



City of Rushville and residents looking to the future

STAFF REPORTS

Rushville and Rush County has been hit hard economically with the closing of Walmart’s local store. The closing is having a big effect on the nearly 100 employees that had to look for other means for income. There is also an adjustment to be made by county residents in their shopping habits. Residents are looking for new avenues to get the supplies they need.

The city of Rushville and its leadership team are working hard to help the residents in the time of need. Whether that is finding new job opportunities or new shopping possibilities, they are committed to the residents of Rushville and Rush County.

Exciting things are planned for Rushville.

The following are some breakdowns and key areas that will help Rushville thrive as week “Look Forward” to 2018 and beyond.

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

In 2016, the City of Rushville was designated as a Stellar Community by the State of Indiana. During that process, the City was introduced to the term “Community Performance Indicators” or “CPIs.”

Data indicates that 54 of Indiana’s 92 counties are in absolute population decline, of which Rushville is one. This means that the outward migration exceeds the inward migration by margins significant enough that the net gain between annual births and deaths is insufficient to make up the difference. In some counties the deaths already exceed births. In addition, 24 counties are growing at a rate slower than the country as a whole and are classified as being in relative decline. At best the current growth rate casts them as neutral.

Healthy communities share certain characteristics and these characteristics provide CPIs that Indiana communities can benchmark to gauge their vibrancy. These characteristics should guide community discussions and plans should be developed to encourage them.

CPIS

- Increasing Assessed Value
- Increasing Per Capita Income



- Increasing Population Growth
- Educational Attainment Rate
- Increased Public School Enrollment

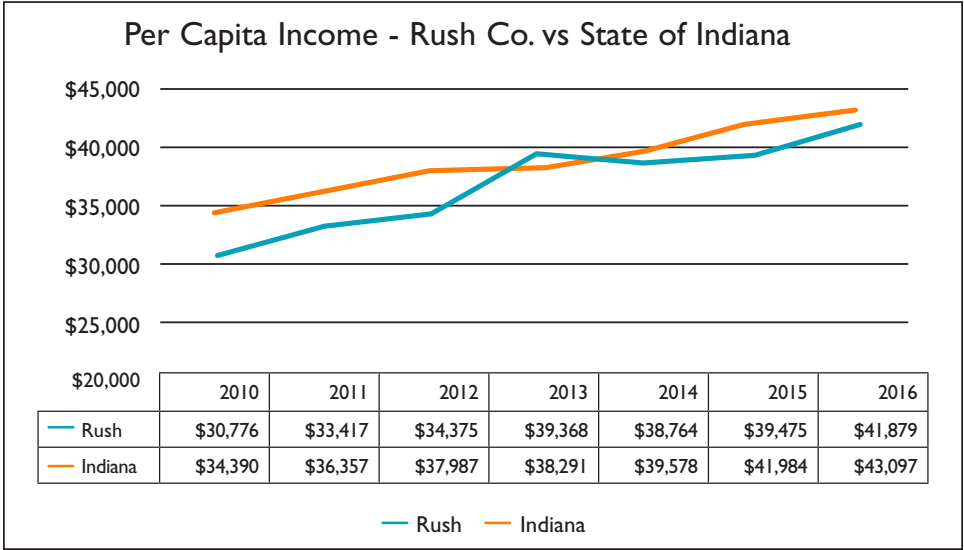
INCREASING ASSESSED VALUE (AV)

- Assessed Value is the total dollar value assigned to all real property, improvements and personal property subject to taxation.
- Property tax caps and circuit breakers limit a community’s ability to generate the resources required to pay for various amenities and operating costs that enhance the quality of place to enhance the ability to grow.
- AV grows as a result of new construction and in some cases, the acquisition of capital equipment. Market influences such as demand for residential, commercial, industrial, and even agricultural real estate will either increase or decrease the AV.

Rushville’s Assessed Value - Over the last seven years, Rushville’s Assessed Value has increased steadily. The AV has grown a little over 7% for a total gain of \$11M.

INCREASING PER CAPITA INCOME

- Many economists believe that per capita income is the single best tool for measuring the economic health of a community. Per capita income is the average income received in



the past 12 months computed for every man, woman, and child in a geographic area. It is derived by dividing the total income of all people 15 years old and over in a geographic area by the total population in that area.

RUSHVILLE - PER CAPITA INCOME

Although Rush County has historically trended below the State average in regard to per capita income, the past six years has seen an improvement of over \$10,000, up nearly 36%.

- Rush County led the State in reporting year 2012-13.
- 2013 was the first time since collecting data that Rush County was above the State Average.

INCREASING POPULATION GROWTH

- Population Growth is the change in the population, resulting from a surplus (or deficit) of births over deaths and the balance of migrants entering and leaving a geographic area.
- Population growth is an essential component of Community Vibrancy. A community with a population in decline is also a community that is aging. Aging populations impact school enrollment and a declining population indicates reduced demand for residential real estate.
- The largest investment made by most people is their home and they count upon home equity to help fund retirement. If the demand decreases individual wealth is lost.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT RATE

- This measures changes in the educational status of each community by age and by level of education completed. A community with increasing rates of high school graduates, those with two or four year degrees, those with industry recognized certifications, and those with graduate degrees is seen as more appropriate for advanced manufacturing or other knowledge based employment opportunities.
- Higher levels of education are more likely to attract 21st Century jobs with higher levels of compensation.

RUSH COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

According to Stats Indiana, the following changes have occurred to Rush County’s Educational Attainment numbers since 2010.

- High School Grad – Down .28%
- Some College – Up 3.49%
- Assoc. Degree – Down 16.95%
- Bachelors Degree – Up 12%
- Graduate / Professional – Up 8.62%

According to U.S. Census Bureau, the proportion of adults 25 years of age or older with a high school education or more improved from 80% in 2000 to 87% in 2013.

Adults with a college degree increased from 14% in 2000 to 20% in 2013.

INCREASED PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

- Public School Enrollment is the total number of children (k-12) enrolled in public schools in a geographic area.
- School enrollment indicates not only the health of the community but the health of the schools as well. Education dollars are portable and go with the student.
- A good school will attract students from nearby communities if their schools are not performing quite as well. Growing enrollment also indicates increase in population of child bearing age.

The City understands the importance of improving each of these leading indicators to ensure that Rushville will be a viable community in the future. It will be important to partner with key stakeholders such as the County, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, School System, Hospital, Foundation, Redevelopment Commission, local industry and charitable organizations to do all that we can do to reverse the population and school enrollment numbers that are seen in this information. We all play a pivotal part in keeping our current residents and attracting others to live, work and play in Rushville.

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Question 1 - What is your gender?	2013	2016	2018	%
Female	653	454	791	69.75%
Male	365	245	343	30.25%
Total Responses	1018	699	1134	

Question 4 - What is your household income level?	2016	2018	%
Less than \$25,000	58	107	9.91%
\$25,000-\$49,000	160	263	24.35%
\$50,000-\$74,999	182	263	24.35%
\$75,000-\$99,999	154	206	19.07%
\$100,000-\$200,000 (2013 Just had \$100K and above)	135	208	19.26%
\$200,000 and Above		33	3.06%

	2013	2016	2018	
Question 7 - Rank the following categories:	Avg. Rating	Avg. Rating	Avg. Rating	% Change
Rushville Fire Department		3.99	4.05	1.5%
Community Safety	3.69	3.90	3.88	-0.5%
Community Pride	3.77	3.91	3.87	-1.0%
Rushville Parks and Recreation Department		3.76	3.86	2.7%
Rushville Street Department		3.77	3.75	-0.5%
City Services	3.46	3.73	3.71	-0.5%
Rushville Police Department		3.68	3.70	0.5%
Rushville City Utilities			3.63	
Public Education	3.64	3.80	3.60	-5.3%
City Leadership		3.54	3.58	1.1%
Quality of Life	3.39	3.43	3.57	4.1%
Parks and Recreation Facilities	3.27	3.36	3.49	3.9%
Overall Image of Town		3.31	3.45	4.2%
Downtown			3.42	
Volunteerism	3.21	3.29	3.39	3.0%
Senior Living	2.99	3.04	3.37	10.9%
Rushville Area Plan & Zoning Department			3.33	
Rushville Animal Shelter		3.52	3.33	-5.4%
Healthcare Options	2.94	3.25	3.16	-2.8%
Business Climate	2.62	2.86	3.04	6.3%
Quality of Housing	2.7	2.97	3.03	2.0%
Innovation and Creativity	2.38	2.69	3.02	12.3%
Workforce Development and Skills Training	2.69	3.05	2.97	-2.6%
Housing Options	2.69	2.91	2.97	2.1%
Arts and Culture	2.33	2.57	2.75	7.0%
Transporation Options	2.46	2.52	2.68	6.3%
Job Market	2.15	2.49	2.68	7.6%
Entertainment	2.07	2.59	2.65	2.3%
Dining	2.18	2.49	2.56	2.8%
Job Options	2.06	2.35	2.51	6.8%
Higher Education Oppor-tunities		2.61	2.46	-5.7%
Youth Entertainment		2.22	2.18	-1.8%
Shopping	1.78	2.00	2.07	3.5%

Question 8 - Please share how excited you are for each of the projects:	Weight Avg.
Spring 2018 - Tractor Supply Company	3.96
New Tops Hardware Center	3.80
Spring 2018 - Casey's General Store	3.73
Summer 2018 - Downtown Shell Teardown & Rebuild	3.43
New Healthy Roots Indoor Farming Operation	3.42
New Japanese Restaurant	3.28
New Rushville Fitness Center	3.28
New Campaign Flats Senior Housing	3.20
New Beacon Credit Untion	3.00
New T-Mobile	2.66

Question 2 - What is your age?	2018	%
17 or younger	157	13.86%
18-20	53	4.68%
21-29	137	12.09%
30-39	197	17.39%
40-49	239	21.09%
50-59	195	17.21%
60 or older	155	13.68%

Question 3 - What is your highest level of education?	2016	2018	%
Less Than High School Diploma	20	191	16.93%
Graduated From High School	124	217	19.24%
Some College	163	255	22.61%
Associates Degree	97	132	11.70%
Bachelor's Degree	148	191	16.93%
Some Graduate	27	40	3.55%
Graduate Degree	105	102	9.04%

Questions 10- 22, How impactful do you think the following projects are?	Weight Avg.	5 - Very	4 - Some-what	3 - Neutral	2 - Very Little	1 - No Impact
New City Center Project	4.31	515	262	80	44	20
Farmer's Market	4.11	399	333	108	66	20
Morgan Street Corridor and Riverside Park Gateway	4.10	379	342	133	47	20
New Animal Shelter Project	4.07	385	316	148	49	26
16th Street Housing Project	4.03	363	322	161	44	29
Community Crossing Paving Projects	4.02	300	406	163	33	18
Regional Training Center	4.00	312	371	185	36	17
Main Street Streetscape Project	3.98	317	370	149	64	18
"The Overlook"	3.90	314	336	174	72	31
Campaign Quarters (Durbin & Old Boys and Girls)	3.76	275	323	197	90	40
New Dog Park Project	3.75	300	291	182	101	50
Cherry Street Extension Project	3.74	266	351	165	78	62
Farmer's Market Mural	3.70	255	339	188	89	57

Question 9 - What types of businesses and attractions would you like to see downtown?	
More and better dining / restaurant options	200
Movie Theater	115
Youth Entertainment (Putt Putt, Roller Skating, etc.)	102
Shopping / Retail	71
Coffee Shop	68
Shopping / Clothing	64
Entertainment	40
Bakery / Donut / Pastry	28
Brew Pub, Tap Room, Winery	27
Shopping / Shoes	26
Art (Public Art, Live Music, Speaker, Poetry)	23
Shopping / Boutique	22
Housing	13
YMCA	13
Shopping / Sporting Goods	10
Shopping / Arts and Craft Supplies	9
Shopping / Bookstore	7
Ice Cream Shop	7
Splash Pad	5
Walking / Bike Trails	5

Question 24 - What do you like best about Rushville?	#		
Riverside Park / Summer Concerts	18		
Close-Nit Community	17		
Farming Community / Rural / Ag Area	15		
Sense of Community	14		
Family	13		
Cost of Living / Affordability	12		
Neat and Clean	9		
Downtown	6		
Community Events / Parades / Festivals	5		
History / Tradition / Heritage	5		
City Parks	5		
Volunteerism	5		
Location	3		
Walking Paths	2		
Hospital	2		
Hometown Feel / Smalltown Living	121		
Safe / Low Crime Rate	102		
Small Town	68		
Friendly / Family Friendly	68		
People / Community Members	63		
Community Pride / School Spirit	36		
Quiet	32		
Great Place to Raise a Family	31		
Strong Public Education / School System	31		
Community that Rallies for a Cause / Takes Care of Our Own	21		
Current Leadership / Vision	19		

Question 25 - What is the best improvement to Rushville in past few years?	#
Riverside Park / Concert Series	156
Downtown Improvements / Main Street Rejuvenation	122
Farmer's Market	84
New Businesses Opening	80
Community Crossing / Paving and Road Projects	65
BEP (Blight Elimination Program) / Tearing Down Abandoned Homes	19
Demo of Delapidated Downtown Buildings	18
Trails / Walking Path / Sidewalk Upgrades	13
Parks / Pool Upgrades	11
Downtown Street Signage	11
City Leadership	10
Public Art / Murals	10
Senor Living Apartments / Campaign Flats / Durbin	7
Stellar Program	7
Frisbee Golf	6
Attitude	5
Boat Launch / River Access	5
Industrial Park	5
Planning and Zoning Department	5
New Lighting	5
Mayor Pavey	4
City Center	3
16th Street	3
Hospital Upgrades	3
Trash Container Program	2
City Ambulance Service	1
Drug Court House	1

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Announcing the inaugural Willkie Days (“5 in 50”) covered bridge bicycle ride



Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available

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David W. Willkie along with The Rush Memorial Hospital Foundation, Rush County Heritage Inc., Rush County Community Foundation and the Rush County Chamber of Commerce announce the addition of the “Willkie Days Covered Bridge Bicycle Ride” also known as the “5 in 50” on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018. The event will take place as a part of the annual Rush County Chamber of Commerce Willkie Days celebration.

This inaugural cycling event starts in Rushville and includes 12-mile, 24-mile and 50-mile routes. The 50-mile route will take bicycle riders through five historic covered bridges and five Rush County towns of Arlington, Homer, Gowdy, Moscow and Milroy.

“The event is designed as a tourism opportunity to promote local businesses while encouraging active living and physical fitness in Rush County. The ride will showcase the beauty of Rush County and its historic covered bridges,” Willkie said.

Proceeds from the ride will benefit local Rush County charities.

The ride is planned to start at the beginning of the Willkie Days Parade. Rest, support and gear (SAG) stops will be located in each town on the 50-mile route as well as at each covered bridge. Following the ride, participants and guests are invited to attend the “Live at the Levee” free concert at the Riverside Park Amphitheater. The concert will feature John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band.

Community members are invited to cheer on riders throughout the course and riders will have the opportunity to vote on the town that demonstrates the best of Rush County hospitality after the ride.

A variety of sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact Terri Wall (317-457-8715) at terriwall1958@gmail.com for more information.

A special thanks goes out to the Rush County Commissioners, Highway Department, EMA, Sheriff’s Department, the City of Rushville, and Police Department along with many volunteers for their help and support.

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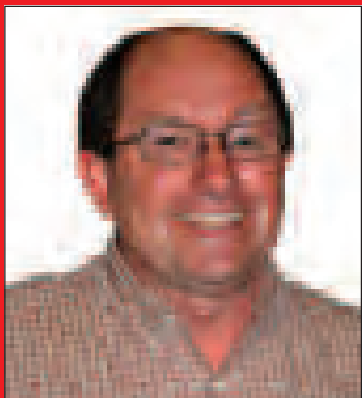
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Carol Jenkins-Davis Community Park

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In November of 2017, the Rushville community, along with family members of Carol Jenkins-Davis, came together downtown to honor Carol's life and legacy and to rename Community Park to the Carol Jenkins-Davis Community Park.

Carol lost her life in Martinsville in September of 1968. She was selling encyclopedias door-to-door and was brutally murdered in a racially motivated crime. She was only 21 years old.

Family, close friends and many members of the class of 1965 attended the dedication ceremony along with several Rushville citizens.

A similar ceremony was also held in Martinsville.

"Today is not about Rushville or Martinsville, today is to remember and honor the gift that was the life of Carol Jenkins-Davis and that gift that was senselessly cut short," Mayor Mike Pavey said during the special ceremony at the 201 Building.

Mayor Pavey went on to say, "Today does not remove the pain of the family, it does not right the wrongs, it does not bring Carol back to life and it doesn't complete the hopes and dreams she had for her life. But I think it does inspire us to start a new chapter; one where we behave in a different manner, an evolution, an evolution through education."

The park has a new welcome sign and name. This year, some of the exciting new changes to the park will be seen. Work has already begun at the park and plans call for the old skate park to be removed and construction on the dog park is underway. Old playground equipment has been removed. The bark park will be located in close proximity to the orchard near the CSX rail road tracks at the south east end of the park.





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Ways to help our community



Many ways to help our community

Many Rush County residents ask the question "What can I do to help?" Although there are specific area in volunteer work and community projects that would gladly take the help, below is some ideas that individuals can do on their own or with a group of friends.

It is our community to share...get involved and enjoy Rush County.

Whether it's reconstructing a playground, visiting an elderly home, or clearing trash from a nearby creek, a community service project is an excellent way to bring about change on a small, intimate level. But before grabbing the work gloves, make sure that your project has a specific focus. Here are some ideas to help get the project started.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT

- 1. Help people paint and repair their homes.
- 2. Volunteer to clean up trash around a neighborhood.
- 3. Create a mural that depicts values of your community.
- 4. Set up an art exhibit at a local business, sell the creations, and use the money to fund a cause in your community.



- 5. Collect supplies for persons who have been victims of a fire or other disaster.
- 6. Plant a community garden.
- 7. Organize a campaign to raise money for new playground equipment, or reconstruct the playground yourself.
- 8. Share your skills! Volunteer to teach a class at a community center.
- 9. When fall comes around, distribute leaf bags and offer to assist neighbors with raking their yards.
- 10. Campaign for additional lighting along poorly lit streets.

SPECIAL NEEDS

- 1. Volunteer at a Special Olympics event.
- 2. Work with kids who have special needs on an art project.
- 3. Set up a buddy system with the special needs program at your school.
- 4. Raise money to purchase Braille books, large print books or other needed materials for the special needs program at a local school or community center.
- 5. Make gifts with friends for kids in the hospital. Distribute Valentines, Halloween candy, or Christmas treats/toys.



- 6. Build a ramp for a person in a wheelchair to make their house more accessible.
- 7. Volunteer to read books or newspapers to those who are visually impaired.
- 8. Visit a local care center to learn more about those with special needs, and ask how you can help.
- 9. Recruit some friends or a class to help set up a library at a children's hospital.
- 10. Create a pamphlet that includes helpful tips concerning the respect of and interaction with people who have special needs.

SENIOR CITIZENS

- 1. Adopt a "grandfriend". Write them letters, call them, and visit often.
- 2. Gather friends and create a "shop squad" to pick up groceries and medicine for elderly.
- 3. Deliver meals to home-bound individuals.
- 4. Gather family and friends and organize a summer song-fest or play to perform at a nursing home.
- 5. For the holidays, go caroling, bring (easy-to-eat) treats, or just go and visit senior citizens.
- 6. Offer to read to people.
- 7. Provide your local nursing home or library with more large-print books.
- 8. Teach a senior how to use



- a computer or the Internet.
- 9. Call up elderly people who live alone to check if they need anything.
- 10. Volunteer to do general home maintenance for a senior citizen.

HOMELESS AND/OR HUNGRY

- 1. Help cook/serve meals at a homeless shelter.
- 2. Throw a birthday party for children who are homeless at a local shelter.
- 3. Organize a free, public nutrition awareness campaign.
- 4. Gather combs, tooth-brushes, shampoo, razors, etc. to make "I Care" kits for people who are homeless.
- 5. Take children who are homeless on outings to a movie, zoo, or other fun location.
- 6. Hold a book drive and donate the proceeds to the shelter, and then hold a read-a-thon or give a class on basic reading skills.
- 7. Donate art supplies to the local shelter.
- 8. Offer to repair or alter clothes for people who are homeless.
- 9. Campaign to create a nursery in your local shelter, or help maintain an existing one.
- 10. Always keep a few granola bars on hand!

ANIMALS

- 1. Volunteer at your local animal shelter.
- 2. Gather newspapers and give to a local animal shelter.



- 3. Learn about raising and training a pet to give to a disabled person, and consider whether it is an option for you and your family.
- 4. Visit and volunteer at a local aviary, zoo, or wild animal rehabilitation center.
- 5. Organize a community dog wash, and donate the proceeds to organizations that aid animals.
- 6. Locate homes and shelters for abandoned pets.
- 7. Start a Chow Drive for the community to donate food and toys to a local shelter.
- 8. Offer dog-walking services to those who can't (or won't) give their pets the proper amount of exercise.
- 9. Take pictures or videos of pets that are in the pound and use them when organizing a supplies drive.
- 10. Adopt a pet! Or, if this is not an option, volunteer to become a temporary foster parent for a pet in the pound.

ENVIRONMENT

- 1. Clean up trash from a local outdoor space.
- 2. Organize a hike or nature walk with friends, and bring bags to collect trash along the trails. Click here for an example sign up.
- 3. Have fun with creating homemade paper out of used paper with friends (It's easy, fun, and green!)
- 4. Grow your own vegetables,



- fruits, and herbs in an organic garden, and encourage others to do the same.
 - 5. Instead of using the car, choose the healthy route and bike to your next location. Burn energy, not gasoline!
 - 6. Choose a family "energy watchdog" to shut off lights, television, and dripping sinks when not in use.
 - 7. Switch your current Internet home page to an energy-saving one, such as Google's "Blackle", and turn down the computer screen brightness level as well. (It's unhealthy for both the environment and your eyes.)
 - 8. Create a children's nature garden. Create a path, label plants and trees, and schedule guided tours.
 - 9. Purchase recycled products as opposed to generic ones.
 - 10. When buying food or drinks of any kind, it is better to stick to a large jug or tub as opposed to a collection of individually packaged goods.
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Architect's Renderings: The Durbin Hotel (above) and the Rush County Players Boys & Girls Club (bottom), Post Renovations

Campaign Quarters and the Windsor

Renovations are well underway, breathing new life into two of Rushville's treasured historic buildings, the former Durbin Hotel, and the former Rush County Players Boy & Girls Club. Both buildings are being fully restored, from their foundations to their rooftops, and are being recreated to provide affordable rental housing. While the 26 new apartments will be fully modernized and will even be National Green Building Standard – Silver Certified for energy efficiency and sustainability, great care is being taken to ensure the buildings' historic features are retained.

The developer, Southern Indiana Housing and Community Development Corporation ("SIHCDC"), a subsidiary of the non-profit organization, Administrative Resources Association, is headquartered in Columbus, Indiana, and is already active in Rushville, having renovated the former Army- Navy building into 7 affordable apartments for

senior citizens. The new Campaign Quarters (former Durbin Hotel), once complete, will provide 19 one and two-bedroom rental homes for senior citizens. The Windsor (former Rush County Players Boys & Girls Club) will provide 7 two-bedroom rental homes for those of any age. The development is funded via a variety of sources, which when combined, enable SIHCDC to charge much lower monthly rents than would otherwise be possible. Final rent levels will be established this Fall 2018, in anticipation of completion and apartments ready for occupancy Spring 2019. However, they are anticipated to range between: \$255 - \$475 monthly for one-bedroom apartments, and between \$310 - \$550 for two-bedroom apartments. Occupancy is restricted to lower income households who cannot afford "market" rent levels. Maximum annual income limits are based upon household size, and currently

are approximately \$25,000 for a single person to approximately \$36,000 for a family of four. The primary funding source, Rental Housing Tax Credits, originates at the IRS, which allocates these tax credits to each state to award to worthy rental housing proposals. In Indiana, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority ("IHCDA"), selected this project proposal via a highly competitive annual competition. The tax credits were then "sold" to the Indianapolis-based firm of City Real Estate Advisors. "CREA"), CREA selected this Campaign Quarters/The Windsor project to invest in on behalf of a group of corporations. CREA infuses equity into the project as it is being built, in return for 10+ years of IRS tax advantages. As a result, the development has no permanent bank debt, and thus, can afford to charge rents at significantly lower rates than would otherwise be the case.

The average rent level will be approximately \$425 monthly due to these tax credits and assorted grants/donations. Without these, the rent levels would have to average at least \$900 monthly. There are numerous other funding sources that make this development possible. They are: The City of Rushville donated property, The Federal Home Loan Bank, Indianapolis, provided a grant, Old National Bank is providing construction financing, and IHCDA provided HOME and Development Fund financing. Those interested in leasing an apartment in 2019 are encouraged to call the leasing agent, Valenti Real Estate Services, Inc., at (317) 273-0312 ext 15.



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Libations by the Levee

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

The city of Rushville, in partnership with Indiana On Tap, is excited to announce the date and time for the city's first major craft beer, wine & spirits fest. Rushville 'Libations by the Levee' will take place on Saturday, July 14, from 2pm - 6pm.

This first year event will be held in Rushville's historic Riverside Park and will feature between 15-20 Indiana craft breweries, wineries and distilleries. Participants will be allowed unlimited samples of all craft beer, wine and spirits with nearly 100 different types available to choose from.

Live music, food trucks, games, raffles and more will also be available as part of the afternoon's entertainment, along with several other expected surprises.

Riverside Park is the location of the city's iconic Amphitheater that plays host to the city's popular 'Live by the Levee' summer concert series and offers the perfect setting for this new and exciting event!

Gates will open for VIP ticket entry from 2pm - 3pm, with General Admission entry beginning at 3pm. Designated Driver tickets are available as well.

Early Bird VIP tickets are now on sale for just \$30, with Early Bird General Admission Tickets available for only \$25.

(Prices will adjust on June 15th to \$35 for VIP tickets and \$30 for General Admission tickets. Designated Driver tickets will cost \$10 at all times).

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be donated to a local charity of the city's choice, to be announced soon.

What better way to spend a summer Saturday than enjoying local craft beer, wine and spirits with friends, listening to live music, enjoying great food, and supporting a great



local cause! Purchase your tickets today!

This is a 21+ event. All attendees must show a valid photo I.D. at the gate upon entry. You must be 21 years or older to attend--this includes Designated Drivers. No Exceptions! All ticket sales are final. The event will be held rain or shine.

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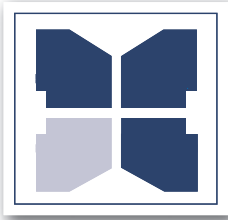


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Pictured are (front) Cindy Powers, Dr. Amy Meyer-Ploeger, Dr. Suellen Reed, Marilyn Yager; (back) Karen Brashaber, Bob Bridges, Phillip Morgan, Greg Harcourt, Larry Mull and Diana White. Not pictured: Mindy Vogel, Larrie Rose

RCCF continues to dream big

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

When the Rush County Community Foundation founders contacted Lilly Endowment in 1990 in regards to the GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) challenge opportunity to start a local foundation, their initial thought was to establish a foundation devoted to education in Rush County. Fortunately, Lilly Endowment encouraged Dan Earnest, Paul Barada, and Rick Levi to “dream bigger”, and that dream created the Rush County Community Foundation.

In the earliest days of the Foundation, our founders, Board of Directors, and community could not have dreamed that a little idea could lead to what has become in 27 years. The Foundation’s growth from its first dollar to its \$17 millionth dollar has occurred because thousands of generous donors believe in our mission and ability to enrich



Foundation director Alisa Winters

and enhance the quality of life in Rush County. This growth has simultaneously created grants to our community exceeding \$11 million dollars, supporting charitable programs, projects, and organizations that serve Rush County.

Throughout 27 years, grants have assisted a multitude of philanthropic interests: youth activities,

services for elderly and disabled, fire and safety protection, park enhancements, historical and cemetery preservation, education, and the list goes on. These grants have provided hope, capacity, and opportunities, enabling progress for nonprofit organizations, individuals, and our community as a whole. The Rush County Community Foundation has served as a quiet partner in making our home a better place, and we look forward to continuing to make the dreams of many come true through our philanthropic efforts.

As the Rush County Community Foundation continues to “dream big,” we are reviewing ways the Foundation can increase its impact and make a lasting difference for our community. As the year continues, we look forward to announcing the selected opportunity we have chosen to fund and how our funding will assist Rush County’s progress for today and tomorrow.

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RMHF Seed Circle brings Rush County women together

The RMHF Seed Circle was formed in November of 2012. The purpose of the Seed Circle is to bring Rush County women together to fellowship, learn, volunteer, make a difference, and have FUN with the RMH Foundation.

Ladies of all ages meet bi-monthly to learn about various departments in the hospital. They also are introduced to RMH Foundation

activities and events and have opportunities to participate and volunteer.

SEED CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Seed Circle membership requirements are simple. Make an annual donation to the RMHF fund of your choice, try to attend at least 4 meetings each year, and par-

ticipate in at least one RMH/ Foundation activity or event.

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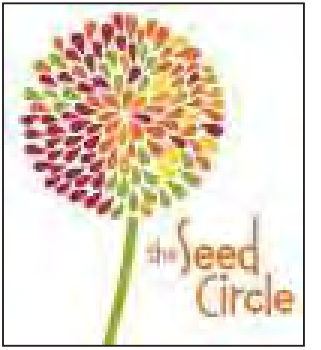
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Final jail plans approved: Total cost of project \$14.8 million

STAFF REPORTS

With the county facing a tough decision based on regulations put in place by the state, county officials approved the building of a new jail in downtown Rushville.

Work has already begun as the former Rush/Shelby building has come down.

County officials approved the final redesign plans for the Rush County Jail project. The cost of the project was announced as \$14.8 million, well under the original plans that would have cost the county in excess of \$20 million.

The new two-tier jail will have 117 beds, two beds for

juvenile detainees, a medical facility capable of housing an additional five inmates, both an indoor and outdoor recreation facility, meeting and training rooms and will house the county dispatch center and the county fiber hub.

For a number of years, the county's fiber central location has been housed in the former RushShelby building and that will not change as a result of the jail redesign. The jail will be built around the current location.

A tentative milestone schedule for the project was also released with work slated to begin January 2018 with the completed project slated to be operational in October 2019.



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You can call it a revitalization, rejuvenation or even redefinition. We call it just the start. Rushville is a city having fun, thinking differently

and being independent. The people of Rushville know how to take care of their own and work together. Community pride, aggressive planning and a strong team have given Rushville the confidence and tools necessary to succeed in tomorrow's world.

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