



# Rebuilding Indiana Monthly

A publication for the members of Prosperity Indiana

**June 2017**

## Solar Powering Thriving Communities

Greetings,

As we start to get into the heat of summer and anticipate the first fruits of community gardens and farmers' markets, there's little argument that the sun's rays have an effect on all they reach. Beyond causing plants to grow and us to sweat, solar energy provides many economic, environmental; and health benefits, and harnessing the energy of the sun can be a strategy for developing thriving, sustainable, and resilient communities in our state. Read [this great blog post](#) by sustainability intern Kristen Billings that explores how solar energy powers these community benefits.



## Solar Uniting Neighbors

*A program of Prosperity Indiana*

Prosperity Indiana launched the 2017 round of our [Solar Uniting Neighbors \(SUN\)](#) program on June 15. Funding for solar photovoltaic installations will be available for nonprofit organizations that serve low-income residents and are customers of Duke Energy. Allyson Mitchell, Prosperity Indiana's Director of Sustainability, is spearheading the program and will be giving a presentation about SUN at the upcoming [Southeast regional member meeting](#) on Tuesday, June 27. For those who cannot attend but are interested in learning more, Allyson will host a webinar about SUN at 2

### *Upcoming Events*

[Jun 27: Southeast Regional Member Meeting \(Jeffersonville\)](#)

[Jun 28: Solar Uniting Neighbors \(SUN\) Program \(Webinar\)](#)

[Jun 29: Connection Point: Human Resources \(Conference Call\)](#)

[Jul 12: Collaboration: Joint Programming, Back Office and Mergers \(Webinar\)](#)

[Jul 20: South Central Regional Member Meeting \(Bloomington\)](#)

[Jul 25: Affordable Housing Development for Homeownership \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Jul 27: Connection Point: Landbanking \(Conference Call\)](#)

[Aug 10: Northwest Regional Member Meeting \(Hammond\)](#)

[Aug 22: Abandoned Housing Strategies 201 \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 29: Certified Green Building Professional \(Indianapolis\)](#)

### *Partners' Events*

*June*

p.m. ET on Wednesday, June 28. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

For more details about SUN, view our press release [here](#) and follow us on social media for program updates.

## Quick Poll: Rural Transportation

Do you work in a small town or rural community? We're providing Comprehensive Rural Development training this fall, and we want to know what transportation issues you're facing! Take [this two-question survey](#) to help shape the content for the training, and [register to attend today!](#)

## Coming Up Next



Do you lead a staff and have some questions for a Human Resources Professional? Dial in at 1 pm ET next Thursday (6/29) to talk through the HR issues on your mind. [Click here for more details and to register.](#)



We had a great time connecting with members in the northeast region this week (pictured above). Thanks to all who came! [Click here](#) for the full list of regional member meetings and to register for the meeting closest to you. Know of others who would benefit from being part of the Prosperity Indiana network? Invite



[Jun 21: IPA Education Statistics for Effective Grantmaking \(Webinar\)](#)

[Jun 23: OCRA Indiana Main Street Exchange \(Newburgh\)](#)

[Jun 27-29: MCDC Putting Faith to Work Conference \(Evansville\)](#)

[Jun 27: IHCD Real Estate Production Regional Meeting \(Columbus\)](#)

[Jun 27: CSH The Unique Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Older Adults in Supportive Housing \(Webinar\)](#)

[Jun 28: NCRC Affordability Analysis for Home Ownership \(Webinar\)](#)

[Jun 30: OCRA Historic Renovation Grant Program Letters of Intent Due](#)

### July

[Jul 7: OCRA CDBG Round 2 Letters of Interest Due](#)

[Jul 18: NCRC Aging in Community \(Webinar\)](#)

[Jul 18: IHCD Real Estate Production Regional Meeting \(Lafayette\)](#)

[Jul 25: IHCD Real Estate Production Regional Meeting \(Huntington\)](#)

### August & Beyond

[Aug 4: United Way Day of Caring \(Porter and LaPorte Counties\)](#)

[Aug 15-16: Indiana Affordable Housing Council & IHCD Indiana Housing Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 17: FHCCI Indiana Response to Hate Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 23: Earth Charter Indiana Climate Leadership Summit 2 \(Indianapolis\)](#)

them to attend the regional member meeting with you! Nonmembers can attend for free when they use the "BEOURGUEST" registration code.

## Public Policy Updates

**Federal Budget Updates:** Last month, the President's FY18 budget was released. [Click here](#) for an overview of its impact on funding for community development through federal agencies and programs and find suggestions for advocacy to protect the funding that fuels your work. For Secretary Carson's testimony on HUD's FY18 Budget, [click here](#).

FY17 funding for HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development's Formula Programs has also been released. [Click here](#) for a list of Indiana allocations.

**Threat to Consumer Protections:** The Financial CHOICE Act of 2017 threatens to leave countless consumers susceptible to predatory products and services. [Click here](#) to learn more about this legislation and how to speak up against it.

[Visit our blog](#) for additional updates throughout the month.

## Putting Faith to Work Conference

Prosperity Indiana member [Memorial Community Development Corporation \(MCDC\)](#) is hosting a conference June 27-29 in Evansville to share the best practices they've learned from their many years in community development. [Click here](#) to read a guest blog post by MCDC Development Director Rasheeda Jackson reflecting on the organization's history and successes and plans for the conference.

## 2017 Indiana Housing Wage Report

The National Low Income Housing Coalition, a Washington, D.C.-based research and



**NATIONAL LOW INCOME HOUSING COALITION**

and advocacy organization, and Prosperity Indiana jointly released Out of Reach 2017, a report that documents the gap between what workers earn and the cost of housing by

[Aug 25: OCRA Indiana Main Street Exchange \(Cambridge City\)](#)

[Sep 13-15: National Walking Summit \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)

[Sep 22: OCRA Indiana Main Street Exchange \(North Liberty\)](#)

[Oct 4-6: IAC Indiana Arts Homecoming \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Oct 5-6: Midwest Asset Building Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Oct 10-12: Aim Ideas Summit \(Evansville\)](#)

## Job Opportunities

[OneWest - President and Chief Executive Officer](#)

[PNC Bank - Relationship Manager](#)

[Serve Indiana - Communications and Training Manager](#)

## Volunteer Opportunity

[OCS - Reviewers for Community Economic Development Program Applications](#)

## New Podcast Episodes

[Culture and Art Create Community](#)

Subscribe to Prosperity Indiana's *Ways and Means* podcast on the [iTunes store](#) and [Google Play Music](#).

## Prosperity Indiana Annual Awards

[Submit a nomination](#)

## Social Media

calculating housing wage. [Click here](#) for numbers on the current gap for renters in Indiana.

## Twitter #capacitychat

Missed last week's #capacitychat? Hop over to [our Twitter account](#) for some fun short-term actions that could lead to the long-term changes you want to see in your community.



Have a twitter account? Join us on July 7 at 11 am EST for our next #capacitychat to talk about sustainability. Share your thoughts and hear from others! Find us [@incommdev](#) and join in with the #capacitychat hashtag.

## Wanted: Community Development Snapshots



We're updating our marketing materials and want to feature member work. As you can see from the picture above, we need some help. Photos can be of people or places. If you have images to share, please email them to [stories@prosperityindiana.org](mailto:stories@prosperityindiana.org) and include descriptions.

## Recap

[RT@Housing360](#) *Why is location just as important as affordability when it comes to solving the #housingcrisis?*  
<http://urbn.is/2rNEYuT>

[RT@SNAPWorks4IN](#) *The 2018 #TrumpBudget would hurt the nearly one million Hoosiers facing hunger, according to @FeedINsHungry.*

*"Porching" - scheduled time sitting on the porch to greet neighbors, friends, and strangers...and can become the backdrop for art - LCQ*

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## Vote for the 2017-2018 Board

The final slate for the 2017 Prosperity Indiana Board Election is available until July 14. Voting members (nonprofits), if you haven't already, view the list of new and renewing board candidates and [cast your ballot here](#).

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