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If you are new in the Village, or haven’t played for a while … come and join us this month! We are usually at the Provost and it’s ALWAYS the third Thursday of the month.

Also, usually the day before the game, I’ll send an email to remind those who looks at email that the game is the next day. So, if you are not getting the email message and/or would like to, just send me a note at jmkempler@gmail.com — and your email will be added to a reminder note.

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you were missed. please join us for our next adventure.

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Summer Concert Series

Upcoming Events in the Village

By Alex Cain

First and foremost, a HUGE thank you to Bill Estes Chevrolet for sponsoring the concert portion of the Ice Cream Social on June 10th! It was a wonderful success! ‘The Tides’ band is always a Village favorite. Bill Estes Chevrolet, represented by Village resident Keith Garcia, brought some fun new Chevys for us to check out during the festivities. Hopefully, you had a chance to say hi and chat with Keith. Keith and his family moved to WestClay from the east coast four years ago and live in Dumbarton. Thank you Keith for bringing a new a different aspect to our Ice Cream Social this year!

We would be remiss if we did not offer up another BIG thank you to our sponsor for this year’s ice cream at the Ice Cream Social – Donna Park of Brenwick Realty. Donna and Brenwick Realty have sponsored a portion of the Ice Cream Social on multiple occasions. We appreciate their continued loyal support at this ever-popular event. Thank you!

We have an exciting line-up so far for our summer concert series and an even more impressive line-up of sponsors! Here is the schedule of concert dates along with the names of this year’s generous sponsors:

Sunday, July 22, 2012 – Island Breeze, 7pm – 8:30pm.
Sponsored by Pulte Homes, represented by Corrie Bennett.

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Sunday, September 30, 2012 – Band (TBD), 6pm – 7:30pm.
Sponsored by The Stratford, represented by Sam Carrillo, executive director and our co-sponsor, John Kirk Furniture, represented by our Village residents Tom and Pat Kirk. This concert will be the finale to the Fall Festival.

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If you have ever played croquet, you still know how, but if you haven’t and feel the need for practice, this will be a great opportunity to learn the game and refresh your knowledge and skills. Don’t be shy. Invite your friends and neighbors and join the fun.

We look forward to seeing you on the Green on Friday evenings.

FWC Lawn Croquet Annual Tournament Winners

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A round seven years ago, while en route to visiting friends in Northern Indiana (around Shipshewana), the Wede family happened upon an Amish farm with a sign in the yard, “Labradoodle puppies for sale.” Bob and Tammy Wede had been in discussions about getting a dog and were persuaded to pull into the driveway by their children’s pleas from the back seats. The entire family instantly fell in love the moment they laid eyes on the most alert, fun loving, and outgoing of the three puppies for sale. That little pup soon became the newest member of the family. On the way home from visiting their friends, the Wede family picked up their latest addition, Luckie.

When Luckie came home with the Wedes, their eldest daughter, Bridget (17), was only ten years old but insistent on playing an active role in taking care of the new puppy. Luckie slept in her room with her every night for the first few weeks and Bridget woke up to take her outside to do her puppy business as needed. Bridget’s siblings, Katie (16), Sarah (14), and Joe (12) all played an active role in Luckie’s care as well. When Bob and Tammy first discussed bringing a dog into the family they knew they knew it was going to be a great opportunity to teach their children responsibility and care giving. They hadn’t been in a rush to get a dog but driving by that Amish farm was meant to be and the moment they laid eyes on Luckie they knew, according to Tammy, “the time was right for us to get a dog, and Luckie was it!”

The Wede family acknowledges that stumbling upon the puppies for sale that day was a blessing and, according to Tammy, “we decided to name her Luckie because we felt like it was luck to drive past the farm and see the ‘puppies for sale’ sign on our way to our friends’, and that she was lucky that we picked her.” The family decided to adjust the traditional spelling of Luckie to fit her femininity. Another piece of luck for the Wede family is Luckie’s hunting abilities when it comes to insects. According to Tammy, Luckie is “a bug killing machine. She’s killed several spiders and flies when they happen to catch her eye. She will pounce on spiders and bite at the flies. When she is outside during the evenings in summer, she will ferociously chase and bark at the lightning bugs, which is quite entertaining for our entire family and neighbors as well.” When not hunting and bashing bugs Luckie prefers to relax in a very lady-like position with her front paws crossed one over the other. Luckie is a huge fan of road trips and family activities. According to Tammy, Luckie has mastered the art of leaning accordingly when the vehicle approaches the various roundabouts in Carmel. No matter where the destination, the Wede family has a treasured special companion in Luckie. She joins the family regardless of the activity outdoors but has a special love for the water. Luckie has even joined on a kayak trip down river but one of the favorite family moments at Turkey Run is recalled by Tammy, “We were hiking and came upon a six-foot ladder that we were not sure Luckie would be able to climb in order to stay with us on the trail. With some pushes from below, Luckie was able to scale the ladder while being cheered on by our family and other hikers who were on the trail with us. She got a round of applause when she reached the top. We have been back several times, and she is a pro at climbing the ladder now.”

Luckie is not only a pro at insect investigations but clearly a doggy Olympian in the making! The Wede family is extremely grateful they came upon that farm and happened to spot the sign. Each member of the family has a special connection with Luckie that cannot be replaced.

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Happy Anniversary!

During the inaugural WestClay Wag event on April 28, damp pups and their owners ignored the sprinkles — and the downpour — to revel in the community fun. Attendees ventured from the shelter of Companion Animal Wellness Center to participate in the group dog walk, followed by fun provided by generous sponsors. Kids took to the bounce house and got their faces painted, while the dogs did a little painting themselves with help from some friendly human volunteers. Also available were pizza, a pet portraitist and lots of great prize giveaways. We’ll all be hoping for better weather next year, but sponsors and attendees say they are looking forward to another fun-filled day in the Village of WestClay during the 2013 WestClay Wag. Thank you to all who attended, volunteered, and sponsored.
Resident Recipe

Marinades & Rubs: The Griller’s Edge

A marinade is made of an acidic liquid, oil and a combination of herbs and spices and works slower than a rub. A rub is the fastest way to add flavor to food and is a mixture of spices, herbs, and other seasonings (often including sugar). The term comes from the practice of massaging meat with the mixture.

Salmon Marinade
By Kim Bates

1/3 C soy sauce
1/3 C water
1/3 C packed brown sugar
¼ C extra-virgin olive oil

In a small bowl, whisk together soy sauce, brown sugar, water and oil. Place salmon filet in a sealable plastic bag; pour marinade mixture over fish and marinate at least two hours.

Steak Marinade
By Sara Schuleenburg

¾ C chopped shallots
2 T vinegar
¼ C olive oil
½ tsp. garlic salt
¼ C soy sauce
½ tsp. garlic powder

Marinate for six hours or overnight. Best with London broil or flank steak.

Chicken Rosemary Garlic Rub
By Linda Morgan

2 T chopped, fresh rosemary
1 tsp. minced, fresh thyme
2 T plain fat-free yogurt
¼ tsp. salt
½ tsp. grated lemon rind
3 garlic cloves, crushed
1 T fresh lemon juice

Combine all ingredients and marinate for at least one hour.

Tip: This can be turned into a sandwich spread for chicken and pork. Stir in 1 tsp. of rub with ¼ cup mayo or yogurt for a sandwich spread.
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-Alex Cain, co-president, Village of WestClay Social Committee

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- August 15 (Wednesday)
- September 3 (Monday)
- October 19-22 (Friday/Monday)
- November 22-23 (Thursday/Friday)
- December 24 (Monday)
- January 8 (Tuesday)
- January 21 (Monday)
- February 18 (Monday)
- March 29 – April 5 (Friday – Friday)
- May 27 (Monday)
- May 30 (Thursday)

First Day of School for students
Labor Day – CCS closed
Fall Break
Thanksgiving Break – CCS closed
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From the obelisk in Founder’s Corner to the Greek Temple, members of the Garden Club ran through the neighborhood reading clues and picking up colorful envelopes to solve a puzzle. Despite predictions of rain, a large turnout participated in the fun event complete with an indoor picnic, all planned by President Jo Lynn O’Neill.

Of the five teams competing, The “April Showers” yellow team of Becky Rogers, Lilly Golay and Kathy Duncan found all their clues first to spell out the flower, “Black eyed Susan.”

The luncheon was moved indoors with the colorful quilts used as tablecloths. Along with complimenting tableware, each team found a gourmet luncheon packed in their basket. Everyone agreed it was a fun way to learn more about the neighborhood, enjoy a wonderful luncheon with friends and become informed about the many activities planned for the Garden Club this season.

2012 VOWC Garden Club Activities

**June 23 (eve)*** Coxhall Childrens Garden “Let’s Play in the Garden,” 5:00 – 9:00. Tickets from Sharon Terry, $40 single, $75 a couple.

**July 18 (Wed)*** “Christmas in July” Lunch at Dull’s Christmas Tree Farm in Thorntown. We will have lunch in the authentic log cabin and tour the facilities of this working tree farm.

**Aug 14 (Tue)*** Road Trip to Rochester, Indiana to visit Green Oaks Antiques. We will carpool from the Meeting House. Details will be emailed.

**Sept 20 (Thur)*** Anderson Orchard in Mooresville. We will leave after coffee. Lunch to be determined.

**Oct 16 (Tue)*** Tour the home and gardens of George and Francis Ball’s Oakhurst Mansion in Muncie, Indiana. Carpool from the Meeting House at 9:30. Lunch will be determined.

**November*** An activity at Altum’s. To be determined.
The Dorsey Family

Meet your Neighbors

Like many WestClay residents, Jon and Susan Dorsey have lived in various areas of the Village and together with their children Page, Caroline and Jack, and dog Monty, have called WestClay home for more than eight years. The Dorseys live on Broughton Street and have also lived on Burke Drive and in the apartments while their current house was being built.

Jon and Susan went to high school together, but didn’t start dating until they reconnected while at Purdue. They have been married for 21 years and are both originally from Indianapolis. Jon works in medical sales and Susan in photography.

Their oldest child, Page, 20, just finished her sophomore year at Indiana University. She is studying education and is a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Caroline, 13, will be a freshman at Carmel High School in the fall. She enjoys riding her horse, Mia, and swimming. Jack, 9, will be in fourth grade at West Clay Elementary in the fall and enjoys racing go-karts, playing baseball, and swimming. The family also includes Monty, their soft-coated wheaten terrier. Susan says he is a wonderful match for their family, as Jon is allergic to dogs, but Monty does not shed or have dander. Monty even has his own friends in the Village and enjoys playing and going on walks with them.

In their free time, the Dorsey family enjoys weekly Sunday dinners with both sets of grandparents, who both live in the area. They love spending spring break and summer vacations in Seabrook Island, SC. The Dorseys are also open-wheel racing fans, and the family attends the Indianapolis 500 every year, and Jon attends an annual “Men’s Weekend” at the IndyCar race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in August.

Before moving to Carmel 13 years ago, the Dorseys lived in Indianapolis and their favorite restaurant was Bazbeaux Pizza. They were excited when a new location opened in Carmel. Jon and Susan also enjoy Sullivan’s, where they sit in the bar for “great food and people watching.”

The Dorseys say their favorite part of living in the village is the friendships they have each made in the neighborhood. They love taking advantage of the area perks, like shopping at Harvest, going to Classic Cleaners and spending time at Provost pool, where Caroline and Jack are on the swim team, and Susan is the coordinator of the team. Susan also said she loves the quality and appearance of the neighborhood. “I am always amazed at how pretty the neighborhood is when I take a walk, how well everyone keeps up their homes and yards,” she said.

By Natalie Mueller
The front door area of your home does create that ever-important first impression to guests. What you make of it is a truly a “window” into your imagination. We often consult with clients throughout central Indiana who are wanting to present more of a sophisticated, custom look to the outside of their home – and have the exterior be more of a reflection of their homes’ interior. After years as a painter and consultant on color with designers and homeowners, there are a few tips of the trade that can provide the outside of your home with a truly sophisticated, custom look without spending a lot of money. More often than not, it is simply a question of choosing the right color paint to work with your existing home and keeping it simple.

Here are three ideas that have worked well for us throughout the Village of WestClay – bringing a bit more sophistication through color to home exteriors.

1) Choose the “right” color for the front door. We all know that the front door needs to stand on its own from the structure and be the focus to the front side of your home. For the door to stand out, this means that trim color, siding color, etc. may compliment but never match the color of the front door. Often, the color or material of the front door in only used once as with stained wood doors, painted black or red doors, etc.

In this picture, we took the house color and went two shades darker with paint on the front door and side window panels. The subtle tone variation provides the sophisticated palette that the homeowners were seeking and a wonderful backdrop for seasonal plantings. Painting out both the door and side panels (not door trim) not only put emphasis on the door but exaggerated the size of the door.

2) Choose a color for large accent items. Just as you put thought into what shade of color your sofa was going to be in your living room, so should you think out what color for outdoor accent items such as furniture, planters, etc.

In this picture, we painted the rocking chairs a darker, richer grey color. The chairs work well with the black front door and the tone-on-tone quality of the painted front porch provides the entire house a crisp, clean look. A welcome pop of color with these nautical pieces and this casual, yet sophisticated, look is complete.

3) Choosing a color for trim and details. Particularly in the Village, homes are adorned with beautiful trim detailing that often is overlooked. Often, playing up the homes’ trim and detail can make the front door area really stand out.

In this picture, we painted the details surrounding the front door area in two complimentary colors. Highlighting the detail on this home made all the difference to the entire structure and well beyond the front door. The tip here is to keep the trim and detail palette simple by using shades of a similar color and never go beyond two trim colors. The black front door turns out to be the third color to the front door area and completes this sophisticated look.

Big Red Bash

Little Red Door Cancer Agency is proud to present “Big Red Bash,” a community-centered festival that creates an engaging venue to learn about the ways cancer can be prevented through an active and healthy lifestyle. Help break the world record for the largest Zumba class, participate in the food demos and learn more about your general health! You’ll also have a chance to play in our family fitness and fun zone, take a ride on the zip line, dance to the beat of Radio Disney during their “Move It” performance, eat great food from one of the trucks in our food truck rally, and enjoy great music from up-and-coming British band Scars on 45. Prevent cancer by learning about and committing to a healthy lifestyle!

At least two-thirds of all cancer deaths are preventable. Join the Big Red Movement and help protect yourself and those you love from cancer.

You can register at www.littlereddoor.org. Please feel free to join Team “Village People” or start a team with the minimum goal of 20 on a team.

Saturday, July 14
Military Park
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Radio Disney performance begins at 10:15 AM
Check-in for Zumba class starts at 11:00 AM with class beginning promptly at 12:00 PM (half-hour class)
Scars on 45 begin playing shortly after Zumba class

Questions please contact: Shaun Forkin
317-366-2811
Courtney Webster is a realtor with Century 21 and she and her husband are the owners of Xcel Painting and Drywall, a full-service company offering painting and drywall services for both residential and commercial projects.

Courtney and Brian have lived in the Village since 2003 and are in the process of building their third home in the Village, this time on Finchley Road. They have two sons, Will and Danny, and both Courtney and Brian’s parents also live in the Village. “It is wonderful for the boys to be able to spend time with their grandparents,” Courtney said.

In 2002, they started their own business, Xcel Painting and Drywall, because they wanted to control their own destiny by becoming business owners. “When we built our first home, we worked directly with all of the sub-contractors, and felt the painting industry was lacking quality and customer service,” Brian said. Since 2002, the company has grown to one million in annual sales and employs 23 people.

As both residential and commercial painters, you can see their work in a variety of locations around the Indianapolis area, including in more than 75 homes in the Village alone. Featuring more than just simple interior painting, they can also paint kitchen cabinets. Their technique covers oak cabinets so you do not see the original wood grain. This can give your kitchen a fresh, updated look without the cost of replacing the cabinets. They are on Angie’s List with an “A” rating. Their commercial projects include several shops at the Fashion Mall at Keystone – Hanna Anderson, the North Face and Lulu Lemon. Other commercial jobs around the city include HH Gregg, Comcast Corporate Office, Ed Martin Chrysler and Cadillac and Interactive Academy.

Their residential expertise extends beyond interior painting. Brian and Courtney both say maintaining the paint and caulk on the exterior of your home is important to prevent wood rot, which can lead to more costly repairs. Brian and Courtney would like their neighbors in the Village to know they are happy to help with any painting and drywall needs in your business or residence.

Along with helping Brian run Xcel, Courtney is a realtor with Century 21 Diversified, serving the areas of Carmel, Fishers, Geist, Irvington, Meridian-Kessler, Noblesville, Westfield and Zionsville. She offers specialty services like new home construction and vast knowledge of neo-traditional architecture and historic properties.

Courtney’s passion for real estate may just have started at birth, as her father was a developer and real estate attorney and her mother was a pioneer in revitalizing the historic Lockerbie Square neighborhood in downtown Indianapolis.

She has been in the real estate business for 17 years and has consistently been a multi-million producer. She has also ranked in the top 100 Century 21 agents in the North Central Region. You might recognize Courtney from her appearance on HGTV’s House Hunters, on which she was featured as an expert on the Village as she guided her clients on their hunt for a new home.
Claire Weems is nine years old and will be in fourth grade this fall at West Clay Elementary. She keeps busy with soccer, taekwondo, and figure skating. Her five brothers and sisters – Joe, Max, Ashley, BJ, and Geoff, also keep her busy!

Claire plays the recorder and wants to learn the violin. She is a science lover and wants to be a marine biologist when she grows up. Her favorite subject in school is math, and her favorite television show is *NOVA*.

Along with her activities, Claire spends her time sewing, doing art, and drawing.

Her favorite animal is the kangaroo. She loves to listen to rock ‘n’ roll music and her favorite movie is *The Golden Compass*. She and her family cheer for the New York Giants, Indianapolis Indians and Indianapolis Colts teams. Even though she enjoys lots of activities, her favorite place to play is at home. Claire also loves macaroni and cheese and the color violet.

Claire is really looking forward to her family’s upcoming summer vacation to California!

By Natalie Mueller

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**Village of WestClay young entrepreneurs**

Youngsters within the Village of West-Clay that would like their name listed for a helpful service.

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Adequate airflow is important for the proper operation of an air conditioning system. Dirty filters and blocked or improperly positioned air inlet (returns) and outlet (supply registers) will result in imbalanced air distribution and uneven cooling. At least one return needs to be positioned near the ceiling.

Central air conditioning systems do not require a burdensome amount of maintenance, but some basic attention is required if the unit’s maximum economic life span is to be achieved. The first major element that may require replacement is usually the compressor. Unfortunately, it is also the most expensive component of the system.

An annual check and servicing of all central air conditioning systems by a qualified HVAC service company is recommended. In addition, to help attain the maximum comfort and trouble-free service life for their system, homeowners are also advised to follow these maintenance and operation guidelines:

- Reset dampers for air conditioning at the start of the cooling season. A damper adjustment is required only if there are separate ducts for the cool air and if the return has both a ceiling and floor register.
- Check to make sure all supply outlets and returns are free from obstructions and dust.
- Clean and/or replace air filters monthly (in season). Service the electronic air cleaner if you have one.
- Check to make sure the condensate drain extending from the evaporator area is draining freely. If there is an overflow pan under the unit, as is the case in many attic installations, be sure the pan is clean and the condensate drain open. If your unit has a condensate pump, keep it clean and working.
- Find a comfortable setting above 78 degrees F and don’t change it. Consider installing a programmable or set-back thermostat.
- Make sure all ducts that pass through hot areas such as attics, garages and crawlspaces are insulated.
- Minimize heat gain and hot air infiltration by providing adequate attic insulation and weather-stripping at windows and doors.
- Make sure there is adequate attic ventilation.
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5 Ways Parents Can Help Children Lead Healthier Lifestyles

1. Instill a sense of wonder about the body. Many adults fear and distrust their bodies. They believe that the body is fragile, and illness is just around the corner. The myth that you will catch a cold if you go outside without a coat persists. Your kids are listening when you look in the mirror and say to no one in particular, “I’m so fat.”

The truth is your body is the most miraculous mechanical system on the planet. Cuts heal without a single thought or action on your part. Comment on your child’s amazing body. “Wow, that cut healed in no time!” Remind your child how great it is to have eyes and kidneys and hearts that work so well.

2. Become a student of the human body with your child. Your kids will come to you with questions about how their bodies work. It can be uncomfortable for both you and your child when you don’t have the answers. This discomfort can teach children that they should avoid questions about how their bodies work, which may, in part, explain why parents themselves are reluctant to ask doctors embarrassing questions.

3. Teach your kids to listen to their bodies. Often it feels as if adults are rewarded for ignoring or overcoming the signals from their bodies. Health is maintained when you know the signals that suggest your body is out of balance and respond in a timely manner when your body indicates it needs something.

4. Model healthy eating habits. Childhood obesity is a growing problem. Talk with your kids about good food choices and bad ones. Encourage them to ask themselves, “What kind of food is my body hungry for right now?” and “Am I full?” even if there’s still food on the plate. Pay attention to see if your child is a grazer or a 3-squares-a-day kid and set an eating schedule that reflects their style.

5. Reward health rather than illness. Some of my best childhood memories come from times when I was sick. In an effort to ease my pain, my mother unwittingly rewarded illness by lavishing attention on me, delivering endless bowls of ice cream and playing games with me. Who wouldn’t want to be sick?

Instead, lavish attention on your kids when they’re well. While you don’t want to punish your kids for being sick, consider which privileges of health should be withdrawn during sick days.

When you instill in your children a sense of pride, wonder and respect for their bodies, you have given them the foundation of health.

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH A 401(K) WHEN LEAVING A JOB?

In the past, many people stayed at one job, or one company, for almost all of their working lives. When they retired, they could typically count on a pension, the value of which was based on their years of service and earnings. But today, workers can expect to hold several different jobs in their lifetime, and to a great extent, pensions have been replaced by 401(k) plans, which place much of the funding responsibility on employees. So, assuming you will change jobs at some point, and you have a 401(k), what should you do with it?

HERE ARE YOUR BASIC CHOICES:

Cash out your plan. If you cash out your plan, your company will likely pay you 80% of your account value, withholding the rest for federal taxes. And if you’re younger than age 59½, you may well be slapped with a 10% IRS tax penalty. Even worse, you’ll lose a key source of your retirement income. Still, if you are leaving your employer involuntarily, and you need the money, cashing out your 401(k) is an option you may need to consider.

Keep the money in your company’s plan. When you leave a company, your employer may allow you to keep your money in your existing 401(k). You may want to choose this route if you like the investment choices available in your plan. However, you might be caught by surprise if the company decides to change investment options. Furthermore, some employers may charge former employees fees to maintain their 401(k) plans.

Move the money into your new employer’s plan. If your new employer has a 401(k) and allows transfers, you could roll the money from your old plan into the new one. This might be an attractive option if you like the investment options in your new employer’s plan.

Roll the money over to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). You may find several advantages in doing so. First, your money will still have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis. Second, you can invest your funds in virtually any investment you choose — stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs), etc. Third, if you own more than one 401(k) account, it may be advantageous to consolidate them into a single IRA, making it easier to allocate and monitor your retirement assets. And fourth, IRAs may give you greater flexibility if you plan to pass money to your children. In fact, if your child inherits your IRA, he or she has the option of stretching withdrawals over the child’s entire lifetime, rather than taking the money as a lump sum. (If you do transfer funds from your old 401(k) to an IRA, be sure to use a “direct rollover” to avoid the possibility of triggering unwanted taxes.)

Before making any moves with your 401(k), consult with your tax and financial advisors. By looking closely at your options and getting professional guidance, you can make the choice that’s right for you.

Written by Edward Jones
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LOCAL EVENTS

July

Sunday, July 1
Cirque du Soleil: Quidam
Where: Bankers Life Fieldhouse, One Bankers Life Ct., Indianapolis, IN
When: 7:30pm
A young girl’s escape into a world of imagination.
For more information: www.cirquedusoleil.com

Monday, July 2 - Wednesday, July 4
Marsh Symphony on the Prairie: Star-Spangled Symphony
Where: Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, 13400 Allisonville Rd.
When: 4:30pm
The ISO celebrates Independence Day with three concerts featuring many patriotic favorites including the 1812 Overture with live artillery accompaniment and Stars and Stripes Forever with a spectacular firework display.
For more information: www.indianapolissymphony.org

Saturday, July 7
Workshops with Sue Veeder
Where: Museum of Miniature Houses
Well known miniature artist Sue Veeder will conduct two workshops at the museum on Saturday July 7, 2012. The first workshop will be a stained glass workshop, the second is a china painting workshop. The cost of each workshop is $75.00, and class size is limited to 10 adults.
For more information: http://www.museumofminiatures.org/programs.html

Monday, July 9 – Friday, July 13
Vocal Harmony Camp
Where: Midwest School of Voice
For more information: http://carmelartsanddesign.com

Saturday, July 14
IU Health North Hospital Art of Wine
When: 5pm – 10pm
Join us for an evening filled with a wide variety of delicious local and international wines from visiting wineries. Hear beautiful music and see special pieces of art created just for this event. Wine and Canvas will be there as well to teach a quick painting class, wine related, to take home with you.
For more information: http://carmelartsanddesign.com

Saturday, July 14
Second Saturday Gallery Walk July
When: 5pm – 10pm
Come to the district to enjoy unique exhibiting artists. ArtSplash Gallery will be featuring the works of one of the gallery artists Lynn Medsker with her exhibit “Book Art” Renaissance Gallery will be exhibiting “Nature Abstracted” by the artist Amy Falstrom.
For more information: http://carmelartsanddesign.com

Saturday, July 21 & Saturday, July 28
IU Health North Jazz on The Monon
When: 6pm – 9pm
Please join us for a free evening of wonderful live Jazz, stop by our restaurants, grab a bite to eat to go and join us across from Bub’s for a great time here in the Carmel Arts District!
For more information: http://carmelartsanddesign.com

Friday, July 27
Leann Rimes
Where: The Palladium
When: 8pm
LeAnn Rimes burst onto the country music scene at age 14, and her star has been on the rise ever since. Her seven-octave voice and impressive stage presence make it easy to see why.
For more information: www.thecenterfortheperformingarts.org

Monday, July 30 - Sunday, August 12
Devour Downtown Summer
Where: Downtown Indianapolis
When: All day
Two-week long celebration of downtown restaurants uniting to showcase cuisine. More than 40 popular downtown restaurants offer special three-course $30 menus or $20 lunch menus. Gratuity and tax are extra. In addition, many of the participating restaurants will feature special offerings not normally on their menus. Reservations are encouraged and accepted by calling each individual restaurant.
For more information: www.devourdowntown.org/summer.html

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Carmel, IN 46032
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Fax: 317.579.2413
Email: info@westclay.com
Website: www.westclay.com
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- Maintenance-free easy living located right inside the beautiful Village of WestClay
- Spacious, affordable cottages and apartments
- Innovative wellness program featuring our nationally-acclaimed WAVES and CLIMB programs
- Daily gourmet dining

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