



## *Democratic Women's Caucus*

### *Monday Morning News on Tuesday, June 10, 2008*

*Take a minute to look at some events of special interest to the women's political sphere this week. Monday Morning News will be sent irregularly during May and June. These notes were the announcements for the Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> Breakfast meeting.*

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**VAL HAUGHTON, CANDIDATE FOR MONROE COUNTY**

#### **WHAT'S THIS STUFF ABOUT A CIRCUIT BREAKER and TAXES??**

Indiana Association of Cities and Towns has a presentation on the impact of HEA 1001 "The Circuit Breaker" on cities and towns in Indiana. You are invited to attend this forum with Q&A at City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The IACT team will be answering questions.

#### **FROM COUNTY COUNCILWOMAN JILL LESH:**

County Councilwoman Jill Lesh will hold her monthly Citizens' Breakfast Thursday, June 12, 7:30-8:30am at the Village Deli. This month's Informal discussion topic is "New County Parks & Recreation Projects." Kelli Witmer, assistant administrator for Parks & Recreation, will attend. The discussion will include the Karst Dog Park to open June 14 and the Karst Playscape scheduled for construction this fall, as well as the Karst Athletic Complex and its growing array of user groups. Lesh encourages residents to come to the breakfasts and share their insights and concerns about county government issues. For more information, contact Lesh, [jill@jilllesh.com](mailto:jill@jilllesh.com) or 812-355-1365

#### **FROM MEMBER LINDSAY SHIPPS:**

##### **Miss IU Organization To Hold Concert Benefiting Middleway House**

The Miss Indiana University Organization will hold a concert benefiting Middleway House on June 13th at 7pm. The concert of operatic and musical theatre favorites will take place in the sanctuary of the First United Church, 2420 E. Third St. and will feature Miss Indiana 2006 Betsy Uschkrat and Miss Indiana University 2008 Gabrielle Reed. Proceeds will benefit Middleway House and the Miss Indiana University Scholarship Program. A suggested donation of \$10 is encouraged but not mandatory. Those with questions about the event should contact Lindsay Shipps at 812-340-4242.

The next **B-TOP Livable Cities Speaker Series** will feature Dr. Kumares Sinha, of Purdue University, presenting Global Trends in Economy, Motorization and Energy Use: Implications for State and Local Transportation Users & Providers. The event will be held in Bloomington on Saturday, June 14, 9:00am-11:00am, in the City Council Chambers

**FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ISABEL PIEDMONT AND CLERK REGINA MOORE:**

On Wednesday, June 4, Mark Moore of Bloomington Hospital, and Chair of the Bloomington Hospital Board Dan Peterson, and Local Council of Women President Susan Wier presented information to the City Council regarding the possible integration of Bloomington Hospital with Clarian Health. This issue is up for a vote with the Local Council of Women on June 16, and it is important for the public to be aware of the pending plans. **The City Council voted 8-1 (along party lines) to respectfully request that the Local Council of Women please postpone their vote on the merger for 60 days so that the public, elected officials and city and county administrators could more fully understand the process and examine the implications.** It is not clear whether the LCW will do that at this time. Watch the first couple of hours of the council meeting on CATS or on your computer to become more aware of this move, and make your voice heard. The LCW membership is \$15 and you can actually join up until 5 days before the vote by sending a check for \$15 to the Local Council of Women, PO Box 6171, Bloomington, IN 47407 with 'membership' in the Memo line.

Jean Sebeok has more information on this at: [jean.sebeok@gmail.com](mailto:jean.sebeok@gmail.com). For more information about the council, contact President Susan Wier at 336-4810.

**WE ALL LOVE A PARADE!!!**

- ***The Julie Thomas for County Council Team*** is rounding up people to walk with Julie and her ***all electric, zero pollution car*** in the ***4th of July parade***. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00am, July 4th. Walkers gather in the holding area by 9:00am. Team Thomas will be in line with the other Democratic candidate groups and the Monroe County Democrats. If you would like to join the fun, call or email Lorraine Farrell at 345-0150 (leave a message) or [lm.farrell@comcast.net](mailto:lm.farrell@comcast.net)
- Val Haughton, Candidate for Monroe County Judge, is looking for folks to appear in the parade with her wearing those cool white or yellow campaign shirts. She may not have an electric car, but we know she is full of energy and excitement about this, her LAST and WINNING campaign for Judge. Please email her at [vhaughton@gmail.com](mailto:vhaughton@gmail.com) to let her know you've freshly washed that shirt you have and that you'll walk with her!