

The BEST Downtown Meeting on your Calendar.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 @ 9 a.m. AND 5:30 p.m. | In-Person & Zoom

MINUTES:

- Nancy Jacoby-Barrows, The One Stop Quilt Shop Hop (July 21 & 22)
 - Hosted for 10 years in Kokomo and is moving to Wabash! 30 quilt shops coming to one place (Honeywell Center), similar to craft show. Over 1,000 guests for the weekend.
 - Friday, July 21: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
 - Saturday, July 22: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
 - **Request to businesses: “Quilt walk” window displays during the weekend to encourage vendors and guests to explore Downtown Wabash. If you need access to a quilt display, there is a quilt guild in Wabash at the Women’s Clubhouse. Contact Nancy info@nancyjsfabrics.com**
- Final Farewell to Bev Vanderpool before she retires from her position as Mayor’s Assistant. Thank you to Bev for being a regular attendee of our monthly meetings, taking feedback to the City, and always having energy to spare!
- A note of encouragement from Andrea. We aren’t sure what the economy will bring for 2023, but we are working together to stay resilient. Review the resources in the “Important: Resources for 2023” email from 1/18/23. There’s still plenty of time to meet one-on-one to brainstorm ideas and be proactive in 2023.
- New year! How’s it going?
 - **Kaleigh With Kaleigh M. Photography:** Working on set designs for Valentines-themed boudoir shoots!
 - **Bev Vanderpool and Shelly Hipkind from City Hall:** Welcome Shelly Hipkind, who is stepping into Bev’s position later this month! Lighthouse Mission gave kudos to the City for offering 24/7 warming station during cold bursts. There is a need for this in downtown. Also, cooling station during heat waves. Is there any other facility that can offer 24/7 warming & cooling stations? YMCA and Living Well offer during regular business hours.
 - **Mike Beauchamp with Modoc’s Market:** Connected with the City on Miami Street and parking.
 - **Beverly Ferry with Living Well Downtown:** New collaboration with the library; a portable craft club and Living Well February Newsletter out now! Wabash Band hosting Sweetheart Concert at Legacy Hall.
 - **Teresa Galley with Museum:** “Thursday Parlay”; every first thursday of the month a guest speaker will talk about a piece of history at the museum; the event is free and donuts and coffee are available.
 - **Amanda with Frontline Pest:** gearing up for spring; Shane is waving all fees for people that are switching services to him
 - **Cody with Honeywell Center:** New shows announced; Valentines dinner on the 10th with reservations still open, \$75/couple; Friends & family discounted ticket 4-packs; sold out shows at Eagles the next two weeks; The Purple Experience is sold out @ Honeywell. Kudos from Mike Beauchamp for moving the dumpster at Eagles Theatre.
 - **Jenny Ritzema with Lighthouse Mission:** Doing great! Donations are slow in the winter (normal); Christmas store went GREAT! Boutique display with name brand items; continuing to fight the homeless issue.
 - **Jana Thibos with YMCA:** partnered with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment for Parents Night Out; \$20 y member, \$30 non-member. You can drop your child off at childcare while out on a date; self-defense class on Saturday, February 11; Euchre is running again (2nd and 4th wednesday of every month at 10 a.m.)

- **Biz with Visit Wabash County:** Trolley Tours and experiences events; Dinner and dancing this weekend, taste of love next weekend
- **Katie with Gebhart Holdings:** Market Street Grill: Monthly specials are dropping today; Chateaubriand Valentine's dinner for two, \$75 on Feb 10, 11, and 14; Article with Input Fort Wayne featuring Chef Marci; The Franklin Mobile Bar is BACK IN BUSINESS! First appearance is on March's First Friday; 2024 it might be open for rental! Upstairs of MSG is going great! Metal Source is having 4 super scrap days; 5% markup to bring in scrap metal; February 8th is the first scrap day!
- **Kari from Charley Creek Inn:** February is a big month; wine & chocolate tasting tour on Feb 10 & 11, dinner theater with WACT on February 17,18,19 tickets are \$35 for dinner and show

- **Upcoming Member Mondays:**

- Feb. 6: Honeywell Arts Academy
- Feb. 13: Kaleigh M Photography
- Feb. 20: Transform Consulting Group
- Feb. 27: Market Street Grill Upstairs
- March 6: Living Well Downtown
- March 13: Honeywell Arts & Entertainment

- **To schedule your Member Monday:**

- [Doodle.com/bp/morganellis/member-monday-with-morgan](https://doodle.com/bp/morganellis/member-monday-with-morgan)

- **2023 First Friday Form**

- Carly Hawkins is your contact this year!! She is the event guru!
- Thanks for your feedback on the new process for 2023
- Use the link below to fill out your month's information
- Click through to end of form
- You receive a confirmation email with the ability to edit your response
- The form closes 7 days prior to First Friday!

- **To submit your details for First Friday:**

- bit.ly/wabashfirstfridayform

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February First Friday (Feb. 3)**

- For those participating, please continue to spread the word about your business specials!
- We've sent out co-host requests to all participating businesses who got us their First Friday feature

- **March First Friday (March. 3)**

- Leprechaun-Con Bar Crawl
 - Any restaurants or businesses wanting to be a location on the bar crawl map? (Bar crawlers will pay for their own drinks)
 - Downtown Wabash, Inc. is planning to feature some kind of branded item for bar crawlers to purchase
- **Business Feature DUE: Feb. 24**
- To drop your First Friday feature: bit.ly/wabashfirstfridayform

- **April First Friday (April 7)**

- Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Bachelor Creek & The Bunny Hop Shop
 - Annual park-wide Easter Egg Hunt provided by Bachelor Creek
 - Shopping event with featured passport to encourage in-business shopping

- **Business Feature DUE: March 31**

- To drop your First Friday feature: bit.ly/wabashfirstfridayform
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NOTES FROM ANDREA

- Save the Dates: Motivational Businesses Event on March 20 at 9 a.m. and Adapting and Planning in Uncertain Times on April 17 at 1 p.m. presented by Grow Wabash County, Downtown Wabash, Inc. & Manchester Alive
 - County-Wide Food & Beverage Meeting: Monday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. Hosted by Imagine One85. Free to attend. Contact Alex Downard alex@downarddevstrategies.com
 - New Business: Alley Cat Outfitters owned by Luke and Melissa Kalbfell to open this summer at 100 Berry Street! Location is near the River Trail at the former Wood Shed building.
 - Heads up: You received a copy of our 2023 Sponsorship Opportunities via USPS. If you are looking for marketing opportunities for your business, let Andrea know.
 - 2023 Membership was due on January 1. You can pay online [here](#).
 - “Hello, My name is Downtown Wabash, Inc.!”: Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Honeywell House. Join us for this free event to hear a similar presentation from our Annual Meeting.
 - First Friday *Insider’s Scoop* email: Extra promotional opportunities for businesses. New this year! Contact Morgan to add exclusive discounts to our email subscribers.
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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 1 at 9 a.m. AND 5:30 p.m.

New office (189 S. Miami St., Lower Level of the Wabash Landing) OR via Zoom