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Elkhart Event

We invite you to the Fall Gathering of the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association on **Saturday, November 11**. **\$12.50 includes snacks, box lunch, tip, and beverage.** You are welcome to attend either the morning or afternoon sessions or both.

10:00 a.m. EST ~ Meet at the Elkhart County Visitor Center, 3421 Cassopolis St., Elkhart 46514
<https://www.visitelkhartcounty.com/>

10:00 – 11:15 ~ Membership meeting: Agenda will include a financial report, updates on current activities, plans for hosting the 2024 National LHA Conference, and more. The annotated agenda will be provided in advance to expedite the meeting.

11:15 – 12:00 ~ Lunch will be box lunches from McAlister's Deli which include choice of sandwich, plus chips, pickle, and cookie, OR a salad. Beverages and snacks are included in the \$12.50 cost.

12:00 – 2:30 ~ We will caravan along the East bus tour route that that will be used when we host the June 2024 national Lincoln Highway Association Conference: LH feeder route, Amish country, Ligonier, original brick section, Benton Cabins, and Goshen.

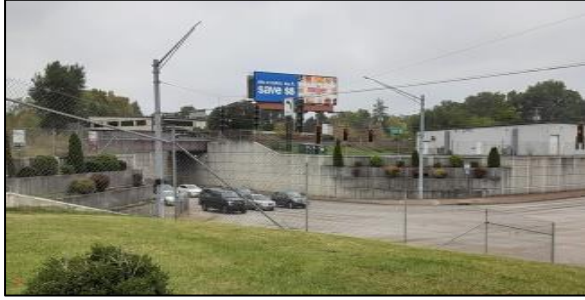
Please register by November 9 so we have an accurate count for lunch and can send you meeting materials. Register by email, mail, or phone – see p. 3 for INLHA contact information and p. 4 for registration form.

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LH Beautification

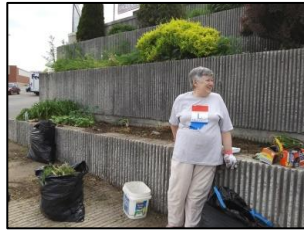
By Joyce Chambers



Ironwood and Lincoln Way after clean-up work - 10-2023



West tier before work – 2023



Joyce and Progress Club

Many years ago an underpass was built for Ironwood Drive at Lincoln Way (1913 alignment) under the Norfolk Southern tracks at the border of Mishawaka and South Bend. It included three landscaping terraces on each side which were never filled with flowers, plants, or shrubs!

By 2009, seeing that there was no “beauty” on the Corners, I did some research and discovered that the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) was very involved with the Good Roads Movement by planting Memorial Trees along the Lincoln Highway honoring World War I veterans. I realized that adding plants to the Corners could be a beautification project for The Progress Club of South Bend (an affiliate of GFWC/Indiana Federation Clubs) of which, at that time, I was President.

Knowing that our Indiana Lincoln Highway Association (INLHA) was hosting the 2009 LHA National Conference in South Bend, I approached my Progress Club with a proposal that we help the INLHA to maintain the Corners by providing/planting shrubs, flowers so it would be presentable for all who drove past the Corners during the Conference. The Club accepted the proposal and the ladies enjoyed beautifying the Corners until 2019 when health issues of the volunteers caused them to discontinue the project.

The INLHA still desires to maintain the Corners and helps me with the finances to continue by hiring the Ben and Jan Eichorst (parents of 3 students in my classroom over the years and live near the Corners). They spent October 16-20 getting the Corners beautified for the Winter by pulling weeds, dead flowers, trimming the shrubs, etc... loading many trash bags which a local trash company offered to pick up at no charge!

In the Spring, Ben and Jan will return to the Corners, to beautify them in preparation for the folks attending the 2024 LHA National Conference in Elkhart who will pass by the Corners on the West bus tour. So as everyone passes by the Corners, please give a wave in honor of Jens Jensen (you know his history of beautification on the Highway), for The Progress Club of South Bend, and for INLHA continuing to keep the history of the Lincoln Highway beautification alive!

The 2024 LH Conference

By Jeff Blair



The Lerner Theatre and Hotel Elkhart

As you know we are hosting the 2024 National Conference for the Lincoln Highway Association here in Indiana. The beautifully restored Hotel Elkhart will serve as the host hotel and participants will spend the week on tours across northern Indiana and with expert presentations on the history of important roads, camping, indigenous peoples, and much more.

The Conference will run from Sunday **JUNE 23** through Friday, **JUNE 28** and we are asking you to participate at some level ...whether that is at check- in, escorting some of our out-of-state guests, moving tables, serving food...or whatever.

More importantly, we need you to **join some or all the events**. From the welcome event at Wellfield Garden on Monday the 24th, a pre-conference tour from Dyer to Elkhart on Sunday the 23rd, either of our guided bus tours east and west on Tuesday and Thursday the 25th and 27th, or our Education Day at the Lerner Theatre on Wednesday the 26th...we just know there is something in there to interest you.

Throughout 2023 follow along on what is called our Landing Page below and learn more about the whole Conference as we fill in the details throughout the next several months. Reach out to let us know you’re coming, or how you might help out in one of the events, or what questions you have. In January we will begin taking registrations.

<https://www.visitelkhartcounty.com/lhaelkhart2024>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 11 ~ 10:00 EST INLHA FALL GATHERING, ELKHART COUNTY VISITOR CENTER, ELKHART

MAY 2024 ~ INLHA SPRING GATHERING - DATE TBD

JUNE 24-28, 2024 ~ LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE – ELKHART

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Abe “Wanders Indiana”!



Abe at the Beautification Corners, Mishawaka/South Bend and the Goshen Police Booth

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Welcome, New Members!

Bill & Sherry Riley – Louisville, KY
Douglas Risser – Goshen
Terry Silver – Ypsilanti, MI
Rudy Yakym – South Bend



Trail Marked

The Potawatomi and Miami Trail Marker Group dedicated the first of many signs they plan to erect commemorating the history of the Potawatomi-Miami Trail through Elkhart County. The trail was a major route the Indigenous People used to travel from Fort Wayne to Chicago. It passed through what is now Goshen and Elkhart and portions of US 33 (Lincoln Highway). 2024 Conference attendees will hear more of the Native American presence in Northern Indiana during Speaker Day.

Mishawaka Park Completed



Marvin's Garden



Kate's Garden

On October 5th, a new park at the corner of Lincolnway East and Cedar Street in Mishawaka was dedicated. Named Marvin's Garden, it honors the late Marvin Wood, coach of the 1954 Milan Indiana State Basketball Championship team whose story inspired the 1986 movie *Hoosiers*. It features life-size statues of Wood, and his players measuring the height of the basket as depicted in the movie. Wood also coached in Mishawaka and died in South Bend at age 71.

This pocket park is at the East end of the Mishawaka Riverwalk, a 2.6 mile loop trail along both sides of the St. Joseph River. Kate's Garden marks the West end at Lincolnway East and Logan. A sculpture there honors Master Gardener Catherine "Kate" Kosanovich, a long-time community leader in Osceola and Mishawaka. We will pass these parks on the West bus tour during the 2024 LHA Conference.

Summer Scenes

Studebaker Drivers Club Zone Meet – South Bend

The INLHA again had an informational table at this popular Studebaker event at the St. Joseph County Fair Grounds in South Bend in June. We enjoy talking to visitors, many of whom are from Lincoln Highway towns. Others are interested in learning about the Lincoln Highway's history.



Bev and Joyce at SDC event.



Jeff invites all to Elkhart in '24

LHA National Conference in Folsom, CA

Seven Indiana LH members participated in the wonderful Conference put on by the California Chapter. Joyce, Bev, and Sharon joined the Pre- and Post-Conference tours, driving California's two LH alignments between Folsom and the Terminus marker in Lincoln Park in San Francisco. The north and south bus tours included scenes of remaining snow from the record-breaking snowfall and miles of forests devastated by the 2022 fires, as well as stunning scenery and fascinating LH sites. During the Awards Banquet Jeff Blair invited all of the participants to Indiana for the 2024 Conference in Elkhart.

New Trail Dedicated



Ralph Spelbring on Elkhart's River Greenway Trail

Governor Holcomb and Elkhart Mayor Roberson were in Elkhart on May 11 to dedicate the River Greenway Trail made possible by a Next Level Trails Grant from the DNR. This 1.86 mile paved trail follows the Elkhart River and connects to the existing 11.6 mile Mapleheart Trail to create a contiguous link between Elkhart and Goshen.

In addition to the Governor and Mayor, our own LHA member Ralph Spelbring was featured on WNDU TV's news video of the event! Ralph, an avid walker, trekked the entire 33 miles of the Lincoln Highway in Elkhart County in February! He also joined Jeff for a rainy day hike along Starke County's LH during the 2014 BlairWalk fundraiser.

INLHA Fall Event Registration Form

Please select the entree/s and return the form and payment by mail or email by Nov. 9.

INLHA, 15493 State Road 23, Granger, IN 46530 ~ lincolnhighwayassoc.office@yahoo.com

_____ (number @ \$12.50/person) – **Box Lunch** catered by McAlister's Deli. Price includes lunch (sandwich, chips, pickle spear and cookie OR salad and cookie), tax, gratuity, and beverage. Please indicate the number of each choice:

_____ Black Angus Roast Beef Sandwich _____ Black Forest Ham _____ Smoked Turkey _____ Veggie

_____ Chicken Salad sandwich _____ Chef Salad **circle dressing**: Ranch, Honey Mustard, or Fat Free Raspberry/Pecan Vinaigrette

Name/s _____ Email _____

Amount enclosed: _____ Online at www.indianalincolnhighway.org – please add \$.50 for processing fee.

Special instructions: _____

Sandwich: Choice of Black Angus Roast Beef, Black Forest Ham, or Smoked Turkey on baguette with spring mix and tomatoes or Harvest Chicken Salad sandwich.

Veggie Sandwich: Spinach, tomatoes, crisp cucumbers, balsamic red onions, house-roasted multi-colored peppers, avocado and herb mayo, seasoned with salt n' pepper on 9-Grain bread.

Chef Salad: Mixed greens topped with Black Forest ham, smoked turkey, applewood smoked bacon, cheddar-jack cheese, tomatoes, cucumbers and croutons. Served with choice of dressing.