

Rebuilding Indiana Monthly

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Common Threads that Bind Us

Greetings,

One of the privileges of supporting a network that spans the nonprofit, public, and private sectors is being able to see the same beautiful threads weave their way through the work of all of our members: threads of passion for individuals and communities, of collaboration, of hope for the future.

In a recent newsletter from Prosperity Indiana member [Near East Area Renewal \(NEAR\)](#), Executive Director John Franklin Hay wrote, "Without emerging relationships across cultural and socio-economic divides, suspicion and fear stifle hope. Reaching out to one another across the fence, the street, the divide is the most important aspect of community renewal." This resonated deeply with me as I think about the work that we accomplish together on every level: between individuals and neighbors, organizations across sectors, and legislators across aisles.

Even in times of uncertainty, the health and well-being of Hoosiers and Indiana's communities compel us to forge ahead to do what we can within our realms of influence. Creating episodes for our podcast "[Ways and Means](#)" has given me the opportunity to uncover the unique and creative ways that some of you, our members, are doing this. Be it



Upcoming Events

[May 18: Policy Wrap-Up \(Webinar\)](#)

[May 25: Connection Point: Housing Counseling \(Conference Call\)](#)

[Jun 5-6: Certified Green Building Professional \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Jun 14: SUN For All \(Webinar\)](#)

[Jun 15: Tactical Urbanism #capacitychat \(Twitter\)](#)

[Jun 19: Regional Member Meeting - Northeast Indiana \(Ft Wayne\)](#)

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

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

Partners' Events

May

[May 18: Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative Annual Meeting "Striving for Healthy Communities" \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 18: Back Home in Indiana Alliance Understanding Fair Housing Basics \(Webinar\)](#)

through investing dollars in local businesses, facilitating conversations to help cooperatives achieve their shared vision, or using the arts to draw people into community with one another. I look forward to hearing more of your stories in the coming months and the opportunity to share them with the Prosperity Indiana network for the encouragement of others. [Let me know if you have a story you'd like to share!](#)

The warm weather affords us opportunities to renew our creative efforts to draw people out and build community. Director of Capacity Building Rose Scovel shared some fun ways to encourage physical activity while showcasing the gems of your community in her [Bike Month blog post](#). There are also still a few spots left at the [Creative Placemaking workshop](#) on June 8-9 if you have an idea you'd like to bring to fruition for your community.

I'm also excited about the opportunities we'll have this summer for you to connect in person with other Prosperity Indiana members in your region. If you haven't already, be sure to [register for the Regional Member Meeting](#) taking place near you and invite others to attend as well!



I look forward to connecting with you soon!

Best wishes,

Faith Musgrove
Member Services Manager

July Webinar Quick Poll

What nonprofit management topic do you want to learn more about? Take [this quick poll](#) to pick your preferred topic for our July webinar.

Vote for the 2017-2018 Board

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

Coming Up Soon

Join us at 10 am EST this Thursday



[May 18: AHAIN & IAHC Fair Housing and Beyond: Current Fair Housing Enforcement and Other Action \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 19: INDOT Community Crossings Local Road and Bridge Funding Meeting \(Greenfield\)](#)

[May 22: INDOT Community Crossings Local Road and Bridge Funding Meeting \(Crawfordsville\)](#)

[May 24: AHAIN Identification and Awareness: Lessons on Drugs in our Communities \(Columbus, IN\)](#)

[May 24: IHCD Project Planning for HOME 2.0 \(Webinar\)](#)

[May 24-26: CSH Supportive Housing Summit 2017 \(Denver, CO\)](#)

[May 25: FHCCI Fair Housing 101 Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 30: INDOT Community Crossings Local Road and Bridge Funding Meeting \(Fort Wayne\)](#)

[May 31: INDOT Community Crossings Local Road and Bridge Funding Meeting \(LaPorte\)](#)

[May 31: FHCCI Fair Housing 101 Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[May 31-Jun 2: People & Places Conference 2017 \(Arlington, VA\)](#)

June

[Jun 1: INDOT Community Crossings Local Road and Bridge Funding Meeting \(Seymour\)](#)

[Jun 1: OCRA CDBG Round 1 Announcement](#)

[Jun 3: LISC Indy Food Council Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

(5/18) for a summary of the 2017 legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly, presented by Executive Director Andy Fraizer. [Click here to register.](#)



Are you a housing counselor? Dial in at 1 pm EST next Thursday (5/25) to connect with your peers and get ideas for how to tackle the biggest things

on your plate. [Click here to register.](#)

Attend Certified Green Building Professional Training

It's not too late to [register for the Certified Green Building Professional course](#), June 5-6 in Indianapolis. Attend this two-day training to learn how to perform a comprehensive green home analysis and the decision-making pathways to upgrading and remodeling homes.



Receive 10% off the member-rate registration when you use the code "SaveCGBP". Offer valid May 17-31 only. [Click here to register.](#)

Annual Awards: Now Accepting Nominations

Every year, we take time to recognize the individuals and organizations that are going above and beyond on behalf of Indiana's communities. As always, we need your help - as our eyes and ears across the state. **Know of someone who would be a good candidate for a community economic development award?** [Click here to learn more and submit a nomination!](#)



SUN For All Program

We're getting close to rolling out the second round of Solar Uniting Neighbors (SUN) funding -- SUN For All. Look for an announcement, coming to your inbox very soon!

Join Director of Sustainability Allyson Mitchell for a [webinar on June 14 at 1 pm EST](#) to learn more about the SUN For All program and how to utilize the funds to harness solar energy

[Jun 5: Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee Indiana Summit for Economic Development via Early Learning Coalitions \(Bloomington\)](#)

[Jun 5: OCRA Historic Renovation Grant Program Application Opens](#)

[Jun 8-9: Indiana Arts Commission From the Ground Up: A Creative Placemaking Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Jun 12: OCRA CDBG Round 2 Open Call for Applications](#)

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

July & Beyond

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

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

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

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

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

Job Opportunities

[OCRA - Multiple Positions](#)

[Indiana Public Health Association - Multiple Positions](#)

New Podcast Episodes

[Empowering Communities and Individuals Through Cooperatives](#)

[Unearth Your Community's](#)

in your community.

Early Learning Advisory Committee

The [Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee \(ELAC\)](#) is working to ensure that children ages birth to 8 years and their families have access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education programs that keep children healthy, safe, and learning. There are several ways you can connect to this work to achieve local economic and education priorities. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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 and include descriptions.

Twitter #capacitychat



Last week's #capacitychat had some great tweets about physical activity in Indiana's communities. Thanks to all who participated!

Have a twitter account? Join us on June 15 at 11 am EST for our next #capacitychat to talk about tactical urbanism. Share your thoughts and hear from others! Find us [@incommdev](#) and join in with the #capacitychat hashtag.

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Social Media Recap

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