

Staff Council Newsletter

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Hey IUPUI: Consider Transportation Alternatives!

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Central Indiana Commuter Services (CICS)

IUPUI (through the auspices of IUPUI HRA Work/Life) is an employer member of Central Indiana Commuter Services (CICS), a fact that entitles IUPUI constituents to free access to a **car poolers match list** (which allows you to specify, in the comments section, that you only want to be paired with IUPUI employees) and information about van pools and other commuting information. For active, CICS-registered users of alternative transportation, the free **Emergency Ride Home** program is also available. IU also offers a money-saving **Pre-Tax Commuter Benefit** that mass transit and van pool users who lease a CICS van can take advantage of.

For general CICS information, visit <http://www.centralincommuter.net>. **To register as an active car/van pooler, bicyclist, walker or mass transit user** and gain the opportunity to use the Emergency Ride Home program, visit <http://www.327ride.net/survey.php>. For specific **information about van pools**, visit http://www.327ride.net/index.php?category=1_ride_share_options&subsection=1_vanpool.

Central Indiana Commuter Services (CICS) is for anyone who **works** in the following nine counties of central Indiana - Marion, Hamilton, Madison, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks and Boone, and there is no fee or obligation to join. Maggie Stimming (mstimmin@iupui.edu) in HRA Work/Life is the CICS liaison to the IUPUI campus.

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FACEBOOK

Join the IUPUI Staff Council Group on Facebook to keep up-to-date on the latest topics and events impacting IUPUI Staff. IUPUI Staff Council . . . YOUR VOICE!

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=55001742139&ref=ts>

You must be a member of Facebook first, and then subscribe to the link above.

Join us at the Staff Council Meeting

February 17, 2010
3:00 p.m.
CE 409

Guest presenters are from the Central Indiana Commuter Services and the IUPUI Campus Police.

All are welcome!



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Pre-Tax Commuter Benefit Allows Bus & Van Pool Users to Save \$

IUPUI faculty and staff (excluding those with student status and most post-doc fellows) who are bus riders or van pool users can reduce their income taxes by using the Pre-Tax Commuter Expense plan for costs related to using the bus or a van pool to get to work. This does **NOT** pay for the actual cost of your bus ticket or van pool, but taking advantage of this pre-tax plan **DOES** save you money by lowering the amount of federal, state and local income taxes you pay. Here's an illustration based on an annual salary of \$34,000. Tax savings will depend on one's individual tax rate – the lower the income, the lower rate of tax you're paying, so the lower the savings, but it still can be a sizable savings. Here's an example:

	Not Using Pre-Tax Benefit	Using Pre-Tax Benefit
Cost of bus passes or van pool for one year	\$480	\$480
Income taxes paid on that \$480	\$167	\$ 0
Amount you must earn to pay for bus or van	\$647 (cost + income tax)	\$480 (cost; NO tax)
Amount of savings	\$0	\$167

Therefore, if you make \$34,000 a year and your bus passes or van pool costs you \$480 per year, you could enjoy about \$167 worth of tax savings. That would be about \$41 every three months (since you file for the reimbursement quarterly).

Every three months of the calendar year, you can fill out the Pre-tax Mass Transit Expense Claim Form, attach the receipts (contact IUPUI HRA Work/Life for special van pool receipt forms) for whatever mode of qualified mass transportation (generally bus or van pool) you used and send it to University Human Resource Services; 400 E. Seventh Street, Poplars E165; Bloomington, IN 47405-3085 or fax to (812) 855-3409. Once the claim is approved, the amount of the credit will be reflected on your paycheck. Visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~uhrs/benefits/commuting.html> for all the details, then click on the item under "Forms" in the menu on the left to get the reimbursement form.

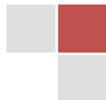
Note: These mass transit pre-tax savings are not related to the IU Tax Saver Benefit (TSB) plan that is part of open enrollment.

Note: At IUPUI, if you pay for parking by payroll deduction, the university automatically takes that out pre-tax (which saves you money). You do not need to complete any additional forms or contact Parking to make that happen.

Mass Transit - IndyGo

Several IndyGo bus routes run through IUPUI, but the Red Line is the most visible connector between IUPUI and downtown Indy. It stops at six locations on campus before circling through the downtown district. For information about the Red Line, visit http://www.indygo.net/red_line.htm . IUPUI students qualify for the IndyGo S-pass (<https://www.parking.iupui.edu/transportation.commuter.indygo.do>).

From the Red Line, it is also easy to catch the Green Line to the airport. For details on the Green Line, visit http://www.indygo.net/green_line.htm .



From Carmel and Fishers, there are express buses to downtown and back throughout the day. For details, visit <http://www.indygo.net/ICERoutes.htm> .

The Taxi Voucher Service replaced IndyGo NightFlex. Vouchers for those who need public transportation between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. are sold at the IUPUI JagTag office. For details, call 274-5177

The HRA Work/Life Web site also contains much of the above information. Go to www.hra.iupui.edu/worklife and click on "What is WorkSmart."

IUPUI does allow for telecommuting and other flexible work arrangements (flex schedule, compressed work week, part-time, job share). You can get full information at www.hra.iupui.edu/worklife. Click, in column three on "What is WorkSmart?"

Have You Heard?



..... About the website devoted to construction, traffic, and the masterplan for IUPUI?

Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Emily Wren and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Dawn Rhodes have spoken to the Staff Council about campus construction, parking, and the Wishard land swap. They each mentioned that sometime in the near future a website would be available to help everyone navigate around construction and keep the campus community up-to-date on what is occurring around them. We now have that website! <http://masterplan.iupui.edu/>

Please take a minute to see what the site has to offer. Notice under "Keep Informed," that you can sign up for RSS Feeds that will send you alerts/changes as they are entered on the website. We are also offered a Feedback and Questions link.

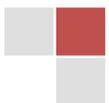
Please take advantage of this important tool. It will be especially important as parking becomes a little more sparse in the next year.

George Hill Night & Meet and Greet

Indiana Pacers vs. San Antonio Spurs

Wednesday, February 17th 2010 @ 7:00 pm

See flyer in this Newsletter to purchase tickets. **George's basketball foundation will receive \$5 for each ticket sold through this method.**



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Data Privacy Day @ IU

Around the globe, people use powerful technologies and devices every day to improve their lives.

Despite all of the benefits of these technologies, doubts and worries persist about just how much personal information is collected, stored, used, and shared to provide these convenient and pervasive tools and services.

Data Privacy Day is an international celebration of the dignity of the individual expressed through personal information. In this networked world, in which we are thoroughly digitized, with our identities, locations, actions, purchases, associations, movements, and histories stored as so many bits and bytes, we have to ask – **who is collecting all of this – what are they doing with it – with whom are they sharing it?** Most of all, individuals are asking **"How can I protect my information from being misused?"**

These are reasonable questions to ask – we should all want to know the answers.

<http://dataprivacyday.iu.edu>



Komen Race for the Cure



**Join the Staff Council
Komen Race for the
Cure Team**

Race Date:
April 17, 2010

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2010 Women's History Month Leadership Awards



Nominations Open for Faculty and Staff Awards

During Women's History Month, the IUPUI Office for Women recognizes and celebrates women faculty and staff who have been outstanding leaders in their department or schools or who have demonstrated significant leadership at the campus, regional, national, and/or international level. We give five awards annually: full-time "veteran" faculty, full-time "newcomer" faculty, full-time "veteran" staff, full-time "newcomer" staff and an award for part-time faculty or staff leader. A *veteran* member is anyone who has served the university *continuously for five or more years*. A *newcomer* is anyone who has served the university *for fewer than five years*.

All current IUPUI students, faculty and staff may nominate women leaders who are either full-time or part-time faculty or staff for the awards. All nominees are honored with recognition certificates. The award winners and nominees are announced at the Women's History Month Leadership Reception, to be held Tuesday, March 30th, 3:30pm – 5:30pm at the Campus Center, Room 450 B.

These awards seek to celebrate women faculty and staff members who lead through exemplary action, initiative, guidance, achievement, generosity, commitment and service. Nominees who are in formal leadership positions on campus should demonstrate service and effort beyond that required for the job. Nominees should exhibit extraordinary effort and achievement in at least one of these categories:

- Commitment to teaching and/or service to students
- Service to IUPUI and its mission
- Commitment to serving others in the community
- Service as a role model for students, faculty, or staff
- Outstanding performance in job or field of endeavor

Nominations can now be made online! Complete the form at:

http://life.iupui.edu/ccl/leadership/forms/women_facstaff_leaders.html

Also, send any letters of support (maximum 3) or cv's or resumes to women@iupui.edu with nominee's name in the subject line. Or mail to Office for Women, University Library 1140.

Completed Nomination Forms and Letters of Support are due by 5:00pm on Friday, February 26, 2010.

Please address any questions to Kathy Grove at (317) 278-3600 or ksgrove@iupui.edu.

Nominations for Students

To nominate a women student leader, go to: http://life.iupui.edu/ccl/leadership/forms/women_leaders.html

Student nomination forms are online and must be completed by Friday, February 19th at 5 p.m.



George Hill Night and Meet and Greet

Indiana Pacers vs. San Antonio Spurs

Wednesday, February 17th 2010 @ 7:00 pm



Welcome George Hill back to his home state when the Indiana Pacers host the Spurs at Conseco Fieldhouse!

By purchasing tickets through this offer, you will:

- Receive \$3 off Face Value of tickets.
- Be able to see G3 Basketball Play on the Court before the Pacers vs. Spurs Game

MEET AND GREET DETAILS:

*****Details to come on location and time of event. We will follow up with you.*****

To place your order, complete and return the order form below, along with payment, by **Wednesday, February 2nd 2010**. The Pacers will donate \$5 from each ticket purchased back to the G3 Basketball Program (Excludes \$10 tickets)

Get your tickets by:	GEORGE HILL NIGHT			
Internet option: http://www.pacersgroups.com/tickets/143 Password: hill Mail or Fax Option: Indiana Pacers ATTN: Jason McGuinness 125 S. Pennsylvania Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 Katie Vaas: 317-917-2822 Jason McGuinness: 317-917-2948 FAX: (317) 917-2899 E-MAIL: kvaas@pacers.com or jmcguinness@pacers.com	QUANTITY	REGULAR PRICE	YOUR PRICE	TOTAL
		\$71 (Lower Level – Spurs Tunnel)	\$68	
		\$45 (Mid Level)	\$42	
		\$25 Lower Balcony	\$22	
		\$10 Corner Balcony	\$10	
TICKETS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY				

Contact Name _____ Phone _____
(Daytime) (Evening)

Address _____
(Street) (City/State) (Zip)

INDICATE FORM OF DISTRIBUTION Mail Tickets Will Call (must have photo I.D. to claim)

INDICATE FORM OF PAYMENT

Cash Check (Make checks payable to Indiana Pacers) Check# _____ Account # 9807925

Credit Card Card# _____ Exp. _____

AmEx Visa M/C Discover (3-digit code from back of card required)

Card Holder's Signature _____

Mobilizing for Healthy Communities



Democracy Plaza and the IUPUI Common Theme are pleased to announce this series on community efforts to design and build healthier, greener lives.

IMA INDIANAPOLIS MUSEUM OF ART



We thank all of our partners, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Student Activities Programming Board, Go Green IUPUI, Health by Design, for their generous support.

Thursday, Feb. 11

Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Rd.

The Ascent of the Electric Car with Chris Paine

5:30pm Film, 7:30pm Discussion

Filmmaker Chris Paine (*Who Killed the Electric Car?*)

discusses the revival of electric vehicles, new forms of mobility and his latest film.

Tickets required: 317-955-2339, imamuseum.org

Students: FREE, Public: \$7, IMA Members: \$4

Friday, Feb. 12

12:00pm-1:30pm, CA438

Conversation with Chris Paine

Join filmmaker Chris Paine for a discussion of social activism, sustainability, design and creativity.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

12:00pm and 6:00pm, CE 405

The Garden

This film documents the country's largest community garden in south central Los Angeles and the community fight to keep the garden when political forces threaten it. A discussion with local activists follows the 6:00 screening.

Thursday, Feb. 25

4:00pm-5:00pm, CE405

**The Intersections of Public Health and Community Design:
Mobilizing for Healthy Communities**

Kim Irwin Executive Director, Alliance for Health Promotion

This event will explore the links between community design, transportation options, and public health and discuss how to advocate for improvements in design and services and the social conditions which encourage health and well-being.

See http://www.iupui.edu/common_theme/events/ for more information on these events.

Staff Council Meeting Dates

September 16, 2009 · 3:00 p.m. · Ruth Lilly Learning Center (Riley Outpatient Clinic)

October 21, 2009 · 3:00 p.m. · Ruth Lilly Learning Center (Riley Outpatient Clinic)

November 18, 2009 · 3:00 p.m. · Campus Center, Room 409

December 16, 2009 · 3:00 p.m. · Center for Young Children

January 20, 2010 · 3:00 p.m. · Campus Center, Room 405

February 17, 2010 · 3:00 p.m. · Campus Center, Room 409

March 17, 2010 · 3:00 p.m. · Campus Center, Room 409

April 21, 2010 · 3:00 p.m. · Campus Center, Room 405

May 19, 2010 · 3:00 p.m. · Campus Center, Room 409

June 16, 2010 · 3:00 p.m. · Campus Center, Room 405

Staff Council Awards and Scholarships

There are no awards or scholarships open at this time.

Work/Life Newsletter

Are you receiving the FREE Work/Life E-News each month? This informative e-newsletter comes from HRA and is filled with information to help in the work environment as well as your personal life. Contact Maggie Stimming (mstimmin@iupui.edu or 274-5481) to subscribe.

The Staff Council Newsletter is published every Friday. Articles or items for inclusion may be submitted to Karen Lee at klee2@iupui.edu. Deadline for submission is Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Let's spread the word about Staff Council! Permission is not needed to forward the Newsletter to others.

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