

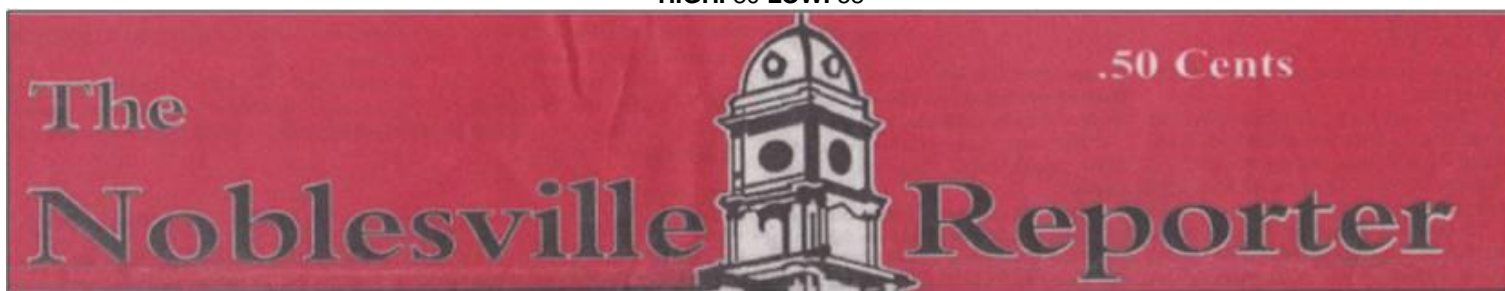
Sheridan, Noblesville, Cicero, Arcadia, Atlanta, Carmel, Fishers, Westfield

Sunday, May 25, 2014 Great day for the Indianapolis 500.

Enjoy the race!

TODAY'S WEATHER

HIGH: 80 LOW: 58



Opportunity abounds for good citizens

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Often folks don't step forward because they are not asked to participate. No such excuse now. You are officially being asked to pick one or more of the following great events and good causes to show just how you can help.

One event will get your hands dirty, one event will warm your hearts and one event is a great family activity that will benefit others. Actually, all three events benefit others and the community. Some are state wide, some county wide and one just for Noblesville. If you live outside of Noblesville, you probably could organize something similar in your town. Consider

if everyone pitched in to help the tasks would surly seem smaller. Opportunities by date order: This is 3 of many.

June 5th - "How Sweet It IS"

A fund raiser to benefit the Sparrow Clubs Indiana will begin at 5:30 pm at the Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center in Noblesville at 802 Mulberry St. Sparrow Clubs is proof that you are never too young to make a difference. As the nation's only youth-based charity of its kind, Sparrow Clubs not only provides financial and emotional support for critically ill children and their families but also empowers kids to help kids through charitable service to their

communities. The Indiana Sparrow Club is centered in Noblesville and is currently serving in six schools in Noblesville, Indianapolis and Anderson. Tickets to the event are \$50 each and includes a cocktail reception, silent auction, dessert showcase, wine glasses to take home and meeting lots of good folks who care about kids of all shapes and sizes. Call 317-773-8488 for tickets.

June 14th - "Keep Noblesville Beautiful"

This is the event that will get your hands dirty, doesn't cost you anything and you can see the difference at the end of the day. The area for the 2014 Noblesville Neighborhood Clean-up Blitz will be bordered by 5th

and 8th street and Maple and Hannibal. It action begins at 8:00 am with assignments and registration given out at base camp set up in the County Employee Parking Lot at 6th and Maple. Bring tools and gloves and let them know you are coming so they can plan the food and work assignments. (keepnoblesvillebeautiful@gmail.com to respond). If June 14th doesn't work for you, there is June 21, August 23 and October 18 clean up opportunities. Go to <http://keepnoblesvillebeautiful.org> for more information. Don't want to get your hands dirty? Then just join in by becoming a member. You can become an official member of Keep Noblesville Beautiful with a contribution of \$20.00. The membership is tax-deductible and will be used to expand and develop new projects. Don't say you have not been asked...you just were!

August 18th - "Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development" or "HAND" Putt n' Par event

**Open to all especially
grandma and grandpa
and the grandkids!**

Join the first annual event where golfers play nine holes of golf and families can play Putt Putt golf and also help to improve lives and build communities in Hamilton County. For more information: handincorporated.org. For \$55.00 you can play individual golf for 9 holes, dinner and a drink Ticket. Now that is a deal! A foursome runs \$160.00 for nine holes, 4 dinner and drink tickets. Family Putt Putt

includes 18 holes of Putt Putt for 4 with 4 dinners and drink tickets for \$50.00 all at Forest Park, Noblesville. HAND is about building quality housing that is affordable and offered to people to improve their lives. The mission is to invest in neighborhoods, provide housing solutions and build partnerships.

Currently HAND has housing opportunities in Sheridan, Cicero, between Westfield and Noblesville, Noblesville and Fishers.

The list of opportunities presented is the short list of many more good ideas being offered around the county. This is the challenge. Every non for profit needs help...every one! Some statistic might suggest that only 10% participate and help their community be a better place. That leaves a big 90% who is available for action. Think what an overwhelming difference 90% of the citizens stepping up to help could make. Presented is three very different opportunities to help with a single mission of others in mind. Helping makes you feel good. You can meeting new people. You almost always get a big hug for your efforts too. One of the options does not cost anything but some time. The other two are less work but you have to dig into your pocket. You might consider that summer time is the best time to participate. If you wait until winter, you may be asked to shovel snow! Hope to see you there!