



**DENITA WASHINGTON,
TRUSTEE**

ADAMS TOWNSHIP TEA

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October 2026

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR FALL FEST!

Join us for a fun-filled evening with family, friends, and neighbors! Enjoy FREE food, fun, and fellowship for all ages. Community organizations will be joining us! Local community organizations will be on-site sharing valuable information, resources, and services available to families.

Children can get their picture taken with Coco Melon and Elmo for FREE!

Come on out to get connected, and enjoy an evening of fun with your community!

All are welcome to join us! We hope to see you and your family here on Halloween evening! You don't want to miss it!

ADAMS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE PRESENTS

Fall Fest

Trustee Denita Washington

ADAMS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE OFFICE
1125 HARTZELL ST., NEW HAVEN, IN 46774

OCTOBER 31, 2026
4:30PM - 6:30PM

Enjoy FREE hot dogs and walking tacos donated by Big Lacy's Catering, along with festive games, and a photo booth with Elmo and Cocomelon! Kids can also grab FREE hats & gloves, while families explore our amazing community wraparound service tables!

Anthem **MidWest America**
Walmart **FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**
BIG LACY'S
COOKING WITH LOVE AND A TASTE OF OOH WEE

Questions? Email us at INFO@ADAMSTOWNSHIP
 ATTN: Sandy Payton



**Committed To
Community Through
Service And
Accountability**

**Adams Township
Trustee Office**

1125 Hartzell Street
 New Haven, IN 46774

Monday-Thursday
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 (Closed Daily 12-1)

Fri-Sun: CLOSED

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info@adamstownship.org

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Township Highlights

Tips To Prepare For Fall

Preparing your house or apartment for fall involves checking your heating system, sealing air leaks, and clearing outdoor spaces before the cold weather arrives. While spring is a common time for many homeowners to spend some extra attention on upkeep and maintenance, autumn is just as critical a season for preparing your home to withstand the potentially harsh winter weather and temperature conditions that may await you. By making maintenance part of your annual fall routine, you can identify potential problems before they arise and help prepare your home and property for what Mother Nature has to offer.

HOUSES

Outdoor Maintenance

- **Clean Gutters:** Remove leaves and debris to prevent clogs and ice dams later.
- **Drain Hoses:** Disconnect garden hoses, drain the water, and store them inside. Most users on Reddit agree that you should also shut off exterior water valve shutoffs.
- **Trim Trees:** Cut back dead branches and overgrown vegetation close to the house.

Indoor Upkeep

- **Service Heating System:** Have a professional inspect your furnace and clean your chimney.
- **Replace Air Filters:** Change your HVAC filters to keep the system running efficiently.
- **Test Safety Devices:** Check the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- **Seal Drafts:** Inspect and repair worn weatherstripping or caulking around doors and windows.

Cozy Decor And Organization

- **Switch Textiles:** Swap out lightweight summer bedding and linens for heavier blankets and flannels.
- **Refine Colors:** Build a warm, cohesive color palette using chocolate brown, cream, amber, and olive tones for pillows and accents.
- **Stock The Pantry:** Clean out expired items and stock up on staples and baking goods for the cooler months ahead.

APARTMENTS

Windows And Doors

- **Check For Drafts:** Test window and door seals. Inspect window frames and door edges for cracks or missing seals.
- **Install Weatherstripping:** Apply new weatherstripping or use draft stoppers to block cold air and lower energy bills.

Safety And Plumbing

- **Test Alarms:** Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms, and replace the old batteries.
- **Inspect Plumbing:** Look under sinks for slow leaks and report any moisture issues to your landlord immediately.
- **Protect Outdoor Spigots:** Disconnect hoses from any private balcony or patio faucets and cover exposed outdoor lines if applicable.

Request HVAC Maintenance

- **Change Air Filters:** Replace or clean your apartment heating filters to improve airflow and efficiency.
- **Test The Heater:** Run your furnace or heater early in the season to confirm it works before freezing weather arrives.
- **Clear Vents:** Keep furniture, rugs, and curtains away from vents and radiators so heat circulates freely. keep vents clear of furniture and rugs.



Community Information

Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! IT IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH! October is a reminder to prioritize your health and take care of yourself.

Ladies, schedule your mammogram! Early detection can make a difference. The Township and Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography have been partnering for the last 5 years and this year is not any different! They will be on site on Thursday, October 29th. Please call 260-483-1847 to schedule your appointment.

Don't put it off. Make your health a priority and schedule your mammogram today! Appointments will fill up fast so take a minute out of your busy schedule and make the call. Early detection can make a difference. #BreastCancerAwareness #Mammogram #EarlyDetection

Candy Donations Needed

We are currently accepting candy donations for our Fall Fest. Donations will be accepted Monday through Thursday from 9-12 and 1-5. Please consider donating a bag of sweet treats. Or two! We will be accepting donations at the office through Thursday, October 22nd. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to support our Fall Fest.



Brightpoint Energy Assistance

Applications for Energy Assistance will be available through Brightpoint starting October 1, 2026. Applications will be available at the Brightpoint office on October 1st, however, you are encouraged to apply online at www.mybrightpoint.org starting October 1st. If you are a resident of Adams Township, and need assistance applying, please call the office at 260-749-4162, option 1, to **schedule an appointment** for assistance with the application process.



Board Meeting

It's budget time! The Adams Township Trustee and Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00 PM to adopt the 2027 budget. The meeting will be held here at the office: 1125 Hartzell Street, New Haven, IN 46774. Meet me here!



New Haven Happenings

Family Friendly Activities

Fall Fest

When: Saturday, October 3, 2026, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: Schnelker Park

Details: From a pumpkin patch to a movie on the lawn in the evening, enjoy all the things you love in the Autumn. There will be hay rides, craft vendors, food trucks, a maze and so much more. There will even be cotton candy and a concession stand available during the movie.

Downtown Trick-Or-Treat

When: Saturday, October 31, 2026, Time: TBD

Where: Downtown New Haven

Details: Local children can visit participating businesses for safe day time trick-or-treating. Bring your family out to enjoy the festivities and sweet treats!

Community Center Costume Party & Parade

When: Friday, October 30, 2026 at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: New Haven Community Center

Details: Costumes are fun, but sometimes Halloween can be a little overwhelming for younger children. This indoor, “merry-not-scary” event lets younger children show off costumes and practice trick-or-treating in a gentle environment. This is a free event, however, registration is required. Please call 260-749-2212.

Story Time & Crafts

When: Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Where: New Haven Community Center

Details: Join the New Haven Branch of the Allen County Public Library by the fireplace for story time and crafts.

For more information regarding any of the listed events, please reach out to the New Haven Community Center at 260-749-2212.



“The world is full of kind people. If you can’t find one, be one!”

Community Information

National Mental Illness Awareness Week ***“Building Community: Supporting Mental Well-Being Together”***

Breaking The Silence Around Mental Health ~ Stigma grows in silence, but healing happens when we talk. Did you know that 1 in 5 adults experiences a mental health condition each year? Despite how common these experiences are, many people still suffer alone out of fear of judgment.

This month, let's change the conversation. Checking in on a friend, listening without judgment, and speaking openly about our own mental health can save lives. Remember, it is never weak to ask for help.

Treating Mental Health Like Physical Health ~ We brush our teeth, go to annual checkups, and rest when our bodies hurt. But how often do we care for our minds with the same dedication?

Mental health is just as important as physical health. Coping with daily stress, burnout, or anxiety requires active care. Simple steps, such as the ones listed below, can make a big difference:

- Take a short, screen-free walk outside.
- Set clear boundaries around your work and rest time.
- Reach out to a trusted coworker, family member, or professional.

Treat your mind with kindness today and everyday. You cannot pour from an empty cup.

Finding Joy In The Small Things ~ Healing is not about being happy every single minute. Sometimes, a good day is simply making it through each moment as it comes.

This month's national theme reminds us to look for more good days together. Joy does not have to be complicated or expensive. It can be found in five quiet minutes with your morning coffee, a real laugh with a friend, or listening to your favorite song.

Take time to appreciate the small, free moments of peace. Lean on your community, and remember that you are not alone in what you carry.

If you or someone you know needs support, help is always available. You can call or text the **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988 for free, confidential support 24/7.**



It's okay not to be okay.

Michael Clifford

Community Information

SAVE THE DATE

It's that time! Starting **Thursday, November 5th** we will be signing up Adams Township residents for a turkey and all the fixings. Call the office at 260-749-4162, select option 1, and speak with a representative to sign up between 9:30 and 11:30 and 1:30 and 4:30. Please do not leave a message, you must speak with a representative to be placed on the list. Remember, you must reside in Adams Township to be eligible.



Food Distribution Locations

The Impact Center (WOW), Every 2nd Tuesday, 11-1, 3420 E. Paulding Rd, Fort Wayne, IN

First Baptist Church, Every Thursday, 1-4, 1716 Werling Rd, New Haven, IN

New Haven Food Bank, Every Tuesday, 9-11:45, 800 Green St, New Haven, IN

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, Monday & Wednesday, 9-11, Tuesday 4-6, Thursday, 2-4, 1316 Broadway St, Fort Wayne, IN

New Haven Community Center (WOW), Every 4th Tuesday, 10-12, 7500 SR 930 East, New Haven, IN

The League (WOW), Every 4th Thursday, 10-12, 5821 S. Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN

CALL 211 TO LOCATE MORE FOOD BANKS AND PANTRIES



Assistance Resources



In As Much (Broadway Christian Church)
930 Broadway Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 (Door #11)
Contact Info: 260.422.3498

Salvation Army
2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Contact Info: 260.744.2311

211 First Call For Help For More Resources

Mental Health Resources

Courageous Healing
260.255.3514

Women's Bureau
260.424.7977

Bowen Center
800.342.5653

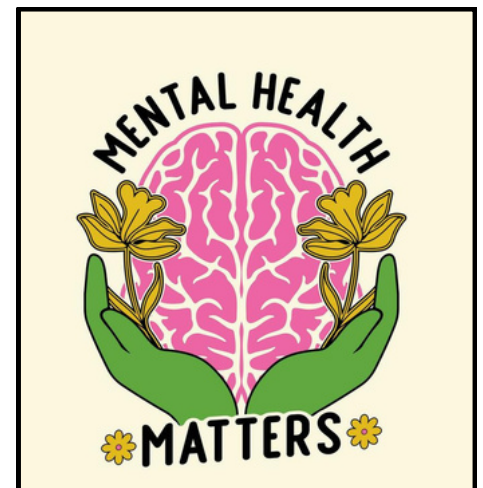
Parkview Behavioral Health
260.373.7500

Park Center, 260.481.2700

Mental Health America Of NE Indiana, 260.422.6441

Uniquely You Counseling & Wellness Center, 260.387.7445

Oaktree Guidance, 260.570.4515



Thank you for reading!