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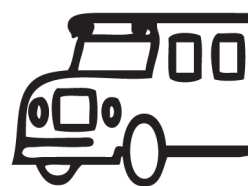
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# Purdue Northwest continues 26-year Martin Luther King Jr. Day tradition with first virtual program



*Karen Bishop Morris*

HAMMOND and WESTVILLE, Ind. — Purdue University Northwest (PNW) invites the Northwest Indiana community to celebrate diversity and inclusion through the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. by participating in a virtual event from 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 18. Karen Bishop Morris, associate professor of English at PNW, will deliver the keynote presentation during this event.

The event is free and open to the community. To view this virtual program visit [YouTube.com/PurdueNorthwest](https://www.youtube.com/PurdueNorthwest).

“The MLK Committee, comprised of 10 community members, collaborate to plan and implement this annual event to reflect on Dr. King’s mission and vision,” said Laura Odom, associate director of PNW’s Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Sondra Craig, MLK committee co-chair reflected, “The event also serves as a call to action of working together for building harmony as we endeavor to fulfill Dr. King’s dream. This year we had to pivot due to the pandemic,

and we are proud to offer this virtual program to the entire community.”

## Speakers

Karen Bishop Morris, an associate professor of English at Purdue University Northwest, has served in numerous roles including interim dean of the Honors College; chair, department of English; director of First-Year Writing; and director of the University Writing Center.

Morris earned her Ph.D. in English/Rhetoric and Composition from Purdue University. She has served as a board member or fundraising strategist for many national and local nonprofit organizations. These include Girls Write Now (vice chair - New York), The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (strategic alliances – Midwest Region), Careers through Culinary Arts Program (executive director – Chicago), and Share Foundation with the Handicapped (director of development – Rolling Prairie).

Morris focuses her academic energy on building innovative programs, implementing high impact

practices for first-generation students, and strengthening connections between higher education and its various stakeholders. She has been recognized for her influence around issues of engagement, inclusion, and philanthropy, and is a frequently invited speaker. Her current service includes membership on the 2020-21 Purdue Equity Task Force, St. Catherine Hospital board, Laini Fluellen Charities Pink Tie Committee, and as a reviewer for the Susan G. Komen Foundation – Chicago.

Other program highlights include: Wendel McCollum, associate superintendent of Michigan City Area Schools, will serve as emcee. Thomas L. Keon, Chancellor of Purdue Northwest, will share opening remarks. Vanessa Allen-McCloud, president and CEO of the Urban league of Northwest Indiana, will be the vocalist.

In lieu of donations of needed items collected at the in-person events held on the PNW campuses in previous years, the planning committee kindly suggests making

a donation to a charity or organization of your choice.

## Event Sponsors

Premier sponsors include: Horizon Bank; NIPSCO; NiSource Charitable Foundation; Purdue University Northwest Creating a Culture of Inclusion Team. Gold sponsors include: Michigan City Human Rights Commission; Michigan City La Porte Convention and Visitors Bureau. Silver sponsors include: 1st Source Bank; Sinai Temple; Unity Foundation of La Porte County. Bronze sponsors include: La Porte County Herald-Dispatch; La Porte County NAACP; Life Changes, LLC; Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of African American Males.

For more information, visit [www.pnw.edu/mlk-celebration](https://www.pnw.edu/mlk-celebration). To request a disability-related accommodation for this event contact Laura Odom, associate director of the Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, at [odoml@pnw.edu](mailto:odoml@pnw.edu).

*Source: Purdue Northwest*

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# Lakeshore Public Media Nominated for Two National Public Media Awards for Community Engagement and Arts Programming

The National Educational Telecommunications Association recently announced its finalists for their 52nd Annual Public Media Awards today, and Lakeshore Public Media was nominated in two categories.

The NETA Public Media Awards honor members' work in education, community engagement, marketing/communications and content. Lakeshore Public Media is a finalist for its live community conversation about race following local protests after the George Floyd shooting, and for a locally produced feature on a neighborhood art gallery.

"We are thrilled that our work - showcasing some of the great stories to come out of Northwest Indiana and Chicago - has been nominated for these prestigious national awards," said James A. Muhammad, President and CEO of Lakeshore Public Media.

With the exception of the overall excellence categories, stations compete within their appropriate divisions based on their station size. Awards will be judged by a group of expert panelists from within the public media system, as well as industry professionals working outside of public media.

The NETA Community Initiative Award is given to a station that brings attention to a specific critical issue which results in enhanced capacity to address the issue within the defined community. Lakeshore Public Media was nominated for its Race and Justice: Here and Now effort,

a live conversation with community leaders, political figures and law enforcement that took place within a week surrounding the death of George Floyd in Minnesota.

"Our goal was to have a dialogue with the community and with government officials and law enforcement in a safe environment," Muhammad stated. "It was an opportunity to engage in conversations that strive to improve understanding in order to move Northwest Indiana forward collectively."

Lakeshore Public Media was also nominated in the Arts/Entertainment Content category for a segment of its Eye on the Arts program that spotlighted the Paul Henry's Art Gallery in Hammond, and long-time art center challenged during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Eye on the Arts is a half hour program that showcases a diverse range of local artists, artistic organizations, events and stories, demonstrating the power of arts in people's lives, and how art and culture improve the quality of lives for residents throughout Northwest Indiana and Chicagoland. Eye on the Arts airs Wednesday at 7pm on Lakeshore PBS, and episodes can also be found online at [lakeshorepbs.org/EOA](http://lakeshorepbs.org/EOA).

This year saw a record number of entries from stations across the country as new categories were introduced recognizing excellence in podcasts and digital media use as well as awards in each category specific to the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"To be nominated against stations from all across the county validates our efforts and our long running commitment to serve our audience with quality storytelling," Muhammad stated. "We are so incredibly proud of our team and the work they do every day."

Winners will be announced at the 52nd Public Media Awards ceremony that will take place during the 2021 NETA Conference and CPB Thought Leader Forum being held virtually from January 25 - 28, 2021.

Lakeshore Public Media is a community-license public media organization that is the Northwest Indiana member of the Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, serving Indiana's second largest urban area through their Lakeshore PBS and Lakeshore Public Radio service.

Lakeshore PBS broadcasts its main channel over the air on 56, on Comcast on 17 or 21 (HD Channel 239), on Dish Network HD Channel 6320, AT&T U-verse HD Channel 1056 and DirecTV on 56, and online at [lakeshorepbs.org](http://lakeshorepbs.org). Lakeshore Public Radio can be heard on 89.1 FM and streaming online at [lakeshorepublicradio.org](http://lakeshorepublicradio.org).

Source: Lakeshore Public Media

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# Food Markets with Heart – Strack & Van Til Donates \$15K in Gift Cards to The Salvation Army Lake County



From Left to right Jef Strack, Captain Clark, Lt. Bowyer, Dave Wilkinson

Lake County, Ind. – Strack & Van Til is partnering with The Salvation Army of Lake County to make sure families can purchase groceries this holiday season. Recently, Jeff Strack and David Wilkinson, CEO and COO of Strack & Van Til Food Markets respectively, presented

Community Centers in Gary, East Chicago, and Munster to obtain nutritious and delicious food for their holiday meals.

Throughout its long history, The Salvation Army has received daily calls for emergency help to avoid homelessness, utility shut offs, and hunger. But when

COVID-19 hit, the requests for all kinds of humanitarian and social services aid multiplied substantially.

“We are still working day-in and day-out not knowing what hardships the next day will bring. It is most difficult to prepare for the unknown,” said Captain Clark. “No one alive today has experienced a worldwide pandemic such as COVID-19. My prayer is that there won’t be another as devastating.”

Many of the families living in Lake County, Indiana, who are now seeking help have never had to ask for help before now. Food is by far the greatest need for families and individuals struggling through the pandemic.

“Lake County has seen more than a 500% increase in the requests for emergency food assistance,” said Captain Clark. “By providing help with obtaining food, many people can use money they’ve saved to pay their rent and utilities, preventing them from becoming homeless.”

Businesses, civic groups, or churches looking to help can donate to The Salvation Army Lake County at [www.SalArmyLakeCounty.org](http://www.SalArmyLakeCounty.org), or by contacting Kevin Feldman, Director of Development, at 219.838.1328 or Kevin.Feldman@usc.SalvationArmy.org.

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# 100-year-old alumna offers Christmas message to those in Bishop Noll community



*Bishop Noll Lillian Sophomore Lillian Schreiner Radigan is shown in a photograph taken during her sophomore year at Catholic Central High School, now known as Bishop*

HAMMOND | As Bishop Noll alumni around the world prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, they will reflect on the lessons of their Catholic faith and pray for a brighter new year for all. One alumna, believed to be Bishop Noll's oldest living alum as she approaches her 101st birthday, continues to show that faith daily at her residence in Mesa, Ariz.

Lillian Schreiner Radigan, a 1938 graduate of Catholic Central High School, was the ninth of 11 siblings to attend Catholic Central, now known as Bishop Noll Institute.

In fact, the Schreiners have been part of the Bishop Noll legacy since Day One.

On Catholic Central's first day of class on Sept. 16, 1921, George Schreiner, Lillian's oldest brother, was in attendance. Her parents, John L. and Henrietta Schreiner, continued sending children to the school for three decades, until the 11th, Carol, graduated in 1950. A number of the 11 siblings also sent their children to Bishop Noll, and next-generation descendants attended Noll until 1990.

During Lillian's time at Catholic Central, she met her future husband, James F. Radigan Sr., and made lifelong best friends, she said. She enjoyed her time at the school and is thankful for its positive impact on her family.



*Lillian Schreiner Radigan, a 1938 graduate of Catholic Central High School, is shown on her 99th birthday in January 2019. She is believed to be Bishop Noll's oldest living graduate.*

Although she is currently unable to have visitors due to safety measures brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Lillian is thankful to be able to spend time with friends who live in the same building. She also keeps in touch with her family by phone and has even FaceTimed with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As the Christmas season neared, Lillian said she was happy to share a Christmas message with her fellow alumni. She wished to tell them to keep their faith.

"I was very into praying the rosary since I was very little and my mother was too, so I would say pray the rosary," she said. "It's a weapon that will carry you through any bad time in your life. It's marvelous. And have hope, even in the dilemma we are in today with the whole world in such a mess. You cannot give up hope. There's

always hope and, one day, I'm still waiting for the Immaculate Heart of Mary to triumph."

Lillian, who prays the rosary every morning and night, said it's a great comfort to her, as is her faith, instilled to her through her family and the Catholic education she received.

As Bishop Noll continues to celebrate its 100th school year, families like the Schreiners, with their longstanding history in the school, make it especially momentous.

"I think it's wonderful," Lillian said of the school's 100th. "I just celebrated mine last January, and it was wonderful. I enjoyed my years at Catholic Central, and it set me along my path. I think if you have a good foundation, you can weather any storm. It doesn't make any difference what the problem is but it's always solvable with a good foundation."

Source: Bishop Noll



*Lillian Schreiner Radigan, circled, is a 1938 graduate of Catholic Central High School. She and 10 siblings all attended Catholic Central. In this 1946 Schreiner family photo, 25 of the 38 people photographed attended Catholic Central/Bishop Noll High School. Additional Noll grads were born or married into the family after the photo was taken. The Schreiner family is an important part of the school's history as it celebrates its 100th year.*



# Two PNW professors named Scholarship of Engagement Fellows

Two Purdue University Northwest (PNW) faculty members have been recognized for their Northwest Indiana community partnerships through selection as Scholarship of Engagement Fellows for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Jodi Allen, assistant professor and Family Nursing Practitioner Program coordinator in the College of Nursing, and Shontrai Irving, clinical associate professor of business law in the College of Business, were among 14 faculty members chosen to participate in this year's program from across the Purdue system.

"I am proud to support the community outreach and engaged scholarship of our colleagues, Dr. Allen and Professor Irving," states Kenneth C. Holford, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at Purdue Northwest. "Their projects highlight the level of engagement and community impact for which Purdue Northwest faculty members have come to be known."

Allen, a working nurse practitioner, has partnered with Sojourner Truth House in Gary to focus on women who often fall through the cracks once they are housed. "I'm looking to create more touchpoints for these women," explains Allen. "By establishing regular check-ins, I can make sure they are keeping up on

their health appointments, medications and determine what barriers they face." She suspects transportation may be the biggest factor in their inability to keep doctor's appointments and will use her fellowship award to purchase bus passes.

Irving, a practicing attorney, has partnered with the Lake County Bar Association and the Kimbrough Bar Association to create a mentorship program for PNW students. "Mentors have always made a huge difference in my professional life," states Irving, "and I want to provide my students with that same experience."

Matching students with legal professionals as mentors serves a dual purpose, according to Irving. While students will benefit from having an advocate from which to seek practical advice, encouragement and support, the mentors will gain a new perspective and a sense of fulfillment and personal growth.

Fellows were selected based on their proposed project, assessments and anticipated impact and will work with a panel of senior faculty mentors to develop goals, document and evaluate their project's impact and complete a scholarly work.

*Source: Purdue University Northwest*

# NIRPC to hold public comment period

NIRPC to hold public comment period on the draft changes to 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) will hold a 21-day public comment period on the draft changes to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The comment period begins today and will end January 8, 2021.

NIRPC's TIP is a short-range financial and spending plan for the utilization of federal transportation funding. These funds can be used for highway, transit, and non-motorized transportation projects. NIRPC's TIP is periodically updated and includes projects undertaken by municipalities, counties, transit operators, and the State of Indiana. Federal planning regulations guide the preparation and development of TIP documents.

Comments may be submitted until January 8, 2021 in the following ways:

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United States Postal Service: NIRPC, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368

All comments received during the 21-day public comment period will be compiled into a public comment report and responded to. This report will be made available to the public and distributed to the relevant NIRPC committees prior to any action on these items. It is anticipated that action will be taken at the January 12,

2021 meeting of the Technical Planning Committee, followed by the January 21, 2021 meeting of the NIRPC Commission.

Documents and information will be available for review at NIRPC's website at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org). Requests for alternative formats may be directed to NIRPC by calling 219-763-6060, or by email at [nirpc@nirpc.org](mailto:nirpc@nirpc.org). TTY users may use the Relay Indiana service by calling 711 or 800-743-3333.

NIRPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and regional council of local governments for Northwest Indiana. NIRPC's purpose, as put forth in Indiana state statute, is to "provide a coordinative management process for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties and to institute and maintain a comprehensive planning and programming process for transportation, economic development, and environmental policy.

*Source: Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission*



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# Boys & Girls Clubs Welcomes Kelly Nissan as New Vice President of Social Responsibility & Impact



*Kelly Nissan, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana's new Vice President of Social Responsibility & Impact*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana welcomed Kelly Nissan as the organization's first Vice President of Social Responsibility & Impact. This position oversees a newly established department that addresses a breadth of issues including the pursuit of a social enterprise, organizational impact and teen workforce development. Nissan will also work closely with the organization's new Inclusion, Diversity, Equality and Action (IDEA) committee, which was created in response to the racial and social justice movements happening across the country.

Boys & Girls Clubs' president and CEO Ryan Smiley said Nissan's extensive experience and skillset made her the perfect candidate to fill such a critical role.

"After an extensive search for the right person, Kelly rose to the top as the obvious choice," Smiley said. "Kelly's history and knowledge of our local market, along with her relationships with community leaders, businesses and non-profit organizations will enable her to hit the ground running."

Nissan comes to Boys & Girls Clubs from ArcelorMittal USA, where she helped shape the company's communications and corporate responsibility strategy and built strategic relationships with stakeholders across multiple sectors. In her role, Nissan developed expertise in Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance and sustainability strategy, communications and grant making, as well as aligning company goals with best practices centered on social responsibility.

"I can't imagine a better fit for me. I'm lucky to be joining a group of passionate people who've built an amazing reputation since the Lake and Porter County Clubs merged," Nissan said. "I'm eager to help grow the momentum and begin the work of solving the economic and social challenges we face."

At Boys & Girls Clubs, Nissan will play a pivotal role as the organization looks to expand the scope

of its services, transform its traditional non-profit business model and diversify revenue in support of innovative programming while increasing its impact across the region.

"The non-profit landscape is changing and we want to remain ahead of the curve. Our long term strategic plan has some lofty goals, and we needed another executive staff member to lead some of these initiatives," Smiley said. "We have an opportunity and an obligation to our kids, families and communities we serve to be a leader in transforming the social and racial injustices that exist in Northwest Indiana."

Nissan holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Purdue University and serves on several private sector committees.

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# Bishop Noll Institute board members, alumni spread Christmas cheer to staff



*Bishop Noll Principal Lorenza Jara Pastrick, left, gives a ham dinner to Bishop Noll Band Director Rocco Carioto*

Bishop Noll Institute's faculty and staff recently received a special Christmas gift as a thank you for persevering through an unprecedented school year. As teachers finished giving students their finals and staff prepared the building for Christmas break, they received a surprise gift of a take-home Christmas dinner for their families. The gifts came to fruition at the suggestion of Bishop Noll Principal Lorenza Jara Pastrick and through the generosity of members of the Bishop Noll School Board and alumni from the classes of 1963, 1970 and 1995.

During the November Bishop Noll board meeting, led by Chairperson Jeff Cipowski, Pastrick shared the challenges her staff has faced this year. Bishop Noll administrators and staff devoted their summer months to creating a customized re-entry plan for the fall semester. Staff worked throughout the summer to adjust the existing facility to meet safety guidelines outlined by the Lake County Health Department and the CDC. Creative protocols were established to minimize exposure to the COVID-19 virus while maximizing in-class learning. Procedures to ensure social distancing, creation of

student pods, focus on scheduling, traffic control, routine classroom and facility cleaning were just a few of items implemented under the direction of Pastrick, Assistant Principal Jaime Cavazos and their team.

Thanks to these measures, Noll experienced a low infection rate among its student body this semester, resulting in minimal interruptions to in-person learning at the college prep, co-educational high school in Hammond.

"I told the board how hard all the staff was working to open the school for in-person learning and then continue to maintain that safe educational environment," Pastrick said. "I shared the challenges of daily instruction for our teachers, and we discussed the energy they were exerting for a successful school year. I told them about my role in keeping morale high this year and its challenges."

Board member Dave Skibinski, a Bishop Noll alum who lives near Los Angeles, said he marveled at the commitment, creativity and innovation from each administrator as they presented their reports. He compelled the board to find a way to help, and suggested creating the BNI Staff Support Fund.

Skibinski said he wanted to encourage the staff to keep up the good work.

"My late wife, Annie Johnston, was an educator for over 20 years. When she died, I was amazed at the outpouring of good will and stories from her former students. The impact BNI is having on its students is tremendous and not always immediately evident."

Bishop Noll is currently celebrating its 100th school year and has been delivering a terrific education for 100 years, Skibinski said. "That tradition of providing a great environment to grow and prosper continues to flourish. I am fortunate to hear the stories during our board reports and hear the amazing efforts that everyone at Bishop Noll is making to continue our tradition. Those of us who have benefited from our Bishop Noll education can

play a role in supporting today's students."

Bishop Noll President Paul Mullaney said the focus on students has long been a hallmark of the BNI faculty and staff.

"Everybody on our team has had to pivot this year in the way we perform our jobs," Mullaney said. "But what hasn't changed over 100 years is the commitment our BNI Family has to fulfill our mission of enhancing the formation of our young men and women in mind, body and soul at Noll.

"We are proud of our team, and proud that education was not canceled at Bishop Noll. The faith, strength and perseverance shown by everyone this year will be remembered as we head into our second century of educational excellence."

*Source: Bishop Noll*

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# CLINE AVENUE BRIDGE CELEBRATES RETURN TO COMMUNITY



*Pictured (L-R): Doug Witt - president and CEO of United Bridge Partners, Terry Velligan – general manager of operations at Cline Avenue Bridge, East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland, and Dave Ryan - executive director of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce.*

East Chicago, Ind., December 23, 2020 – Cline Avenue Bridge, LLC, owned and operated by United Bridge Partners (UBP), proudly announces the opening of the new Cline Avenue Bridge located in East Chicago, Ind. The bridge's completion is the culmination of over five years of planning and construction, tens of thousands of tons of concrete and steel, and countless hours of skilled labor. On December 23, the company commemorated the occasion with a ribbon cutting and ceremonial first drive attended by dignitaries, stakeholders, members of the public. The event doubled as a fundraiser benefitting Boys & Girls Club of East Chicago and Lake Area United Way.

Serving as the “Gateway of Lake County,” the new

Cline Avenue Bridge will spur economic growth, reestablish transport connectivity, and alleviate congestion while serving as an elegant landmark in which the people of Lake County can take pride. The company will further elevate the community by providing ten cents of every collected toll to the city of East Chicago and by partnering with and supporting local non-profit organizations.

The new structure fills the need that was created after the original Cline Avenue Bridge closed in 2009, which forced traffic onto city streets, accelerated wear and increased travel times in surrounding communities. Without government funding to rebuild it, UBP acquired the land and built the new bridge using private funds, thereby renewing

a critical transportation link and providing reliable and efficient access to the region's many attractions. UBP teamed up with Granite Construction as the general contractor, TranSystems as owner's engineer representative, and Modjeski and Masters as project engineer to complete the bridge.

“What has been severed is now restored through the herculean effort from the state officials, local elected officials, and by a superior workforce,” stated East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland.

“Mayor Copeland and the city of East Chicago are exceptional partners to work with,” said United Bridge Partners president and CEO Doug Witt. “We are honored to be an essential part of Northwest Indiana, and together we are paving the way for greater economic growth and prosperity.”

The new Cline Avenue Bridge is a 1.2-mile-long segmental concrete bridge connecting an existing, fully rehabilitated, half-mile steel viaduct at the east end with the existing State Road 912 roadway abutment on the west end. The new structure consists of 29 cast-in-place concrete columns that support 685 post-tensioned concrete single-cell box girder segments which form the bridge's driving deck. Its two lanes support traffic going into Lake County and Chicago and is forecasted to service 10,000 vehicles

daily. Its main span across the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal is its apex, standing at 100 feet to accommodate ship traffic.

The Cline Avenue Bridge uses an electronic system which accepts payment through E-ZPass, I-PASS, and pay by plate to keep traffic flowing smoothly. The tolling gantry is located at the bridge's west abutment near the Riley Road onramp. From the opening date through end of January, the company is offering free passage to allow drivers to test drive the new route. The introductory period continues in February when tolls will be \$1 for E-ZPass and I-PASS users. Beginning March 1, regular fare goes into effect, which is tiered based on number of axles and begins at \$2.50 for two-axle vehicles paying with E-ZPass or I-PASS and \$5.50 for drivers without a pre-paid transponder.

“As an East Chicago native, it's particularly meaningful to be part of this project,” shared Terry Velligan, general manager of operations at Cline Avenue Bridge. “Its sheer magnitude and far-reaching benefits set it apart from other infrastructure projects in the nation. We are truly grateful to Mayor Copeland and the skilled tradespeople for their diligence and perseverance that made our dream of a more connected community become reality.”

*Source: Cline Avenue Bridge*