

Zion Township Updates 6/17/14

"Compassionately challenging Zion residents to overcome hardships and encourage positive life changes."

The role of Zion Township is to act as a linkage and referral network to residents of the Zion community, that are facing hardship.

- Monthly Report Attached.
- Character in the Community meetings will be on Thursday, July 10 and August 7, 2014 at the Zion-Benton Public Library from 6:30-8pm. ALL interested residents are invited to attend. You can also participate by going to www.zbchc.com to get involved!
- Consumer Credit Counseling Services are available for one on one consultations at Zion Township each Thursday. To make an appointment, call 815-338-5757.
- Preliminary work is being done on implementing a bi-annual job fair in the ZB community thru the Community Partnerships Task Force of the Coalition for Healthy Communities, in partnership with Senator Melinda Bush's office, the Zion Park District, the Job Center of Lake County and Zion and Benton Townships. If anyone has any suggestions on what additional resources might assist residents, please email Cheri at cheri@ziontownship.org.
- Summer Work Program report:
 - With the serious financial restrictions this year, we made the following adjustments to the program:
 - The number of youth reduced to 35 fourteen and fifteen year olds.
 - Stipends for ALL youth are being paid for by the Job Center of Lake County.
 - The Zion Park District will be compensating us for one of the supervisor's salaries and that supervisor will have his crews working on Park District projects. Orientation is on June 16th and will run thru July 25th.
 - Parent orientation was held on Monday, June 16th.
 - Youth training on June 17th included:
 - Basic Financial Awareness by Consumer Credit Counseling Service
 - Grit presentation by ZBTHS graduates: Allegra Codamon and Lucas Unze
 - Zion Township staff review of the handbook and soft skills
 - Had to close office for SWP Training day, as all staff needed for event.
 - The awards dinner will be on Friday, July 25th.
- Zion Benton Leadership Academy applications are available! Please consider applying or recommending someone else for the program. Information available at www.zbchc.com.