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My name is Deidre Monroe
from the Gary City Court. Mr. Ronier
Scott, the President of the Common
Council, asked me to stop by
and see if any additional information
has been sent or is forthcoming, regarding Appeal.
His cell # is 219-712-1496
Thank you Deidre

Deidre L. Monroe
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Russo, Stephanie

From: AYoung7550@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2009 12:55 AM
To: Russo, Stephanie
Subject: Editorial from the Post-Tribune from 4/23/2009

Gary should reel in fleet of city vehicles

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April 23, 2009

It is time for the beleaguered city of Gary to give up its platoon of take-home cars for city employees.

The practice of offering up at least 38 vehicles to various department heads and other assorted employees can only rub the state's Distressed Unit Appeals Board the wrong way.

Gary is the lone city in the state appealing for tax relief before the board. Gov. Mitch Daniels has criticized the city for failing to make necessary cuts before asking for state relief. These take-home cars offer the state more ammunition against the city.

There's little reason to justify the perk when other cities are cutting back on the take-home cars employees drive. In South Bend, the number dropped from 100 to about 50 in the past eight months. Mayor Steve Luecke even gave up his car. City officials said it became too burdensome to keep track of personal and business mileage on the cars as required by the Internal Revenue Service.

Meanwhile in Fort Wayne, only one employee -- the Street Department director -- has a take-home car. The city made changes after a 2003 study. Mayor Tom Henry also pays half of the cost of his 2008 Chevrolet.

In his typical convoluted rationale, Gary Mayor Rudy Clay insists it isn't fair to compare Gary to other cities because they don't have the same high crime, poverty and unemployment. The sad socioeconomic state of Gary should underscore the reason to eliminate the take-home car perk, not to defend it. Can he explain how it helps the bottom line for six City Court employees to drive cars home? Or for two City Council assistants to take cars home? Why does the City Council even need staffers?

The city, in part, is in the shape it's in because of a reluctance to change its ways.

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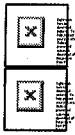
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sfrued wrote:

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crump, heed you own advice! You and your boss clay would be well-advised to learn how second-class cities function, and i underscore function, in indiana. the fact that gary is the only second-class city in line for a bail-out strongly suggests that you are behind the learning curve. It is apparent to everyone, save gary leaders, that you can't provide basic services to the few remaining taxpayers and keep the likes of you and the rest of the patronage family & friend misfits on the payroll. You people deserve nothing and the citizens deserve you.

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First of all,Mayor "Rudy Clay" does not control Gary City Court nor the Gary City Council!The City Judge and City Council members are elected officials and therefore set their own budgets and hire their staffs.Furthermore,when did the Post-Tribune start speaking for the state distress unit appeals board? Please ,TAKE THE TIME TO LEARN HOW CITY GOVERNMENT WORKS IN SECOND CLASS CITIES IN INDIANA, before you write your never ending "PATERNALISTIC"articles about the Clay Administration! Thankyou,for the opportunity to again point out ,that you did none of this for the eleven years before "Rudy"Clay was Mayor.

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From: KRISeKRIS00@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 10:20 AM
To: Russo, Stephanie
Subject: And you're considering raising our taxes?

Please read the story below which was published in today's Post-Tribune. While this story identifies some relatively horrifying statistics, it is slightly misleading in that it doesn't give an accurate picture of the actual vacancy of the neighborhoods. This article only discusses the percentage of the standing structures which are now vacant. It does not factor in the empty lots upon which occupied structures formerly stood. If one were to compare the current neighborhood occupancy rates to the historical occupancy rates, these neighborhoods would only be 10-25% occupied. There are many, many blocks upon which only one structure still stands. There are many, many blocks upon which only uninhabited structures still stand.

This city is past the point of total collapse. Will increasing the taxes of the few performing properties in the city beyond statutory limits--beyond the rates paid everywhere else in the state--be the prescription for prosperity? I think that anyone with an average level of common sense knows that this is a recipe for further disaster. I believe that if the DUAB allows the City of Gary to raise tax rates above the legislated limits, that they will likely get the blame for delivering the knockout punch to the city, and will become the long-sought scapegoat for years and years of failed policies, malfeasance, incompetence, and corruption. Or, they can go down in history as being the astute, iron-willed group that was prescient enough to make a tough decision for the city's own good.

Study: Gary has area's emptiest neighborhoods

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May 5, 2009
By Gitte Laasby

Post-Tribune staff writer

GARY -- Shattered pieces of glass hang from the windows. Doors are boarded up. Empty beer bottles and full trash bags litter front lawns, which are overgrown with knee-high grass.

Meet the forgotten housing crisis.

Legislative attention has been focused mainly on the wave of foreclosures that's sweeping middle-class suburban neighborhoods.

But in Gary, vacant homes have been sitting around for more than a decade.

Gary is home to Northwest Indiana's 10 most empty neighborhoods. Eight of them are located right off or near Broadway. As of March 31, a total of 3,500 residences in the 10 neighborhoods were vacant. That's between 18 percent and 33 percent, according to an Associated Press analysis.

In the neighborhood between Broadway and Grant Street and West 21st and West 25th, one of three houses is vacant. Most decayed after the owners abandoned them, others burned or were stripped for valuables inside and out. In some cases, animals like mice and raccoons have moved in. It's the "emptiest neighborhood" in Northwest Indiana, according to an analysis by the Associated Press.

And all of that is a change from the way things used to be.

"You can imagine how it was. It was beautiful. Kids were playing. There was a grocery store right across the street. Twenty-first to here, there wasn't a lot of crime, anything like that," recalled Janice Barnes, who has lived in the neighborhood near Roosevelt Park for 50 years. "It's not a bad neighborhood. I grew up here so I know the difference. It's just quieter."

The view from Barnes' house changed a month and a half ago, when a vacant house was torn down across the street. Several other homes have also been torn down within a couple of blocks. An empty two-story red brick home with open doors remains, but the roof has caved in and the leaning chimney looks like it would fall if a big bird landed on it.

"It's a mess," said Patrice Adams, who lives across the street from the house. "I guess it's no money, but they could do something. Knock them down. Board them up. Make it nicer and safer for the kids."

The AP analysis concluded that the nation's emptiest neighborhoods have remained concentrated in the same place for nearly a generation -- the mostly poor, urban neighborhoods of the American Rust Belt. The analysis is based on data collected by the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Federal lawmakers have designated nearly \$6 billion over the past year for local governments to buy and rehabilitate or demolish foreclosed homes. But the AP analysis shows the money will only make a modest dent in the problem. As of the first quarter of 2009, there were about 4 million homes that have been empty for 90 days -- a slight increase over last year.

The federal money will be distributed based on a formula that considers local rates for foreclosures, high-cost mortgages and vacancies. There won't be enough money to completely fix the emptiest neighborhoods, the analysis said.

Empty homes concern federal officials because empty housing feeds upon itself. As more houses stand vacant, property values and tax revenues drop. The drop in property values then leads to fewer buyers, which leads to more vacancies.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Contact Gitte Laasby at 648-2183 or glaasby@post-trib.com. Comment on this story at www.post-trib.com

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To: Russo, Stephanie
Subject: Fw: City of Gary outsourcing lawn maintenance of City Hall and parks

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--- On Fri, 5/8/09, nglenn <nglenn@netnitco.net> wrote:

From: nglenn <nglenn@netnitco.net>
Subject: Fw: City of Gary outsourcing lawn maintenance of City Hall and parks
To: Undisclosed-Recipient@yahoo.com
Date: Friday, May 8, 2009, 5:06 AM

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To: nglenn@netnitco.net
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 10:38 PM
Subject: City of Gary outsourcing lawn maintenance of City Hall and parks

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From: Deanne Manojlovic
To: Nora Glenn
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2009 11:42 PM
Subject: no gary landscapers??

Is this a relative of the mayor? Aren't there any Gary landscapers? Or Northwest Indiana landscapers? A company from Michigan is more competitive??? dee

From: nglenn@netnitco.net
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To: Russo, Stephanie
Subject: Gary Police Roster Tumbles to 218

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There was also a followup article on the 9th. (I'm having trouble pulling up the Post online.)

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May 8, 2009

By Lori Caldwell

Post-Tribune staff writer

GARY -- With two more resignations on the meeting agenda, police commissioners wondered out loud Thursday how to stop the exodus of veteran officers.

"What can we do to slow down these resignations?" Commissioner Richard Ligon asked Chief Reggie Harris at the Gary Police Civil Service Commission meeting.

"They're running for higher ground, for better jobs, for stability," Harris said. The city's financial crisis and the constant threat of layoffs within the department, have prompted many veteran officers to seek other employment.

"I can't fault them for that," he said.

Patrolmen Steven Rendo and Jose Rivas are the latest to depart. Harris told the board a sergeant, Albert Amptmeyer, resigned earlier in the day.

The department's roster is 218, down from 257, Harris said. "And I've got some of military leave, sick leave," he said.

The chief said he has applied for federal grant money he hopes will provide financial support to the department to hold off any layoffs for four years. "We need to make public safety a No. 1 issue. I need the public to say we need police officers on the streets," Harris said.

Police Civil Service Commission members were scheduled to hear evidence Thursday on a disciplinary matter regarding Patrolman John Artibey, who has a pending drunken driving charge in Clinton County.

But after a brief presentation by his lawyer, MacArthur Drake, the commission decided it would review written arguments from Drake and assistant city attorney Shana Levinson before proceeding.

Drake argued the commission violated its own rules by overturning a hearing officer's recommendation without filing a notice of appeal within 10 days of that recommendation. He reminded the board that a similar action against now-retired Lt. John Lashenik ended in favor of the officer, who won a year's back pay in a Lake County court ruling.

"That rule applies to everybody. There has to be a 10-day notice," Drake said, asking the commission to dismiss the appeal before them.

Drake agreed to prepare a brief in 30 days and Levinson agreed to have a response completed by July. The commission took no further action.

The city attorney, chief and hearing officer had agreed on a 15-day unpaid suspension for Artibey, but the commission rejected the recommendation in March. Without any evidence before the board, or any public discussion, the board doubled the suspension time.

Levinson fired off a motion suggesting the board violated its own procedure, and commission attorney Charles Brooks suggested the board hear the matter, which was set for Thursday night.

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And what do you call individuals that make their living by stealing from the taxpayers? Unfortunately, in Gary, quite often we call them officeholders and department heads. Sure, many of these individuals will take offense to this accusation; however, there are many ways to steal from the taxpayers without actually taking hard cash (although I wouldn't rule that out for a minute). We lose the most money by their sheer incompetence. And a lot more is lost due to their sloth and laziness. We lose the most of all by the poor administration and lack of any proper management. It is inexcusable that the city is still carrying this bloated payroll that it can no longer afford; but it is far more unforgivable that with all of these extra employees, they still aren't able to provide even a bare minimum level of the services the city has historically been able to in the past. Even throughout the past administrations, where they were stealing everything that wasn't nailed down, the city still managed to provide a relatively acceptable level of services, albeit at a great cost. Now, we still have the great cost, but without any of the expected services.

The very best way that I can think of to describe the government of our city is to call it a "mafia". There can be little argument that its effective structure mirrors that of the structure of a criminal enterprise. How many more examples that this system--our local government--is engaged in criminal activity do you need? Criminal behavior from our elected officials and government employees is not some rare anomaly, it is the norm. If there is any doubt, just run down the list of convicted felons that once held office. And when you're done there, start analyzing the backgrounds and familial connections of just about every bigwig that still effects policy and still guides the future of this city.

Let's start with on a Top Ten list, well bottom ten actually...I guess. The Top Ten Least Needed, in no particular order (kind of like the hierarchal structure of the city); Geraldine Tousant, Vanesse Dabney, Jackie Drago-Hunter, Diane Jones, Lalosa Burns, Chris Meyer, Caren Jones, Arlene Colvin, Mike Shell, and Rudy Clay.

Then there is the entire board of the GSD (wake me up when the meeting is over), the supermajority of the city council (just tell me how to vote your highness), the entire staff of the Department of Redevelopment (you wash my back and I'll wash yours), the Empowerment Zone staff (just taking care of business, Gary style), the Airport Board (Look busy! I heard there'll be a plane landing next week), and we can't forget the Mayor's special staff (a person in charge of grooming every body part). The list goes on and on. Just about anywhere you stick your finger, it comes back smelling like...well you get the picture.

The sad fact of the matter is this (although it doesn't have to remain this way); Gary has plenty of money flowing into its many different coffers--all of them designed and intended to provide some useful, needed function for its citizenry. But most terribly unfortunate to this citizenry, nearly all of these funds are diverted or misspent long before they have a

chance to reach their intended targets. Billions and billions of dollars have flowed through the hands of these thieves that have been in charge of handling these funds on our behalf--on the city's behalf. All you have to do is take a look around you to determine what portion of these funds have been "redirected" or misspent to see the wonderful job they've been doing.

So why isn't everyone stompin' mad? I am still trying to figure out the answer to this!

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Russo, Stephanie

From: nglenn [nglenn@netnitco.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 2:45 PM
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Importance: High

My trash money is going to the MCC Legal Defense Fund. Thank you, MCC Legal Defense Fund. You are our only protectors. ng

----- Original Message -----

From: Ted Prettyman

To: nglenn

Cc: George Rogge ; Douglas Grimes ; Tom Eaton ; Greg Reising ; Jim Martin

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 8:34 AM

Subject: Re: Fw: GSD bill

Please remember to send/drop off copies of sewer bills/garbage collection bills and record of payment to MCC Legal Defense Fund, 601 S. Lake St., Gary, IN 46403.

The City/GSD is scheduled to appear in court May 21st. We can use these copies to support our case against the GSD;

The MCC Legal Defense Fund is in need of financial support of this effort. This is an effort to improve the quality of life for Gary citizens; all Gary citizens will benefit from this effort and it is worthy of the financial support of Gary citizens.

Please mail checks to MCC Legal Defense Fund, 601 S. Lake St., Gary, IN 46403.

Thanks to all of you who have already mailed your checks.

Thanks to all of you who will mail your checks.

Ted Prettyman
MCC Legal Defense Fund

From: nglenn <nglenn@netnitco.net>
To: srusso@sba.in.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 3:33:35 AM
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Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Russo, Stephanie
Subject: Fw: Post-Tribune May 13: "Poor planning decades ago blamed for floods" * ³Political investment is needed to clean air² * IDEM editorial etc.

Importance: High

Ms. Russo, thanks for your patience with me. I am committed to keeping you all informed of what's going on up here. Please refer to second and fourth stories below. They specifically apply to Gary. ng

----- Original Message -----

From: Laasby, Gitte
To: Environmental mailing list
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 9:56 AM
Subject: Post-Tribune May 13: "Poor planning decades ago blamed for floods" * ³Political investment is needed to clean air² * IDEM editorial etc.

Hi everyone,

Lots of environmental news in today's Post-Tribune:

"Poor planning decades ago blamed for floods"

By Gitte Laasby

Lake County's flooding problem started when people overbuilt in flood plains and marshy areas.

The inadequate draining got worse with bad infrastructure and heavy precipitation. Now, damage in places like Gary and Hammond can only be corrected if municipalities start a major reconstruction of storm drains, install sump pumps and help improve flood flows of rivers and streams.

<http://www.post-trib.com/news/1570783.floodmap0513.article>

"Political investment is needed to clean air"

By Brian Hedger

GARY -- A recent report coated several schools here in a blanket of ugly statistics about polluted air.

Yet, all it took for J. Allen Johnson on Tuesday was one look around the room at the monthly CARE Partnership meeting to find a major hurdle in clearing the air for Gary students.

<http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/1571039.gcare0513.article>

"State approves flood repairs at IUN campus"

INDIANAPOLIS -- The State Budget Committee approved \$1.8 million for repairs Tuesday to the flood-damaged Moraine Student Center at Indiana University Northwest.

The funds will be used to restore the heating and cooling systems inside the building on the campus.

<http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/1571100.gbrf0513.article>

"Sanitary District adds new attorney"

By Jon Seidel

GARY -- Attorney Gilbert King Jr. has a new contract with the Gary Sanitary District. King, based in Gary, will receive no more than \$20,000 this year for providing GSD with legal services.

The deal was approved by the district's board of commissioners in a 5-0 vote Tuesday.

<http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/1571296.ggsd-513.article>

"Bicycle Blast offers variety of family fare"

By Charles M. Bartholomew

CHESTERTON -- Organizers of the first Chesterton Bicycle Blast are preparing for hundreds of people to descend on the downtown and Thomas Centennial Park on Saturday. We've had stunt riders and other things here before, but not a whole big bike event," said Laura Layman, who is co-chairwoman of the daylong affair with Tony Evans of the Chesterton Bicycle Station.
<http://www.post-trib.com/news/porter/1570251,chblast0513.article>

"Project boosts students' environmental awareness"

By Sue Ellen Ross

HOBART -- The idea of "making and keeping it green" has come home to youngsters at St. Bridget Catholic School. Art teacher Lisa Peretin recently received a Kids In Need Foundation grant that allowed students in kindergarten through third grade an exciting hands-on project, "Green Spaces Make Artful Places."
<http://www.post-trib.com/news/neighbors/1568970,kingrant.article>

"Daniels turning IDEM into rubber stamp" (editorial)

It really shouldn't surprise anyone that Gov. Mitch Daniels' administration has hired longtime coal industry lobbyist David Joest as the new attorney for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.
<http://www.post-trib.com/news/opinion/1570064,edit-idemlawyer.article>

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From: nglenn [nglenn@netnitco.net]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 6:26 AM
To: Russo, Stephanie
Subject: Fw: Gary CARE meetings

----- Original Message -----

From: Lin Kaatz Chary
To: nglenn
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 4:32 PM
Subject: Gary CARE meetings

The information in today's PT article about the Gary Partnership was inaccurate. The mayor is not, and never has been expected to participate in these meetings which are a community partnership that has been functioning and working for over a year. The reporter apparently misunderstood remarks that were made in a different context, not having to do with the CARE committee. Please do not continue to spread this misinformation. The public is always welcome to these meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Gary Community Health Center. The City has several representatives who come regularly, and a website will soon be available for everyone to learn about the project and what it is doing.

Thank you,
Lin Kaatz Chary, PhD, MPH
CARE PACE EH Coordinator

At 01:35 PM 5/13/2009, you wrote:

I'm having trouble pulling up the P-T online to send stuff to S.Russo. I want to send her the articles about how Clay is not showing up to the CARE meetings, which is so outrageous, and the article about the new GSD attorney. Help.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 8:08 AM
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I received and printed and will post soon. Thank you.

Stephanie N. Russo
Executive Assistant to Ryan Kitchell and Chris Ruhl
Indiana Office of Management and Budget
State House Room 215 | Indianapolis, IN 46204
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Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Project

Gary Department of Environmental Affairs

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Gary, IN 46402

219-938-0209

Russo, Stephanie

From: andrea basarich [abasarich@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2009 7:41 AM
To: Russo, Stephanie
Subject: helping out Gary Indiana

I know I might be cutting my nose off to spite my face but I truley hope the Stae does not help Gary until Rudy Clay is willing to step down.....

May 18th 2009
Nat McKnight
Box 2874 Miler Station,
Gary, Indiana 46403

Distressed Unit Appeals Board,

Sirs,

On May 20th 2009 you will decide the collective future of the most important industrial & commercial region of the State of Indiana, Northwest Indiana (The City of Gary)

For many years parts of the region have suffered at the hands of status quo. Pandering Politicians, corrupt local government units, and criminal enterprises. When America was stronger and global economics had no effect on the region, the community was able to afford the mentioned ills.

However, times have changed. Today the City of Gary is without enough commercial tax base to support fiscal mismanagement and political driven budgeting. It is mandatory to operate prudently. There is enough current revenue to provide basic services if applied properly.

Operation with restraint will stabilize the tax rate and attract more commercial tax base. Any other course will further the destruction suffered the last fifty years. The Legislative branch enacted law to set forth a course to protect the rate payers from municipal tyranny. It is the moral responsibility of the distressed unit appeals board to deny "relief" to the petitioner (City of Gary etal) and ensure the new course for the region is pursued. If State oversight is needed to help correct management & operations than that must happen.

Many letters were sent on this issue. Many news articles were sent. I believe this action will determine the final outcome for the region. Tax stability is essential. Commerce creates tax revenue. Save the remaining tax base and apply the tax caps as legislated.

Nat McKnight