



LEADERS & LEARNERS

A Community Newsletter for **Riverside Education Innovation District**

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Tom Hanley was a cyclist at Marian, and in a recent interview with [Inside Indiana Business](#), he talked about founding Nine13sports after a career ending accident.

[Nine13sports](#) has been part of the Near Northwest Area since 2012 - using the bike as a teaching tool. 🎧 Give Tom's interview a listen and learn more about how they serve the neighborhood.



Community Advisory Board - Member Highlight

➔ The **Community Advisory Board** for the REID initiative is made up of 12 connectors who live, work, or worship in the Near Northwest Area and are part of an ongoing conversation about community feedback and engagement. Get to know a member:

Laura Barton is a long-time resident who lives near the former Larue Carter property. She has a background in construction & project management and volunteers at a nearby community center.

Laura is Owner of Rockhaven Facility Services, LLC & Director of Construction at Robert Dietrick Co. She's passionate about improving safety and connectivity for folks coming to the area.



Top Three REID Updates

Thanks to each and every one of you, the REID initiative is off to a strong start. Here's what you need to know this month.

➔ Interior demolition in the former VA Hospital is complete! [Read the latest updates about what's happening next!](#)

➔ Thanks again to neighbor input and feedback, work on a new brand for 2601 Cold Spring Road is in its final stages.

➔ **SAVE THE DATE!** The annual REID community meeting will take place **March 4th**. Keep an eye out for details.

Upcoming Events

Improve your English skills

Free classes, taught by Project Build - Marian University's Adult Education program

Classes begin February 2026

Registration now open!



Celebrating Community with the Near Northwest Area

Starting February 2026 Free English Language Learner classes

This FREE series of evening classes is being taught by The Project Build, Marian's adult education program, at Marian University's Saint Joseph's College on 30th Street.

Email Chris Matthews to [register](#) and get additional details.



Summer camps

Athletic, overnight, and day camps available: camps@marian.edu for information

February 14th, 11-2p.m. Free summer camp event!

SAVE THE DATE for this fun family event at Marian University with music, activities, and refreshments. Registration details to follow

One of my favorite ways to relax over winter break is working on puzzles. Puzzles with no edges, weird puzzles, cat puzzles, puzzles with one color (I won't do THAT again) - the stranger the better, and usually from Goodwill or swapped from a friend.

Puzzles remind me a lot of community work: we all need help, there's more than one way to go about it, and every person is important to seeing the whole picture.

- ✖ Accept help.
- ✖ Try different approaches.
- ✖ Every neighbor matters.

If we haven't yet talked about how you fit into this community puzzle, [please book time on my calendar](#). I'd like to hear your story and explore how the REID initiative can better serve you.



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