

Township Updates 9/15/15

“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 attached.
- Because of the Coalition for Healthy Communities' willingness to apply for a grant, 28 Community Leaders are participating in an intensive Crucial Conversations Training, thanks to VitalSmarts and Advocate Health Care. The value of this gift is \$39,060 (\$1,395 per person) not including the training room space, which was donated by Grace Missionary Church and the lunches, which were donated by the Coalition for Healthy Communities. Special thanks to the champion of this effort, Trainer Sharon Wilson and Jennifer Pecor of Advocate Health Care.
- The 4th Class of the Zion-Benton Leadership Academy is in full swing for 2015. Graduation will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Shepherd's Crook Golf Course at 9am.

Participant	Mentor
Blake Hudson	Mike McDowell
Elena Arizmendi	Pat Goodwin
Kim Whiteside	Mary Carmody
Ronesha Franklin	Marilyn Krieger
Nancy Payan	Elsie Martinez
Linda Sandoval	Carmen Patlan
Myra Flores	Beverly Mull
Cristina Rodriguez	Madeline Santana
Matthew Hutchinson	Sonolito Bronson
Richard Frierson	Mary Lockhart White

- ZB Community of Character is looking for nominations for people who are caught living out the character traits of respect, perseverance, responsibility, safety, integrity and kindness. Send nominations to zbcharacterclub@gmail.com.
- Thanks to the Jubilee Days Committee for an outstanding weekend and for making the theme “A Community of Character”.
- Zion Township, the City of Zion and the Lake County Housing Authority met and discussed ways to address issues in regard to housing. The group came up with a multitude of strategies and will be meeting quarterly to track progress.
- Lake County Township Officials Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 17th at 6pm at the Wild Onion Pub in Lake Barrington. Supervisor Neal will be installed as the LC TOI President for a second term.
- Zion Elementary District 6 initiated Welcome meetings for new families to the district. Either Supervisor Neal or Mayor Hill will be attending these events to show community support.
- The Community of Character Walk will be on Saturday, September 19, 2015, beginning at the band shell at 11am until 1pm by the Zion Police Station with the movie Frozen playing at dusk at the Zion-Benton Public Library.
- Zion Township, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Love INC and the City of Zion will be meeting to discuss better ways to work together when a family is removed from their home in an emergency.
- Zion Township met with a team from Christ Community Church to partner in the Elf Network this Christmas season. The Youth Group from CCC will be assisting with packaging gifts and distribution, along with the yearly dinner that the church already provides, thanks to Pastor Mike McDowell and Youth Pastor Leo Barnes.