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NEWS & INFO FROM THE WABASH & ERIE CANAL - DELPHI, INDIANA

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"SAVE THE DATE"

Canal's 49th Annual Meeting is on Tuesday, October 19th. You all are welcome. Starts at 6:45 in the Canal Center. Volunteers will be recognized, business will be conducted and the new Director Mike Tetrault will speak. At the end all will be treated to hot Apple Dumplings and a social time.

CANAL ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"Mike Tetrault is very excited to join the work of Wabash and Erie Canal, Inc. as its first Executive Director" according to Canal Association President Dan McCain and Board Chair Janet Ayres. As a Delphi resident for the past seven years, Mike and his family have



MEMBERSHIPS



MEMBERSHIPS come due at the end of 2021. **New memberships** are also encouraged and the program year is January 1 to December 30. Anybody that currently pays for a new membership now or renews their expired membership will be given a "free" period the rest of this year. 2022 will be recorded as your current membership status.

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WEDDINGS

appreciated the many offerings at the canal, and he looks forward to building upon the efforts of so many incredible volunteer and staff members there.

Mike graduated from Butler University with degrees in media arts and education, and he looks forward to combining his passion for learning and teaching with his creative drive. He spent time as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Madagascar and returned with enthusiasm to help our people here at home.

Over the years, Mike has worked in the classroom where he focused on making content accessible and engaging. He has taught French, and Math. Most recently, Mike worked in ministry at Riverside Covenant Church in West Lafayette, where he mentored youth, created media and music, and organized, led, and recruited teams of volunteers.

Mike is married and has a daughter, Eloïse. His wife, Autumn, is also a veteran of the classroom and has a gift for design and photography. The whole family is looking forward to the chance to contribute meaningfully to this community that has meant so much to them and has provided such a wonderful place to raise a family.



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Canal Park

October 23rd 9am-Noon
Fall Landscape Cleanup Day



Get Our Pioneer Village & Trails Ready for winter



Trimming, raking leaves, picking up walnuts & sticks, moving mulch

Groups welcome, a great way for students to earn community service hours*
Lunch provided for our Cleanup Day volunteers*



*Let us know how many in your group so we can have enough food
Contact: Linda Cooper Volunteer Coordinator at lrcoper@outlook.com

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A BOY SCOUT ORGANIZES AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT.



Josh Williams, a Boy Scout from Americus, has chosen a project to replace seats/backs on 16 trail benches on trails maintained by the Canal Association volunteers.



The popular "kid friendly" lifesize play boat got a new coat of paint and as MWF crew leader Mac Carlisle notes - A NAME. This name reflects it's water friendly sister that cruises the canal in the summer.

Delphi Preservation Society's Homes Tour was on Saturday September 25th and featured our own 1844 Reed Case home (number 2) in Canal Park --one of DELPHI'S remarkable historic residences.



A large crew of Josh's Scout Troop assembled at the end of September to cut, sand and stain lumber to renew the trail benches.



Staining these 2 inch thick hardwood planks finished the first day of their work.



Fifteen restored benches along the VanScoy Towpath Trail and Obear Millrace Loop makes Scout Josh Williams' Eagle Project completed. Just as dozens of earlier Eagle Scout honorees have

At least semiannually the Canal ARCHIVES Committee meets to receive new items These items to be discussed are things donated to us. Artifacts are evaluated for retention into our collections or rejected as not being useful, historical or worthy of keeping. Keeping valuable things is called Accessioning.

Recently a precious gift of Case Family Bibles were offered to Historian Mark Smith (front right) and the decision was that they are very important to the interpretation of the 1844 Reed Case House and will be on display under glass in that house.

enjoyed Josh has been offered free space in our Conference Room for his Court of Honor when all paperwork is finalized.

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