

SEYMOUR MOMENTS

Monthly newsletter of the City of Seymour



HOUSING CROSSROADS

Thrive Alliance's new \$12.5 million Crossroads independent senior living community under construction behind Schneck Medical Center is now leasing to those 55 or older.

The apartments are scheduled to open in November with the first residents moving in in December.

There are 64 units, including 24 one-bedroom and 40 two-bedroom apartments with 7 units being fully handicapped accessible. Rents are affordable based on income.

Residential amenities include a community kitchen, laundry facilities, an exercise room, media/event room, library/computer lab, a rooftop terrace, outdoor gazebo area and sitting/meeting rooms.

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HOUSING CROSSORADS CONT.



In addition, Thrive Alliance and Schneck Medical Center are working together to support healthy lifestyles for Crossroads residents including on-site regular health screenings, health education, counseling services, food services, wellness and nutrition services, dementia care and social engagement activities. Transportation to Schneck for appointments also will be provided to residents.

For more information on leasing call 317-264-1833.

Although the inventory of homes for sale in Seymour is still very low, there are more than 550 new housing units (apartments and homes) either under construction or being planned in the city or within the city's two mile fringe.





READI FOR THE FUTURE

Key Regional Themes and Strategies

- Housing: Programming and investment to spur and sustain housing.
- Entrepreneurship: Develop tri-county innovation centers.
- Workforce development and education: Local access to degree and certificate programs.
- Quality of life: Support downtowns and community centers as hubs of activity.

Seymour and Jackson County officials and leaders including Mayor Matt Nicholson participated in meetings of the South Central Indiana Talent Region for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) grant.

The region includes Jackson, Jennings and Bartholomew counties along with Columbus and North Vernon.

Strategies include developing programming and investment to spur and sustain housing, developing tri-county innovation centers, creating and increasing local access to degree and certificate programs and supporting downtowns and community centers as hubs of activity.

READI is dedicating \$500 million in state appropriations to promote strategic investments that will make Indiana a magnet for talent and economic growth.

Counties, cities and towns are partnering together as regions to apply for the grant funds which could result in up to \$50 million per region. The grants require matching funds from local public and private partners.

Regions have until Aug. 31 to submit development plans. The state will finalize its funding decisions toward the end of this year.

More information about READI grants is available at iedc.in.gov/program/indiana-readi/home.

SMALL TOWN FACES

In July, the City of Seymour welcomed a new city hall administrative assistant, a new parks and recreation program director and DPW administrative assistant, celebrated employee anniversaries and a retirement and said goodbye to a parkee.



Cristyn Milroy is the new, smiling face behind the front desk at city hall. She started July 26.



Chad Keithley transferred from operations and facilities director to program manager for Seymour Parks and Rec.



Michelle Gossett transferred from administrative assistant at city hall to administrative assistant for DPW



Parks and Rec. said goodbye to seasonal employee Rick Cockerham who moved to Florida.



Lt. Kaleb McKinney celebrated 10 years of service with SFD on July 15.



Sgt. Blake Bevers celebrated 10 years of service with SFD on July 26.



Capt. Mark Vehslage celebrated 25 years of service with SFD on July 2 and retired in late July.



HOMERUN PROJECT

Two new ball fields were unveiled July 22 at Freeman Field Recreational Complex.

The fields serve as a solid addition to the recreational facilities in Seymour, attracting out-of-town visitors and allowing for larger tournaments to be played in the community.

The idea to put in these fields started way before COVID-19 hit, according to program director with Seymour Parks and Recreation Chad Keithley.

But once the planning started and everything got approved, the pandemic swept across the world and it stalled things. The original company they had to work on the field got behind on all their projects, so Seymour Parks and Recreation started looking locally.

That's when they got in touch with King's Trucking and Excavation.

"They were great," Keithley said. "They said we can start whenever."

From there, the city team stepped in and worked a lot of hours, including overtime and weekend hours. It took about two months to get the dirt complete.

Now that the two fields are done, they're gaining teams for a lot of weekends. Seymour Mayor Matt Nicholson said it'll bring in roughly 56 more teams per tournament.

The fields, in addition to the three original fields, have already hosted four different tournaments up to this point. They are booked all the way up to October 31 as well.



PLANTING THE SEED



Pollinator Projects



All the buzz

Seymour has taken a strong stand in pollinator conservation. The Department of Public Works will be redoing the traffic island at Third and Chestnut streets as a pollinator garden with support from local pollinator expert Peggy Stark.



First-place winner
Mary Haugen

The Seymour Parks and Recreation has received a Bee House made during a recent program by the I.U. Mobile Makerspace at the Jackson County Public Library. The Bee House will become part of a larger pollinator garden to be created at Westside Park.

The Department of Public Works announced the winners of its first Pollinator Photo contest in July. Winners received gift baskets filled with donated items from local businesses. First place was Mary Haugen, second place was Deb Atchison and third place was Meg Mullins.



Second-place
winner Deb
Atchison



First place by
Mary Haugen



Second-place by
Deb Atchison



Third-place by
Meg Mullins.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fall is just around the corner and Seymour Parks and Recreation is now taking registrations for youth soccer, adult kickball and the Parkapalooza 5K.

For more information or to register call Tonya Disque at 812-522-6420.



2021 FALL SOCCER

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**OPEN REGISTRATION
7/12 - 8/23**

GAMES BEGIN WEEK OF 9/12

GAMES WILL BE THRU THE WEEK ON TUES OR THURS

Ages 2-17
Tots (ages 2-3) \$25
U6+ \$60
Free registration for signing up to coach.
Fee includes team shirt.

TO REGISTER:
CONTACT TONYA AT (812) 522-6420
WWW.SEYMOURIN.RECDESK.COM
IN PERSON AT SEYMOUR CITY HALL




PARKAPALOOZA 5K

2ND ANNUAL

Proceeds will go towards scholarships for youth programming.

**SAT
AUG 28**

8AM

**\$20 BY 8/13
\$25 AFTER 8/13**

**Register online at
www.indianatiming.com
or at Seymour City Hall.**

#seymOURparks




REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

7/15 - 8/20

NO LATE SIGN UPS

**\$250/TEAM
UP TO 15
PLAYERS**

Adult Kickball League

REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.SEYMOURIN.RECDESK.COM OR BY
CALLING (812)522-6420.

AGES 15+

GAMES TUESDAY EVENINGS, STARTING 8/31.



