

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Gary Re-Entry Coalition Annual Resource Fest

September 23 • 12PM–7PM

City Life Center, 225 W 5th Ave • Gary, IN • 46402

For more information contact Diana Sandlin at 219.881.1312

Business Smart Workshop

September 30 • 10AM • 1085 Broadway • Gary, IN • 46402

The third module of the Business Smart workshop

CHILDCARE RESOURCES

King's Care Registered Ministries

219.884.4704 & 219.381.7535

500 E. Ridge Rd.

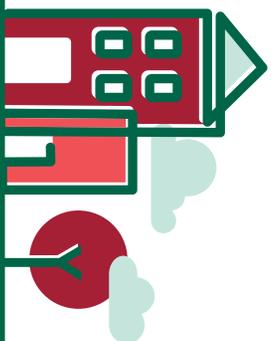
Accepts newborns to 12 year olds; accepts

Choice Vouchers and Step Ahead

Trinity Educational Daycare & Academy

219.980.0885 • 416 E. Ridge Rd.

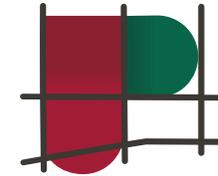
Kindergarten through 6th grade; accepts Choice Vouchers and Step Ahead; has been in existence for 18 years



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FEATURED ARTICLES

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Working Groups Update and Block Clubs

Learn how to join one of the UP East Block Clubs or Resident Engagement and Leadership Development working group today.

Resident Spotlight

Joseph Peterson has lived in UP East for a year and a half. Read about his contributions to the Gary community.

WORKING GROUPS UPDATE AND BLOCK CLUBS

Our working groups—Economic Development Commercial Corridors, Resident Engagement and Leadership Development, Family Well-Being, Housing, Neighborhood Services and Amenities, Public Safety, Workforce Development and Adult Education, and Youth Development and Education—worked hard to help create the Blueprint for Change Draft Plan. We would like to thank all working group members for their time and dedication thus far.

On July 15th, we submitted the draft to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). While we await feedback, the Resident Engagement and Leadership Development working group will remain active. All other working groups will reconvene upon receipt of feedback from HUD.

Resident engagement is imperative as we finalize the Blueprint for Change and transition into the implementation phase. We ask residents interested in participating in the process to join the Resident Engagement and Leadership Development working group or one of the following Block Clubs:

Current UP East Block Clubs

- ▶ **800 block of E. 36th Place**
To join, contact Darlene Thompson at 219.980.1606
- ▶ **1000 block of E. 36th Place**
To join, contact Ida Sain at 219.743.1993
- ▶ **3600 block of Connecticut**
To join, contact Maxine Simpson at 219.887.5947
To join the Resident Engagement and Leadership Development working group, contact Rachelle Morgan Ceaser, UP East Project Manager, at upeastprojectmanager@gmail.com or 219.802.3138.

SMALL ACTION GRANT – ARISE IMAGINE UP EAST

What does the future of UP East look like to you? This is the question ARISE challenged both UP East youth and seniors to ponder as part of its IMAGINE UPE small action grant initiative. Participants reflected on the history of the neighborhood and were encouraged to re-imagine its future. The seniors were filmed to create an oral history of the community.

As part of the initiative, ARISE also hosted two open mic performances at New Tech High School at the Gary Area Career Center with the theme *Gary Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*. The culmination of this initiative will be the creation of a mural by community youth to be facilitated by a professional artist. The mural will illustrate the history of UP East, its current stories, as well as dreams of a vibrant, thriving future—and be captured by a youth videographer to produce a short film.

FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE

Gary Community Development is an affiliate agency of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), which administers the Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network program to assist homeowners in saving their homes with Hardest Hit Funds (HHF).

If you need to schedule an appointment with our Certified Foreclosure Network Counselors, please call: 1.877.GET.HOPE (877.438.4673) or Judith Samson at 219.881.5075, ext. 6753



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Joseph Peterson has lived in UP East for a year and a half. He is a veteran art teacher at West Side Leadership Academy. He believes repairing the dilapidated houses in UP East will make the neighborhood more attractive to current residents, potential residents, and business owners.

Joseph invests his time in the Gary community by sponsoring the “Builder’s Club” at West Side. Club members learn about home improvements, maintenance, and repairs. He hopes the club will give students the skills needed to maintain their homes and allow them to develop pride in their neighborhoods.

Want to share your story?
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IUPD-NW GIVES COMMUNITY A SWEET TREAT

In early August, University Park East families looking to purchase sweet treats from the ice cream truck were surprised to find officers from the Indiana University Police Department – Northwest operating the truck. The department rented the truck simply to give the kids in the area a treat.



According to Chief Wayne James, the department has participated in other relationship building initiatives with the community, such as Coffee with a Cop and the Citizens Academy. This was the first time the department utilized the ice cream truck to engage the community. These initiatives are part of a larger strategy developed by the UP East Public Safety working group—which James and other officers are members—to build trust between the community and law enforcement.

“The guys wanted to do this, and they gave their own money as well as our collecting donations from the community,” said James.

James, Officer Monte Davis, and Detective Cliff Caldwell all grew up in Glen Park. Davis said, “The city has changed a lot since we were growing up in the ‘90s, and we have an investment here..We want the kids to see that we enforce the laws, but that we’re here to protect them, too.”

Parents praised the effort, acknowledging that it helps children understand the good police officers can bring to a community. James plans to rent the truck again.

FEATURED BUSINESS

The mission of the Blind Social Center is to enrich the lives of the blind and visually impaired by providing a communal space to socialize and create support groups.

It is their goal to supply necessary tools to assist the blind and visually impaired in achieving their social, economic, educational, personal, and physical goals.

Other valued services include:

- ▶ Braille training
- ▶ Keyboard training
- ▶ iPad training
- ▶ Personal management/homemaking
- ▶ Book club
- ▶ Social outings
- ▶ Fitness training
- ▶ Activity/game room

Contact

www.theblindsocialcenter.org
219.980.0097 • 4955 Broadway



GARY POLICE DEPARTMENT ROLLS OUT BIKE PATROL UNIT

The Gary Police Department has rolled out their Bike Patrol Unit, which has been inactive since 2004, in an ongoing effort to engage with the community. Without the physical barrier of an automobile, residents and officers are able to connect openly at parks, community events, and throughout the neighborhood.



The Gary Police Department is working on ways to build trust between the community and law enforcement based on a strategy identified by the UP East Public Safety working group.

Chief Larry McKinley stated, “We are always looking for new and better ways to engage the community in a positive manner. This is one more step towards unifying the community and the officers who serve this community.”



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What’s UP Newsletter

Sign up to receive our newsletter by contacting Diana Sandlin, Choice Neighborhoods Community Engagement Coordinator, at 219.741.8568.

HEALTH SERVICES

Marram Health Center

3229 Broadway Gary, IN 219.806.3000

High quality healthcare for adults and children, psychiatry, an on-site lab, and other primary and preventative services.

Community Health Net

1021 W. 5th Ave Gary, IN 219.880.1190 ext. 103
6100 Broadway Merrillville, IN 219.880.1190 ext. 103

Healthcare for all ages; sliding fee scale; Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance (HMO/PPO/PHS)

Deaf Services, Inc.

6 East 67th Ave, Ste. 3 Merrillville, IN 219.769.6506

Interpreting, case management, advocacy, video phone room, sign language classes

Gary Health Department

1145 W. 5th Ave Gary, IN 219.882.5565

FREE immunizations for Medicare & Medicaid patients

Oak Street Health

4900 Broadway Gary, IN 219.237.5170

Primary care doctors for adults & Medicare patients

FORMER RESIDENTS

We want you back! Visit www.universityparkeast.com to review the Blueprint for Change draft plan and like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on your old neighborhood’s revitalization.

