

Wayne Township Tribune



Back-to-School, Made Easier | Trustee Knox

As summer winds down, many families are looking ahead to a new school year. While students are enjoying their last weeks of vacation, parents and guardians are balancing family fun with the rising costs of clothes, school supplies, and other necessities.

At the Wayne Township Trustee Office, we see these challenges every year. For families struggling financially to make ends meet with utilities, rent, and groceries, back-to-school expenses can add an extra burden. That's why we're here — to help neighbors through temporary hardships and provide a path toward stability.

Our Food Pantry helps bridge the gap when summer meal programs end, our Clothing Emporium offers affordable options for growing children. And this year, we also are providing 72 backpacks filled with school supplies for qualifying families.

As the school year begins, I wish every student, teacher, and family a safe and successful year. And if you're facing financial challenges, please know the Wayne Township Trustee Office is here to help.



*"Committed
to the Challenge,
Dedicated to the Cause"*

**Wayne Township
Trustee Office**

Austin Knox, Trustee

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Fort Wayne Summer Celebration

Celebrate family, community, and fatherhood at the 7th Annual Summer Celebration & Community Expo on Saturday, August 8, from noon to 8 p.m. at McMillen Park. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Hosted by Toya T, Angel Suttle, and Big Kess, with sounds powered by the Music Lover's Lounge, the Summer Celebration also features a dedicated group of community partners, including WTTO. This free event brings people together for a day of music, food, culture, family fun, and community connection — while celebrating the important role fathers and father figures play in building stronger families.

Bring your lawn chairs, tents, or canopies (don't forget your dancing shoes!) and get ready to settle in for a full day of entertainment. The event will also recognize outstanding members of our community through the Father of the Year Award, scholarships, and community service recognition awards.



Summer Celebration At a Glance:

MUSICAL ARTISTS

- Milan Betts
- Essensual Steps
- The Downstroke Band
- Sweetwater All Stars
- **Rose Royce** (headliner)

EMCEES

- Toya T
- Angel Suttle
- Big Kess

DJ

- Music Lover's Lounge

FOOD AND MORE

- Food Vendors
- Non-food Vendors
- Informational Tables

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Center for Research on the Status of African American Males
- Surack Family Foundation
- Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation
- JM Realty Associates
- Anthony Medical Associates
- Hanning & Bean Enterprises
- Al McGee
- Glaser & Ebbs Attorneys at Law
- Indiana Michigan Power
- Starks Enterprise Inc.
- Quinton L. Ellis P.C.
- Wayne Township Trustee Office



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FREE Family Events in August

Open Streets Fort Wayne

When: August 16, noon to 4 p.m.

Where: Calhoun Street from Pontiac to The Landing

FREE: This community event offers a safe space to bike, walk, and play along 20+ blocks on Calhoun Street. Activities for people of all ages, including games, music, food, and more.



Taste of the Arts

When: August 29

Where: Arts Campus Fort Wayne at 300 block of Main Street

FREE: Live indoor and outdoor performances, kids' STEAM-based activities, visual art, and local food and drink vendors.

Backpack Events Galore!

Back-to-school time can be exciting, and also costly! So many organizations around Fort Wayne have hosted backpack giveaways this year. While some events have already taken place, others are still on the horizon. Here are several:

Blessings in a Backpack End of Summer Giveaway

When: July 31, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Allen County Public Library branches: Main, Shawnee, Pontiac, Hessen Cassel, Georgetown, Tecumseh, Little Turtle, Waynedale

Pack 2 School Event

When: August 1

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Pontiac Street Market
918 East Pontiac Street

Blessing Our Community

Back-to-School Supply Giveaway

When: August 1

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Tillman Park

FWCS Back-to-School Block Party

When: August 1, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Where: Anthis Career Center
1200 Barr Street

National Night Out

When: August 4, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Memorial Park

PUSH Foundation Back-to-School Bash

When: August 9, noon to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Freimann Square



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Healthcare Resources

Neighborhood Health

(260) 458-2641

<https://mynhfw.org/>



Downtown Location

1717 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne
Citilink bus route includes a stop at this office.

Broadway Location

750 Broadway Street, Fort Wayne

Oxford Location

3501 Warsaw Street, Fort Wayne
Citilink bus route includes a stop at this office.

Southeast Location

3350 East Paulding Road, Fort Wayne

Matthew 25

413 E. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne

(260) 426-3250

<https://www.matthew25online.org/>



In July, we celebrated our June Employee of the Month, Marina Ball. Always efficient and always composed, Marina is a consistent source of warmth and stability in our office. Congratulations, Marina!

For Veterans:

Fort Wayne VA Medical Center

2121 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne

(260) 426-5431

Fort Wayne VA Clinic

2500 East State Blvd., Fort Wayne

(260) 426-5431

<https://www.va.gov/northern-indiana-health-care/locations/>



WTTO Backpack Giveaway

In July, the Wayne Township Trustee Office filled 72 backpacks for distribution to the children of our clients.

Each backpack was filled with grade-appropriate school supplies based on area schools' recommended materials lists, helping ensure students have the essentials they need.

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

Miss Virginia's Food Pantry

1312 S. Hanna Street, Fort Wayne
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
<https://www.missvirginiafoodpantry.com/>

Community Harvest Food Bank (CHFB)

(260) 447-3696
<https://www.communityharvest.org/get-help/>

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

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

Bowen Health

1315 W Washington Center Rd, Fort Wayne
(260) 443-7481

201 E Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne
(574) 385-3139

2100 Goshen Rd, Fort Wayne
(574) 385-3138
www.bowenhealth.org

Courageous Healing Inc.

2013 South Anthony Boulevard, Fort Wayne
(260) 255-3514
<https://www.courageoushealing.org/>



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