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Our Pillars of Engagement  
with Pike Township



## Are You Part of the Voting Power of Pike?

### Registration Deadline is October 5 — see page 5

#### US Congressional 5th District

Dark gray indicates the area in Pike Township that is part of the 5th District of the US Congress (Indiana has 9 districts, each with about 700,000 population). Susan Brooks (R) has represented our interests in Congress since 2013. She is retiring this year.

#### US Congressional 7th District

Light gray indicates the area in Pike that is part of the 7th District of the US Congress. It is entirely located within Marion County and includes most of Indianapolis. The district is one of three to be represented by a Muslim in the US. It has not elected a Republican since the 2000 election and is considered a safe Democratic seat. Andre Carson (D) has represented our interests in Congress since 2008.

Eagle  
Creek Park

#### Indiana's 86th House District

Dark gray indicates the area of Pike that is part of the 86th State House District. Incumbent Edward DeLaney (D) and Paul Tinkle (R) are running in the general election for this office.

#### Indiana's 94th House District

Light gray indicates the area in Pike that is part of the 94th State House District. Incumbent Cherrish Pryor (D) and Felipe Rios (R) are running in the general election for this office.

38th St.

Pike Township  
Boundary

#### Indiana's 29th Senate District

Yellow indicates the area in Pike that is part of the 29th State Senate District. J. D. Ford (D) won the election in 2018. He holds the office until 2022.

#### Indiana's 33th Senate District

Green indicates the area in Pike that is part of the 33th State Senate District. Greg Taylor (D) won the election in 2016. He is on the ballot in 2020 unopposed.

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Our mission is to help build a stronger sense of community by keeping our fingers on the pulse of Pike Township and publishing positive, upbeat, and relevant news.

**Pike Pulse** is the only free newspaper in Pike Township that is delivered by the US Postal Service twice a month to every residential and business address.

## Pike Pulse Pillars of Engagement



### I. Cultural Pillar — where we are from

- Stories about Pike residents
- Stories celebrating our diverse cultures
- Stories highlighting opportunities

### II. Social Pillar — how we connect

- Spotlight groups and organizations
- Communicate celebrations for Veterans
- Information about our religious diversity
- Neighborhood Associations news
- Health updates
- Art exhibits and performances
- Youth and adult athletic updates
- Academic celebrations

### III. Economic Pillar — how we make a living

- Commercial development
- Business-to-Business communications
- Business-to-Consumer communications
- Pike job openings
- Legislative and township development
- Community development
- Pike Business Park news

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# Community Development in Amidst a Global Pandemic

by Brandon Fishburn, Director of Development



Brandon Fishburn

In February, 2020, when we got together to discuss the creation of a Pike Township community newspaper, we didn't imagine we'd be launching the *Pike Pulse* in the midst of a global pandemic. We didn't know the greatest common denominator would become dealing with the new realities associated with COVID-19, and mask wearing, limited capacity requirements, and remote work would become predominate requirements for the workplace. The thought that schools wouldn't finish their school year in person and the new school year would start "remotely" hadn't crossed our minds. However, in Quarter 2, when these new realities began to take shape, the importance of our launch was magnified, and our Pillars of Engagement took shape.

Last week Affinitates ([www.affinitates.com](http://www.affinitates.com)) hosted a virtual townhall event. It was sponsored by the *Pike Pulse*. Affinitates called leaders together from businesses and organizations supporting Pike Township to discuss the importance of community engagement and a common thread of the conversation was how the *Pike Pulse* can be a strong convenor for people, organizations, and businesses (Cultural, Social, and Economic). Each week, we are hearing from people about businesses they are a part of, organizations they want to support, and stories about why this effort is important. People are hopeful for the continued strengthening of this community.

In recognition that COVID-19, has been a great divisive factor toward a community development, we hope to provide a sense of elasticity to help pull us back together. Taking one step at a time, with your help, we can walk alongside each other to build bridges between these pillars. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to engage with us, and if you want to be a part of this community effort, we hope you'll act on those thoughts and reach out.

## Pike Pulse Testimonials

To whom it may concern,

I have known Brandon Fishburn for over 7 years and have always found him to be of impeccable character. He has a very strong work ethic and a can-do attitude. His personality is calming in very stressful situations. If I need anything Brandon is my first and only call.

Since I have been advertising in the *Pike Pulse*, I have seen an increase in calls from well qualified clients in Pike. This is a very cost-effective way to reach that geographical area.

Sincerely,

**Chris Moore**

Loan Depot



I received a call today from a potential new client. I think this is the first call I've received from a Newspaper Ad in almost 20 years. Just wanted to let you know that the *Pike Pulse* is of benefit!

**Robert Bering, CPA**

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I have been beyond satisfied thus far with the partnership with *Pike Pulse*!

This has been a great opportunity for me to align myself with other leaders and business owners in the Pike community. I really enjoy the branding I get, the opportunities I will have to network and market, and mostly make an impact in the community we serve! Thank you, *Pike Pulse*!

**Josh Fields**

State Farm Insurance



From the Metrick Fitness newsletter:

Pike Township has a new FREE local newspaper delivered to homes and businesses two times per month. In an effort to boost membership MFit took out a series of print ads. We now get a stack of issues we've advertised in delivered to the gym (you've probably seen them). Please feel free to take a few (or many!) to put out in your workplace to help share the great things happening in our community.

**Metrick Fitness**



# Our Election Process Described by the BBC

Note from the Editor: When we talk politics we can lose sight of the basics. This British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) NEWS article provides a clear explanation of our presidential election process.

Reprinted with permission from the British Broadcasting Corporation News Team. The Pike Pulse editors did Americanize terminology a bit.

The President of the United States of America has a huge influence on how the world responds to international crises, such as wars, global pandemics and climate change. So, when the election comes round every four years in the USA, there's a lot of international interest in the outcome, but not a lot of understanding about how the process works.

At BBC News, we have to remind ourselves how the electoral college works and what a battleground state is. If you're looking for a refresher or trying to understand it for the first time, this simple guide to the US election will help.

The election for president always falls on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. For 2020, it's November 3. Unlike many other countries, the US political system is dominated by just two parties, so the president always belongs to one of them.

The Republicans are the conservative political party in the US, and their candidate in this year's election is President Donald Trump, who is hoping to secure another four years in power.

The Republican Party is also known as the GOP, or the Grand Old Party. In recent years, it has stood for lower taxes, gun rights and tighter restrictions on immigration. Support for the party tends to be stronger in more rural parts of America. Former Republican presidents include George W. Bush, Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon.

The Democrats are the liberal political party in the US, and their candidate is Joe Biden, an experienced politician best-known for serving as Barack Obama's vice president for eight years.

The Democratic Party is best defined by its liberal stances on issues like civil rights, immigration, and climate change. It believes government should play a bigger role in people's lives, like providing health insurance. Support for the party tends to be stronger in urban parts of America. Former Democratic presidents include John F Kennedy and Barack Obama.

Both men are in their 70s — Mr. Trump would be 74 years old at the start of his second term, while at 78, Mr. Biden would be the oldest first-term president in history.

### How is the winner decided?

The winner is not always the candidate who wins the most votes nationally — as Hillary Clinton found out in 2016.

Hillary Clinton was Donald Trump's opponent in 2016. She



Google Photo

ended up winning nearly three million more votes than Mr. Trump, mainly because she picked up a high number of votes in strong Democrat states like New York and California. However, her rival comfortably beat her in the electoral college race 304 to 227, because he won several tight contests in key states.

Instead, candidates compete to win electoral college votes. Each state gets a certain number of electoral college votes based on its population, and there is a total of 538 up for grabs, so the winner is the candidate that wins 270 or more.

Like most voting systems, the electoral college has a number of pros and cons, but it is widely respected because of its historical roots in the founding of the US. It usually reflects the popular vote, but it has failed to in two of the last five elections, including when Donald Trump won in 2016.

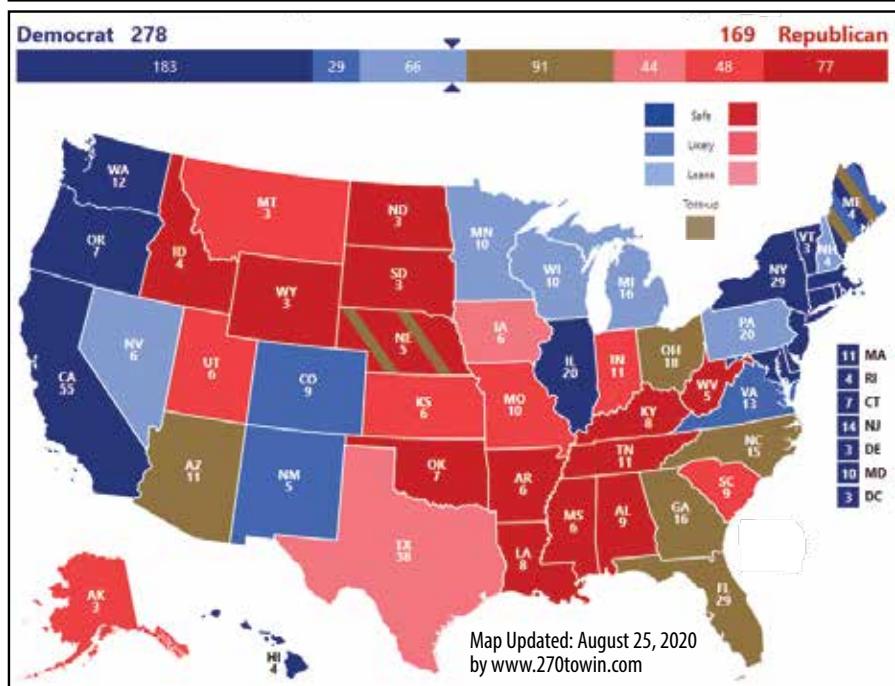
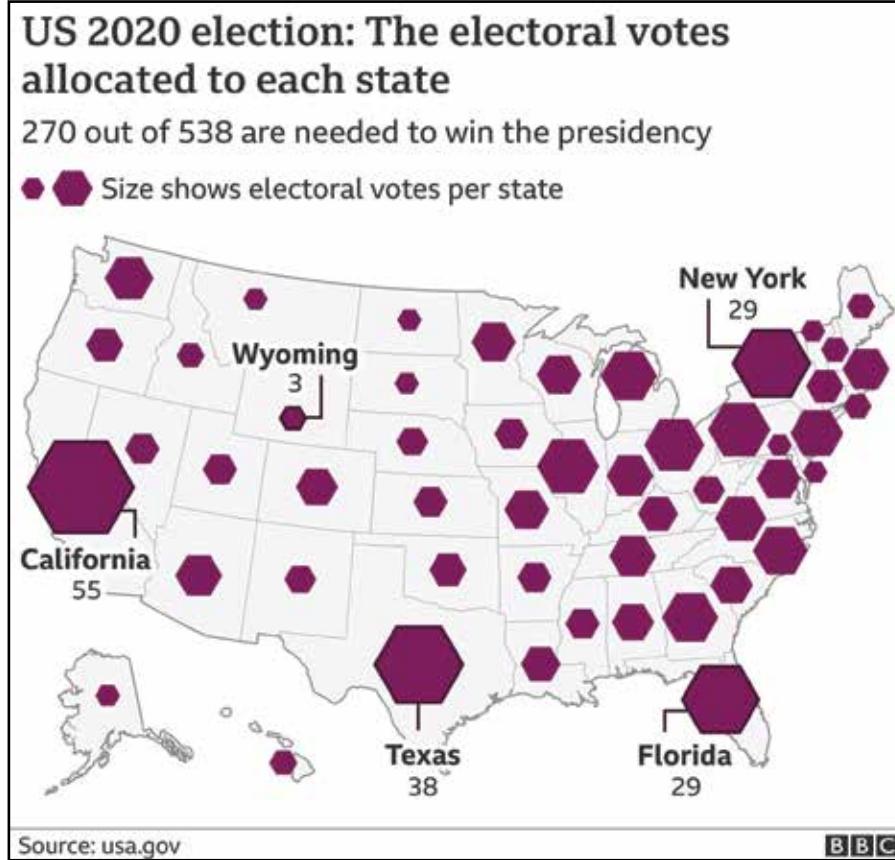
This means that when someone votes for their preferred candidate, they're voting in a state-level contest rather than a national one.

All but two states have a winner-takes-all rule, so whichever candidate wins the highest number of votes is awarded all of the state's electoral college votes. **Most states lean heavily towards one party or the other, which means the candidates focus their efforts on a dozen or so states where either of them could win. These are known as the battleground states.**

These states, which are often referred to as swing states as well, are where voters are split relatively evenly between Democrats and Republicans. Traditional battleground states include Florida and Ohio. Other states that have been strongly Republican in the past, like Arizona and Texas, are considered battlegrounds in 2020 due to increasing support for the Democratic Party.

### Why is there an electoral college?

When the US Constitution was drawn up in 1787, a national popular vote to elect a president was practically impossible. This was because of the size of the country and the difficulty of communication. Also, there was little enthusiasm for allowing the president to be chosen by lawmakers in the capital, Washington DC.



**Election Simplified continued:**

So, the framers of the constitution created the electoral college, with each state choosing “electors.” Smaller states favored the system as it gave them more of a voice than a nationwide popular vote to decide the president. The electoral college was also favored by southern states where slaves made up a large portion of the population. Even though slaves didn’t vote, they were counted in the US census. Since the number of electoral votes was determined by the size of a state’s population, southern states had more influence in electing a president than a direct public vote would have given them.

**Do electors have to vote for the candidate who won?**

In some states, electors can vote for whichever candidate they prefer, regardless of who voters backed. But in practice, electors almost always vote for the candidate who wins the most votes in their state. If an elector votes against their state’s presidential pick, they are termed “faithless.” In 2016, seven electoral college votes were cast this way, but no result has been changed by faithless electors.

**What happens if no candidate gets a majority?**

The House of Representatives will then vote to elect the president. This has happened only once, in 1824 when four candidates split the electoral vote, denying any one of them a majority. With two parties dominating the US system, this is unlikely to happen today.

**Who can vote?**

If you’re a US citizen and you’re 18 or over, you should be eligible

to vote in the presidential election. However, many states have passed laws requiring voters to show identification documents to prove who they are before they can vote. These laws are often put into place by Republicans who say they’re needed to guard against voter fraud. But Democrats accuse them of using this as a form of voter suppression as it is often poorer, minority voters who are unable to provide an ID — such as a driving license.

States also have different rules on whether prisoners can vote. The majority of them lose their right to vote when they are convicted, but regain that right when they have served their sentence.

Most people vote at a polling station on election day, but alternative methods of voting have been on the rise in recent years. In 2016, 21% of those who voted did so by mail. How people vote is a contentious issue in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic. Some politicians are calling for wider use of mail-in ballots, but President Trump has said — with very little evidence — that this could result in more voter fraud.

Critics say mail-in ballots are susceptible to fraud — and there have been isolated incidents involving Republicans and Democrats — but numerous nationwide and state-level studies have found no evidence of any widespread fraud.

**Is the November 3rd election just about who is president?**

No. Most of the attention will be on Trump and Biden, but voters will also be choosing members of Congress and other offices, too.

Congress is the part of the US Government that writes and passes laws. It’s made up of two chambers — the House of Representatives and the Senate. Members of the House serve two-year terms, while senators serve six-year terms and are split into three groups, meaning a third of them are up for election every two years.

In 2020 Democrats have control of the House, so they will be looking to keep their hold of that while hoping to gain control of the Senate. If they had a majority in both chambers they would be able to block or delay President Trump’s plans if he were to be re-elected.

All 435 seats in the House are up for election this year, while only 33 out of 100 Senate seats are up for grabs.

**When will we get the results?**

It can take several days for every vote to be counted, but it’s usually pretty clear who the winner is by the early hours of the following morning. In 2016, Donald Trump took to the stage in New York about 3 AM to give his victory speech in front of a crowd of jubilant supporters. But don’t set your alarm clocks just yet. Officials are already warning we may have to wait longer — possibly days, even weeks — for the result this year because of the expected surge in mail-in ballots.

There are two ways to vote in the US — by going to a polling station on election day or by using a mail-in ballot — but the rules vary depending on which state you are in. All states offer some form of vot-

ing by mail, but many, including Indiana, require you to provide a reason for not being able to vote in person on election day. Some states are accepting the coronavirus as a valid reason to use a mail-in ballot, but not all of them are at the moment.

The last time the result wasn’t clear within a few hours was in 2000, when the winner wasn’t confirmed until a Supreme Court ruling was made a month later.

In 2000, the race between Republican candidate George W. Bush and Democratic candidate Al Gore was so close that it came down to the result in Florida, where just a few hundred votes separated them. There were weeks of legal battles — which triggered a recount — but eventually the Supreme Court stepped in. Mr. Bush was declared the winner, giving him all 25 of Florida’s electoral college votes and leaving him with a winning total of 271 overall. Mr. Gore, who won more votes nationally than Mr. Bush, conceded defeat.

**When does the winner take office?**

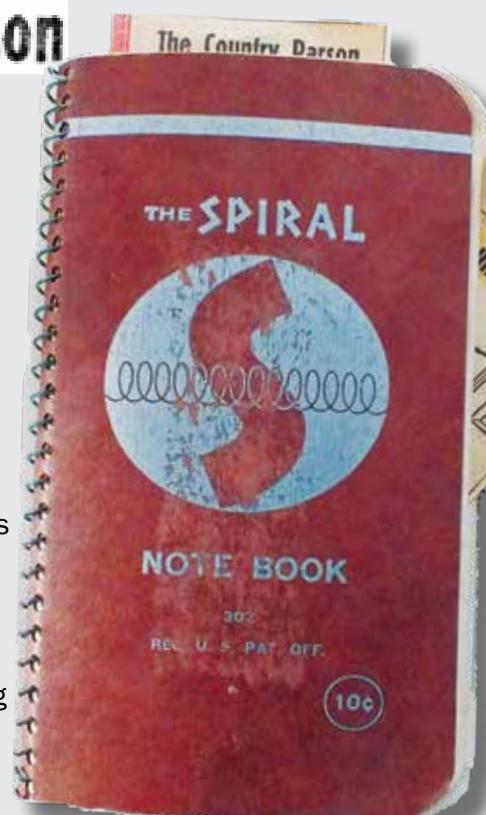
If Joe Biden wins the election, he wouldn’t immediately replace President Trump as there is a set transition period to give the new leader time to appoint cabinet ministers and make plans. The new president is officially sworn into office on January 20 in a ceremony known as the inauguration, which is held on the steps of the Capitol building in Washington DC. After the ceremony, the new president makes his way to the White House to begin his four-year term in office. ♦

## The Country Parson

**Note from the Editor:** I found this notebook in a box of keepsakes in our basement. I’m sure it belonged to my father-in-law, who grew up on an Indiana farm. He was the first in his family to go to college. He chose to live surrounded by family, married a Brownsburg angel, built their dream home in Speedway, rarely missed a worship service at Speedway Christian Church, helped design engines at Allison, and headed a beautiful family in Speedway. He made good decisions and lived a wonderful life.

He carefully clipped out “**The Country Parson**” and taped them into this notebook. I hope you find these clippings as wise and uplifting as Wendell Kern must have.

We’ll put them into the paper as space allows.



# 2020 Indiana Voter Information Guide

## The Nov. 3 ballot will include:

Candidates are elected to the following:

- **President and Vice-President**
- **Governor and Lt. Governor**
- **Attorney General**
- **U.S. House of Representatives** (all 9 seats)
- **Indiana State Senate** (25 of the 50 seats)
- **Indiana House of Representatives** (all 100 seats)
- **Judges** of the circuit and superior courts in several counties
- **Clerks of the circuit court, County Auditor, County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Coroner, County Surveyor, County Assessor, County Commissioner, and County Council Members** in several counties
- **Town Council members, Town Clerk-Treasurers, and Town Judges** in towns which have chosen to stagger terms, or to elect all town officials during 2020
- Voters will vote on the retention of state appellate judges or local judges, and on any local public question placed on the ballot in accordance with state law.

## Voting Basics

### Indiana Voting Requirements

You have the right to vote if:

1. You are a U.S. citizen;
2. You are a resident of Indiana;
3. You will be at least 18 years old on November 3, 2020;
4. You are not in prison after being convicted of a crime;
5. You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days prior to the election unless you qualify to vote using one of the "Fail Safe" procedures;
6. **You are registered to vote.**  
To register to vote, visit [www.IndianaVoters.com](http://www.IndianaVoters.com) and register online using a valid Indiana driver's license or ID card, or complete a mail-in voter registration form and return it to your county by October 5, 2020.

### 2020 Election Calendar

- Oct. 5: Registration closes
- October 6: First day to vote absentee in-person
- October 22: Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received
- November 3: Election Day  
NOTE: Mail-in voter registration applications must be post-marked on or before the deadlines; online voter registration applications must be submitted on or before 11:59 PM deadline day. Absentee by mail applications must be received no later than 11:59 PM deadline day. Postmarked absentee applications received after the deadline cannot be processed.

### More Information

- Check your voter registration or

polling place by visiting [www.IndianaVoters.com](http://www.IndianaVoters.com) or call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE (866-461-8683).

- Contact your local political party or circuit court clerk to work Election Day. Poll workers are compensated for their time. 16 and 17 year olds may also be eligible.

## Photo ID

A voter must provide government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot, except when voting absentee-by-mail or traveling board. The ID must fit the following criteria:

- Your ID must display your photo.
- Your name on the ID must conform with your voter registration record. Conform does not mean identical. Below are examples of names that would conform to "Robert John Crew":
  - Robert John Crew
  - Robert J. Crew
  - Robert Crew
  - R. John Crew
  - R. J. Crew
  - Bob John Crew
  - Bob J. Crew
  - Bob Crew
  - John Crew
  - J. Crew
- Your ID must contain an expiration date and either still be current or have expired sometime after the date of the last General Election (November 6, 2018).
- Certain military IDs with no expiration date or an "indefinite" expiration date are acceptable.
- Your ID must be issued by the State of Indiana or US government.

In most cases, an Indiana driver license, Indiana photo ID card, Military ID or US passport is sufficient. Interim IDs issued by the BMV are also acceptable.

If you are unable or unwilling to present ID meeting these requirements, you may cast a provisional ballot. If you cast a provisional ballot, you have until noon, ten days after the election to follow up with the county election board and either provide the necessary documentation or affirm one of the law's exemptions applies to you.

Exemptions do exist for the indigent, those with a religious objection to being photographed, and individuals living in state-licensed facilities where the precinct's polling place is also located.

If you do not already have a valid photo ID, you can obtain an Indiana photo ID card free of charge from any Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch that issues driver's licenses and ID cards. **Be sure to bring the required documents to secure the ID.** For more information, please visit [www.PhotoID.in.gov](http://www.PhotoID.in.gov), [www.in.gov/bmv](http://www.in.gov/bmv), or call the BMV at 888-692-6841.

## Absentee Voting

**Absentee-in-person** voting (also known as early voting) begins 28 days before Election Day at your county election board office. You

do not need a reason to vote absentee in-person, but you do need to have proper photo ID. Please consult with your county office for dates and times.

In order to vote **absentee-by-mail**, one of the following must apply:

1. You have a specific, reasonable expectation that you will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours the polls are open (6 AM to 6 PM).
2. You have a disability.
3. You are at least 65 years old.
4. You will have official election duties outside of your precinct.
5. You are scheduled to work at your regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
6. You are confined due to illness or injury or you will be caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours the polls are open.
7. You are prevented from voting because of a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12 hours the polls are open.
8. You are a participant in the state's address confidentiality program.
9. You are a member of the military or a public safety officer.
10. You are eligible to vote at a precinct or former residence under a fail safe procedure in IC 3-10-11 or IC 3-10-12.
11. You are a "serious sex offender."
12. You are prevented from voting due to the unavailability of transportation to the polls.

When the county election board receives your application for a mail-in absentee ballot, they will process it. If the application is approved, they will mail you an absentee ballot for the upcoming election.

In order to vote absentee-by-traveling board, you must qualify under bullet points 2 or 6 above. The ballot will be delivered to you by a bi-partisan absentee voter board who will be able to assist you with your ballot.

## Accessibility

State law requires polling locations and voting machines to be accessible to all voters, especially seniors and voters with disabilities. If you need assistance voting, you may choose someone to help you (other than your employer or union officer) or one poll worker from each major political party can provide assistance.

Call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE or the Indiana Election Division at 1-800-622-4941 to file a grievance about your polling place's accessibility or to report you were denied the right to vote or possible fraudulent election activities.

## Provisional Ballots

Provisional voting is a way to cast a ballot at the polls on Election Day when a voter is challenged due to one of these situations:

1. If the voter is unable or declines to present photo ID that meets the "proof of identification" requirements.
2. If the voter's name does not appear on the poll list (the voter is not registered to vote in the precinct) unless the voter qualifies to vote using one of the "Fail-Safes" explained in the Indiana Voter's Bill of Rights.
3. The voter's name appears on the poll list, but the voter does not currently reside in the precinct unless the voter qualifies to vote using one of the "Fail-Safes" explained in the Indiana Voter's Bill of Rights.
4. The poll list indicates that the voter is also required to present additional documentation to verify their residency as a first time voter, but the voter is not able to do so before the polls close.
5. The voter is not a U.S. citizen.
6. The voter will not be 18 years of age or older at the general election. NOTE: In Indiana, an otherwise qualified 17 year old may vote in a primary election, but may have a special ballot that will not include a public question voted on at the same time as the primary.
7. A poll clerk who doubts the voter's identity and after comparing signatures, may issue a challenge.
8. In a primary election, the voter is not affiliated with the party whose ballot the voter is requesting.

EXCEPTION: A voter challenged in a primary due to party affiliation is NOT issued a provisional ballot if the challenged voter is willing to complete and sign the challenged voter's affidavit (Form PRE-6). The voter is then issued the regular ballot of that party, which is NOT kept separate from the undisputed ballots cast in the precinct.

If you do cast a provisional ballot, be sure you and the challenger complete all necessary paperwork. You then have until noon, ten days after the election (until noon, May 15, 2020, for the Primary Election held on May 5, 2020, and until Nov. 13, 2020, for the General Election held on November 3, 2020) to present the needed documentation or a proper form of photo ID or sign an affidavit for an exemption with the county election board.

Provisional ballots are kept separate from all other ballots cast at the polls on Election Day. After the polls close, the provisional ballot is forwarded to the county election board, which will conduct a public meeting to decide whether or not the provisional ballot should be counted. Challenged voters have a right to be present and provide testimony or evidence to refute the challenge. ♦



Arnita Williams - Pike Pulse Staff Writer



Finding black entrepreneurs who run successful businesses during this trying time is a joy for me. The opportunity to share their business efforts with our Township is an opportunity for us to respond and support them even better.

Arnita: You created a very, very interesting business. You sell sweets and you study dentistry. How did that happen?

Taylor: Jerome and I were taking some classes for dental school. We were both considering leaving hygiene and pursuing DDS dentistry. We were sitting around one day, and I said, "Hey, there's this place that makes unique ice cream sandwiches. There's nothing like that here in Indy."



Jerome and Taylor

We talked about it and decided, "Oh yeah, we should do it." And nothing happened for about a year. Then the same conversation happened again. We said, "Hey, really though, I'm surprised there's nothing like that here. We should be the ones to do it." And here we are.

Arnita: How long have you all been in this business?

Taylor: We just celebrated our second anniversary on the fourth of August.

Arnita: Well, congratulations to you! Now, since COVID has hit, how has that affected your business?

Taylor: Generally, coming into the new year, it's a little slower, because ice cream is a more seasonal product.

In January everyone's starting new diets, and so January's a pretty slow month for this business. In February and March, things slowly pick up. So, the first of the year was a normal slowing trend for us anyway. Once it starts to get warmer, we

expect to get busier, but COVID hit. We were affected like most businesses. We were barely able to maintain, but thank God we did. We had to apply for some of those SBA loans, and we were able to get assistance.

And then one of our customers came by and said, "I think you guys have a drive-thru window that has been closed off." And so he was like, "Let me take a look and see. I won't charge you anything to look,

and it won't be an issue." So he discovered a full, in-place, drive-thru window that we didn't know about.

With COVID, we were just doing call ahead curbside service, not letting anyone inside. But once we opened the drive-thru, that improved our sales tremendously. After Memorial Day things picked up even more. We really felt all the support for black businesses and small businesses.

Arnita: Do you have employees?

Taylor: We have four or five employees helping us.

Arnita: Were you able to keep everybody on staff?

Taylor: Hours were already reduced due to the winter downturn. This year we adjusted to both COVID and winter. We had to reduce a little bit more, but everyone handled it well.

Arnita: Have you considered adding another type of food?

Taylor: We're still trying to figure out things. We've thought about just being a seasonal operation. We thought about limiting hours or maybe changing hours. We also thought about some new item ideas and different seasonal things. We would like to stay open year round, but we're

just figuring out what works and what doesn't work.

We know we still are a new business and wonder if a specific trend will continue. We definitely appreciate all the extra business when we have a successful item, but is this something that's going to last? **Is now going to be what it's going to be for the rest of forever?** Or is this kind of a trendy thing? So we're still in limbo on what we need to do.

Arnita: I know this is your interview, but I'm going to interject my opinion and tell you ice cream is always a good treat anytime of the year for me. It really is. Yeah. I remember in the dead of winter I went to an ice cream shop and got some ice cream, and it was amazingly good!

Taylor: I know.

Arnita: It's such a wonderful treat! What you've done to enhance it — adding all the unexpected extras, like rice crispy treats — that just really, really makes it so special. What are some of the fun and tasty things you do add to make it a very unique treat?

Taylor: Oh, one of the top requests we have is for our donut ice cream sandwich. We take warm glazed donuts, and then you choose your ice cream that goes

inside of it. And it's served like a sandwich.

We also make a pretty pebble treat sandwich. I call it a pebble marshmallow treat. It's fruity pebbles and marshmallow butter prepared similar to a fresh fruit treat. We coat buns with that. We take two of those buns and put ice cream between them.

Our milkshakes are made to order. You can get an option for an edible rim. A lot of people will choose Oreos for their rim or Graham Crackers or Cinnamon Toast Crunch. So, it's like having salt on the rim of a cup of a margarita. You drink a little bit and you eat a little bit. ♦

**A note from the Editor: I picked one of the 136 positive Yelp reviews to share with you. It is from a customer on August 12:**

If you've been to TeeJay's, the first thing you notice is the long line that wraps around the building as soon as they open. It is daunting, yes, but it is SO worth the wait! I was in line for one hour and 10 minutes, so it gave me plenty of time to check their Instagram for their flavor menu of the day (they post it every day) and then their online menu to make sure I knew exactly what I wanted once I got up to the front. Once I got my items, I went home and took a bite out of the Donut sandwich. **Y'all, when I tell you this is to die for, I mean it!** It is such an amazing combo and just the right amount of sweetness. I absolutely devoured my donut ice cream sandwich. The Honey Lavender was good as well. Not incredibly sweet, but you could taste the lavender in the ice cream. I'll be back and even if there is a line, it is worth it, because they are delicious!



# International Marketplace Coalition Kicks Off Amateur Soccer League in Partnership



**WHO:** International Marketplace Coalition

**WHAT:** Amateur soccer league providing training opportunities and matches

**WHEN:** Monday - Friday:  
7am - 9am & 5pm - 8pm  
Saturday & Sunday:  
11am - 8pm

**WHERE:** Field behind Indianapolis Healthplex located at: 3520 Guion Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46225

**WHY:** In an effort to foster the growing love for soccer in Indianapolis, the International Marketplace Coalition, is launching an amateur soccer league.

As a diverse global destination, adults (18+) are welcome to attend a training session or join a team. Matches will be held as needed.

Admission to training sessions is free, but some teams may have individual membership fees. All training sessions and matches will be held at the Indianapolis Healthplex.

Safety precautions will be in place with participants following the COVID-19 recommendations from the U.S. Soccer Play On initiative. For more information about the soccer league, visit [IMCoalition.org](http://IMCoalition.org).

**About the International Marketplace:**

Since 2005, Indy's International Marketplace Coalition (formally The Lafayette Square Area Coalition) has served as a nonprofit organization of businesses, concerned citizens and community leaders who encourage economic growth and development on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Recognized by the *New York Times* as being a place, "Where the world comes to eat,"

the International Marketplace Coalition is actively working to transform the area into a thriving cultural, commercial and connected destination. More than 80 languages are spoken, and 800 ethnic restaurants and businesses from around the world reside within the 2.5-mile area. For more information, visit [IMCoalition.org](http://IMCoalition.org).



"We believe in fostering an environment that enables our community to engage each other, and soccer like most sports drives unity"

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08-21-20	(W) 26-24	Zionsville	Home
08-28-20	Game	Fishers	Away
09-04-20	Game	Ben Davis	Home
09-11-20	Game	Carmel	Away
09-18-20	Game	Lawrence Central	Away
09-25-20	Game	Warren Central	Home
10-02-20	Game	Center Grove	Home
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#### WHAT IS THE PATIENT ASSISTANCE FUND?

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#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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#### HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply, you must complete a pre-screening and request an application by contacting Cancer Support Community Central Indiana at 317-257-1505 or email [jennifer@cancersupportindy.org](mailto:jennifer@cancersupportindy.org).

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# Protests, Passion and Positivity

This article was reworked by Pike Pulse from an NBC Newscast



The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Michael Curry.

**"WE MUST STILL CHOOSE LOVE"**  
BISHOP CURRY ON PROTESTS, PASSION & POSITIVITY

Michael Bruce Curry (born March 13, 1953) is an American bishop who is the current presiding bishop (27th) of The Episcopal Church. Elected in 2015, he is the first African American to serve as Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. He was previously Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. The Episcopal Church is a member church of the worldwide Anglican Communion and is based in the United States with additional dioceses elsewhere. In 2018, the Episcopal Church had 1,835,931 baptized members, of whom 1,676,349 were in the USA. (Wikipedia)

**Given everything that's happening in this country, many people are searching for wisdom and comfort. We are watching blacks shot, things burn, businesses looted, and all the pain and anguish. What should we do?**

**Bishop Curry:** Well, the first thing is, we each have a decision to make. And it's probably a decision we each must renew daily. The decision is **to live the way of love**. It is not a sentiment. The opposite of love is not hate. The opposite of love is selfishness. **The way of love is the way of seeking the good, the welfare, and the wellbeing of others, as well as of yourself.**

In the Hebrew scriptures, when Moses talks about loving your neighbor — in *Leviticus* — it's in the context of talking about people doing what is just, kind and decent.

When Jesus talks about it — in Luke's Gospel — he tells the parable of the Good Samaritan — somebody who helps someone who is different than they are.

We each have to make this decision — every day. Decide to live an unselfish life that seeks the good of others, as well as your own good. When we each do that, we win.

**What would you say to the Police and the Protesters?**

**Bishop Curry:** I would say to both Protesters and Police, "Every one of us is a child of God. And if we are all children of God — which I think we can all agree on — then we are brothers and sisters and siblings of each other."

We are related to each other. We have to figure out how

we can live together as a family, as a human family of God.

Dr. King said, "We will either learn to live together as brothers and sisters or perish together as fools. Our choice is either chaos or community."

For the Police, I suggest they ask themselves, "What can I do to actually love and seek the good of people?"

For the Protestor, I suggest they ask themselves, "What can I do to seek the good and the welfare of others as I make my protests for a just social order, so people are not killed and abused and hurt and harmed?"

If everybody makes a decision to work together for the good of others, we all get blessed. It starts with our own decision.

**Bishop Curry, are you optimistic?**

**Bishop Curry:** Yes, I am optimistic, and I am determined. And I've come up with a new symbol for unselfish love. It's the mask. The physicians tell us to wear it to protect ourselves, and to wear it to protect others. When we each do that, we all win.



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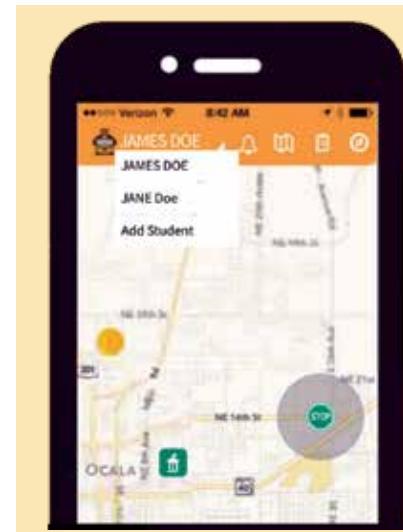
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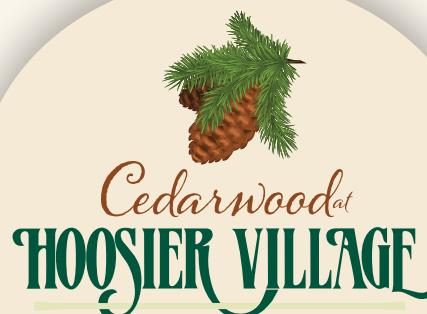
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# COVID-19 Food Support by Indy Parks

Food support for Pike Township Area children during the COVID-19 pandemic

## INDY PARKS FOOD SUPPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP

- Open to ALL kids 18 and under
- Available Monday through Friday (5 days)
- Locations (listed below) are in or near Pike Township
- No registration necessary – it's completely FREE

## INDY PARKS MEAL SERVING SITES

**Monday through Friday, Noon - 1 PM**

- 1 Riverside Park (2420 E. Riverside Dr. 46208)
- 2 Watkins Park (2360 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. 46208)

## INDY PARKS MOBILE SERVING SITES WITH MOBILE UNIT 2

**Monday through Friday**

- 3 10:30-11 AM Bowman Park (3600 Auburn Rd. 46224)
- 4 11:30 AM - noon Centennial & Groff (2300 N. Centennial St. 46222)
- 5 12:30-1 PM Kennedy King (601 E. 17th St. 46202)
- 6 3-3:30 PM Haughville Park (520 N. Belleview Pl. 46222)
- 7 4-4:30 PM Bertha Ross Park (3700 N. Clifton St. 46208)



# MSD Pike Township Food Support

## MSD CURBSIDE PICKUP SITES

**Tuesdays, 11 AM to 2 PM**

- 1 College Park Elementary School
- 2 Guion Creek Elementary School
- 3 Eastbrook Elementary School
- 4 Deer Run Elementary School
- 5 Pike Freshman Center

## MSD APARTMENT SITES TO ANYONE 18 AND UNDER

**Thursdays, 11 AM to 12:15 PM**

- 1 Abington
- 2 Bent Tree
- 3 Falcon Creek
- 4 La Joya
- 5 Scarborough Lakes
- 6 Springhill
- 7 Three Fountains
- 8 Whispering Pines

## MSD APARTMENT SITES TO ANYONE 18 AND UNDER

**Thursdays, 12:45 PM to 2 PM**

- 1 Ashford Georgetown
- 2 Carlton
- 3 Covered Bridge
- 4 Lake Camelot
- 5 Lakes of Georgetown
- 6 Woodbrook
- 7 Woods of Eagle Creek



## PIKE RED ZONE FOOD PANTRY

**Mondays, 6 PM to 7:30 PM**  
**Wednesdays, 11 AM to 2 PM**

- ◆ Pike Freshman Center

# Grab n' Go Bags at Pike Branch Library

6525 Zionsville Road  
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By Nicole Norton and Anika Williams, Librarians at Indianapolis Public Libraries' Pike Branch

Adjusting to quarantine, new procedures, and diminished building capacity has been hard on all local businesses, but as librarians it's especially hard to not see the patrons whose faces we look forward to seeing every day at the Library.



Nicole Norton

as each goes live! "Grab n' Go" bags are another exciting new service we're providing to our patrons during the ongoing pandemic. These Librarian-approved bags contain craft activities for children, teens, or even adults. Some examples of

"Grab n' Go" bags Pike has done over the summer are String Art, T-Shirt Totes, Create Your Own Bouquet (with milkweed seeds included for your garden), Magazine Silhouettes, and more. These bags are designed to provide all needed materials, instructions, and information on how to share your creations with others on social media. Depending on the bag, supply varies, and they do go very quickly.

Currently, we have a Dandelion Painting "Grab n' Go" bag and are gathering supplies for a Paper Box Folding bag, great for gifting! Please stop by the Pike Library Information Desk to ask about what is

available to "Grab n' Go" when you visit.

If there is a grab n' go bag you really love, please tell us! We welcome feedback so we know what you would like to see. We have a long list of bags we are planning to offer over the upcoming year (and we hear other IndyPL branches are making their own bags too), so make sure you stop in or call and see what's ready to "Grab n' Go" at your favorite IndyPL libraries.

All of our branches are now open to the public, though our hours have been changed. You can visit all branches Monday through Saturday from 10 AM - 6 PM. Pike Branch is also open on Sundays from 12 PM - 5 PM. Computers are available. Just remember to wear a mask for the safety of staff and your fellow patrons.



If you can't visit our branch in person, remember that you can still schedule a Curbside pick-up! Curbside is available from 12 PM - 5 PM each day that a branch is open (which does include Sundays at Pike Branch). If you'd like a "Grab n' Go" bag to go into your Curbside pick-up, please mention it to our staff when you call the Curbside line at 317.275.4489. ♦

Even though our in-person programming at all Indianapolis branches has been canceled for the rest of the year, we have been working hard to remain engaged with our patrons and continue to provide "old favorites," like toddler storytime, in new ways. You can see a list of our upcoming virtual programming on our website:

<https://attend.indypl.org/events>.



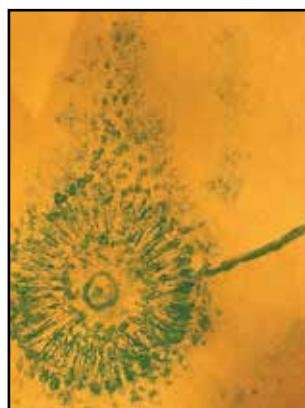
Anika Williams

Kathleen Laratta, Children's Librarian at Pike Branch, is now recording online Storytime, as have many other favorite storytellers at our Branches across the city. Watch the IndyPL Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/indypl>) for more information

Kathleen Laratta, Children's Librarian at Pike Branch



Kathleen Laratta



Dandelion Painting

## Should You Unplug?

By David Inman



David Inman

Last Friday I looked at my phone's "wellness settings" and saw that I had 387 notifications and 72 log-ins within the last 24 hours, and I know I am not the only one struggling with this relentless digital bombardment. In fact, recent surveys show that the average person receives 65 notifications every single day, and for those in the business and sales world that number can easily multiply by two or three times.

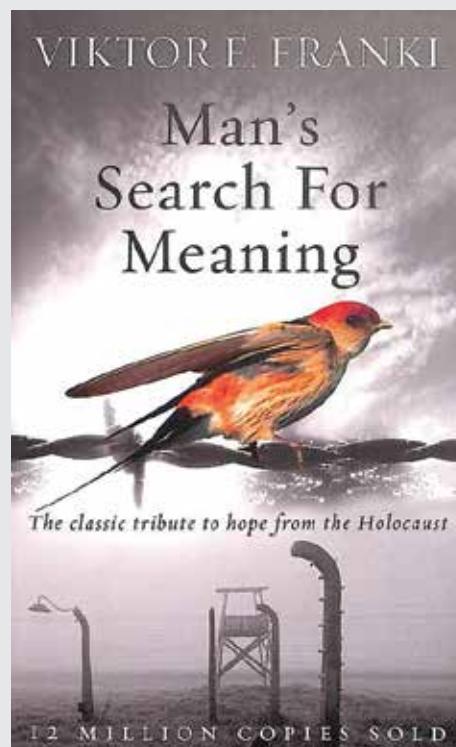
In 1946 Victor Frankl, a psychiatrist, neurologist, and Holocaust survivor, published a book called *Man's Search for Meaning*. He shared a survey,



Victor Frankl

now conducted more than 74 years ago, where he found that 60% of his American students were suffering from some degree of existential vacuum (an inner emptiness or void within themselves).

This was obviously well before social media, smartphones, or Netflix, and still, he warned that increased automation and growing leisure time was likely to lead to more severe existential vacuums. It typically manifests as boredom, addiction, obsessive time spent in front of the TV or scrolling online, eating too much, feeling overly tired in the morning, and a bunch of other nasty stuff (my wording, not theirs).



Do you feel ready for a life changing, and possibly lifesaving, challenge?

**Set hard limits on how much time you are willing to spend connected to devices each day and then find creative ways to ensure you do not break those limits.**

There are so many tricks, books, and even apps to help. Accepting this challenge could help improve relationships, increase productivity, enhance self-worth, and even reduce daily stress and anxiety.

*"Elite production without quiet vacation causes lasting depletion. Rest and recovery isn't a luxury for anyone committed to mastery — it's a necessity."*

— Quoted from *The 5 AM Club*, by Robin Sharma

# By One Ring, One Bracelet and One Necklace at a Time ...

Arnita Williams - Pike Pulse Staff Writer



What an amazing team of creative energy and talent. Check out their facebook page and be ready to see things that will change your understanding of jewelry.



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**317-438-0384**  
**joyasvelazques@yahoo.com**

**Arnita:** What is the name of your business?

**Sonia:** In English it's: Velazquez Jewelry Designers. Velazquez is the last name of my business partner. We use his last name because that's how he's known. "Diseñador de Joyas" means jewelry designer. So, the first big word on the very top is his last name, and in the bottom part it says, "jewelry designer."

We do buy jewelry and resell it, but we also make it. We design rings, bracelets, necklaces, quinceañera sets (celebrating 15 years old), and wedding rings. We design anything. So, our jewelry store is more about making customized pieces, than buying and reselling.

My partner, David, and I built this Indianapolis store together, but he has been working in the jewelry business for more than 20 years. He's the designer,

and I'm the seller and promoter. And I do all the paperwork.

So, David places diamonds, works with fine rocks and fixes jewelry. To get started we broke into our piggy banks and created our first special item. We made our first crown with a 14K diamond. The crown and its accessories are worth \$10,000. It's out on the market. It's for those Latino jewelry lovers.

**Arnita:** Did you grow up in the U.S.?

**Sonia:** No. We're both from Mexico. David is from Sinaloa, and I'm from Michoacán. I came straight from Mexico to Indianapolis, and he came from Arizona. We arrived in Indianapolis around the same time about five or six years ago. We started walking our way into what we now call our own business about 3 years ago.

**Arnita:** How have things been during the coronavirus?

**Sonia:** All my income comes out of this business. David also provides for his family with it. To have this COVID situation happen to us so dramatically was hard. We were unprepared business-wise. We were not prepared to close our doors and stop our business for those two months. We had a 90% drop on our sales compared to our first year of business.

We were quite worried because, in my case, I'm a single mother with two children. One is about to go to college for the first year. The second is attend-



David Velazquez and Sonia Orozco

ing 10th grade. She also is an athlete. It is a tough time. But we found ways to make it work.

We took some of our personal pieces and promoted them through the internet. Fortunately, we had clients who bought them. We had to drop our prices and adjust our standards of delivery, just like every other business out there that provides this service. We basically threw ourselves into that effort.

We would personally take buyers special pieces (for example, a chain with a pendant) and once they saw it, they usually bought it. Sometimes we received that, "No, thank you" answer. But, we just had to keep on offering the special deals because that's exactly what gave us enough to pay our basic bills.

**Arnita:** Were you able to take advantage of any of the government programs?

**Sonia:** Being our first year, it was hard to get approved. Part of the government criteria was to be a business with employees. We did not fit that. All of our family is involved in our business. For example, my teenaged kids pass out flyers. My son, who is about to start college, did all the internet work, such as videos, flyers, and all that kind of stuff. We didn't pay our family, and we don't have employees.

**Arnita:** You all are holding your own. Now that some of the mandates have been lifted, are you back up and operating in your shop? Have you started selling from your shop or are you still online or doing both?

**Sonia:** We're doing both. Most of our clients like to first see what we have online, and then they visit the store. That works for us a lot. That's when we get the sale and some of our investment back. We are picking up little by little. I sold some personal items to provide for bills. We all did, actually. We started selling other personal items. And we came up with ways to save. I parked my vehicle and drove my son's, which gets better gas mileage. And we tried to fix things here and there ourselves. Little by little, we're getting back to our normal days.

**Arnita:** I really appreciate the fact that you are a fighter. You are determined. That's what it takes.

**Sonia:** Absolutely.





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## Bear Markets Come and Go



If you are losing sleep over volatility driven by a cascade of disheartening news, it may help to remember that the stock market is historically cyclical.

The longest bull market in history lasted almost 11 years before coronavirus fears and the realities of a seriously disrupted U.S. economy brought it to an end.

If you are losing sleep over volatility driven by a cascade of disheartening news, it may help to remember that the stock market is historically cyclical. There have been 10 bear markets (prior to this one) since 1950, and the market has recovered eventually every time.

Bear markets are typically defined as declines of 20% or more from the most recent high, and bull markets are increases of 20% or more from the bear market low. But there is no official declaration, so in some cases there are different interpretations regarding when these cycles begin and end.

On average, bull markets lasted longer (1,955 days) than bear markets (431 days) over this period, and the average bull market advance (172.0%) was greater than the average bear market decline (-34.2%).

Bear Markets Since 1950	Calendar Days to Bottom	U.S. Stock Market Decline (S&P 500 Index)
August 1956 to October 1957	446	-21.5%
December 1961 to June 1962	196	-28.0%
February 1966 to October 1966	240	-22.2%
November 1968 to May 1970	543	-36.1%
January 1973 to October 1974	630	-48.2%
November 1980 to August 1982	622	-27.1%
August 1987 to December 1987	101	-33.5%
July 1990 to October 1990	87	-19.9%*
March 2000 to October 2002	929	-49.1%
October 2007 to March 2009	517	-56.8%

\*The intraday low marked a decline of -20.2%, so this cycle is often considered a bear market.

The bottom line is that neither the ups nor the downs last forever, even if they feel as though they will. During the worst downturns, there were short-term rallies and buying opportunities. And in some cases, people have profited over time by investing carefully just when things seemed bleakest.

If you're reconsidering your current investment strategy, a volatile market is probably the worst time to turn your portfolio inside out. Dramatic price swings can magnify the impact of a wholesale restructuring if the timing of that move is a little off. A well-thought-out asset allocation and diversification strategy is still the fundamental basis of good investment planning. Changes in your portfolio don't necessarily need to happen all at once. Try not to let fear derail your long-term goals.

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Source: Yahoo! Finance, 2020 (data for the period 6/13/1949 to 3/12/2020)

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## Visit a dog park near you

Indy Parks offers one dog park in Pike Township giving your dog space to run off-leash and socialize with other dogs. A "Pooch Pass" is required to use any Marion County dog park.

### Dog Park in Pike Township

#### Gordon Gilmer Canine Companion Zone (Eagle Creek Park)

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- VIP pass to all four parks: \$125 per dog (**Purchase at Broad Ripple Dog Park**)

#### How to buy a pass

You get a tag for your dog and a gate access card when you purchase a pass. Head to one of the parks below to fill out an application and provide your dog's vaccination records:

#### Dog park rules

- Keep your dog on a leash until inside the dog park.
- Keep one leash per dog with you at all times.

- Your dog must wear a current rabies tag. The pooch tag must be worn by your dog or carried by you, in plain view, at all times.
- Always clean up after your dog.
- Remain with your dog at all times.
- In the event of an emergency, call 911.

You are responsible for your dog's behavior. Indy Parks and Recreation is not responsible for any injury or damage to you or your dog.

#### Dog park etiquette

- Check all entrances before unleashing your dog to ensure gates are closed.
- Do not let others come in using your gate access card.
- Do not allow your dog to dig.
- Be respectful of posted hours.
- Be prepared to share your dog's toys if you bring them.
- Do not smoke or eat.
- Do not bring more than two dogs per person.

#### Dog parks and children

Children should know how to behave around dogs before entering a dog park. Consider the following:

- Not all dogs are child friendly. Children may be easily knocked down by running dogs.



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- Dogs may nip at children to herd them.
- Children who run and scream may become a target for dogs.
- Never allow children to approach or pet a dog without the owner's presence and consent.
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Have questions? Please contact our Customer Service Center at 317-327-PARK (7275), or email [IndyParksCS@indy.gov](mailto:IndyParksCS@indy.gov). Thank you.

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Fire Chief  
Chris Tragesser

# Chief Trag's Corner

## Pike Township Fire Department: Fire Prevention Division

Pike Township Fire Department consists of more than Firefighting and EMS calls. Today I'm going to talk about Fire Prevention at PTFD.

Our Fire Prevention division is led by Division Chief/Fire Marshal Jonathan Kempler. Division Chief Kempler has 22 years in fire service. He began his career in Atlanta, Georgia as a Firefighter/Paramedic in 1996, and then transitioned to fire investigations in 2004. He is also currently assigned to the Reserve Division for the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Division Chief Kempler has been the head of Fire Prevention since January, 2016.

The Fire Prevention Division's primary focus is on fire inspections and investigations. Fire inspections consist of new construction plan review and building inspections throughout the construction process. Businesses within the jurisdiction are inspected according to hazard rating and occupancy type. Fire investigations consist of examining the scene of every fire incident in Pike Township to investigate and determine the origin and cause. Personnel routinely interview witnesses, collect evidence, and assist with the prosecution of individuals suspected of arson. A member of the fire prevention team is on call 24 hours a day to re-



Division Chief/Fire Marshal  
**Jonathan Kempler**

spond to all fires at any time of the day or night.

Fire Prevention also conducts fire drills for businesses and schools. Members of the Fire Prevention team attend and observe while fire drills are being conducted. They will make sure all fire alarms are in working order and observe as people

exit the building and give recommendations to building owners on ways to improve their fire safety plan.

Our Fire Prevention team also works with our public educator in smoke alarm installations. PTFD provides free smoke alarms to Pike residents and can

aid in the installation of those in the home. Fire prevention also helps out in numerous community events such as school visits, back to school events, and safety fairs.

Fire Prevention has taken additional steps to protect personnel and the public due to the ongoing health crisis. Investigators have been performing regular exterior site inspections of all businesses within the township to ensure that exiting requirements are in compliance and that social distancing lines formed around businesses do not inhibit emergency access. In addition, investigators have been using technology to assist them in perform regular and follow-up inspections of businesses. Using photography and video, investigators can take virtual tours of businesses and ensure compliance with the fire code without having to physically visit the site. Fire Prevention is in the process of expanding the services available to the public to our website. Pike residents can now access frequently used forms to request fire reports, file fire code complaints, and submit other information through the "self-service" section of our website at PikeFire.com. ♦



Ember, our fire prevention dog who belongs to Division Chief Jonathan Kempler.

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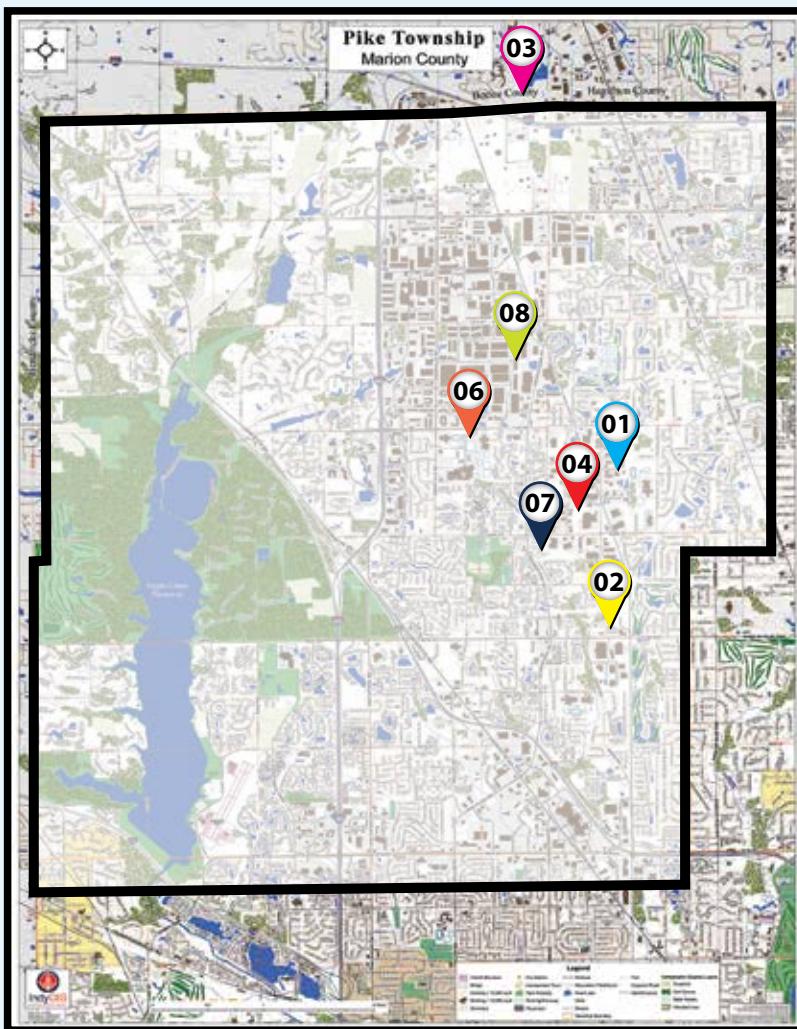
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