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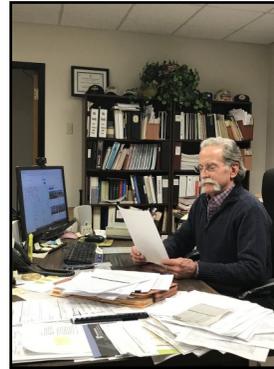
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## Township manager plans retirement

White Township Manager Milton Lady has announced his retirement from the township administration on Jan. 14.

Since 1997, Milt directed the development of the recreational complex along East Pike, brought the ice arena to life as a self-sustaining community asset and managed the township to a state of solid financial footing.

“Maintaining the supervisors’ proud tradition of imposing no property tax has always been a top priority,” Milt said. “Other municipal leaders ... are astounded that the township does not have a property tax.”



There are numerous projects on the horizon and the funds are there to meet the township’s obligations.

“I truly want to thank the past and present employees for their dedication and expertise which provided me the confidence and assurance that the job was being done to the best of our abilities,” he said. “I am confident the future of White Township is in good hands with the Board and staff. It’s been a great place to work and call home!”

## Fire safety is top-of-mind in December

The cold weather season is prime time for house fires resulting from accidents with heating sources.

Administrator Paul Koons of Indiana Fire Association recommends several safety practices to help prevent emergencies in township homes.

- Have your flue or chimney inspected yearly and cleaned when necessary.
- Use the correct fuel for your heaters: Only kerosene in kerosene heaters, only dried wood in wood-burning stoves.
- Never run your oven to heat your home.
- Keep flammable objects at least three feet away from furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves and portable space heaters.

Exercising safety with home heating is one way to assure a happy holiday season.

## Tough new truck added to township road fleet

White Township has upgraded the road service and maintenance truck fleet with a 2022 Peterbilt Model 348 truck to replace a 2003 International dump truck.

Super City Mfg. Inc., of Somerset, installed the accessories including a long-lasting stainless steel dump bed, an automatic tire chain system, a lighted salt spreader, hydraulic controls, splash shields and mud flaps.



**This new Peterbilt truck will be ready to tackle all that Old Man Winter can throw at White Township.**

The new truck is designed for years of reliable service in summertime maintenance, wintertime plowing and all purposes in between.

## Township earmarks \$80K to library

The White Township board of supervisors has earmarked considerable support for several local organizations in the 2022 budget including a generous contribution of \$80,000 to help Indiana Free Library continue to offer free memberships to residents of the township.

The library provides invaluable service to young children, both in traditional book circulation and in providing up-to-date technological assistance to new readers.

“A recent study showed that children are responding better to having stories read to them from actual books as opposed to electronic books,” Supervisor Gail McCauley said. “This is something they can hold in their hands.”

“By supporting the library and making membership available to residents of township, we also are encouraging education. If you cannot read you are limited in all aspects of your life.”

As a provider of free service to readers – enabled in part by White Township – the library qualifies to receive additional government and foundation funding to remain in operation.

### Santa returns to skate with the kids

Santa Claus returns to the S&T Bank Arena this Christmas season for two public “Skate with Santa” sessions on the ice rink. Plan now to bring the family to share holiday wishes and pose for photos with the man in red. It’s just \$3 a person (including rental skates, if needed).

White Township Recreation has tickets available online at <https://whitetownshiprec.org/registration> for both sessions, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, and 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

And this reminder: White Township Recreation offers gift certificates for anyone on your list. Get them for your friends, your kids or even your grandkids – they can join in the township’s sports and recreation programs they love most!

Visit the recreation office in S&T Bank Arena from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to pick up a gift certificate.



### Township challenge helps CAS

White Township budgeted a \$100,000 gift to Citizens’ Ambulance Service this year but turned it into \$200,000 of urgently needed municipal assistance to the area’s primary emergency medical response organization.

The township’s promise to donate \$50,000 in matching money inspired several area boroughs and townships to pledge funds to Citizens’ Ambulance, including Indiana Borough (\$40,000) and Center Township (\$10,000).

Visit Citizens’ website <https://www.asmgmt.com/> to learn more about the agency and how to help them continue to provide vital, lifesaving service to our communities.

### Where am I?

In what White Township neighborhood can you see this lineup of antlers?

Let’s see who *really* knows their way around their township!

Write to the newsletter editor’s desk by email ([cross@whitetownship.org](mailto:cross@whitetownship.org)) to send your guess. Where are you?

We’ll publish the answer in January and take your suggestions on other “best kept secret” landmarks in White Township that we can use to challenge our residents and readers next month. Good luck!

Last month, Samina Habibi correctly identified the “Where am I?” photo as the view from the Sterling Heights community. Good work Samina!



### Public meetings of White Township’s governing boards and other important dates you need to know

- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15: Board of Supervisors regular meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21: Municipal Authority regular meeting
- Friday, Dec. 24: Christmas holiday observed, township office closed
- Friday, Dec. 31: New Year’s Day holiday observed, township office closed
- 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3: Board of Supervisors annual reorganization meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5: Planning Commission preview meeting
- 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10: Recreation Advisory Board reorganization meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11: Planning Commission regular meeting
- 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12: Board of Supervisors regular meeting