

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Project Outreach and Prevention (POP) on Violence Foundation Conference July 18–21 • 9am–3pm • IUN**

POP will host a free 4-day conference, Summer Health Professions Enrichment Program (HPEP), for pre-college level students—11th and 12th graders—specifically African Americans and Latinos in NWI. For questions, contact Antoinette Hudson at 219.718.9855.

## **A Necessary Conversation July 27 • 10am–11am Oak Street Health • 4900 Broadway • Gary, IN • 46408**

Please call Arneasha at 219.237.5170 for more information.

## **Geminus Child Care Resource and Referral Monthly Trainings July, August, and September**

Trainings include safe sleep, child abuse and neglect, CPR/first aid certification, “Getting Parents on Your Team”, etc. for day care providers, Christian ministry professionals, and school teachers. For more information, contact Stacey Pagan, Professional Development Coordinator at 219.685.1500.

## **2016 Annual Scholarship Fair September 22 9am–1pm • Chateau Banquets and Catering 530 W. 61st Ave., Merrillville, IN • 46410**

Urban League of NWI and Infinite Scholars presents the 2016 Annual Scholarship Fair. Call the Urban League office for registration at 219.887.9621.

## **Back-to-School Dates Gary Community School Corporation**

August 22

## **Indiana University Northwest**

August 22

## **Ivy Tech Community College**

August 22

# CHILDCARE RESOURCES

## **King’s Care Registered Ministries**

**219.884.4704 & 219.381.7535**

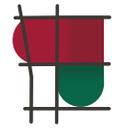
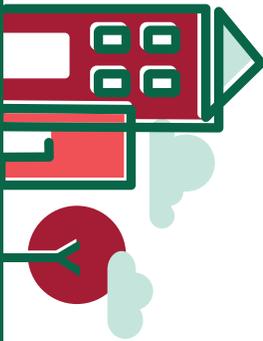
**500 E. Ridge Rd.**

Accepts newborns to 12 year olds; accepts Choice Vouchers and Step Ahead

## **Trinity Educational Daycare & Academy**

**219.980.0885 • 416 E. Ridge Rd.**

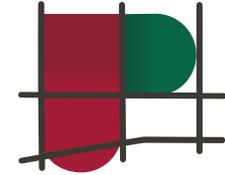
Kindergarten through 6th grade; accepts Choice Vouchers and Step Ahead; has been in existence for 18 years



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## **What's UP** Newsletter



## FEATURED ARTICLES

### **Residents Provide Recommendations**

UP East's Choice Neighborhood's Initiative (CNI) Planning team hosted our fourth community meeting on June 30. Read about the key takeaways from resident insights.

### **IUN police engage community with more visibility, complete training**

The IUN Police have been busy. Read their updates for our community.

### **Resident Spotlight**

Darlene and Rolanda have both been UP East residents for 43 years. Read about their vision for our neighborhood.

## RESIDENTS PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE

On June 30, UP East's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Planning team hosted our fourth community meeting to discuss working group recommendations and the Blueprint for Change. Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson spoke to UP East residents about the importance of community engagement in the creation of the Blueprint for Change. She highlighted the neighborhood's progress, including the Colonial Gardens 2 demolition project scheduled for later this year, and discussed plans for paving roads, repairing sidewalks, and eliminating blight across the city. Many residents voiced the need to make neighborhood clean-up a priority, as well as improvements to street lighting and sidewalks and increased community policing to help combat crime.

Since December, eight working groups have been meeting monthly to identify goals and strategies needed to transform our community. The following themes have emerged from the working groups:

- ▶ **Invest in ourselves**  
cultivate the foundation for individual and family success
- ▶ **Elevate our strengths**  
(re)build our community
- ▶ **Prepare for our future**  
invest today for a better tomorrow



The working groups shared these recommendations with residents during the community meeting. Each resident in attendance was given a "passport" and received a passport stamp for each working group station they visited. Once completed, their passports were entered into a drawing for an opportunity to win one of four \$25 gift cards.

Residents also participated in the **Money UP** game. To play, residents were given UP East currency—a \$100, \$50, \$20, and \$1 bill—to spend. Residents had to decide how to divide their limited resources between six critical neighborhood improvements:

- ▶ **Blight removal**
- ▶ **New development**
- ▶ **Homeowner repairs**
- ▶ **Infrastructure**
- ▶ **Youth programs & development**
- ▶ **Quality home rentals**

### Money UP Results



## UP EAST REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Phases 1-3

#### Blueprint for Change Draft Plan

The draft plan currently proposes three phases for new development in UP East, as well as guidelines for future phases.

#### Phase 1

- ▶ Commercial and residential development at 35th Avenue and Broadway
- ▶ Residential infill along 35th Avenue

#### Phase 2

- ▶ Residential infill along 35th Avenue
- ▶ Commercial development at Ridge Road and Broadway
- ▶ Turn Colonial Gardens 2 site into a passive stormwater park

#### Phase 3

- ▶ Creation of a stormwater park, center for recreation and education, and residential development at the Ben Franklin school site

#### Future Phases

- ▶ Infill housing at Colonial Gardens 1 and 2

The Blueprint for Change draft was sent to HUD on July 15, 2016. The final version of the plan is due in January 2017 and once submitted, UP East could apply for up to \$30 million in federal grants from HUD to implement the changes outlined in the Blueprint.



## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Darlene King-Thompson and Rolanda King have both been UP East residents for 43 years. They can remember a time when the neighborhood had full housing stock, as well as sidewalks. Now those houses and sidewalks are either missing or in disrepair. Despite the inadequacies of our neighborhood, Darlene and Rolanda remain hopeful for its future. As active participants in the UP East Resident Engagement/Leadership Development working group, they have

been busy inspiring other residents to help create a vibrant community with occupied homes, small business, increased lighting, and better sidewalks. They believe the Franklin School site has potential to be a community center and envision it offering classes and workshops, recreation, and rental space for residents.

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## IUN POLICE ENGAGE COMMUNITY WITH MORE VISIBILITY, COMPLETE TRAINING

- According to the IUN Police Chief Wayne James, the IUN Police bike patrol unit resumed operations and will continue until snow hits the ground.
- They've also instituted their Park, Walk, and Talk program. As a result, UP East residents should expect to see officers getting out of their vehicles and talking to residents. This helps the community and its police develop relationships founded in trust and respect, while providing UP East residents with increased policing.
- Six officers attended and completed de-escalation training.



**Photo by IUN:** Sergeant Melvin Blakely, Jr. (foreground) speaks to a resident at the recent "Coffee with a Cop" event at IU Northwest.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH UP EAST

### Facebook

Like us at [facebook.com/GaryUniversityParkEast](https://facebook.com/GaryUniversityParkEast)

### Website

Visit the [www.universityparkeast.com](http://www.universityparkeast.com) for more information on community meetings or to contact the planning team.

### 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](http://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.

