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Martin Luther King Memorial Park Splash Pad Ribbon Cutting



Highlights of the new MLK Memorial Park splash pad interactive feature

The free interactive water feature is now open for cooling off and spectator enjoyment. The interactive water feature runs seven days a week, turns on automatically during the hours 10 am. to 8 pm.



Above: Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr. and 3rd District Councilman Barry Tyler Jr. take a turn in the new splash pad water feature.

Right: Neighborhood kids joining in on the fun

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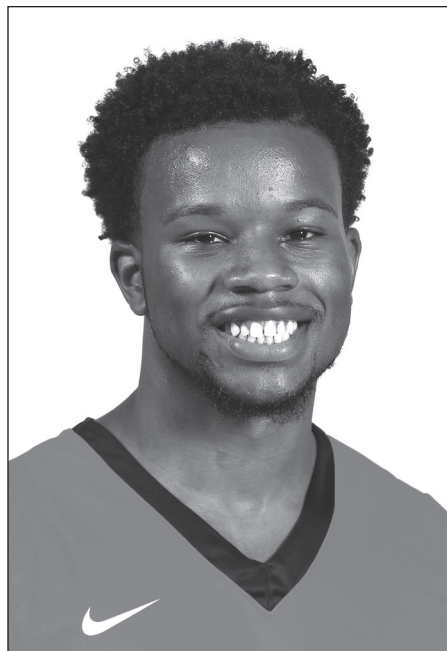
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Noll selects 2012 grad Dodson as basketball coach



John Dodson III, a member of Bishop Noll Institute's 2011 state finalist basketball team and member of the 2016 Benedictine University NCAA Division III national runner-up team, has been named BNI's head boys basketball coach.

Hammond, IN – John Dodson III, a member of Bishop Noll Institute's 2011 state finalist basketball team and member of the 2016 Benedictine University NCAA Division III national runner-up team, has been named BNI's head boys basketball coach, Athletic Director Eric Roldan announced today.

Dodson served the past two seasons as assistant coach at NCAA Division III Milwaukee School of Engineering and worked as a Milwaukee-based account executive for a national logistics company. He graduated in 2016 from Benedictine in Lisle, Ill., with a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing, earning dean's list status as a junior and senior with a 3.5 grade-point average.

"I am excited for this opportunity," Dodson said. "Having the chance to give

knowledge back and teach young men the game of basketball has continued to be a passion of mine, and what better place to do it than at home? I'd like to truly thank Bishop Noll for allowing me this opportunity to come back. My goal is to develop and grow this group of young men and bring back the winning culture that Noll is accustomed to."

Roldan praised the leadership of Dodson, who was a starting guard on the Bishop Noll team that went 26-0 before losing by one point to Indianapolis Park Tudor in the 2011 Class 2A state championship game. At Benedictine, Dodson was a two-year captain and started every game as a senior, logging more minutes than any other player on a team that went 31-0 before losing the national championship game to St. Thomas of Minnesota.

"John was a fierce competitor here at Bishop Noll and always highly respected among his coaches, peers and school community," Roldan said. "We are excited to bring John back not only because of his success here, but also his success and leadership as a college player and coach, all of which will benefit the young men in Bishop Noll's basketball program."

Caption (John Dodson, John Dodson 2): John Dodson III, a member of Bishop Noll Institute's 2011 state finalist basketball team and member of the 2016 Benedictine University NCAA Division III national runner-up team, has been named BNI's head boys basketball coach.

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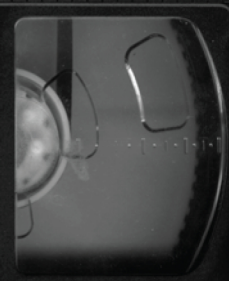
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Hammond Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. has announced that effective immediately, all staff and visitors to City of Hammond municipal buildings must wear personal protective masks. The buildings affected by this order include City Hall, Sportsplex, Civic Center, Jean Shepherd Center, Hammond Police Department, Hammond Marina, Hammond Fire Department, Hammond Water Department, Hammond Sanitary

District, Hammond Housing Authority, Public Works and Lost Marsh Clubhouse. "With the uprising of COVID 19 cases all across the country as well as an uptick in cases across Northwest Indiana, I believe it is imperative to follow CDC guidelines and wear masks for both the visitors and employees protection," stated Mayor McDermott.

Players in practices and competitions for sports in the Hammond Sportsplex,

Jean Shepherd Center and the Hammond Civic Center are not required to wear masks. However, any other spectators or visitors in these venues will be required to wear a mask as a condition of admittance.

Persons exempt from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others should wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield.

"The use of face coverings by the public during a pandemic as well as social distancing and hand washing could help reduce transmission of the disease," stated Mayor McDermott. "Let's be vigilant!"

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Hammond Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. has announced a new proposal for Hammond residents who are looking for an opportunity to fulfill their dream of becoming a Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT but can't financially afford the expense.

Currently, the City of Hammond has 155 firefighting personnel all trained in paramedics/EMTs. However, with longevity many firefighters will soon be retiring and replacements will be needed to ensure an easy transition and protection of Hammond's residents. Mayor McDermott believes Hammond has enough capable citizens within its city limits to fill this void in the Fire Department's personnel roster.

Medic Bound has been created for Hammond residents, who are otherwise eligible and qualified, but are unable to financially afford the cost of the required EMT school, turn out gear, uniforms and the medical testing (including blood work, a physical and psychological testing) required to apply with the Hammond Fire Department. To apply for Medic Bound, eligible candidates must have

documentation of three years of residency in Hammond prior to submitting their application and are willing to stay in the City for at least three years following being sworn in as a Hammond Firefighter.

"It is in the best interest of the City of Hammond and its residents to encourage Hammond youths to apply for the Medic Bound Program", stated Mayor McDermott. "They know the people and the neighborhoods. Their community pride and the desirability for the continuity of community growth makes it a lifetime opportunity for any aspiring firefighter."

The Hammond Fire Department will begin taking applications between July 13th and July 24th at Central Fire Station, 6110 Calumet Avenue between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Applicants must be between the ages of 20 and 25.

Please contact Fire Chief, Jeffery Smith at 219-853-6416 for questions and specifics about the application process.

Source: City of Hammond

Midwest Firm Earns National Recognition

Safety performance recognized by one of the country's largest trade associations.

Bolingbrook, IL – 7/9/2020 – The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC), based in Washington, D.C., recently celebrated the safe workplace achievements of Stevenson Crane Service Inc. (SCS), a heavy lifting equipment company located in Bolingbrook, IL.

SCS received a Thomas J. Reynolds Award for Excellence in Construction Safety and Health in the third category, which relates to 100,000 to 500,000 hours of work performed to exceptional degrees of safety.

To be eligible for recognition, companies had to perform 25% better than national averages for the preceding year

in their Days Away, Restricted or Transferred (DART) rate, based on Bureau of Labor Statistics national averages as a benchmark.

All winners achieved a DART Frequency of zero.

"Our people work diligently every single day to avoid accidents and work as safely as possible. Earning an award from a national group like TAUC is an affirmation of everything that we've worked so hard to achieve, and we're very grateful for the recognition," said Ted Larkin, corporate safety director with SCS.

Awards were given based on performances for the 2019 calendar year.

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First Merchants Bank Donates \$7,500 to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana

To help kick off Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana's Best Summer Ever campaign, First Merchants Bank is donating \$7,500 to the organization as part of a dollar-for-dollar matching gift. Through July 3, donations of at least \$50 to Boys & Girls Clubs will be matched by First Merchants Bank up to \$7,500.

"We are so thankful to First Merchants Bank for their generous donation," Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana President and CEO Ryan Smiley said. "This gift will go a long way toward giving Club kids the Best Summer Ever, and we are grateful for their commitment to our shared communities."

First Merchants pledged \$1,000,000 to be contributed

across all communities the banking institution serves throughout Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan. Local leadership identified Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana as providing valuable services to communities and vital in the fight against COVID-19.

Smiley said the donation will go toward summer programming at nine region Club locations. Following eleven weeks of closure due to COVID-19, the organization re-opened its Clubs in Cedar Lake, Portage, Valparaiso, Chesterton and South Haven on June 1. The East Chicago, Gary and Hammond Clubs re-opened on June 15, and Lake Station Boys & Girls Club is re-opening on July 6.

This summer, Boys & Girls Clubs is focused on providing Club members with the Best Summer Ever in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that abruptly closed schools and has since shut down a number of recreational opportunities for region kids. Club members are able to participate in arts and STEM programming and socialize with their friends all within the safety of Clubs, which have implemented a number of precautions to keep Club members, their families and staff safe.

The organization is particularly focusing its efforts on combatting learning loss, a phenomenon children typically experience over the summer when they are out of school. Recent research from NWEA, Brown University, and Harvard

all project that the extended time kids spent out of school because of COVID-19 will dramatically impact their academic progress. Smiley said that while the status of the upcoming school year remains uncertain, the organization is committed to helping students and schools however it can.

"Nobody is sure what school is going to look like in August," Smiley said. "But we know that teachers have worked hard to get our kids where they are, and we want to do our part to help keep them on track."

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Irving Park Ribbon Cutting



Above: Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr. cutting the ribbon, with 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres, Councilman at Large Daniel P. Spitale, Councilwoman at Large Janet Venecz, and Councilwoman Katrina D. Alexander.

1. A new landscape structure playground with accessible poured in place safety surfacing and spectator seating
2. New outfield fence and concrete bleacher pads for the baseball field, where Bishop Noll plays their home games
3. Two reconstructed full court basketball hoops with blue and green colored courts
4. A futsal court, which is a first of it's kind in Hammond. Futsal was added to the youth Olympics
- in 2018 and continues to grow in the world. It is a fast-paced, high-scoring game that stresses ball movement and skill in tight spaces
5. A new 1/2 mile walking path to improve accessibility to all of the park and which is part of the Grand Marquette Trail
6. A safer park by closing off the thru traffic on Irving Park Parkway and creation of 30 additional parking spaces

More to come:

Watch for outside workout equipment similar to Columbia and MLK Parks to be installed by the fall. Additional trees from the Student Conservation Association and the City's first off leash Dog Park in the 2nd District.

Overall these park improvements have been made to build a stronger community by bringing people together. Now, maybe more than ever, we need to find outdoor activities to refresh and recreate. This is a unique park to help make Hammond a "destination for recreation" where park visitors will have recreation and memories, as well as area for social media posts, for years to come!

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