

Indianola Promise Community
135 Front Street
Indianola, MS 38751

DID YOU KNOW?

Indianola was initially known as Indian Bayou and was inhabited by the Choctaw Indians. In 1882, it was renamed Eureka. The city was also named Belengate before it adopted its present name. It was established on the site of an ancient Indian camp. According to a folk etymology, the city was named after an Indian princess named "Ola." Indianola was incorporated in 1886.

(<http://www.citytowninfo.com/places/mississippi/indianola>)

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!



YOUTH COUNCIL

Sponsored by Indianola Promise Community



The Indianola Youth Council is still accepting applications. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Anthony Powell at the Indianola Promise Community Office at 662-686-3929 or apowell@deltahhealthalliance.org.

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When children get the right start,
Indianola prospers.

Early Childhood

Kindergarten

Grade 12

College and Career

WELCOME TO IPC WEEK 2017!

This is an annual event for Indianola Promise Community and is designed to highlight many of our programs, connect people from throughout Indianola, reinforce ties with partners, and introduce IPC to residents unfamiliar with us. It is a showcase and a celebration intended to bring people together and demonstrate our commitment to the community and to Sunflower County Consolidated School District, our largest partner. This fourth Indianola Promise Community Week will be held September 5-8th with several events involving the partners, community, parents and students.

Indianola is one of 18 Promise Communities in the nation. The goal is to ensure that all children and youth growing up those communities have access to great schools and strong systems of

family and community support that will prepare them to attain an excellent education. The Indianola Promise Community is sponsored by Delta Health Alliance and consists of nearly 30 programs and initiatives that work together to expand the health care and educational opportunities for Indianola children and families. We want to ensure Indianola children are ready for school, that students who need help get help quickly and that young people stay in school through graduation and transition to post-secondary education.

If you want to get involved or participate in one of our many programs, come by our office at 135 Front Street or call us at 662.686.3929.

sept. 1st

Adoris Tuner,
Director of
External Affairs
will make a guest
appearance on
Delta News
morning show
on stations:
ABC, CBS, NBC,
and Fox in the
6:30 am hour.

sept. 5th

5:00 –
6:30 PM
MERRITT MIDDLE
SCHOOL GYM

Youth Empowerment
Day in partnership
with Girls Scouts and
Sunflower County
Consolidated School
District.



sept. 6th

4:00 –
5:30 PM
CARVER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

CARES
Pediatric Health
Fair-in partnership
with Sunflower
County
Consolidated
School District.



sept. 7th

8:35 –
10:35 AM
CARVER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL GYM

Literacy Event:
"Oh, The Places
You'll Go" in part-
nership with the
Sunflower County
Public Library and
the Indianola
Literacy Coalition.



sept. 8th

8:30 AM –
12 NOON
GENTRY HIGH SCHOOL
GYM

September 11th
Remembrance and
Service Day/Career Fair
-Speaker Dr. Elizabeth
Evans-in partnership
with the Indianola
Promise Community
Social Services Col-
laborative, Sunflower
County Consolidated
School District, Girl
Scout Troop 30123 and
Youth Service America
as partners for Sept. 8.

The Indianola Promise Community (IPC) is a community-based initiative to provide children with the opportunity to succeed in school, graduate, and attend college. Our priority is making sure children in Indianola have the opportunities they need to excel. The IPC is a project of Delta Health Alliance. For more information, to volunteer, and to get involved, call us or come by and visit us. IPC Office, 135 Front Street, Indianola, MS 38751, 662-686-3933

FAMILY spotlight

In previous editions of this newsletter, we have recognized stand out families, though families in the traditional sense of parents and children. This time, we want to celebrate a "family" of our friends in Indianola who share common goals and interests. Say hello to THE YOUNG STEPPERS (of the The Young and Talented School of Performing Arts). Through their performances, the Steppers spread a feeling of love and unity everywhere they go. They are truly a family of combined youth from Indianola.

They are known for their volunteer efforts throughout Indianola, from performing on 2nd Sunday at Rasberry United Methodist Church to conducting the United Children's Service to giving countless performances for organizations and churches throughout the Delta and across the state. Led by their director, Mrs. Virginia McLaurin, and two dedicated parents, Mrs. Verry Briscoe



and Mrs. Caledonia Jernigan, the group participates in parades, church revivals, IPC Week, IPC Summer Camps, Roosevelt Community Association's Youth Gardening Group, Girl Scouts, Keeping Indianola Beautiful Campaign, Sewing Classes, cooking classes and many other activities inclusive of weekly bible study, special programs such as Fannie Lou Hamer Centennial, appearances on the Delta Renaissance, and special benefit programs.

To say that they are busy is an understatement. Moreover, this group is financially self-sustaining. The Steppers raise their own funds to travel to various places to perform spiritual dances, theatrical plays, or simply to sing. Learning to be young entrepreneurs, they recently opened "The Steppers Galleria" at the House of Khafre, where they sold home-made jewelry, donated house items, and sewing projects they had made to raise money for a trip to Washington D.C. The Young Steppers take full advantage of s Indianola Promise Community resources in their commitment to academic success and as they expand their reach in the community and Delta, and to ensure that they will be able to share their talents and have a presence in the community for years to come. Thanks for all you do within our community!



SERVICES IN SCHOOL FOR 2017 -18

IPC school-based programs are gearing up for an awesome 2017 – 2018 school year! We are excited to continue job-embedded professional development at Lockard Elementary by providing an academic coach to Ms. Heflin, Ms. Chapman, and their teachers. Janet Whitfield, our literacy coach for the last three years retired, and we welcome our new coach, Noelle Herring. Noelle is a former Sunflower County teacher and comes to us from MDCC. Noelle is excited to be returning to her first love, elementary education!

Building on the success of the last two years, IPC will continue the efforts of the Literacy Fellows at Carver Elementary. Four Fellows will continue to provide extra literacy support for 3rd grade students. They will implement the same successful model for their daily reading interventions, focusing on fluency, phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension. Our goals are to help students become strong, confident readers! We welcome back our former Fellows, Katelyn Bienemann and Drew Powell, and our new additions, Nyisha Edwards and Alexis Filippo. We look forward to working with new principal, Ms. Green, and her staff at Carver Elementary!

Our school-based programs join the district in having high expectations for SCCSD students!

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"IPC is an inspiration to the community and to young people throughout Sunflower County. The programs we have implemented and provided to the youth have given the students an opportunity to succeed in life."

— RILEY RICE,
SUNFLOWER COUNTY SUPERVISOR



**cassandra's
rules!**

Cassandra Rule, IPC Social Services Coordinator, assists Indianola residents with available services.

Cassandra's Rules for the 2017-2018 school year

Parents play an important role in the success of their student at school. Research shows that the more parents are involved in student learning, the higher the student's success.

Here are some helpful hints for parents of struggling students.

How can I tell if my child is struggling?

Your child may be having difficulties in school if he or she shows any of the following:

- Lack of motivation, interest, or attention;
- Homework frustrations;
- Behavior problems;
- Slipping grades;
- Low self-esteem.

What can I do as a parent?

If your child is struggling in school, it is important that you:

- Ensure your child attends school daily.
- Communicate with your child's teacher(s).
- Request help from the teacher early.
- Encourage your child to do well in school.
- Understand the assessments (tests) that your child takes.
- Monitor your child's progress in school and at home with homework.
- Ask how you can help your child at home.
- Focus on what your child can do and build on that foundation.
- Collaborate with your child's school.

Need more information?

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Over 575
Indianola Youth
served!

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8TH SUMMER CAMP

The Art of Living Smart Summer Camp • BB King Museum Small World • IPC & Save the Children • Promise School IPC & SSCSD • Project RISE • On Track Development Corporation • Delta Hope Care Enrichment Summer Camp Delta Hope Foundation • Summer Youth Entrepreneurship Program • Delta State University College of Business Children in the Zone • City of Indianola • Freedom Summer 2017 • Sunflower County Freedom Project • Summer School Development • Rasberry United Methodist Men's Club Fire Academy • Indianola Fire Department • Vocabulary & Reading Comprehension Enhancement Camp Sunflower County Ministerial Alliance

