



ZION TOWNSHIP

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Cheri L. Neal - Supervisor

Zion Township Updates 8/16/16

“Empowering the Zion community through Leadership, Advocacy and Resources.”

- **Monthly Report** Attached.
- This year's **Summer Work Program** was a huge success. 32 of the 34 youth that were hired through the Job Center of Lake County and placed at Zion Township completed the program and were honored at the end of the year banquet. Zion's own Calvin King and his theater company Free Lunch Academy presented *Be a Buddy, Not a Bully*, to participants and their parents. The response was overwhelming. Three youth were nominated for Agency Employee of the Year, with the honor going to Jerimyah Jones, nominated by his supervisor at Northpointe Resources, Kristin Krok. Of the six nominees from the crews, Javon Sales was honored as Crew Member of the Year. Darnell Rios was honored as Mentor of the Year, nominated by his work crew.
- A **Zion Area Job Fair**, spearheaded by Senator Melinda Bush, will be held on Thursday, August 25th from 9:30am – 12:30pm at the Zion Park District Leisure Center, 2400 Dowie Memorial Dr. Visit www.SenatorMelindaBush.com for further information.
- Zion Township was notified on 8/15/16 that **HB 4391** had been signed into law stating: A person is not eligible to hold any office if that person, at the time required for taking the oath of office, has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony.
- **Top Box** will be at the Shiloh Center on Wednesday, September 14th from 12:30-2:00pm.
- The **Zion-Benton Leadership Academy** Class of 2016 is official with 16 incredible participants including: Latoya Barnes, Darci Green, Noelle Harris, Jacqueline Holmes, Jay LaBelle, Annie Love, Claudia Mancera, Andrea McKnight, Rosa Ochoa, Shannon Scott, Megan Sines, Jennifer Smith, Michelle Villarreal, Joy Washington, Shawn White and Steven Wold. We are currently matching up the participants with mentors from the community. A mixer will be held at Supervisor Cheri Neal's home on Thursday, August 25th and the program will begin on Saturday, September 10th. Graduation will take place on Saturday, November 5th.
- A **Community of Character Gathering** will be held by several local churches via the Zion-Benton Ministerial Association on Sunday, September 11th from 6-7pm at the Zion Park District Band Shell. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **The Community of Character Walk** will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 6pm as well as a Community of Character Service on Sunday, September 11th at 6pm at the Bandshell – mark your calendar!
- This year's **Super Senior Program** with the Secretary of State will be held on October 20th at the Zion-Benton Public Library, providing a Rules of the Road Class as well as other services normally offered at the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- If you have an event taking place within the Zion, Winthrop Harbor and Beach Park communities that you would like to have included in the monthly ZB Guide, contact Chris Szymanski at Chris@goflo.com.
- **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.
- **Mano a Mano** is located in Zion offering immigration legal services (citizenship, DACA, green card renewals, TPS) and health case management (assistance with Medicaid, All Kids, SNAP, Child support, and temporary drivers licenses) The services are available in English and Spanish. Hours are Monday-Thursday 9am to 5pm by appointment only. Call: 847-201-1521 and request an appointment for the Zion office.