



CALENDAR

Friday, February 3
10 a.m.
Night of the Stars planning committee meeting

** This year's Night of the Stars event will take place on **Thursday, April 27** at **Marian, Inc.**

Tuesday, February 7
9 a.m.
Management Team Meeting
Short Stop

Wednesday, February 8
4 p.m.
Executive Committee
Short Stop

Thursday, February 16
Phoenix Theatre Fundraiser
6 p.m. Welcome Reception
7 p.m. Curtain rises

Tuesday, February 21
9 a.m.
Management Team
Short Stop

Center Happenings

Congratulations to Dean Johns, celebrating six years with Financial Foundations. Other February anniversaries include **Paul Moschell**, who has been with Stopover for four years and **Regina Trout**, who started her work at Citizen's Multi-Service Center six years ago and came to the Boner Center's HOPE program in 2003.

Congratulations to **Brittany Sahm**, who has been promoted to Youth Employment Specialist at Career Corner and **Lovie King** whose promotion to Customer Relations Manager takes effect this month.

We appreciate your dedication and service to the Near Eastside!

ICE MILLER AND PEDCOR FINANCIAL PRESENT 2006 NIGHT AT THE PHOENIX THEATRE

Join Boner Center friends and supporters at the annual fundraiser at the Phoenix Theatre located at 749 North Park Avenue, on Thursday, February 16. A welcome reception will begin at 6 p.m. and the curtain will rise at 7 p.m. for "From My Hometown". This musical was conceived by Lee Summers and written by Lee Summers, Ty Stephens and Herbert Rawlings, Jr. Set in New York City, "From My Hometown", a rags to riches tale of three young men just off the bus from Philadelphia, Detroit and Memphis – with a song on their lips, style in their steps and big dreams in their hearts. They dream of performing at the world famous Apollo Theatre. Stacked with more than 30 Rhythm & Blues classis, "From My Hometown" sings and dances its three performers' way through an affectionate tribute to their distinctive hometown styles.

"'I Feel Good' best describes audience reaction to this high energy roof raiser!" – Variety

Tickets are \$29 per person and can be purchased by contacting Maribeth Bailey at 317.633.8210 ext. 226 or e-mail m Bailey@enn.org. Through the generous sponsorship of Ice Miller and Pedcor Financial, LLC, all ticket sales benefit programs of the John H. Boner Community Center.

FREE TAX PREPARATION AND E-FILING AVAILABLE AT GLENDALE

The John H. Boner Community Center has partnered with the Indianapolis Asset Building Campaign to offer free tax preparation and asset building opportunities at Glendale Mall, which began Wednesday, January 25. Low-income families will be able to have their returns prepared and electronically filed with no charge and receive as much as a \$4,400 refund through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program, if they qualify.

The Glendale Mall tax preparation site will be open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the tax-filing season. This service is available to families with children who have income under \$40,000 and to individuals without children with income under \$20,000. In addition, taxpayers can opt to load their refunds onto the new debit card introduced by Chase Bank called the Chase Direct Benefit Card.

Volunteers are trained and tested by the IRS and inform individuals about special credits for which they may qualify, such as the credit for the elderly, the child care credit, child tax credit and the earned income tax credit. The John H. Boner Community Center along with other Indianapolis Asset Building Campaign partners will be available to focus on financial counseling to educate families on how to build long-term assets with their refund.

Taxpayers can get more information by calling the HELPLINE at 926-HELP (4357) or by dialing 211.



The John H. Boner Community Center responds creatively to the needs of the people on the near Eastside of Indianapolis. Our comprehensive services encourage individuals and families to recognize their own strengths and abilities as they move toward self reliance and an improved quality of life.

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Jack & Betty Taylor

Active Members (\$50 to \$99)
Jon & Amy Coolidge-Harshbarger
Edward R. Gabovitch, MD

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CONGRATULATIONS, COTTAGE HOME AND SPRINGDALE!

Local neighborhood associations competed to have the most members in attendance at last week's NESCO Congress. The contest ended in a tie between Cottage Home and Springdale, with each neighborhood receiving a \$100 prize.



EAST 10TH STREET CIVIC ASSOCIATION MAKES SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN REVITALIZATION OF 10 EAST MAIN STREET DISTRICT

A lot of changes are happening on East 10th Street as the East 10th Street Civic Association moves ahead with community-driven revitalization plans for the 10 East Main Street project area. At 10th and Hamilton Streets, the Mayfair Building (formerly known as Mustang Sally's) just went through Phase I façade improvements of what will be a total renovation. The building's new owner, James Smith, will relocate his existing business, DataSmith Technologies, from the Switzer Building to the property. Additionally, Smith will open a neighborhood coffee shop (Mayfair Coffee Co.) in the building. Funding and technical support for the transfer of property and recent building renovations was provided by the East 10th Street Civic building. Funding and technical support for the transfer of property and recent building renovations was provided by the East 10th Street Civic Association, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the City of Indianapolis.

A few blocks east, at the intersection of 10th and Gray Streets, the former Shortstop building and two vacant houses are being removed to make way for new development in an area that has been identified as a key node of focus for the community. Once cleared, the site will have 24,000 square feet of development potential, all zoned C3. Currently owned by Eastside Revitalization I, LLC (the Civic Association's limited liability corporation), several developers have expressed interest in the site.

EAST 10TH STREET CIVIC ASSOCIATION Cont.

Additionally, 10 large planters were donated for the 10 East Main Street corridor as part of a grant from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. The planters are located in front of the Boner Center, as well as several other businesses, and will be maintained by the property owners.

It's an exciting time for the near Eastside and the 10 East Main Street corridor. For more information on the above updates, or to get involved, contact the Civic Association directly at 317.633.8162.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

This year the John H. Boner Community Center celebrates 35 years of service to the near Eastside of Indianapolis. The Center currently employs more than 50 staff members and has 12 distinct programs.

Then known as the Near Eastside Multi-service Center, the Center separated from Community Action Against Poverty in January 1973 to become a separate corporation. The Center had two contracts, the Social Service Division and the Senior Citizen Program, through the Community Services Program of the City of Indianapolis. Funding sources have changed as well as the scope of our services, but 35 years later, we continue to provide the same services that were originated from the beginning. Through the years, we are still dedicated to bring services for the community to the community – the proven way to better the lives of people living on the near Eastside of Indianapolis.



Programs:

Brookside Enrichment Academy
Career Corner - WorkOne Express Center
Community School Program at IPS #14
Continuum of Care Housing Program
Elder Alternative Adult Day Service
Financial Foundations

Parents as Teachers
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