

## Township Updates 6/16/15

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

Zion Township is a people-centered local government agency that coordinates area resources and offers a variety of assistance programs to give our residents options to address their critical situations.

- Monthly Report will be shared next month.
- The Summer Work Program has launched! The focus this year will be on building a foundation of a work ethic and integrating the SIX Community of Character words: Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility, Integrity, Safety and Kindness. We are excited to have Keayon Senter, Chris Kubic, MacArthur White and Rod Henry working as a team to assist in making this program the best it can be. Any seniors who are looking for help with projects that do not involve power equipment, please contact Zion Township. The program will run from thru July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Zion-Benton Leadership Academy interviews are taking place this week. We had 22 applicants for 15 positions. Mentors are being sought out for the 2015 program which will begin in September.
- On May 21, 2015, the Charmm'd Foundation facilitated a conversation about communication among government agencies across Zion, Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor. It is the first conversation of its kind in our area to look at how can be more effective in communicating to residents. The turn out was impressive, with a representative from every taxing body in attendance. The next step is a survey to gather more information. Stay tuned.
- The next Community of Character meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Zion Township. All are welcome to attend!
- The next ZB Run will be on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8am in support of the ZBTHS Cross Country Team. For more info, go to [www.zbrun.org](http://www.zbrun.org).