

Adams Township Trustee Office

1125 Hartzell Street, New Haven, IN 46774

Township Tea ~ July 2025

Denita Washington, Trustee



“Leading When You’re Not In Charge” By Trustee Washington

As Trustee, I launched a monthly staff reading initiative to help us grow both personally and professionally, and to ensure we continue serving the people of Adams Township with excellence. This month, we finished the book “*How to Lead When You’re Not in Charge*” by Clay Scroggins.

In his book, he reminds us that we are all leaders. Leadership is not just about the title; it is about using your influence, even when you do not have formal authority. It means leading for the greater good, both for the people you serve and the people you serve alongside.

Scroggins also tells us that to become a better leader, the best thing you can do is “watch and learn from the people who are in charge.” He goes on to say, “Look at the leaders you admire (and the leaders you don’t admire) and start paying attention to how they lead. The best leaders are learners.” By watching the people around you who are in positions of power, you can learn what kind of traits you want to emulate and which ones you want to avoid.

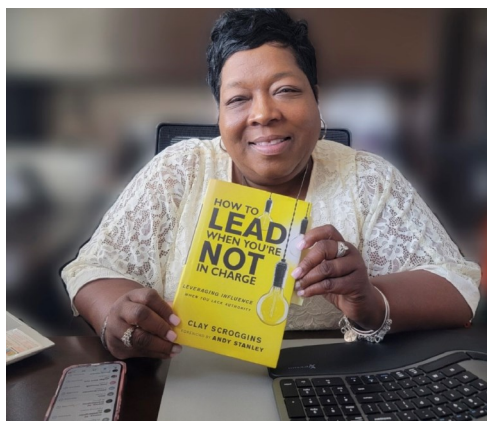
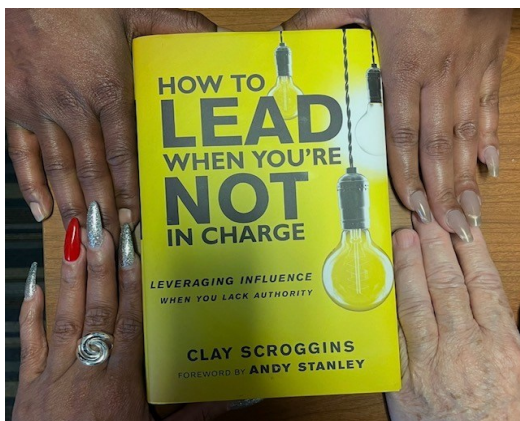
For me, this book helped me reflect deeply on the kind of leader I am and the kind I want to become. “Leadership is not about being authoritative; it is about being collaborative.”

Below, each of my team members has shared something they also learned, or a quote that stuck with them:

Janet— “You will never passively find what you do not actively pursue.”

Yolanda— “Leadership is not a matter of authority. Leadership is about influence.”

Tamekia— “Loving your boss means you genuinely want what’s in their best interest.”



Committed to Community through Service and Accountability.

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The office will be closed Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day.



Community Information

Stay Cool And Safe This Summer

The City of Fort Wayne's Office of Housing and Neighborhood Services and the Fort Wayne Area Planning Council on Homelessness has announced that cooling stations are available to residents seeking relief from the heat. The following locations are now serving as cooling stations and are open throughout the summer.

- Allen County Public Library Main Branch, 900 Library Plaza, Monday-Thursday, 9 AM-9 PM, Friday and Saturday, 9 AM-6 PM, Sunday 12 PM-5 PM, Closed July 4, August 21, September 1, September 30.
- Citilink, any bus, Monday-Friday 5:45 AM-9:45 PM, Saturday 7:30 AM-6:30 PM, Closed July 4.
- Inasmuch Ministry, 930 Broadway, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 AM- 11 AM, Tuesday, Thursday 8 AM-11 AM, open regardless of temperature. Monday-Friday, 5 PM-7 PM only open when the temperature is 90 degrees or more.
- Project.ME, 2305 Broadway, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM. Beginning July 1, hours will be expanded to Monday-Friday, 8 AM-8 PM, Saturday, Sunday 12 PM-4 PM. Due to the nature of the services, the center is for adults only.
- The Rescue Mission, 404 E. Washington Blvd., open seven days a week 8:30 AM-6 PM regardless of the temperature. Meals served at 7 AM, 12 PM, and 5 PM.

The Salvation Army, 2901 N. Clinton St., Monday-Friday, 8 AM-4 PM, except holidays.



Back To School Events & Giveaways

*On Wednesday, July 24th at Rudisill Plaza, 201 E. Rudisill, Bowen Center is holding a back-to-school free supplies giveaway starting at 5:00 PM until all 600 backpacks have been distributed.

*On Saturday, July 25th at 1515 Hobson Rd., Super Shot Saturday will host a "Start Smart Block Party" from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Giveaways include free diapers from Healthier Moms & Babies, free backpacks when setting up an immunization appointment, and a chance for attendees to win a \$50 gift card if you visit every booth.

*On Monday, July 28th at 1:00 PM, Round Room will have its yearly "School Rocks Backpack Giveaway" at the following Verizon Wireless Fort Wayne and New Haven locations: 6404 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite A, 10172 Maysville Road, 5956 Stellhorn Road, Suite C, 9924 Illinois Road, and 326 State Road 930 W. in New Haven.

*On Sunday, July 28th at 2:00 PM, King's Community Outreach is hosting a backpack and school supply giveaway in the parking lot behind Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 3705 S. Anthony Blvd. Enter on Euclid St. off of Oxford St. The event will have prayer, free food, games, prizes and more.

*On Wednesday, July 31st from 3 PM until 6 PM at 204 E. Petit Ave., Chase Bank will be hosting a back-to-school giveaway. The bank will be hosting financial health workshops for parents and students to learn about budgeting and smart



Community Information

Pave The Path 2025

We recently caught our Trustee, Denita Washington, in action at the annual Pave the Path Youth Leaders' Summit. Pave the Path is a leadership development program founded by Jeff Roberts to help high school sophomores and juniors from around the city grow their confidence, explore their strengths, and build their futures.

Trustee Washington's session, *"How to Rock Your Brand,"* asked students to think deeply about their personal brand and what it truly means to leave behind a lasting legacy. She asked them, *"What do people remember about you when you're not around?"* and *"What feeling do you give others when they hear your name?"* These heartfelt questions are key when it comes to thinking critically about one's brand.

She encouraged each group to focus on building their name by being intentional about the things they think, say, and do. Students learned that their actions not only shape their own image but also influence the reputation of the generations that follow them. Trustee Washington helped them see that the most valuable and influential brand they need to invest in isn't one of the big names all around us, like Gucci, Maybach, or Rolls-Royce, but their own name and legacy.

Her presence at Pave the Path is just one of the many ways she shows her passion for nurturing the next generation of leaders in Indiana. Trustee Washington continues to shape a stronger future for the beautiful community she serves.



Pave The Path 2025 Cont.,



New Haven Fest Parade 2025

This past weekend, Trustee Washington and friends proudly participated in the vibrant and energetic New Haven Fest Parade. Trustee Washington and the dedicated Township team were all smiles as we marched, waved, handed out candy, water, popsicles, and celebrated alongside other organizations, schools, and community leaders.

Park Avenue was lined with families who had gathered to enjoy the festivities and share in a sense of unity and local pride. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this annual festival and parade.



Community Information

We Are Less Than Two Weeks Away!!!!

Under Trustee Washington's leadership, this beloved event continues to grow as a celebration of unity, learning, and joy. Families can look forward to a day full of educational resources, entertainment, free and local food options, and fun for all ages—plus complimentary giveaways. Organizations from both New Haven and Fort Wayne will be joining us to share valuable information and free goodies with the community.

Whether you stop by for an hour or stay all day, Trustee Washington looks forward to seeing you and continuing to build strong, supportive connections throughout Adams Township.

For questions, please contact Sandy Payton, Community Outreach Coordinator, at info@adamstownship.org

JULY 12 9AM-3PM

ADAMS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

COMMUNITY DAY

FREE COMMUNITY STORE

ACTIVITIES

VENDORS:

- HEALTHCARE
- WELLNESS PRODUCT
- BEAUTY PRODUCTS
- FOOD AND DESSERTS
- FINANCIAL WELLNESS
- HOUSING SUPPORT
- SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS
- ...AND MORE

GIVEAWAYS

MEET US THERE!
1125 HARTZELL STREET, NEW HAVEN, IN 46774

THIS EVENT IS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Shopping With The Trustee Registration



Can you believe that it is almost that time again? The kids will be heading back to school in a month! Well, Trustee Washington is excited to be partnering with Community Foundation again this year for back to school shopping with the Trustee. Every child who lives in Adams Township and is registered will receive a \$100 gift card to shop at Walmart on Wednesday, July 23rd. Registration will be one day only and it will take place on Saturday, July 12th starting at 10:00 AM here at the office. **Parents/Guardians must bring valid ID, proof of residency and proof of guardianship to register students in grades K-12.** Space is limited so don't miss out on the opportunity to receive a \$100 gift card for every student in your household.

Community Information

Save The Date: Back To School Skating

Join Trustee Washington for our *Annual Back-to-School Skating Party* on Sunday, August 10, 2025, from 1–4 PM at Bell's Skating Rink in New Haven! This exciting, and free community event features roller skating, free food, giveaways, and resource tables to help families prepare for a strong school year. Whether you're gliding on wheels or cheering from the sidelines, there's fun for all ages. Come connect with neighbors, enjoy music, and grab school supplies and helpful info. Let's celebrate our students and start the year united and energized! Don't miss it—see you at the rink!



M3 Music, Market, Munchies

The 2025 M3 - a makers MARKET with MUSIC, and MUNCHIES, is just around the corner!

The 2025 M3 will take place at Schnelker Park, 956 Park Ave, New Haven, IN on three Wednesdays in July; the 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 5 PM until 8 PM.

There will be Live Music each week and admission is FREE! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to relax and enjoy the band. The 9th will feature the Dee Bee's, the 16th will feature OK Boomer, and the 23rd will feature the Hubie Ashcraft Band.

The makers market will feature artisan, craft, produce, and food vendors.

A variety of food trucks will have delicious food options available for purchase.

To stay up-to-date with the latest M3 vendors, food trucks, and bands, visit the M3 [Facebook Page](#) or follow the M3 on Instagram.



“Kindness is the most important tool to spread love among humanity.”

Community Resources

Mental Health

Raphael Bosley, Mental Health Counselor
260-255-4182

Women's Bureau
260-424-7977

Harvest Counseling Group, Inc.
260-485-4357

Courageous Healing
260-255-3514

Oaktree Guidance
260-570-4515

Parkview Behavioral Health
260-373-7500

Park Center
260-481-2700

Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana
260-422-6441



Financial Assistance

Broadway Christian Church (In As Much)

930 Broadway St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802 (Door #11)
Contact Info: (260) 422-3498

Available Assistance—Please contact In As Much to see what type of assistance they are currently offering.

Salvation Army

2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Contact Info: (260) 744-2311

Available Assistance—Please contact Salvation Army to see what type of assistance they are currently offering.

***211 First Call For Help**

Food Distribution Locations

The Impact Center (WOW)

Every 2nd Tuesday, 11:00 AM—1:00 PM
3420 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN

First Baptist Church

Every Thursday, 1:00 PM—4:00 PM
1716 Werling Rd., New Haven, IN

New Haven Community Center (WOW)

Every 4th Tuesday, 10:00 AM —12:00 PM
7500 SR 930 E, New Haven, IN

Community Harvest Wagon Mobile Pantry Drive Thru

1st & 3rd Monday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Jackson R. Lehman Family YMCA Parking Lot
5680 YMCA Park Drive West, Fort Wayne, IN

St. Peter's Church, Every Friday at 1:00 PM

518 E. Dewald St., Fort Wayne, IN

Community Harvest South, Every Saturday at
8:00 AM—10:00 AM

999 E. Tillman Rd., Fort Wayne, IN

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services

Mon & Wed, 9:00—11:00 AM

Tuesday, 4:00—6:00 PM, Thurs 2:00—4:00 PM

1316 Broadway St., Fort Wayne, IN

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Mon & Wed each week from 9:00—10:45 AM

2120 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne, IN

The League (WOW)

Every 4th Thursday, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

5821 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN

Call 211 To Locate More Food Pantries

