

Zion Township

Updates – 8/21/18

***Mission:** Empowering residents through leadership, advocating, and connection to resources, services and solutions.*

***Vision:** Maximizing potential to help create amazing.*

UPDATES ON OFFICE OPERATIONS

- Monthly Report Attached
- Zinnias for Zion Yard contest photo submissions can be brought to the Zion-Benton Public Library or posted on the Zinnias for Zion Facebook Page through August 31st. Details are at www.ZinniasforZion.com. Thanks to Chris Szymanski for creating the website!
- Nextdoor.com is staged to be a comprehensive communication tool for our community. Sign up TODAY!
- The Summer Work Program was a huge success. Check out the video created by Calvin King III and his production company, Free Lunch Academy. Mr. Rod Henry as the Mentor of the Year. List all the winners:
Employee of the Year: Navah Black – ZT Crew, Justin Chapley – ZB Library; Supervisor of the Year: Bonn Busch.
- The final Love Thy Neighbor, Dialogue on Race will be on Wednesday, August 22nd from 6-9pm at Grace Missionary Church, 1415 27th St. The topic is Unity in the Community – what we can do to make our community even better. All are encouraged to attend.
- The Zion Township Open House brought in 18 guests to learn what all the township does. We will host our 3rd annual event in the spring.
- The Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County will be hosting a forum for residents to share their issues/concerns with healthcare access in the near future. Contact Zion Township if interested in participating.
- This is the final month to form a neighborhood team and join in on the Zion Together Love They Neighbor Competition. Join in at www.ZionTogether.com.
- Community of Character Walk – September 13, 2018.
- Elf Network plans are being made for the 2018 Holiday Season. Participation cards are available at Zion Township.

BOARD SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Audit distributed to be entered on file.
- 2-1-1 United Way request
- Supervisor Neal will be on vacation from 9/14-9/25/18.
- Approve Sandra Usher as an additional FOIA Officer, along with Township Clerk Sheryl Spooner.
- Review of two part-time positions needed in office: maintenance and marketing.
- Still to be addressed: Determining best approach for security cameras and Computer security audit.
- Reviewing phone contracts for possible cost reductions.

COMMUNITY – KEY RESOURCES

- ❖ **Abiding Love Food Pantry**
 - Each Wednesday from 10am til 1pm at Christian Assembly of God Church, 2929 Bethel Blvd, Zion (Closed 5th Wednesdays)
- ❖ **Zion Park District: Senior Food Pantry**
 - Tuesday's from 1 – 2 pm
Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave., Zion for ALL seniors
- ❖ **Zion Township is processing Passports**
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call for an appointment. We also have Notary, faxing and voter registrar services available.
- ❖ **Office Hours:**
 - State Representative Sheri Jesiel: the first Wednesday of the month from 2-4; State Senator Melinda Bush: the second Wednesday from 2:30-4:30pm, Congressman Brad Schneider: the second Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 pm.