

# Zion Township

## Updates – 9/18/18

### UPDATES ON OFFICE OPERATIONS

- Monthly Report Attached
- LIHEAP will begin on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Walk-ins will be seen each Tuesday from 1-3pm. The month of October, seniors and disabled will be served.
- Zinnias for Zion winners will be honored at the Zion City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The top 10 are:
  1. Champion: Zion Park District's Hermon Park Center – business
  2. Champion: Baltazar Aviles – 2716 Bethel Blvd., - home
  3. Winner: N & T's Restaurant
  4. Winner: Zion Senior Cottages
  5. Winner: Rae Markobrad -3003 29<sup>th</sup> St., - home
  6. Winner: Rolling Hills Campus
  7. Honorable Mention: Culvers
  8. Honorable Mention: Congdon's Funeral Home
  9. Honorable Mention: Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
  10. Honorable Mention: Zion-Benton Public Library
- The Dialogues on Race were well attended with over 70 diverse participants at each one. A number of action plans were created to continue the progress made breaking down the walls of bias and misunderstanding.
- The Elf Network co-sponsored by Christ Community Church has kicked off. Participant cards are available to assist families over the Christmas holiday. The first 50 cards turned in will be a part of this year's program. Partnerships include Affordable Housing of Lake County, schools Community Action Partnership of Lake County, Family Resource Center, Job Center of Lake County, Love INC, Nicasa Family Advocacy, Zion-Benton Public Library.
- ZBLA Class of 2018 has kicked off. Participants include Veronica Smith, Alanna Whitmore and Mike Priller.
- Zion Together Love Thy Neighbor has officially ended! Winners include, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Zinny Bees Nice Neighbors, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Stonebridge Together, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sunshine. They will be honored at the City Council meeting on October 2, 2018.

***Mission:** At Zion Township, we empower residents through leadership, advocating, and connection to resources, services and solutions.*

***Vision:** We work to maximize potential to help create amazing.*

### BOARD SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Victor Agostos was hired to provide part-time maintenance.
- Zion Township will be closed for the holiday on, Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup> (staff yearly retreat) 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and January 1, 2019.
- Supervisor Neal will be in Washington DC for Congressman Brad Schneider's Local Agency Event from September 27-29, 2018.
- October 11-14, 2018, Supervisor Neal will be attending the NeighborWorks Conference with Commissioner Billy McKinney and CUBZ representatives: Richard Frierson, Kim Whiteside, Noelle Harris, Rebekah Burton, Ashley Modder and Madeline Santana in Houston, TX.
- There is currently an opening for a Strategic Digital Marketing Manager at Zion Township. This position is part-time contractual.
- Sandra Usher completed the FOIA Training.

### COMMUNITY – KEY RESOURCES

- ❖ **Zion Township is now processing Passports. Call for an appointment. We also provide Notary, faxing and voter registration services.**
- ❖ **Office Hours for our State and Federal Reps:**
  - **Congressman Brad Schneider, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday from 2:30-4:30pm.**
  - **State Senator Melinda Bush, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday from 2:30-4:30pm.**
  - **State Rep Sheri Jesiel, the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday from 2-4pm.**
- ❖ **Abiding Love Food Pantry**
  - Each Wednesday from 10am til 1pm at Christian Assembly of God Church, 2929 Bethel Blvd, Zion (Closed 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays)
- ❖ **Zion Park District: Senior Food Pantry**
  - Tuesday's from 1 – 2 pm Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave., Zion for ALL seniors