



The Goal: Independence Every Day | Trustee Knox



Independence has been at the core of who we are in the United States since our founding – and we celebrate that independence every July Fourth with fireworks, parades, gatherings, and flying our flag with pride.

Dictionary.com defines the word “independence” as, “freedom from the control, influence, support, aid, or the like, of others.” Further, the site defines “independent” as “not relying on another or others for aid or support.”

While our Declaration of Independence presents the concept of independence as a value for everyone, as its states we are all “created equal,” there are times when not everyone can enjoy the same level of independence.

In our work at the Township, we try to help the people in our community to find their own independence and share in the Declaration’s promise. We do this by assisting during a financial emergency, helping folks find jobs, providing scholarships for children’s education, or providing food and clothing for those in need. The township government in Indiana helps to level the playing field so that everyone can celebrate independence on the Fourth of July.

“Committed to the Challenge, Dedicated to the Cause”

Wayne Township Trustee Office

Austin Knox, Trustee

320 East Superior Street

Monday – Thursday
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday
8 a.m. – 12 noon

Saturday – Sunday
Closed

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Summer Meals for Youth

June 1 – July 31

The Allen County Public Library will once again be serving free summer lunches for children ages 1 – 18 through July 31. Children must be present to receive meals and eat the meal onsite. No meals served July 3 (in recognition of July 4th holiday).

For a complete list of lunch locations, please visit [FWCS Summer Program](#) (click link to left, or type in the web address below).

<https://www.fortwayneschools.org/departments/nutrition-services/summer-program>

Main Library

Location: 900 Library Plaza

Lunch served from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Snack served from 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Little Turtle Branch

Location: 2201 Sherman Blvd.

Lunch served from 12 – 1 p.m.

Snack served from 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.



Pontiac Branch

Location: 2215 South Hanna St.

Lunch served from 12 – 1 p.m.

Snack served from 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Tecumseh Branch

Location: 1411 East State Blvd

Lunch served from 12 – 1 p.m.

Snack served from 3 – 3:15 p.m.

Waynedale Branch

Location: 2200 Lower Huntington Rd.

Lunch served from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Snack served from 3 – 3:15 p.m.



Throughout June we celebrated our May Employee of the Month, D'Shawn Clark. D'Shawn was recognized for always going the extra mile to help our clients. Congratulations, D'Shawn!

"Letter Days" Explained

The Wayne Township Trustee Office sees applicants for assistance on their "letter day." For example, if your last name begins with "G," your day is Tuesday. That is the day you should come into our office to apply for assistance. Walk-in clients are seen between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Monday: A B C D E F

Tuesday: G H I J K L

Wednesday: M N O P Q R

Thursday: S T U V W X Y Z

Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FREE Family Events in July

Chalk Walk 2026

When: July 11 – 12

Where: Fort Wayne Museum of Art

FREE: Walk among the vibrant chalk art covering Main Street in front of the Museum of Art – a tradition this festival has enjoyed since 2000.

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When: July 11 – 12

Where: Freimann Square

FREE: Alongside the Chalk Walk, browse the art vendors that will fill Freimann Square.



Additional Summer Programming for Youth

Looking for things for your child to do this summer? Below are some options and ideas. Please note that some of these programs are free, while others incur a cost:

Boys & Girls Club

<https://www.bgcfw.org/parents>

Euell Wilson Center

<https://www.euellwilsoncenter.org/programs>

Allen County Public Library

<https://www.acpl.lib.in.us/readingprograms>

Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

<https://fwzoo.com/>

Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation

<https://www.cityoffortwayne.in.gov/461/Parks-Recreation>

YMCA

<https://www.fwymca.org/programs/summerday-camp>

Science Central

<https://www.sciencecentral.org/explore/ourprograms/stem-camps/summer-stem-camps/>

Champions

<https://www.discoverchampions.com/landingpages/summer-break>

The Power House

<http://www.powerhouseyouthcenters.com/summer-destinations.html>



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Wayne Township Food Pantry

Wayne Township emergency food pantry is open by request every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Limit is two visits per year.

Please bring the following:

1. A bag or box to carry your food distribution
2. A picture ID and proof of residence in Wayne Township

Additional Food Resources

Community Harvest Food Bank (CHFB)

(260) 447-3696

<https://www.communityharvest.org/get-help/>

NOTE: All CHFB services closed July 3 – 12.

CHFB Saturday Helping Hands Distribution

999 East Tillman Road, Fort Wayne

Every Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

CHFB Farm Wagon Mobile Pantry

University of Saint Francis

2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne

1st and 3rd Mondays, 9 a.m.

CHFB Farm Wagon Mobile Pantry

St. Peter's Catholic Church

518 East Dewald Street, Fort Wayne

Every Friday, 1 p.m.



FoodPantries.org

Source for finding local food pantries

https://foodpantries.org/ci/in-fort_wayne

Indiana 211

Website offers categories to search for resources in the Indiana 211 database. You can also dial 2-1-1 to connect to resources in our community.

<https://in211.communityos.org/>

Financial Resources

Inasmuch Ministry (Broadway Christian Church)

930 Broadway Street, Fort Wayne (Door #11)

(260) 422-3498

<https://inasmuchfw.org/>

Brightpoint

227 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne

(260) 423-3546

<https://www.mybrightpoint.org/>

Salvation Army

2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne

(260) 744-2311

<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org>



Mental Health Resources

YWCA of Northeast Indiana

1313 W Washington Center Rd, Fort Wayne

(260) 424-4908

<https://ywcanein.org/>

Center for Nonviolence

235 W Creighton Ave, Fort Wayne

(260) 456-4112

<https://www.centerfornv.org/>

Iris Family Support Center (formerly SCAN)

500 W. Main Street, Fort Wayne

(260) 421-5000

<https://www.irisfamily.org/>

Mental Health America of NE Indiana

3201 Stellhorn Rd Suite C101, Fort Wayne

(260) 422-6441

<https://mhanortheastindiana.org/>



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