



November 2025

NEWSLETTER

Annual Chamber Dinner is near!

Get ready to roll the dice on an unforgettable night at the 2025 Whitley Chamber Annual Dinner – Fortune on the Fairway!

Join us Thursday, December 4th at Eagle Glen for cocktails, community, and a night full of fun. The program kicks off at 6:30pm, and guests will have the chance to win BIG prizes valued at over \$200. Don't miss it!

Purchase tickets here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fortune-on-the-fairway-whitley-chamber-annual-dinner>



November Member of the Month



Congratulations to our November Chamber Member of the Month, **Columbia City Bridal!**

Located on the second floor of the Van Buren Event Center, this charming boutique has become a go-to destination for brides across Northeast Indiana. Columbia City Bridal specializes in beautifully curated bridal gowns, accessories, and even flower girl dresses — a unique offering you won't find anywhere else in the region. They are dedicated to creating an unforgettable, joy-filled experience for every bride who walks through their doors, making dress shopping feel personal, comfortable, and truly special.

We're proud to celebrate a business that brings so much heart, style, and celebration to our community. Cheers to you, Columbia City Bridal!



CONGRATULATIONS!



Welcome NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

HAYWOOD CREATIVE DESIGN

Recognizing **AMAZING MEMBERS**



Honoring Our Heroes: Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Each December, Whitley County Veterans Cemetery Cleaning & Restorations hosts the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City. Volunteers from across the county come together to ensure every veteran is remembered with a fresh evergreen wreath – a symbol of honor, sacrifice, and gratitude.

The event includes a full ceremonial program with the presentation of colors by the Marine Corps League Pride and Purpose Detachment #1435, remarks from Mayor Ryan Daniels, and readings from local veterans including Bill Helm, Chris Judy, and Jim Schader, a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient. Volunteers then spread across Greenhill and surrounding cemeteries to carefully lay wreaths, each placed with respect and remembrance.

This heartfelt effort embodies the mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach – ensuring that the legacy of our nation's heroes lives on in our community.



Staging of Whitley County Wreaths, and Volunteer pickup for the upcoming National Wreath Day. Those in forefront of picture headed to South Whitley Cemetery



US Army Veteran, Purple Heart, Chuck Beery Lays wreath, honors veteran



Each Branch of Service Receives a ceremonial Wreath, placed by Honor Veterans



SWCPL'S

SANDWICH PALOOZA

COMPETITION

FRIDAY, NOV. 14TH

STAN'S SMOKIN' BBQ

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19TH

MOYER'S CORNER CAFE

FRIDAY, NOV. 21ST

TIMES SQUARE CAFE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26TH

SUGAR CREEK MEATS AND TREATS

EACH RESTAURANT WILL SHOWCASE A SANDWICH
FROM THEIR MENU. YOU GET TO TRY THEM AND THEN
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE.
ONLY VOTE ONE TIME, PLEASE.



11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

SWCPL AUDITORIUM





HAPPY THANKS GIVING



Please join us
for a community dinner



22 NOVEMBER

105 South State Street

South Whitley - Old Bronwstone

11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Free for the entire community!



COLUMBIA CITY HIGH SCHOOL
SHOW CHOIRS

YULETIDE TREASURES



22ND
NOV

9AM - 2PM
FREE PARKING

INDIAN SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
1692 IN-9, COLUMBIA CITY, IN

Over 100 Vender Booths



**BREWING
COMPANY**

Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER 27 NOON TO 6PM

You're invited to our 3rd Annual
Thanksgiving gathering at the brewery.
Come and enjoy a warm and joyful meal
together as a community.

Full buffet of all our families favorites.
Freewill donation to go to Wreaths Across
America Whitley County and Community
Harvest Food Bank



8324 W STATE RD 14 SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787



WHITLEY COUNTY'S

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
6 P.M.
DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA CITY

The 2025 Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade that will be held on Friday, **November 28, 2025, at 6 p.m.** in downtown Columbia City. Our rain date is the following day, November 29. Please watch our social media page on Facebook for any updates.

Most aspects of the parade are the same again this year -- including the closure of parking along Van Buren Street. This change was made for safety and keeping parade watchers a bit further back from the moving parade floats. If you would like to hand out candy or treats, we would recommend that you have volunteers walk alongside your float and hand the treats or materials out closer to the sidewalk so that children do not feel compelled to run into the street.

Once again this year, lineup will begin around 5:15-5:30 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the Marshall Building on North Walnut Street. Larger floats or vehicles may be staged in that area. Please look for Tony Romano that evening to determine your exact placement.

If you would like to support the parade and/or Santa's House with a financial gift, our parade fund is held by the City of Columbia City, Attn: Leslee Robinson/Christmas Parade & Santa's House, 112 South Chauncey Street, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Please fill out and return the attached parade form and return it as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know. You can also text me at (260) 610-1873.

Thank you for participating! We are looking forward to wonderful parade night!

Jennifer Zartman Romano
Parade Organizer & Caretaker of Santa's House

2025 Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade Entry Form

(Form must be completed in its entirety.)

CONTACT PERSON: _____ (ONE PER ENTRY)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

INDIVIDUAL/BUSINESS/ORG NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

TYPE OF ENTRY: (Check one)

____ Wheeled Entry ____ Float ____ Musical ____ Walking Unit (Groups on Foot, Mascots, etc.)

Estimated Length of entry, in feet: _____ (Includes cars, anything towed and walkers)

Describe your float: _____

Special Needs or Requests: _____

Description of Group/Business/Org. to be read by announcer:

Float Driver's Name: _____ Driver's License # _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By executing this agreement as a participant in the 2025 Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade, the undersigned (must) be signed by person responsible for the entry) agrees for himself, herself, itself and its (their successors), heirs and assigns that participation in the Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade, Santa's House and festival, as described herein, shall be at the risk of the undersigned, and that the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges and expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade, Santa's House and the officers, directors, employees, agents and members of the organization, together with their successors and assigns of and from all debts, demands, actions, causes of action, suits, dues, sum and sums of money, accounts, reckonings bonds, specialties, contracts, covenants, controversies, agreements, promises, doings, omissions, variances, extents, execution and liabilities whatsoever including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, claims for contribution, exoneration or indemnity, or any other thing whatsoever which might arise from the undersigned's participation in Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade.

For additional information, call 260-610-1873 or email artofjzart@gmail.com

Return form via email to artofjzart@gmail.com or deliver in person to: Whitley County Historical Museum attn: Jennifer Romano



Gigi's Joyful Jubilee Holiday Vendor Event

November 29th, 2025

8am-4pm

5463 E 200 N



Columbia City, IN 46725

Please join us for a day of holiday
festivities, local vendor shopping, chili
cookoff, Santa and more!

Merry Mix & Mingle
PAIGE'S CROSSING
Saturday, December 13th 4pm-8pm



DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Embroiderers Guild 10 am Baby Storytime 10:30 am Hmschl Happenings 1 pm Create & Connect 5:30 pm Yoga Flow 6 pm	2 Puzzle Palooza 10:30 am Teen Bookflix 4:30 pm	3 Awaken Yoga 9:30 am KNOWvember Finale - 4:30 pm Gift Wrapping 5:30 pm	4 Toddler Story 10:30 am Art Lab 4:30 pm Paperback Writers - 5:30 pm	5 Baby Storytime 9:30 am Toddler Story 10:30 am Lego Club 4:30 pm	6 Mural of the Month 9 am - 5 pm
7	8 Baby Storytime 10:30 am Stitch & Snitch 11 am Hmschl Happenings 1 pm Yoga Flow 6 pm	9 Exploration Station - 10:30 am Homemade Holiday 11 am Teen Quirky Crafts - 4:30 pm	10 Awaken Yoga 9:30 am Before 5 10 am	11 Toddler Story 10:30 am I Survived Book Club - 4:30 pm Cookie Swap 5:30 pm	12 Baby Storytime 9:30 am Toddler Story 10:30 am CLOSING AT NOON FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT	13
14	15 Baby Storytime 10:30 am Hmschl Happenings 1 pm Otherwordly Book Club - 6 pm Yoga Flow 6 pm	16 Block Party 10:30 am Teen Movie Night - 4:30 pm	17 Awaken Yoga 9:30 am	18 Toddler Story 10:30 am STEM Challenge 4:30 pm	19 Baby Storytime 9:30 am Comp Mobile Lab 10 am Toddler Story 10:30 am Career Spotlight 4:30 pm	20 Once Upon a Gingerbread - 10 am - 1 pm
21	22 Baby Storytime 10:30 am Hmschl Happenings 1 pm Yoga Flow 6 pm	23 Yoga Sprouts 10:30 am Teen Game Night - 4:30 pm Dungeons & Dragons - 6 pm	24 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS	25 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS	26 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS	27
28	29 Embroiderers Guild 10 am Baby Storytime 10:30 am	30 Play Date 10:30 am Teen Hang Out 4:30 pm	31 CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS			

Gift Wrapping

Scan here for more info:



Wednesday
December 3rd
5:30 pm
Community Rooms



Scan here for more info:



Tuesday
December 9th
11 am
Community Rooms



Cookie Swap

Thursday
December 11th
5:30 - 7 pm
Community Rooms



TEEN TUESDAY
MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday
December 16th
4:30 pm
Community Rooms



Career Spotlight

Scan here for more info:



Friday
December 19th
4:30 pm
Lily Pad Room



Scan here for more info:




Saturday
December 20th
10 am - 1 pm
Auditorium Rooms

Once Upon a GINGERBREAD



Library Lowdown

Scan here for more info:



PPL's 125th Anniversary Library Card Contest

Help us celebrate by designing our new library card! Create a one-of-a-kind design that celebrates Peabody Public Library's 125th anniversary, the joy of reading, and the spirit of our community. Scan the QR code above for all of the official details!

Coming in January...

A month of "Reading in Harmony" during our Winter Read Program! Keep track of your books, activities, and programs for a chance to win fun prizes. Cozy up, get creative, and make this winter a symphony of stories and discovery!



Contact Us:
 ppl.lib.in.us
 librarian@ppl.lib.in.us
 260.244.5541

Hours of Operation:
 Monday - Thursday
 9 am - 8 pm
 Friday
 9 am - 6 pm
 Saturday
 9 am - 5 pm

December 6th

Happy Birthday

Comedy night
6pm



3rd

Free Sugar Creek (raspberry) (for every person in the store)



Christmas ON THE FARM

SUNDAY DEC 14



12 NOON TO 3PM

**Visit Santa Claus
& his animal elves**

**BREWING
COMPANY**

**Kringle Market
Food.Drinks.Gifts**

E Brewing Company at Esterline Farms
8324 West State Rd 14 South Whitley IN 46787