

Growing GREEN & GOLD *Together*

Dear Community Member,

Happy New Year! As we step into this season of opportunity and growth, we are thrilled to bring you the inaugural edition of the Growing Green and Gold Together newsletter.

Our mission is clear: to foster stronger connections and improve the quality of life in our community. Through the Growing Green and Gold Together initiative, we aim to achieve five key goals:

1. Provide housing for all.
2. Support entrepreneurs with programs and financial resources.
3. Strengthen community ties through shared spaces and interests.
4. Cultivate a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.
5. Enhance recreational facilities to promote health and well-being.

In this newsletter, you'll find highlights of our early successes and meet the dedicated team driving these efforts. Each project is supported by Implementation Teams composed of community members working alongside our Executive Leadership Team to bring these goals to life.

Over the next five years, we invite you to join us in this exciting endeavor. Whether through attending meetings, sharing your input, or participating in our programs, your involvement is key to our success. If you have questions, ideas, or a group interested in learning more, please reach out. I would be delighted to share these transformative projects with you.

Together, let's build a brighter future!

Warm regards,

Jason Chew

Project Director and Community Liaison



CINEMA RELOCATION

In November, we hosted a successful community engagement opportunity, gathering valuable feedback from over 600 residents. The input gathered is helping shape the vision for our project as we move forward. RATIO Architects, LLC, a renowned firm, is leading the design process, ensuring a thoughtful and impactful approach. Stay tuned—site details will be announced soon!

PUTNAM COUNTY YMCA AND AQUATICS CENTER

The YMCA will be opening its doors on March 3, 2025. Membership rates have been released, and can be found [here](#). The YMCA Aquatic Center design is nearing completion.



DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SPACE ENHANCEMENT

This project will launch later this year, where we will revitalize and reimagine our downtown spaces, while also creating a more seamless transition along the DePauw to Downtown corridor.

SEMINARY SQUARE MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT

Planning is underway for an early spring request for proposals (RFP) from development partners. This RFP will invite potential partners to contribute to the vision of enhancing the community, with a focus on collaboration, innovation, and sustainable growth.



THE GREEN AND GOLD BUSINESS ACCELERATOR

The implementation team is working collaboratively with Putnam County schools, DePauw University students, and community members to develop programs that aim to grow and support local entrepreneurs with the ultimate goal of growing downtown Greencastle businesses. We are excited to share more of our plans at an upcoming **Community Engagement Session** on **Thursday, January 30th!**

The forum will take place at the Inn at DePauw in the Galleria from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The agenda includes: An overview of our Business Accelerator program, a Q&A session focused on small business support, and a warm welcome to Kate Knaul, the new Executive Director of Main Street Greencastle

Executive Leadership Team



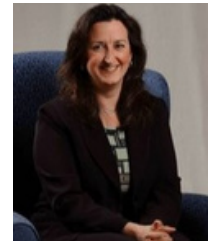
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