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Business back on track following 2020 shutdown



Uno's deep-dish pizza chain made famous in Chicago is locating their next Indiana restaurant adjacent to Meijer – one of many indicators business start-ups and expansions are back on the table. One long year after COVID halted everyday life and idled projects in the hopper, town officials say it's a bright sign better days are here. ❖

[NORTH HIGHLAND]

North Indianapolis has been the focus of several developers interested in transforming the former Tri-State Coach Lines hub. Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox said the town will take its time to determine whose plan is a great fit for the property, which is located just west of the Wicker Park Manor neighborhood. ... Less than a mile south, Florida-based RPS Capital Investment is prepping to open America's Antique Mall July 1 and lease other storefronts in the complex, just north of the former Ultra Foods. ❖

[SOUTH HIGHLAND]

While Uno's sets up shop in the former Zoup! storefront on Indianapolis, Building Commissioner Ken Mika said a proposal before the Plan Commission will, if approved, expand retail north of Gordon Food Service as part of a Planned Unit Development. ... West on Main Street, Cardinal Campus is eyeing Phase II expansion of its professional office complex that includes two additional low-rise office buildings. ... "Construction dropped off in 2020," he said. "We are seeing a good pick-up this year and development getting back on track." ❖

[CENTRAL HIGHLAND]

Fuzzyline Brewing Co. and the Belmonte family are making news downtown. Fuzzyline, 2712 Condit, had its soft opening May 1 while the Belmonte's, who also own Guiseppe's Restaurant in Schererville, continue transforming the storefront at 2907 Jewett into an Italian street food/pizzeria. ... Meanwhile, keep your eye on the new parking lot. Redevelopment is installing at least one electric car charging station, which will generate money for the town. ❖



[ROAD PROJECTS UPDATE]

The town has received preliminary approval from the state for \$500,000 in Community Crossings grant money to move forward with a bevy of road projects. Highland is also prepared to chip in \$500,000 for the improvements.

[VACCINES BY THE NUMBERS]

Nearly one third of Highland residents eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine have done so. In all, 5,785 residents are fully vaccinated out of 18,546 aged 16 and older. Not vaccinated? Visit ourshot.in.gov to schedule yours today!

[SAVING A LIFE ...]

Kudos to Highland's finest — Sgt. Randy Stewart, Officer Tyler Dills and Officer Tiffany Perez — who assisted Indiana Conservation Officer Alex Neel in saving the life of a 66-year-old Highland resident whose heart stopped April 26 while in a car at the intersection of Indianapolis Boulevard and Ridge Road. Their assistance in providing life-saving intervention is credited with saving the man's life. Their assistance to the gentleman's wife is credited with providing comfort during the crisis.



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[UNDER PRESSURE] South Highland residents may experience some water pressure variations between now and early July while the Indianapolis Boulevard water tank is sandblasted, primed and repainted. The million-gallon tank's new color palette — clear sky, lemon yellow outlined in true blue — pays homage to our Highland Trojans. Public Works Director Mark Knesek said the \$800,000 project is part of regular maintenance necessary to keep the water tank in optimal condition. The south Highland water tank was last painted in 2009. [photo provided]

Highland Main Street seeks new direction

A decade after becoming an Indiana Main Street community, Highland's downtown arm of Redevelopment is taking a new look at how the century-old retail hub should be promoted and revitalized for years to come.

Town Council President Roger Sheeman said a few people have met informally to discuss how Highland Main Street should proceed and expand for its second chapter.

"We agree a holistic approach to downtown business will have the most impact on commerce and the community," Sheeman said. "The crowds at the Restaurant Crawl show

how interested the community is in the downtown. Our job is to marry events the community wants with the goods our local businesses have to offer."

Opportunities abound. Just like Hoosier Highlander, which hosts gallery nights — cleverly titled "Food for the Soul" — in tandem with the Downtown Restaurant Crawl, the Downtown Community Garden is gearing up to pair gardening with yoga and music.

The invitation is extended to those who would like to volunteer to be part of Highland Main Street or one of its committees. Download an application at highland.in.gov.

Let's ride!

THE RULES: Now that the warmer weather is upon us, Highland Police want to remind bicyclists they are required to follow the same rules of the road as those driving vehicles, such as stopping at stop signs and traveling with traffic, not against it.

THE GEAR: Riders also encouraged to wear a helmet, equip bicycles with reflectors and use a headlight/taillight when riding in the dark. High-visibility clothing and cycling glasses add to your safety.



*Did you know?
Bicycling is up
28 percent in the
U.S. because of
the pandemic.*

TOUR DE HIGHLAND-GRIFFITH – JUNE 12

Enjoy a family-friendly bicycle ride June 12 through Highland and Griffith. For details or to register for \$15 per rider/walker by May 31, visit [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or [highlandgriffithchamber.com](https://www.highlandgriffithchamber.com).



**JUNE 3
NATIONAL
BICYCLE DAY**



[HIGHLAND SHRED DAY]

The town will shred confidential documents for free from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **JUNE 5** at Highland Public Works, 8001 Kennedy Ave. Proof of residency is required.

- 4 boxes – no larger than 12x18x10 – or 4 brown paper grocery bags per household.
- No plastic covers, binder clips/notebooks or spiral notebooks.
- Please recycle all your non-confidential documents and other papers bi-weekly in your curbside recycling bin.

[SPRING CLEANUP DAY]

Republic Waste Services crews will collect trash and rubbish **MAY 11** generated by spring cleaning. **NOT INCLUDED:** Construction debris, concrete, electronics, televisions, household hazardous waste and leaves. Televisions, computers and electronics may be recycled at Public Works, 8001 Kennedy.

INFO: Call (219) 972-5083.

[MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE]

The Highland community will honor veterans and fallen heroes during a Memorial Day tribute at 10 a.m. **MAY 31** at Main Square Park Gazebo.

INFO: Visit Highland Council of Community Events on Facebook or highlandcce@gmail.com.

[COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE]

Do you have items you would like to resell, but don't want to invite people into your home to show your products? Join the community garage sale!

WHEN: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, **May 8**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

VENDOR FEES: \$34 for 10' x 10' interior space. Cost includes 7% sales tax. Tables, chairs, extension cords are not provided.

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

[SECOND SUNDAYS]

Grab a comfy lawn chair and head to Main Square Park for live entertainment through September. Opening acts perform at noon and headliners 1 p.m. Here's the upcoming lineup:

MAY 9 The Spaniels Forever
Oldies | R&B

Robby Celestin Band
Ex-Timepeace | R&B | Dance

JUNE 13 The Geddy T. Band
Classic Rock

Oscar & The Majestics
'60/'70s Garage Rock

VENDORS WANTED! Seeking fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses, breads, spices, coffees, soaps, informational business booths and more to complement our concert series. Weekly fee is \$25. Add \$7 for electricity. Tables, chairs and extension cords are not provided.

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

[MAY RESTAURANT CRAWL]

Join Highland's popular Restaurant Crawl the last Tuesday of every month. Participating restaurants feature a special for \$5 or less, so that visitors can eat their way through downtown. Several retail businesses will also be open late so diners can shop in between courses.

WHEN: 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, **May 25**

WHERE: Downtown Highland

INFO: Visit the Highland Redevelopment Commission on Facebook or the town website – highland.in.gov – for updates.

SUMMER CAMP

FUN ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER

GAMES & CRAFTS

SPORTS FIELD TRIPS

SONGS & DRAMA

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 6

Ages: 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten)

Camp Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday – Friday

Pre-camp: 7-8:30 a.m. Monday – Friday

Weekly Fee: \$105 residents | \$130 nonresidents

Daily Fee: \$30 residents | \$35 nonresidents

Pre-camp Fee: \$6 residents | \$7 nonresidents

Late Pick-up: \$10 every 15 minutes past 5 p.m.

Please Note: Mandatory parent meeting 6:30 p.m. June 1

Registration: Call (219) 838-0114 or visit highlandparks.org.