

# Adams Township Trustee Office

1125 Hartzell Street, New Haven, IN 46774

## Township Tea ~ June 2025

Denita Washington, Trustee



### "Fatherhood" By Albert T. Brownlee

When I consider the entirety of my life's journey and all the things I've been blessed to accomplish and experience, being a husband and a father are truly my greatest achievements. In fact, I consider it a gift. The joy that comes in helping to cultivate and shape the lives of my children and grandchildren is an abundant tidal wave of jubilation that causes my spirit to leap, my heart to sing, and my purpose to be fulfilled. Like most fathers of multiple children, my oldest child taught me the ropes. In retrospect, I didn't know what I was doing at all, but with God's grace, I leaned into the task before me, through trial and error I learned, and we grew together as father and son. He was my "practice child" which I say humorously, but also honestly. The son that made fatherhood much easier by the time my next two baby boys arrived and eventually, some seventeen years later, my little girl. With each new life placed into my hands, I became a better father than I was the child before, aging like a fine wine that increases in value and taste over time.

Often, in life and fatherhood, people wrongfully expect perfection. But I have found that it was not the absence of mistakes which refined me, but rather the lessons gained every time I faltered. As a father, I have apologized to my children in times when I've come to realize that I've been "too hard on them," this especially applies to the boys. I have also apologized when I've failed to model correct things before them. The concept of do as I say and not as I do does not work. So, we must learn to be open and transparent about the things we've gotten right and also, the things we've gotten wrong if we, truly, want our children to excel to their highest and greatest capacity. In this way, a child can learn from my previous mistakes versus reliving them. In 1 Corinthians 4:15, the Apostle Paul writes, "Ye have many masters, but not many fathers." In this passage, the word master can be best defined as a teacher. A teacher is one who trains, mentors, and instructs. But what separates a teacher from a father who, in essence, does or should do the same things? The difference lies here: a teacher or instructor can be seen as ANY-ONE who provides guidance to another person. But a father takes a personal, nurturing, and foundational role in the ongoing development of one's life that starts with their birth and ends with his death. Thus, no matter how old my children become, I will always be their father, meaning I will perpetually train, mentor, and instruct them with both my words and actions until I take my final breath on this earth. And that, well, that is priceless.

My father, Gene Edward Brownlee, Sr., left this world on June 30, 2017. I was blessed to know and love him for 42 years. Prior to his cancer diagnosis in 2015, you couldn't have paid me to think that he would not be here with us today. Blessedly, in his leaving, I still have a God who fathers me. And not only that, I have other elders in my family and community which also father me. My point? The role of a good father should never be taken for granted or easily discarded. Regardless of our individual ages and vast life experiences, each of us still needs a father. A good father serves as priest, protector, and provider for his family and children. The job profile requires self-discipline, tenacity, patience, love, and forgiveness of self, as well as others. Creating a life is so much easier than fathering one. So, gentlemen, let's challenge ourselves to be the best version of ourselves for our wives, partners, families, and community. Showing up, showing out, and making a true difference in the lives of others.

Albert T. Brownlee; Husband, Father, Sr Pastor, Come As You Are Church



Committed to Community through Service and Accountability.

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**The office will be closed  
Thursday, June 19, 2025 in  
observance of the  
Juneteenth Holiday.**



# Community Information

## *Free Summer Meals For Youth*

Children ages 1-18 must be present to receive meals and meals must be eaten onsite. Food cannot leave the meal location. There will be no meals served on Thursday, June 19th (Juneteenth) or Friday, July 4th (Independence Day). The locations and times are as follows:

### **Allen County Public Libraries: May 27 Through July 25**

Georgetown, 6600 E. State Blvd., Lunch 11:45 AM—12:45 PM, Snack 2:15—2:30 PM  
Hessen Cassel, 3030 E. Paulding Rd., Lunch 11:45 AM—12:45 PM, Snack 2:45—3:00 PM  
Little Turtle, 2201 Sherman Blvd., Lunch 12:00—1:00 PM, Snack 2:15—2:30 PM  
Main Branch, 900 Library Plaza, Lunch 12:00—1:00 PM, Snack 2:15—2:30 PM  
Pontiac, 2215 S. Hanna St., Lunch 12:00—1:00 PM, Snack 2:30—2:45 PM  
Shawnee, 5601 Noll Ave., Lunch 11:45 AM—12:45 PM, Snack 2:45—3:00 PM  
Tecumseh, 1411 E. State Blvd., Lunch 12:00—1:00 PM, Snack 3:00—3:15 PM  
Waynedale, 2200 Lower Huntington Rd., Lunch 11:45 AM—12:45 PM, Snack 3:00—3:15 PM

### **East Allen County Schools: June 2 Through July 18**

New Haven Intermediate School, 909 Homestead Dr., New Haven, IN, Door 9, Lunch 12:15—12:45 PM  
Prince Chapman Academy, 4808 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN, Door 15, Lunch 12:15—12:45 PM  
Heritage Elementary School, 13608 Monroeville Rd, Monroeville, IN, Door 1, Lunch 12:15—12:45 PM

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to Fort Wayne Community Schools at 260-467-2500, East Allen County Schools at 260-446-0100, or the Allen County Public Library at 260-421-1200.



## *Mental Well-Being Champion*

Kudos to Trustee Washington! "This week, the School Care Team is proud to recognize Denita Washington as our Mental Well-being Champion! A lifelong resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Denita has always carried a deep love and commitment to her community. As a passionate community leader and dedicated educational advocate, she has made a lasting impact through her service in the Fort Wayne Community Schools system.

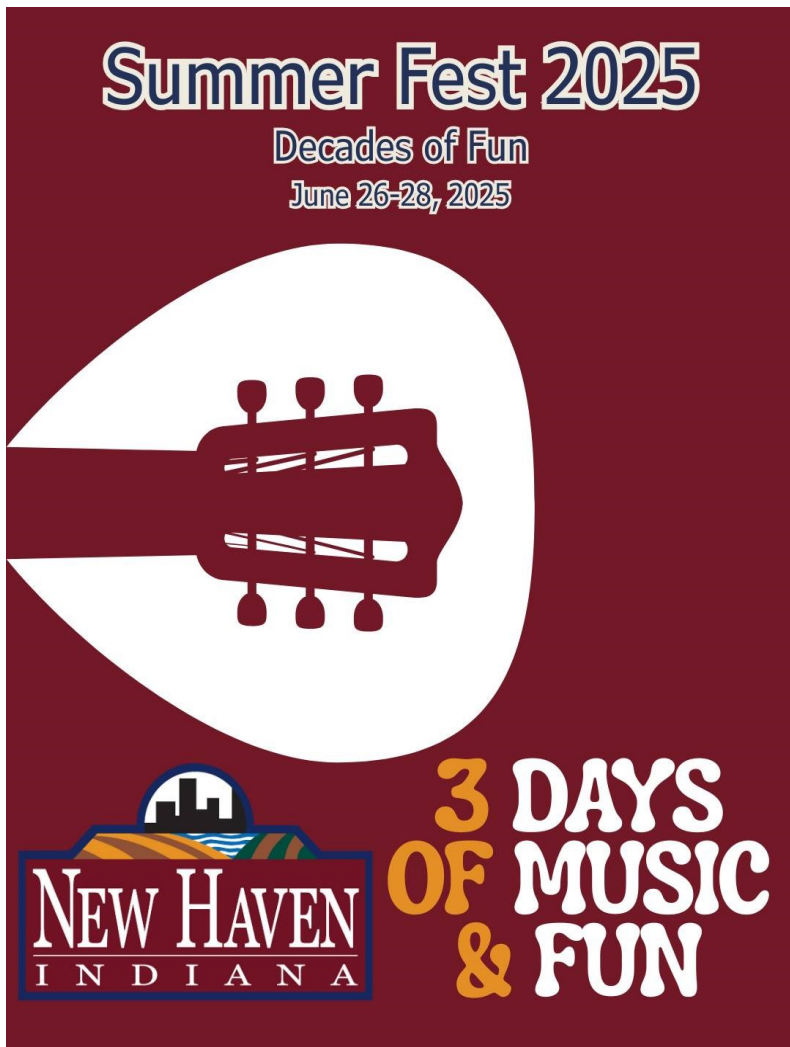
Denita's unwavering dedication to uplifting others and nurturing the well-being of students and families exemplifies what it means to champion mental wellness. Her leadership, compassion, and advocacy continue to inspire and create positive change in the lives of many. Thank you, Denita, for being a shining example of care, strength, and empowerment in our community!"

**[#SchoolCareTeam](#) [#SCT](#) [#MentalWellbeingChampion](#)**

# Community Information

## New Haven Summerfest 2025

Summer Fest is New Haven's three-day Independence Day Festival that takes place in the heart of downtown New Haven at Schnelker Park. For the 2025 season, the festival begins Thursday, June 26th, and features an all-ages car cruise-in as well as live music, food vendors, and an artisan market where visitors can find handmade goods. The fun continues on Friday, June 28th, with live music from the Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra accompanied by more craft and food vendors, and market goods for people to enjoy. Saturday, June 28th, the summer fest will be going out with a bang for a fun filled, family oriented day. The annual parade will begin at 10:00 AM and throughout the day there will be other activities including fair games, bounce houses, a photo booth, craft vendors, competitions, live entertainment, food vendors, and so much more. For more information and updates, go to [www.activatenewhaven.com](http://www.activatenewhaven.com) or the City Of New Haven's Facebook Page. Look for Trustee Washington, staff and friends in the parade.



## Summer, Summer, Summertime

### **2025 Season Information - Now Open**

Daily Swim: 12-5 PM Sunday—Saturday

#### **Daily Admission:**

Under 2: Free

Ages 3—54: \$6

Ages 55 And Up: \$5

Active/Reserve/Veteran (With Military Card): \$5

\*Everyone entering the pool must pay the admission fee; even if they are not swimming.

4 Visit Punch Card (1 Visit Per Person): \$20

10 Visit Punch Card (1 Visit Per Person): \$50

#### **Memberships:**

Family Passes, Up To 3 Members: \$250

Each Additional Member: \$45

Individual Passes:

Ages 3—17: \$110

Ages 18—54: \$135

Ages 55 And Up: \$110

Active/Reserve/Veteran (With Military Card): \$110



## Southeast Area Partnership

The Southeast Area Partnership's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25th at 6:00 PM. Meetings are held every 4th Wednesday at Legacy Office Centre, 7840 South Town Crossing, Fort Wayne. Come on out to hear what is happening in SE FW and/or to share your celebrations and concerns. We hope to see you!





# Community Information

## Annual Family & Community Day

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](mailto:info@adamstownship.org)

**JULY 12 9AM-3PM**

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE COMMUNITY DAY**

**FREE COMMUNITY STORE**

**ACTIVITIES**

**GIVEAWAYS**

**VENDORS:**

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

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

**THIS EVENT IS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**



## Waynedale Memorial Day Parade

Last month, Trustee Denita Washington proudly joined the Waynedale Memorial Day Parade, honoring our community's spirit and traditions. Despite a full schedule, Trustee Washington makes it a priority to stay present and engaged with the families she serves. Her participation in events like this reflects her deep commitment to showing up, listening, and celebrating with the community. Pictured alongside Trustee Washington is Fort Wayne At Large City Councilwoman Michelle Chambers. Thank you to all who came out to support the parade and share in a day of remembrance, pride, and connection.

# Community Information

## 1st Steps To A 2nd Chance

The Volunteer Center is offering another presentation where an attorney walks the attendees through the process on Indiana's Expungement. This is a FREE event and you must attend in-person to receive the packet of paperwork needed for the expungement process. This will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 from 6:00 PM—7:00 PM at Ivy Tech Community College located at 3701 Dean Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46835, North Campus in the Student Life Center building, room SL121. For more information, please visit [www.volunteerfortwayne.org](http://www.volunteerfortwayne.org)

This is a great opportunity for someone to be connected to an attorney who may be able to assist with expungement at a low cost.



## New Haven Kids Night Out

The New Haven Park Department is hosting our fourth annual Kids' Night Out and Kids' Market! Head out to Schnelker Park on Wednesday June 25, 2025, from 5-8pm for fun activities, entertainment, health & safety demos, food, and a special market of kid entrepreneurs! Join us to encourage the youth of our community, shop local, and have a good time! Please note: There is no cost for Kid's Market Vendors, but no call/no shows will not be considered for future markets.

Does your kid want to be a vendor? Fill out [the Kid's Market Vendor Application](#) and return via **Mail:** P.O. Box 157 New Haven, IN 46774

**Drop Off:** 7500 SR 930E Fort Wayne, IN 46803 (New Haven Community Center) M-F, 8:00 – 5:00 PM

**Email:** [adaniel@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:adaniel@newhaven.in.gov)

Applications must be returned by June 16, 2025.



**“The key to successful leadership is influence, not authority.” Unknown**



# 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

### **Neighborhood Health Clinic (WOW)**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 11:00 AM—1:00 PM  
3350 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816.

### **First Baptist Church**

Every Thursday, 1:00 PM—4:00 PM  
1716 Werling Rd., New Haven, IN 46774.

### **New Haven Community Center (WOW)**

Every 4th Tuesday, 11:00 AM —1:00 PM  
7500 SR 930 E, New Haven, IN 46774

### **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 46835

-Every Friday at 1:00 PM

518 E. Dewald St., Fort Wayne, IN 46803

-Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM

1010 N. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

### **Wellspring Interfaith Social Services**

Mon & Wed, 9:00—11:00 AM

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

\*Bring ID and piece of current postmarked mail  
1316 Broadway St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

### **Saint Patrick's Catholic Church**

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

2120 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

### **Autumn Woods Apartments (WOW)**

Every 4th Thursday, 11:00—1:00 PM

1802 Chartwell Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46816

### **Call 211 To Locate More Food Pantries**

