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For Your Information, Downtown Indiana—an e-newsletter for Indiana, PA Main Street partnership members

March 17, 2011



The next Lovin' Downtown Every Second will be held Friday, April 8 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Call 724-463-6110 to reserve your spot in DI's promotional flier.

Drop us a line!

If you have a comment, question or concern about FYI, DI, or if there's something you'd like to see in this electronic newsletter, please contact us today!

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Borough to begin street sweeping tonight

The Indiana Borough Public Works department will be sweeping streets, including Philadelphia Street, beginning at 3 a.m. Friday, March 18.

Downtown businesses are encouraged to sweep the sidewalks in front of their businesses toward and over the curb into the street prior to or just after closing tonight, where the borough street sweeper can collect the debris. Please use your best judgment regarding the amount and nature of debris being swept into the street.

Street sweeping serves several purposes, in addition to just keeping the streets clean. Routine, regular sweeping of our streets removes debris, such as loose gravel and leaves, that may contribute to an accident, may cause damage to vehicles, or may be hazardous to bicyclists and pedestrians. The practice also

reduces wind blown dust and road debris onto adjacent properties and reduces airborne pollution, helps improve the visibility of pedestrian crosswalks, and improves the overall appearance and aesthetics of our community.

News of additional street sweeping dates will be communicated as they are received. Your cooperation with this public service program is greatly appreciated!



Renaissance Indiana preparing to start another segment

Downtown Indiana, Indiana Borough and EG&G, a landscaping architect, planning and engineering firm, are working on the next phase of the Indiana Economic Development Project, also known as Renaissance Indiana.

Officials hope in the next few months to review and accept bids on Phase One, Segment B of the project, which includes sidewalk improvements to Philadelphia Street from 5th Street to 6th Street.

The Downtown Economic Development Project includes comprehensive street corridor improvements and enhancements to recreate a welcoming and attractive downtown district environment. It addresses infrastructure needs to support new private investment and job creation.

Construction was completed last year on Phase One, Segment A, which includes

Philadelphia Street from 9th to 10th streets.

Measurable results of the project once complete will be eight blocks of street corridor improvements and enhancements including:

- Sidewalks with brick accent
- Historic style street lights
- Undergrounding of wires and services
- Curbs and ramps per ADA
- Landscaping and furnishings

The Downtown Economic Development Project is a public/private partnership in cooperation with the Borough of Indiana and Downtown Indiana, Inc. with strong local endorsements and funding commitments from the Borough, Downtown Indiana, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Foundation, Indiana County, and PennDOT.



2011 Downtown Indiana St. Patrick's Day Parade



Huge crowds turned out on a beautiful March Saturday as Downtown Indiana held its annual St. Patrick's Day parade on March 12.

More than 30 units participated in the parade, including the Laurel Highlander Pipe Band and the Indiana Fire Department. Prior to the parade, area children participated in the Wee Lads and Lassies Leprechaun Look-Alike Contest at Spaghetti Benders.

All participants received a contest certificate, a gift bag compliments of St. Andrews Village, and were invited to march in the parade.

A special 'thank you' to parade sponsor The Coney, 642 Philadelphia Street, for assistance organizing and coordinating the annual Downtown Indiana St. Patrick's Day Parade. Participants included:

Laurel Highlander's Pipe Band & Drums Senator
Don White, Pennsylvania's 41st District
Indiana County Commissioners – Rod Ruddock, Dave Frick and Patty Evanko
Indiana Mayor George E. Hood
Creekside Sparks & Flames Jr. Drill team
Creekside Vol. Fire Company – 1948 Chevy Fire Truck
Indiana Co. Dairy Princess and Promotion Committee – Colleen McDowell and Dairy Maid Christina Cohn
Blais Veterinary Hospital – Kevin Blais' Irish Wolfhound
The Juggling Fool – Amy Provias
Indiana University of Pennsylvania Police
East Pike Brownies Troop 40828
Jimmy Stewart Museum – Harvey the rabbit
H&R Block

Brownie Troop 40768
Salvation Army – Emergency Disaster Canteen
Marion Center Fire Dept. – Represented by a 1987 GM Kodiak support vehicle
Daisy Troop of Homer City
Trinity United Methodist Church
John T. Crawford Camp 43 - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – Honor Guard and Ladies Auxiliary
Indiana County Fair Association – 2010 Indiana Co. Fair Queen Tori Miller, daughter of Larry and Maylene Miller
American Red Cross – March is Red Cross Month
Indiana Wrestling – The Indiana Wrestling Boosters
Brush Valley Iron & Power Club – antique tractor club
Brush Valley Cub Scouts Pack 9
Armscare – This minivan helps Armscare provide medical equipment for Indiana County residents
Indiana Players – Located at 725 Philadelphia Street, the Indiana Players is a non-profit community theater group founded in 1977
Cherryhill Township Volunteer Fire Company – Represented by Engine 241, a 1990 FMC Spartan, and Brush 243, a 1991 Dodge.
S&T Bank mascot Moola Molla
Indiana Gazette mascot IGGY

Special thanks to the Indiana Borough Police Department and Indiana Fire Department



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