



North Township

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ASSISTANCE FOR STRIKERS

North Township helps BP Amoco workers during time of need

North Township worked overtime extending a helping hand to the 1,100 striking members of USW Local 7-1 that kept food on their tables and heat in their homes.

USW Local 7-1 President Dave Danko said members of the bargaining unit are grateful for the assistance that began during a three-month work stoppage at BP's Whiting refinery.

"The community support – especially from Trustee Frank Mrvan and the township staff – helped make a difficult situation a little easier for our members and their families," Danko said. "Because the township stepped in with advice and assistance with things like utilities, our workers living in North Township were able to avoid defaulting on their mortgages."

Mrvan said he supported the strikers, who fought for enhanced safety at the refinery and a voice in their working conditions, on principle and because it was the right thing to do

NEED HELP?

The North Township Service Providers Directory – featuring organizations that offer low- or no-cost assistance – is available at the Trustee's Hammond and East Chicago offices and online at www.northtownshiptrustee.com.



for the township's five communities.

"We went into this with a plan to do what we could to help the strikers stay in their homes," he said. "It will take time for these workers to rebuild their financial resources and we will continue to do what we can." ▲



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Local girl scouts planted raised vegetable gardens with nature's bounty at the Circle of Services parking lot in Hessville. Tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, peppers and eggplant have taken root in the sunny location and will be harvested and donated to those in need.

WANT TO HELP? Call (219) 803-0659.

FARMER'S MARKET

Find fresh produce at this summer's Farmer's Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the following North Township locations:

June 18: Circle of Services

July 16: Hammond trustee's office

August 20: East Chicago trustee's office

Clients may also qualify – based on income and age – for vouchers redeemable at Scheeringa's Farms & Produce in Highland.

INFO: Call (219) 932-2530, ext. 313.

TOWNSHIP SECURES DIAL-A-RIDE FUNDING FOR 2 YEARS

North Township Trustee Frank Mrvan has secured an additional two years of funding for Dial-a-Ride, which continues federal assistance through 2017.

Before the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement grant expires, Mrvan hopes a unified transportation plan takes root in the region.

The trustee has an ally in U.S. Rep. Peter Visclosky, who has long advocated for a comprehensive transportation system. "A robust transportation system has historically

been the building block upon which regions have constructed flourishing economies," Visclosky said. "Connecting individuals to their community through an efficient, affordable and reliable transportation system improves the overall economic activity with a region. I wholeheartedly support investing tax revenues into the improvement of our transportation infrastructure."

Visclosky lauded North Township's efforts, which have resulted in a bustling, efficient service linking residents to their community.

Through Dial-a-Ride, ... "The most vulnerable of our residents, including seniors and persons with disabilities, are able to access necessary services that improve their quality of life," he said. "Dial-a-Ride empowers individuals, providing mobility to those who may otherwise be unable to participate in our economy and our community." ▲

RESERVATIONS: Dial-a-Ride operates Monday through Friday. Email dial-a-ride@ntto.net or call (219) 932-2530. Follow the prompts and push #4.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU! FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT US AT NORTHTOWNSHIPTRUSTEE.COM.



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CUBS TRIP A HOME RUN!

A bus full of lucky North Township residents were treated to a win when the Cubs bested the Mets 6-5 at an afternoon slugfest at Wrigley Field. The group joined more than 31,000 other spectators inside the friendly confines for the first North Township Cubs outing in recent memory. Fans of the senior trip said they hope it won't be the last.

[North Township photos]



LETTER FROM THE NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

From baseball outings to our annual job fair, North Township is abuzz with activities

CATHOLIC FAMILY CHARITIES

Since 2005, Catholic Family Charities has made building wheelchair ramps a priority in the region. The group's work has helped more than 400 folks remain at home despite injuries or illness. We are providing them with names of those in need in our township. Contact Chief Deputy Jane Dudley to get on the list.

OAK HILL CEMETERY

We have also been working long days and enlisting as many volunteers as possible to make additional upgrades at Oak Hill Cemetery. We replaced the broken entry gates and pillars and have installed solar flags for our veterans interred there. We want to thank the USW Local 7-1 members who volunteered as well as the local scouts and interested citizens.

SUMMER AT WICKER PARK

I encourage you to take advantage of everything this season has to offer. We will be camping, watching movies, playing golf, attending concerts and even dipping our toes in the water at the splash pad. Please, join us! ▲

FRANK J. MRVAN
 North Township Trustee



JOB FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!

It was a job fair for the record books – more than 300 job seekers and a bevy of recruiters representing 42 of the region's large and mid-size employers met up in May at the Wicker Park Social Center for face-to-face interviews and a slew of job offers during North Township's annual job fair. [Cindy Rivera photos]

SUMMER IN THE PARK

SPLASH PAD

Our 8,500-square-foot water playground boasts more than 30 spray features and is open seven days a week. Visit wickermemorialpark.com for hours and fees.

BIKE RENTALS

Rentals are available in a variety of styles and sizes for adults and children. The cost is \$7 for one hour or \$10 for two hours. A valid driver's license is required.

TENNIS AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS

The park features five tennis courts and three volleyball courts. Tennis camp begins June 10. Visit wickermemorialpark.com to register.

DOG RUN

This fenced-in run gives your pup the freedom to frolic from dawn to dusk.

WALKING & BIKING

The half-mile inner trail and the 2.5-mile trail along the perimeter of the park are perfect for the avid walker, runner or bicyclist.

PICNIC AREAS & SHELTERS

Picnic areas, shelters and the pavilion are available for rent from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Call (219) 838-3420 for reservations.

JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

Instructor Bill Springer will teach young golfers all aspects of the game including grip, swing, short game, etiquette! The four-day golf camp will be held June 22 – 25 and costs \$50 per child. Ages 8 -12 will meet from 10 a.m. to noon and teens ages 13-18 will meet from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

RESERVATIONS: Call the Pro Shop at (219) 838-9808.

LADIES 9-HOLE LEAGUE

Attention Lady Golfers! The Wicker Park Ladies 9-Hole League is looking for new members. The league will tee off on the back nine at beautiful Wicker Memorial Park at 8 a.m. Tuesdays, May 5 through October 27. All handicaps are welcome.

INFO: Call League President Carol Moore at (219) 923-5167.

YOGA IN THE PARK

Commune with nature while you perfect your downward dog and reach newfound strength and flexibility this summer at Wicker Memorial Park. Free yoga sessions, which combine stretching exercises, controlled breathing and relaxation, are held in the park 9 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, June 20 through September, weather permitting.

The class is suitable for high school students through seniors. All you need to bring is a yoga mat and towel along with a water bottle. Dress comfortably. North Township's Yoga-in-the-Park has become a popular summer staple and is taught by a certified yoga instructor Sandra Tomera, who provides poses and exercises for all levels of fitness.



SUMMER GOLF RATES

This 18-hole, par-72 course offers tree-lined fairways, a practice green and driving range. Summer rates are \$35 to ride 18 holes on the weekend for residents, \$38 out of township. Weekdays with cart are \$29 for residents, \$32 out of township. For more info or to schedule a tee time, call the Pro Shop at (219) 838-9809.



WICKER MEMORIAL PARK CONCERT SERIES

WHEN: Doors open at 7 p.m. Showtime is 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Rain or Shine!

WHERE: Wicker Park Social Center Gazebo, 2215 Ridge Road, Highland

TICKETS: Most tickets are \$5 per person – ages 21 and over. Special events cost more.

NOTE: Food and drinks (full bar) available for purchase. No coolers allowed.

MORE INFO: Call (219) 932-2530, ext. 327 or wickermemorialpark.com.

FOOD

DRINKS

ENTERTAINMENT

UNDER

THE STARS

Live music

JUNE 18

FINAL SAY

Kick off summer with hits from the '80s, '90s and today!

ADMISSION: \$5

INFO: finalsay.com

SPECIAL
EVENT

JUNE 25

AMERICAN ENGLISH

This tribute band brings The Beatles back to life with decades of costumes and fabulous music!

ADMISSION: \$10

INFO: americanenglish.com

JULY 2



fireworks
show!

DICK DIAMOND & THE DUSTERS

Get your groove on with Dick and his '70s characters.

ADMISSION: \$5

INFO: dickdiamond.net

JULY 9

HIGH NOON

This show stopper combines old favorites, chart toppers as well as original music.

ADMISSION: \$5

INFO: highnoonband.com

JULY 16

STEEPWATER BAND / NOMAD PLANETS

This group's signature sound is a nod to early British blues.

ADMISSION: \$5

INFO: steepwater.com

JULY 23

KASHMIR

This Led Zeppelin experience comes alive with special effects.

ADMISSION: \$5

INFO: kashmirchicago.com

JULY 30

GONE 2 PARADISE

Get your Margaritaville on with the ultimate Buffett experience.

ADMISSION: \$5

INFO: gone2paradise.net

SPECIAL
EVENT

AUGUST 6

HERE COME THE MUMMIES

Join us for this Victory for Veterans Benefit.

ADMISSION: \$20 GA, \$30 VIP

INFO: brownpapertickets.com

AUGUST 8

PINTS IN THE PARK

Enjoy more than 100 craft beers, an all-you-can-eat buffet, and Dick Diamond & the Dusters.

ADMISSION: \$45 GA, \$75 VIP

INFO: pintsinthepark.com

AUGUST 13



fireworks
show!

ECHOES OF POMPEII

Check out one of the hottest Pink Floyd tribute bands, complete with light show!

ADMISSION: \$5

INFO: echoesofpompeii.net

AUGUST 20

INFINITY

From Journey and Styx to Boston and REO Speedwagon, this group will rock your world!

ADMISSION: \$5

INFO: infinity2k.com

SEPTEMBER 10

VISIONS OF SANTANA

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with the sounds of Santana.

ADMISSION: \$5

INFO: facebook.com/visionsofsantana

Sensational Summer

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Join us for an evening in the park. Sit back, relax and watch cinema on the big screen. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for comfortable seating.

JUNE 26: "Open Season"

JULY 24: "Frozen"

WHEN: Starting at dusk

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park

SPECIAL NEEDS DAY

Take a break from the summer heat at our Splash Pad – reserved for those with special needs and abilities.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 14 and Aug. 11

WHERE: Wicker Park Splash Pad

OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT

Grab the family, your tents and head to the park for an overnight campout.

Activities include a scavenger hunt, games and campfire songs.

JUNE 12-13: 7 p.m. to 9 a.m.

JULY 10-11: 7 p.m. to 9 a.m.

AUG. 28-29: 7 p.m. to 9 a.m.

WHERE: Wicker Park Pavilion

FEE: \$5 per tent - bring your own



For more information

For more information about these Wicker Memorial Park activities, please call Kelly Bridges at (219) 932-2530, ext. 331 or visit www.northtownshiptrustee.com.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

North Township, Geminus Corporation and North Shore Health Centers are teaming up to help the community to become a little more Zen. Learn how maintaining balance between eight core components – from the spiritual, social and emotional, to the financial, physical, intellectual, environmental and occupational – makes for happier individuals and families. Event includes one-on-one consultations, demonstrations and giveaways.

WHEN: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18

WHERE: Wicker Park Social Center, Highland

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: Call Cindy Rivera at (219) 803-0659.



FOUR WINDS CASINO TRIP

Roll the dice and let Lady Luck guide you to fame, fortune or at least a rollicking good time on this senior bus trip to New Buffalo, Michigan. Bus will pick up and return seniors to Wicker Memorial Park. Seats fill up fast and are first come, first served!

JUNE TRIP: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 29

JULY TRIP: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 28

AUGUST TRIP: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. August 26

WHERE: Four Winds Casino, New Buffalo, MI

FEE: \$26 per person. Upon arrival at the casino, you will receive a \$15 slot credit and \$10 food credit.

RESERVATIONS: Call Eleanor at (219) 313-3934.



SENIOR CABARET CRUISE

Join us for an afternoon on the Spirit of Chicago on beautiful Lake Michigan. Luncheon includes fresh salad or pasta salad, BBQ sirloin, caribbean roasted chicken, penne al forno, roasted vegetables, double baked or mashed potatoes and fresh cookies, cakes, pastries and seasonal fruit for dessert. Coach bus leaves Wicker Park at 10 a.m. and returns about 4:30 p.m. Seats fill up fast and are first come, first served!

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3

WHERE: Navy Pier, Chicago

FEE: \$75 per person

RESERVATIONS: Call Eleanor at (219) 313-3934.



SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Seniors enjoy great food, entertainment, guest speakers and door prizes for only \$5 at the monthly luncheon at Wicker Park Social Center in Highland. Doors open at 11 a.m.

JUNE 17 MENU: Chicken salad, cottage cheese, tomato, beets, Hawaiian rolls and fresh strawberries.

JULY 15 MENU: Mixed green salad, pot roast with boiled potatoes and carrots, chocolate pudding.

AUGUST 20 MENU: Taco salad with beef, lettuce, tomato, cheese and sour cream. Nacho chips, salsa and lime Jell-O will also be served.

RESERVATIONS: Call (219) 932-2530, ext. 301.



4 - 8 PM SATURDAY • AUGUST 8

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK • HIGHLAND

LIVE MUSIC BY DICK DIAMOND AND THE DUSTERS

\$45 GENERAL ADMISSION includes unlimited beer samples and commemorative sampling cup. Food available for purchase.

\$75 VIP ADMISSION includes 3 p.m. admittance, unlimited beer samples along with featured brews available only to VIPs, commemorative sampling cup, unlimited buffet and access to a private VIP lounge.

\$20 DESIGNATED DRIVER includes unlimited pop, water and a food voucher.

INFO & TICKETS: www.PINTSINTHEPARK.com



Frank J. Mrvan



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**HERE COME THE
MUMMIES**

Victory for Veterans Benefit Concert

8 PM THURSDAY • AUGUST 14

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK • HIGHLAND

CONCERT TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN
ADVANCE AT www.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.com.

\$20 GA • \$30 VIP • GATES OPEN AT 6 PM

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