



## Monthly Downtown Meeting Wednesday, October 11 @ 9 a.m. | In-Person & Zoom

### ATTENDANCE

Jenny Ritzema, Jana Thibos, Biz Bishop, Katie Beauchamp, Amanda Ogle, Teresa Galley, Brad Bishop, Mike Beauchamp, Deanna Unger, Christine Flohr, Adrianna Town, Andrea Zwiebel

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### ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATION

- Hello, Adrianna Town, [Adrianna@downtownwabash.org](mailto:Adrianna@downtownwabash.org)
- Tell us what's new with you!
  - Lighthouse Mission: the Christmas store opens on the southside on Oct. 26! They are offering Thanksgiving baskets again this year.
  - YMCA: "Try the Y" in October. Bring in a canned food item and get reduce joiner fees. Oct. 27 is Bill Barrows retirement party at the Y. Dash in the Bash is Oct. 28. Time for youth basketball and self-defense registration.
  - Visit Wabash County: Received 600 entries in the Alice Cooper contest! Pet Costume Contest is this month. Big Big, Big Win will be back in January. They are hiring for a full-time graphic designer. They are working with Input Fort Wayne again in 2024. The new destination guide is in the works for 2024!
  - Gebhart Holdings: Market Street Grill is decorated for Halloween. Check it out! First Friday and Wine Down Wednesdays are going well. The Ivy Room is now open for bookings. The Franklin mobile bar will make its last appearance this year at Chili Cook Off on Oct. 21. Over 60 teams are signed up.
  - Frontline Pest: Spiders are the pest of choice this fall The business is growing so much they plan to hire another technician. They serve numerous counties across Northeast Indiana. (Mike Beauchamp gave them an in-person review "Great service! Highly recommended.")
  - Wabash County Museum: Haunted Mini Golf is back! Available for groups. The last Thursday Parlay of the year is in November. (Pro tip: the museum will be closed for Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza, so feel free to park there!)
  - The Access: Share the Warmth is a new event with Bowen Center to provide clothering on Oct. 24. Babe in Toyland is coming up. Brad would especially like to collect more experiences for teens. Do you have something fun for teenagers to donate?
  - Modoc's Market: Mike shared they are celebrating their 20th year!
  - Paradise Spring Historical Park: Let Deanna know if you have a group that wants to visit. They offer field trips and open cabins. Visit them during Jingle Jubilee!

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### FEATURE FRIDAYS

- **Member Mondays are now Feature Fridays:**
  - Oct. 13: The Ivy Room
  - Oct. 20: Mini Golf at Museum
  - Oct. 27: Wabash Trucking and Bachelor Creek Church
  - Nov 3: First Friday
  - Nov 10: Lighthouse Christmas Store and Thanksgiving Baskets

- Nov. 17: Jingle Jubilee
- Nov. 23: N/A
- Dec. 1: First Friday
- Dec. 8: Babe in Toyland with Access and BABE
- Dec. 15: OPEN
- Dec. 22: OPEN
- Dec. 29: N/A
- **To schedule your Feature Friday:**
  - Email Adrianna! [Adrianna@downtownwabash.org](mailto:Adrianna@downtownwabash.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza (Oct. 28 from 5-7 p.m.; Rain Date: Oct. 29 from 2-4 p.m.)**
  - Need a poster? We have extras.
  - Trick-or-Treating at your businesses!
    - Candy provided by Bachelor Creek Church
  - Candy Dump on Miami Street with Wabash Trucking
    - 5 Golden Tickets!
  - Costume Contest with Bachelor Creek Church at 6 pm at Oswalt Thomas
    - 10 categories!
  - EMA was invited for additional street safety
  - Free parking and shuttle on Trolley No. 85 at Wabash County YMCA because of a sold out show at Honeywell Center.
  - Business Feature DUE: DEADLINE ELAPSED
- **November First Friday (Nov. 3)**
  - Theme: Gallery Walk
    - Stamping Map Locations
      - Borders & Beyond
      - Honeywell Center's Clark Gallery
      - Wabash County Museum
      - TBD: 4 Partners in Crime
      - TBD: The Access with pop-up kids art
      - TBD: Make It Your Own
      - TBD: Kaleigh M Photography
      - TBD: Nicole A. Howard Photography
      - TBD: Wabash Carnegie Public Library
    - Business Feature DUE: Oct. 27 at 9 a.m. [bit.ly/wabashfirstfridayform](https://bit.ly/wabashfirstfridayform)
      - Want to add an exclusive discount to our First Friday *Insider's Scoop* email? Let Adrianna know by Oct. 27.

## 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

It's the most wonderful time of the year! **Handout attached with all the details!**

- **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**
  - **November 10:** [Jingle Jubilee and Shop Local to Win](#)
  - **November 21:** [Shop Small Week](#) (Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Artist Sunday, Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday) & [December First Friday](#)

## NOTES FROM DOWNTOWN WABASH, INC.

- Member Portal: [DowntownWabash.org/member](https://DowntownWabash.org/member)
- First Friday survey following the events

- \$9,000 distributed in Downtown Dollars in 2 years!
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#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

- For anyone that works with kids, the Indiana Youth Institute will be set up at Modoc's on Oct. 19! Join to learn more about this free resource.
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#### **NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023 at 9 a.m. or via Zoom**

Downtown Wabash, Inc. Office (189 S. Miami St., Lower Level of the Wabash Landing)