, educators, funders, and community leaders in order to grow grassroots support for better health, and share ideas about ways we can work together at the local and statewide level.

*Learn more at [HealthierIndiana.org/2018-road-show](http://HealthierIndiana.org/2018-road-show)*

April 13	<b>Indianapolis Summit</b>
May 1	<b>East Chicago</b>
May 2	<b>Gary</b>
May 3	<b>South Bend</b>
June 12	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
June 13	<b>Muncie</b>
June 19	<b>Richmond</b>
June 20	<b>Connersville</b>
July 11	<b>Lafayette</b>
July 25	<b>Logansport</b>
Aug. 1	<b>Evansville</b>
Aug. 9	<b>Terre Haute</b>
Aug. 10	<b>Vincennes</b>
Sept. 11	<b>Columbus</b>
Sept. 12	<b>Bloomington</b>
Oct. 11	<b>Madison</b>
Oct. 12	<b>Sellersburg</b>



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**INDIANA**

We are a group of dedicated Indiana health care professionals, advocates, community and business leaders committed to improving the health of our state. Commit to a #HealthierIndiana. Help us spread the word, register to attend a town hall, and become a road show partner at [HealthierIndiana.org/2018-road-show](http://HealthierIndiana.org/2018-road-show).



# LEGACY FOUNDATION

Lake County's Community Foundation

## *Join us in Celebrating!*

Legacy Foundation's 25th Anniversary Event



Join us for a celebratory evening on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Marquette Park Pavilion. Legacy Foundation's 25th Anniversary Event will feature live performances from **South Shore Dance Alliance** and **Together Music Band**, a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing!

This event is not just a party; it is the celebration of 25 years of service to Lake County. It is the appreciation of generous community members like you who have helped grow the foundation to more than \$55 million in charitable assets. It is the recognition of donors and volunteers and nonprofit organizations who serve as our partners in positively transforming Lake County. It is an acknowledgement that the foundation has granted over \$40 million to community programs and deserving scholars over its history. We hope to see you there!.

May 2018

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Purchase your  
ticket today at

[legacy25.eventbrite.co](http://legacy25.eventbrite.co)



# WOMEN BUILD

May 8th - November 30th

Where: Field of Dreams 1829 & 1843 Adams Street



1801 & 1811 Adams Street



Field of Dreams playground



1802 Adams Street

## LET'S BUILD TWO!

- Begins the week of May 8th with weekly build days on Thurs., Fri., and Sat.
- Individuals and Groups of 6-8 people per day maximum.
- Courtesy shuttle provided, if needed.
- \$50 per person includes T-Shirt, thank you bag, snacks, and lunch.
- Payment required to secure your build date.
- Payments accepted at [www.nwihabitat.org](http://www.nwihabitat.org)
- Corporate sponsorships available.

### BUILD DAY SCHEDULE:

8:30am Registration  
9:00am Build  
12:00pm Lunch (Included)  
3:00pm Clean Up  
4:00pm Thank you and wrap up

For scheduling, please call  
Kimberly May, Volunteer  
Coordinator at: **(219) 923-7256**  
**x316** or email  
**[volunteer@nwihabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@nwihabitat.org)**



### Small Business Coaching Event in Gary

Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Arthouse  
411 E. 5th Avenue  
Gary, IN

At our annual small business coaching event in Gary, you'll have the opportunity to sit down in small groups with industry experts in a variety of fields (Financing, Legal, Permitting/Licensing, Social Media, Brand/Marketing, Procurement, and more) to get all of your questions answered.

This event is appropriate for entrepreneurs at every stage of business. Learn how to start or grow your business! There will be ample time for networking with our experts and fellow entrepreneurs, and light appetizers and drinks will be served.

Register for free at <https://bit.ly/2KbttmK>. For any questions, please contact Haley Marceau Taylor at [hmarceau@accionchicago.org](mailto:hmarceau@accionchicago.org).

This event was made possible in part by a grant from the Legacy Foundation Knight Donor Advised Fund.

**ACCION**

1436 W. Randolph Street, Suite 300  
Chicago, IL 60607



#### What We Do

We offer business loans and one-on-one coaching to entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their business. We provide our clients all the tools they need to succeed.

- Credit Builder loans starting at \$500
- Loans up to \$50,000 for startups
- Loans up to \$100,000 for existing businesses

#### What We Look For

Borrowers should be current on all bills and have enough income to cover both personal and business expenses with funds left over each month. We ask to see both personal and business bank statements as well as tax returns. Additional documentation may be required.

#### How To Get Started

Call us at (312) 275-3000 to speak with a loan officer and see if you qualify for an Accion loan. Apply online at [www.accionchicago.org](http://www.accionchicago.org).

*Accion is a nonprofit that helps communities grow by investing in people who build businesses and generate jobs in their neighborhoods. We provide customized capital solutions and one-on-one coaching to underserved entrepreneurs in Illinois and Northwest Indiana.*

# SAVE THE DATE

## MAY 17 - MAY 18, 2018

Regional Transportation Corporation Summit

# **GATC** SUMMIT

Indiana Welcome Center  
7770 Corrine Drive, Hammond, IN 46323  
(219) 595-2688

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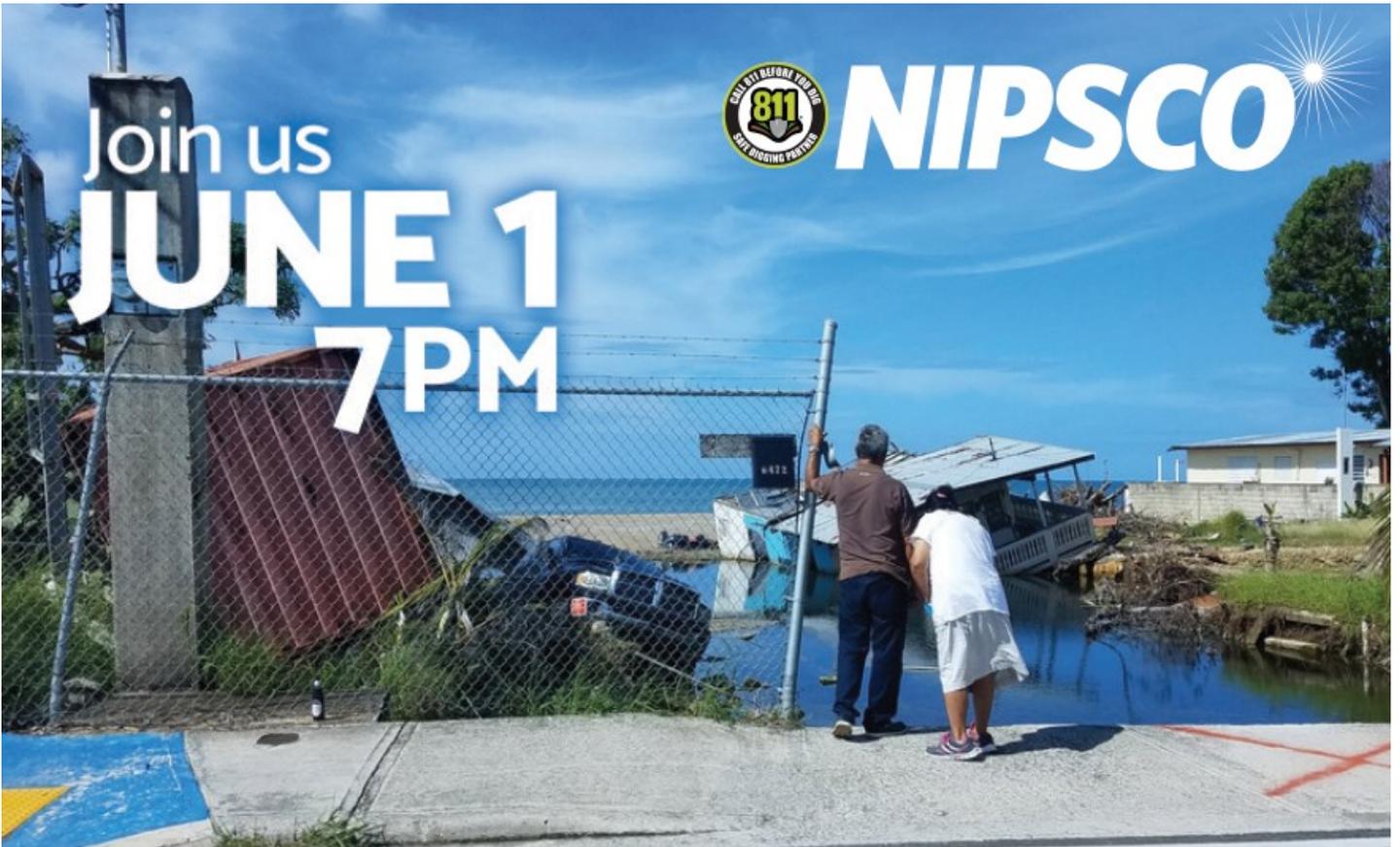




# NIPSCO

Join us

# JUNE 1 7PM



## Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Fundraiser

Helping with the recovery

Halls of St. George  
905 E. Joliet Schererville, IN

### FOR AN EVENING OF

- Dancing to the music of "Together"
- Salsa dance lessons
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Cash bar

\*Must be 21 to attend

## TICKETS \$50

HOSTED BY

Michael Puente of WBEZ 99.5 FM

TO PURCHASE, CONTACT

Anna Perez (219) 938-7557 or Kathy Kelly (219) 886-5636

Visit [puertoricorelief.eventbrite.com](http://puertoricorelief.eventbrite.com)

