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Hammond Mayor Thomas M. McDermott accepted a plaque to commemorate the 100th Year Anniversary of the City of Hammond as part of the National Football League Charter Member.



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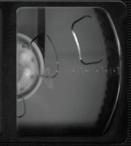


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# Hammond Hosts Cinco de Mayo

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Hammond Parks & Recreation are proud to announce the 16th Annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration to be held on Saturday, May 2 at the Hammond Civic Center, 5825 S. Sohl Avenue from 5p-10p. Tickets are on sale now at the Hammond Civic Center Business Office for \$15 each, which includes food and live entertainment. This colorful gala features fantastic Mexican cuisine by El Gran Taco Mexican Grill, served from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. The menu this year consists of grilled chicken in jalapeno cream cheese sauce, diced pork ribs in green salsa stew, stuffed poblano peppers, vegan and vegetarian tamales, rice, beans, chips and salsa. Children's meals are

available for \$5 each, consisting of quesadillas on flour tortilla, or cheese or pepperoni pizza, macaroni & cheese, rice and beans. This year's entertainment is Ballet Folkorico of East Chicago, Mariachi Sirenas, and the very popular Region band Together will close out the evening. A cash bar is available and serving Bud Light, Corona and Bud Light Margaritas in lime and strawberry. For tickets, visit the Hammond Civic Center Business Office on Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm. Call (219) 853-6378 for more information or visit www.gohammond.com.

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Bishop Noll Institute will host an entrance exam for prospective students at 8 a.m. April 4 at the school, 1519 Hoffman St. in Hammond. This is the first step in the admissions process for all 8th graders who are interested in attending Bishop Noll.

Test takers should enter through Door A at 7:45 a.m. The test will conclude around noon. The pre-registration exam fee is \$20, and parents are encouraged to stop by Bishop Noll's main office during designated office hours (Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.) to pay in advance and reserve their child's spot for the exam. They may also email Bishop Noll's director of admissions, Jeff Stur, at jstur@ bishopnoll.org or call (219) 932-9058 with any questions prior to the exam.

Focusing on the mind, body and soul of each student, Noll offers 23 honors, AP, ACP, and DC classes as well as more than 40 varsity sports, clubs, and academic teams. Students also participate in four class retreats (one each year)

and also have the opportunity to become retreat studentleaders. Bishop Noll Institute's state-of-the-art STREAM Lab and Innovation Center opened for STEM, computer and engineering classes this year. The \$1 million-plus project is the centerpiece of the school's drive to become the first elite STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) school in Indiana.

Now in its 99th school year, Bishop Noll consistently receives high rankings from the Indiana Department of Education, including the highest graduation rate (99%) of any high school in Lake County over the past six years. In addition, Noll's Class of 2019 received \$9.49 million in college scholarship offers. Noll is part of the Diocese of Gary, offering a discount to Diocesan families, and participates in the Indiana School Choice program.

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# Blood In Need After Coronavirus Scare

The American Red Cross strongly urges healthy, eligible individuals who are feeling well to give blood or platelets to help maintain a sufficient blood supply and prevent shortages as concerns about the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, rise in the U.S.

Cold and flu season has already impacted the nation's ability to maintain its blood supply. As the number of coronavirus cases grows in the U.S., the number of people eligible to give blood for patients in need could decrease further.

"We're asking the American people to help keep the blood supply stable during this challenging time. As communities across the country prepare for this public health emergency, it's critical that plans include a readily available blood supply for hospital patients," said Chris Hrouda, president, Red Cross Blood Services. "As fears of coronavirus rise, low donor participation could harm blood availability at hospitals, and the last thing a patient should worry about is whether lifesaving blood will be on the shelf when they need it most."

The Red Cross provides blood to more than 2,500 hospitals across the country, including 80 hospitals in Indiana.

Please make an appointment to donate blood now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling

1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Blood donors with type O blood and platelet donors are especially needed right now.

Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood. There are no data or evidence that this coronavirus can be transmissible by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases worldwide of transmissions for any respiratory virus, including this coronavirus, from a transfusion.

The Red Cross only collects blood from individuals who are healthy and feeling well at the time of donation - and who meet other eligibility requirements, available at RedCrossBlood. org. At each blood drive and donation center, Red Cross employees follow thorough safety protocols including wearing gloves, routinely wiping down donor-touched areas, using sterile collection sets for every donation, and preparing the arm for donation with an aseptic scrub. These mitigation measures will help ensure blood recipient safety, as well as staff and donor safety in reducing contact with those who may potentially have this respiratory infection.

Source:

The American Red Cross

# Power Onward with Purdue Northwest

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) invites high school students and their families interested in learning more about the university to attend one of two upcoming Preview PNW events.

Preview PNW provides a unique opportunity for future students and their families to gain a full understanding of the outstanding education, experience, real-world connections with faculty and vibrant student life PNW offers. Students and families attending these events have a chance to meet with faculty members, current students, staff and alumni to ask questions and to learn how PNW encourages the determination and drive necessary for student success.

Preview PNW will be held at the Westville Campus on Saturday, March 28 starting at the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, 1401 U.S. Highway 421. The Preview PNW event will take place at the Hammond Campus on Saturday, Apr. 18 starting at the Student Union and Library Building, 2200 169th Street. On both dates, check-in will begin at 8 a.m. and programming begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

The event is free and open to prospective students of all ages and their families. Attendees will tour the PNW campus and learn about undergraduate programs; campus life and housing options; the admissions process, financial aid and available scholarships; NCAA Division II athletics; PNW's Honors College; study abroad opportunities and more.

Registration is encouraged via the Preview PNW website at www.pnw. edu/preview.

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# Purdue Temporarily Closed for Coronavirus

In response to the rapidly changing situation with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Purdue University Northwest (PNW) announced today (March 11) a temporary suspension of many on-campus activities in support of the health and wellbeing of students, faculty, staff and the greater PNW community. The measures were announced in a message from Chancellor Thomas L. Keon to all students, faculty and staff.

PNW suspended face-to-face instruction beginning March 12, through April 4. Following spring break (March 14-22), classes will be taught online or through alternative delivery from March 23 through April 4. At this time, PNW anticipates face-to-face instruction to resume April 6, while the university continues to monitor this extremely fluid

situation.

The PNW campuses will remain open, however, all events will be suspended from March 12 through April 4.

"The health and safety of our entire PNW community is our highest priority," Keon stated. "While we have no reported cases of COVID-19 on our campuses, there are confirmed cases in Indiana and Illinois. To minimize the impact of the potential spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health of our PNW community, we are taking actions to address these current circumstances."

PNW will continue to monitor the situation and will provide future updates accordingly.

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Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.; Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.; (219) 931-5100, ext 307 or 310. SECURING THE VOTE: Women's Suffrage in Indiana. After the Nineteenth Amendment gave women the right to vote, the League of Women Voters was formed in 1920. Learn about the efforts of women nationally and here at home to persist toward the goal of full citizenship and the power to make change through voting.

This event celebrates the 100th anniversary of the League, and is presented in conjunction with the traveling exhibit "Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana," which is on display at the Hammond Public Library from March 4 to April 2. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours. Locally, the exhibit and March 18 program were made possible through a cooperative effort of the Hammond Historical Society, Hammond Public Library, Indiana Historical Society, and the League of Women Voters of the Calumet Area.

Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m.; Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.; (219) 931-5100, ext 320. Easy Line Dancing for Beginners. Would you like to dance but don't have a partner? No problem! Line dancing provides the benefits of an aerobic workout.

Spring Break Fun (Ages: 6 to 13 years). Tuesday, March 24 at 2 p.m.; Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.; (219) 931-5100, ext 336. Grab your friends for BINGO at the library.

Wednesday, March 25 at 2 p.m.; Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.; (219) 931-5100, ext 336. Let's play life-size Yahtzee.

Thursday, March 26 at 3 p.m.; Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.; (219) 931-5100, ext 336. Take Me Out to the Ballgame (Ages: 6 years to 13 years). Drop in between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to celebrate the opening day of Major League Baseball. Decorate your own baseball pennant (while supplies last).

Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m.; Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.; (219) 931-5100, ext 320. AUTHOR VISIT: Edward Kelsey Moore visits the African American Literature Book Club. The African American Literature Book Club welcomes Indianapolis native Edward Kelsey Moore on Thurs., March 26 at 6 p.m. The conversation with the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award honoree is part of the Novel Conversations Speakers Program, sponsored by Indiana Humanities with support from Glick Philanthropies. Moore is the author of The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat (2013) and The Supremes Sing the Happy Heartache Blues (2017).

Source:

The Hammond Public Library

# Mayor Presents Check to Boys & Girls Club



Pictured above, from left to right are: Hammond Councilwoman Janet Venecz, Hammond Councilman Dan Spitale, Hammond Councilman Scott Rakos, Hammond Councilwoman Katrina Alexander, Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott, BGCGNWI President & CEO Ryan Smiley, & Hammond Councilman Barry Tyler.

Mayor Thomas McDermott presented Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana with a check for \$400,000 from the City of Hammond on Monday. The funding is part of the city's commitment to a \$1.6 million capital campaign the organization launched to completely renovate Hammond Boys & Girls Club, a process that begins later this month.

Approached by an anonymous donor with a lead gift of \$500,000 and an opportunity for a dollar-for-dollar match up to an additional \$500,000. Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana embarked on a silent phase of fundraising, soliciting donations from corporations, municipalities, and private individuals. During this time, Mayor McDermott committed to partnering with Boys & Girls Clubs, citing the work the Hammond Club does for families in the community.

The check presentation, held inside Hammond Boys & Girls Club, coincides with Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana officially kicking off the public phase of its fundraising efforts. To date, the organization has raised \$1.49 million, President and CEO Ryan Smiley said. This total includes donations from the anonymous donor and a number of corporations, as well as a recent \$50,000 grant from the NBA All-Star Legacy Grant Initiative to renovate Hammond Boys & Girls Club's gymnasium.

Construction begins on Hammond Boys & Girls Club later this month, and all programming will be moved to Lafayette Elementary School to ensure Club services remain available to Hammond youth over spring and summer. The renovation will be completed in August in time for the start of the school year.

For more information on the Hammond renovation or to donate, visit bgcgreaternwi.org/ newclub.

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#### April 18

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. and the Hammond Marina are pleased to announce the return of the Annual Fishing Derby for the 22nd year! The Derby will be held on Saturday, April 18 (no rain date) from 7a - 4p at the Hammond Marina, 701 Casino Center Drive. This event is FREE and is open to all adults and children, with free parking and refreshments. Fishing will take place on the outer Lake Michigan break wall, on the inside, west end docks of the marina break wall and on land. NO BOATS! Use live and/or artificial bait. Prizes and trophies will be awarded for largest salmon, largest trout and largest bass. This derby is subject to all IDNR fishing and game laws, so please have your license and stamp. Get your fishing license online at: http://www.wildlife. in.gov or simply visit Cabela's in Hammond. For more information contact the Hammond Marina at (219) 659-7678.

Saturday, April 18 from noon to 3 p.m.; Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.; (219) 931-5100, ext. 310 or 320. 7th annual Local Author Fair. Meet the authors, learn about the writing process, and purchase their books, which they'll happily sign. The following authors are scheduled to appear: Don S. McClure; Faith Nicole; D. A. Rhodes; Brian Vukadinovich; Dan Helpingstine; Sanzaki Kojika; D. C. Wright-Hammer; Tony Lindsay; Yusuf Ali El; Michael A. Brown: John Mitchell: Cherie Barnes; Aretha D. Williams; Dennis McLean; Albert Koch; D. J. Kingdom Poet; Gina Gadson; David Detmer; Elvis Slaughter; Sound Whisdom; Jule Lyle; Kaye Page; Rich Elliott; Mike Ripley; Brian Bradley; and Tanika McBee.

#### April 24

Hammond Academy of Science and Technology (HAST) and Parents and Teachers of HAST (PATH) would like to invite you to take part in our upcoming Moms Nite Out. Join us Friday, April 24, 2020 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Hammond Academy located at 33 Muenich Court in Hammond. For more information, contact Billie Rollins 773.981.5039 or bsrolli2000@yahoo.com.

#### Every 2nd & 4th Thursday

The New Hope Baptist Church Food Pantry will be held every 2nd and 4th Thursday at New Hope Too Fellowship Hall, 6634 Calumet, Hammond, IN, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm or until food runs out. The pantry will operate on a first come first served basis. For further information or if you would like to donate toward this worthy cause, please call the church at 219-932-5955, or Shirley at (219) 680-6109.

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# Successful Rescue for Cat with Kittens

On a cold snowy night, Second Chance 4 Pets Network recently rescued a mama cat and her six newborn kittens in Portage, Ind.

The cat and her babies were found and rescued by a neighbor family. They were hiding in the mulch where it was hard for them to survive.

"I had just gotten home from a Second Chance 4 Pets board meeting," said Stacy Mosca, board member. "It was about 8:30 p.m. when I received a Facebook message from a local family in Portage saying that they found a mama cat and her babies in the yard."

The mama cat with her beautiful two-day-old kittens were under a bush. The family had put a box covered with a blanket next to them to protect them from the snow and the low temperature.

"We needed to get the babies inside for warmth," said Mosca. "They were separated, and their mother was not near them."

Mosca then got the kittens inside a box at the founder's garage with a can of tuna next to it. The mama cat slowly walked around the box very insecure. After a couple of unpeaceful attempts, the mama cat and the babies were reunited the next day.

Megan Noort, foster and board member, is now taking care of them, because she has a degree in animal science and worked as a veterinary technician for over 20 years. The mama cat and the six babies are healthy, happy and safe in Noort's home with her husband, Terry Noort, and her three kids: Kali, Korbin and Kodi.

"We love them just like they are our own babies. We want to make sure that they are safe for the rest of their lives," said Noort. "The mom is pretty young herself and having babies at that age is pretty rough. That is why it is important for you to spay and neuter your pet."

"The mama cat and the babies will be ready for adoption when the babies turn to three months old," said Noort.

"The dumb things we do for love," said Terry Noort, who is allergic to cats but continued to help his wife, Megan Noort, with fostering for SC4Pets.

"We go through a lot of ups and downs, but we have a wonderful group of volunteers that I am grateful to work with," said JoAnn Palko, president and founder of SC4Pets. "The animals are loved and cared for before they go to their adoptive homes."

Second Chance 4 Pets Network is a 501(c) (3) non-profit animal rescue organization committed to helping people help animals. More information can be found on their website SC4Pets.org.

Source:

Second Chance 4 Pets Network

## Munster High Student Honored

Munster High School junior Shriya Iyer has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service The Award. award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

In its 25th year, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

In December 2018, as a representative of CORD (Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development in India) USA, Iyer had the unique opportunity to volunteer for two weeks in Tamaraipakkam, a rural village in southern India. The mission of the trip was to help better the lives of the 300 local farmers and villagers in a variety of ways. Iyer was part of a team that built three community toilets and taught farmers how to make a safer organic pesticide, called Agni Asthram (the Fire Weapon), from a mixture

of garlic, green chili, and cow dung. She also helped farmers construct Azolla ponds where aquatic ferns grow. The ferns, when fed to cows, enable them to produce healthier and larger quantities of milk.

Additionally, she also attended a Mahila Mandal, a gathering to empower women, where volunteers raised awareness about dengue fever and distributed bleaching powder for puddles to prevent mosquito breeding. They also educated village children and teenagers about personal hygiene. When Iyer returned from her trip, she was inspired to raise \$1,200 to purchase school supplies for the children.

"This whole experience has helped me gain a more global perspective and develop a deep sense of gratitude for the resources available to us in the United States," Iyer said. "I truly felt like an agent of change. I want to thank Ms. Padmini Makam, president of Chinmaya Mission NWI, for writing my recommendation letter for the service visit and Munster High School Principal Mr. Mike Wells for nominating me for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award."

Source:

Munster High School

# Hammond 17th Annual Job Fair

The Mayor's Office of Economic Development would like to invite you to attend the 17th Annual Job Fair on Thursday, April 16th from 11am to 3pm at the Hammond Civic Center, 5825 Sohl Avenue in Hammond. This event is instrumental in addressing the employment needs of the residents of the City of Hammond and the Region, as well as assisting the local companies in their recruitment process.

We have carefully selected outstanding companies representing government, finance, gaming, healthcare, sales, manufacturing, and apprenticeship trades. It's a free event you will not want to miss! No need to pre-register. Just be sure to bring plenty of resumes and dress to impress!

Contact Juan J. Moreno at 219-853-7312, or email morenoj@ gohammond.com

Participants include: ABF Freight; AcessAbilities, Inc.; Allied Universal; Alverno Laboratories; Aperion Care Tolleston Park; Calumet Breweries, Inc; Calumet Painting & Restoration; Campagna Academy; City of Hammond; Community Healthcare System; Crown Service Inc.; DeVry University;

Dungarvin; Elwood Staffing; First Savings Bank of Hegewisch; Franciscan Health; Hammond Fire Department; Hammond Parks Recreation & Department; Hammond Port Authority; Hammond Public Library; Helping Hands In-Home Care, Inc.: Horseshoe Casino: Independent Insurance Sales; Indiana Department of Transportation (IDOT); Indiana Tech; Indiana University Northwest; Integrity Trade Services; Integrity Workforce; ISM Security Management, LLC; LaPorte County Family YMCA; Luke Family of Brands; Mike Anderson Chevrolet: NiSource: Northshore Health Centers; Operating Engineers Local 150; People's Bank; Primerica: Providence Life Services: Resolve Human Resources; Respite Care Services, Inc.; Robert Half; Schillings; South Holland Manor HRC; Speedway LLC; Total Staffing Solutions, Inc.; Tri-State Automation, Inc.; United States Marine Corps; UPS; & We Care Fromm The Heart.

Source:

The City of Hammond

# Yard Waste Pickup in Hammond

On May 4, 2020 (weather permitting), Hammond Public Works will begin curbside pickup of 30 gallon paper, biodegradable yard waste bags on a regular weekly basis. Residents can expect their yard waste pickup on the same day as their scheduled garbage pickup days.

The bags must not weigh more than 50 lbs. and only grass and leaves can

be placed in the yard waste bags. Bags containing other material such as paper, plastic, or dirt will not be picked up.

Paper waste bags should be placed at the curb the night before the scheduled pickup day.

Yard waste pickup will continue until the week of November 30, 2020.

Source:

The City of Hammond

# Spring Break at the Planetarium

Help us break in our new planetarium unit and never before seen laser light shows at this year's Spring Break Pop up!

March 25th - Experience space face-to-face with a brand new full-dome film and space talk with a flight director.

March 27th - Go on an epic, interstellar voyage with 2 Grecian classic tales about the night sky's constellations and hidden

Space has never been this close!

Showtimes are Wednesday, March 25th & Friday, March 27th, at 1 PM & 3 PM. Tickets: \$10 per person.

Challenger Learning Center of NWI is located at 2300 173rd Street Hammond, IN 46323. For more information, call (219) 989-3250 or visit www. clcnwi.com. Questions? Email: questions@clcnwi.com

Source:

The City of Hammond

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The Great Sphinx was an equinoctial marker. A theory in alternative Egyptlogy claims that the great Sphinx of Egypt gazes east, targeting the exact position of the Vernal Equinox sunrise.

## Book Release: Lost Hammond

In the heart of the calumet region, hardworking Hammond helped build America. Originally known as State Line Slaughterhouse, the city began as no more than a meatpacking plant for nearby Chicago. In time, the city grew, and at its industrial height, trains, chains, cigars, shirts, candy, nuts, player pianos, commercial wallpaper, concrete roof slabs, gutters, boilers, potato digging devices, screws and steel products poured from its many factories.

Meanwhile, its many racetracks and casinos earned it the title of "Atlantic City on the Lake." The city also nurtured Jean Shepherd of A Christmas Story fame and was even home to an early NFL team. Hammondborn journalist Joseph S. Pete explores bygone landmarks like Phil Smidt's, Madura's Danceland, the State Theatre, the Woodmar

Mall and the W.B. Conkey factory, all of which now live only in legend.

Joseph S. Pete was born in Hammond and lived by the city for much of his life. He's an award-winning iournalist for the Times of Northwest Indiana, an Iraq War vet, an IU grad, the Northwest Indiana Literary Journal editor and a frequent guest on Lakeshore Public Radio. His work has appeared in 150 literary journals, including Spirits, Dogzplot and McSweeney's Internet Tendency, and in books like Indiana at 200 and Poets to Come: Walt Whitman's Bicentennial. He never misses Festival of the Lakes.

Source:

Arcadia Publishing

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 DOB:
 2/18/1989
 Eyes:
 Hazel

 Gender:
 MALE
 Hair:
 Brown

 Height:
 509
 Weight:
 184

 Glasses:
 No Glasses/Cont
 Name #:
 14N010492

## WANTED

**BURGLARY** 





#### **BYRD, DENNIS DEANDRE**

 OB:
 12/12/1991
 Eyes:
 Black

 ender:
 MALE
 Hair:
 Brown

 eight:
 509
 Weight:
 180

 lasses:
 No Glasses/Cont
 Name #:
 18N064487

## **WANTED**

BURGLARY





#### **VYSINKA, MICHAEL RAY**

 DOB:
 9/17/1973
 Eyes:
 Blue

 Gender:
 MALE
 Hair:
 Blonde

 Height:
 511
 Weight:
 187

 Glasses:
 No Glasses/Cont
 Name #:
 970003117

## WANTED

ARMED ROBBERY W/SERIOUS BODILY INJURY





#### JACKSON, WARD LEDALE

 DOB:
 2/13/1995
 Eyes:
 Brown

 Gender:
 MALE
 Hair:
 Black

 Height:
 600
 Weight:
 140

 Glasses:
 No Glasses/Cont
 Name #:
 080N37157

#### **WARRANT DIVISION** - (219) 755-3057

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All information from the Lake County Sheriff Office and the Lake County Sheriff's website. CR Publications is not liable for any misinformation.

# Hammond Neighborhood Community Meetings

March 19 Thursday	ANCI	Hessville Neighborhood Crime  or a senter  1031 Mahoney Dr
March 19 Thursday	7:00 PM	South Hammond-Jefferson Neighborhood Watch Hammond Housing Authority 1402 173rd Street
March 20 Friday	2:00 PM	Community Watch at Silver Birch 5620 Sohl Ave
April I Wednesday	ANCI	Econ Watch For ol 7025 Madison
April 3 Friday	ANCI	vir vir (atch 4727 Pine
April 8 Wednesday	2:00 PM	Community Watch at Mt. Zion Pleasantview Plaza 940 Kenwood
April 8 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch Calumet College-Room 200 2400 New York Avenue
April 17 Friday	I:00 PM	Edison Community Watch "On the Road" Golden Manor, Senior Building 1201 175th St
April 21 Tuesday	6:30 PM	East Hammond/Pullman Crime Watch Ophelia Steen Center 5927 Columbia
April 23 Thursday	6:30 PM	South Hohman Ave Neighborhood Watch Trinity Lutheran Church Corner of 173rd & Hohman Ave
May 5 Tuesday	6:30 PM	Harrison Park Crime Watch VFW 5820 Hohman Ave.

# Police Issue Silver Alert for Girl



A silver alert has been issued for Christiana Bennett. Photo provided.

The Hammond Police Department is again asking for the public's help with any information they may have in reference to 14-yearold Christiana Bennett who has been missing for approximately two weeks. Christiana was seen leaving Hammond High School on February 13th with friends and has not been seen or heard from by her family since. Detectives believe that Christiana may have originally left on her own but are concerned for her wellbeing. A silver alert issued by the State of Indiana has been activated due to Christiana

being a missing endangered child at high risk due to her age. If anyone has information on the possible whereabouts of Christiana, they are asked to please call Hammond police Det. Sgt. Jenny Schutz at 219-852-6381 or 911 immediately.

Christiana Bennett is age 14 and lives in Hammond, Indiana. She is a black female with brown hair and brown eyes, approximately 5'4" tall and 125 pounds. She was last seen on February 13th.

Source:

The Hammond Police Department

#### **Attention -- Hammond Landlords**



## IT'S TIME!

To Renew your Hammond Rental Registration

Rental Registration forms are available at City Hall and on GoHammond.com
Search "Rental Registration". If you renew before April 15th, 2020 the fee is \$5 per rental unit - otherwise a late fee of \$500 will be assessed per rental unit\*\*, so renew EARLY!!!

If you are no longer landlord in the City of Hammond, notify the Inspections Department so that the city can remove you from a property. Proper documentation will be required.

If you have any questions please call 219-853-6316

\*\* If you have ailed to register in prior years, you will not be able to register for 2020.

Call 219-933-7600 if you believe you owe for prior years.

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