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There's a lot happening at Wabash & Erie Canal Park! Click "view entire message" at the bottom of this email so you don't miss anything.

YOU'RE INVITED

It has been an incredible year, and there is a lot to celebrate! Join us October 21 at 7:00PM at Wabash & Erie Canal Park for the 2025 Annual Meeting. This delightful evening is open to the public and free of charge, and our program speaker will be Dr. Christopher Moore from the University of Indianapolis.

Dr. Moore has conducted archaeological surveys and explorations on a couple sections of Canal Park's property, and there have been significant discoveries along the way.

You're Invited

Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc.

Annual Meeting

Featuring
Dr. Christopher Moore

“Hidden Treasures of
Canal Park”



Come celebrate a wonderful year and learn about recent archaeological findings within Canal Park

21 October, 2025

7:00 PM

social time at 6:45 PM

Public Welcome



Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center

1030 N Washington St.

Delphi, IN 46923

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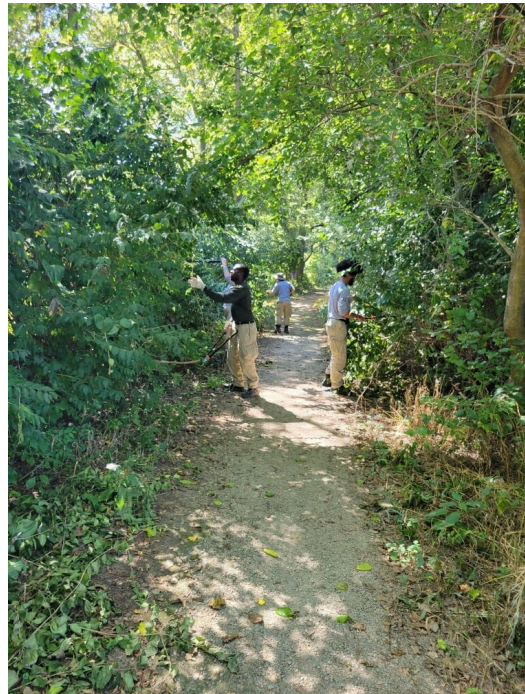
At the Annual Meeting, we will also hear updates from the Board of Directors and the Executive Director, we will elect Board members, and recognize our supporters and volunteers. We hope to see you there!

Thank You, AmeriCorps!

Over the past five weeks, we have been honored and grateful to host a team of volunteers through the AmeriCorps program. These selfless young people have dedicated a year to volunteering at sites across the country in need to help, and they have just completed a stay in Carroll County.

At Canal Park, they finished construction on Magdalena's Cabin for the new Delphi Bayou exhibits, plus they assisted with several other pieces of the exhibits, including construction of interpretive panel frames. Out on the trails and around the park, the team also cleared significant amounts of overgrowth and invasive plants, and we can't say "THANK YOU" enough!

We also wish to thank Camp Tecumseh for hosting the volunteers at their site and for collaborating with Canal Park and NICHES Land Trust to put together a set of worthwhile projects in Carroll County!





Mark Your Calendars: Fall Cleanup Day Is October 18!

Help us make Canal Park look its best before winter sets in! Join us for **Fall Cleanup Day** on **October 18** and have a great time while serving the community.

This is a volunteer opportunity open to all ages, skills, and interests. We will meet at the **Speece Picnic Shelter** in the center of the Pioneer Village at **9:00AM**, and you can join a work crew for a variety of tasks in Canal Park and along its trails.

At noon, **volunteers can enjoy a free meal** provided by the Delphi Psi Otes. If you are bringing a

group, [please RSVP at this link](#)
so we can be sure to have
enough food! Can't wait to see
you there!

School Tours Donations



Did you know? Canal Park offers a scholarship fund to offset the costs of field trips for schools in need, and we were grateful recently to receive a pair of donations from some very charitable neighbors!

The Charles Carroll Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented a check to Canal Park, and they brought a whole group for the occasion! [photo above]

Additionally, the Delphi Tri Kappa sorority made a contribution to the fund [photo below], and this is in addition to their generous contribution last year to the fund. Thanks to this initiative, which is just over a year old, hundreds of Indiana students have been able to enjoy an enriching and engaging field trip experience as they learn about America's longest canal and Indiana's Canal Era.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please visit our online donations page and leave a note that your donation is for the Scholarship Fund!



Vigo County Visitors



Earlier this month, we had the pleasure of welcoming special visitors to Wabash & Erie Canal Park from Terre Haute, one of the bustling cities along the canal route. Marla Flowers and Suzy Dunning with the Vigo County History Center, plus Brendan Kearns with the Vigo County Soil & Water Conservation District, stopped by to tour the park and gather images and video for new Wabash & Erie Canal exhibits that are in development in the Terre Haute area.

If you haven't had the chance already, check out the newly developed Lock No. 47 Park, be sure to do so ASAP! This incredible canal remnant is accessible for public enjoyment thanks to community efforts

and a commitment to recreation and preservation. [You can learn more about this historic landmark at this link.](#)

A special thanks goes out to Carl Seese, canal boat crew member extraordinaire. He came to the park so our guests could get some firsthand experience on Delphi's friendly waters.

We are honored to be a premier site for preservation of the historic canal, because it allows us to share with visitors from all across the state and country! Thank you for **your support** which helps us continue this valuable mission.



Canal Park Illuminated

Check out our new nightly look!

If you have been at Canal Park in the early morning or towards sunset, you may have noticed that things are noticeably brighter around the parking lot, Interpretive Center, and the boathouse!

Thanks to generous funding support from the Carroll County Community Foundation, we were able to repair and replace much of

our outdoor lighting with efficient and bright LED fixtures. We are excited to use less energy to light the park, but we are even more excited that the lights work!

At one point, we received the news that our contractor couldn't reach some of the boathouse's exterior fixtures with his lift. But thanks to our resourceful volunteer team, *The Delphi* was brought in to serve as "temporary aquatic scaffolding." In the picture below, you can see volunteer Jim Tyner expertly maneuvering the canal boat into position for work to be done on the lights.



We wish to thank Dave Hedden with Elite Electrical Group for his diligent work on this project, our volunteers who stepped in to help along the way, and the Community Foundation for providing the needed funding to make this project possible for this year!

If you would like to contribute to the Community Foundation's grant funding for generations to come, you can participate in [Carroll Community Giving Day](#)! Eli Lilly is offering a very generous match of 2-to-1, so a donation of \$10 becomes \$30, and \$100 becomes \$300! This offer expires at the end of the year, and every dollar raised will stay

with nonprofits in Carroll County. This funding is vital to projects at Canal Park and beyond, so join the efforts if you can!

Need More Canal History?

The **Canal Society of Indiana** is an amazing resource for all things related to the stories of Indiana's canals. On their website, you can explore historic canal routes laid over modern maps, you can read numerous biographies, and you can browse a wealth of research materials that are top-notch and engaging! Click the button below to visit, and be sure to sign up for a membership!

[Canal Society of Indiana Homepage](#)

Camp at the Canal

Enjoy a peaceful getaway while also getting hands-on with Indiana history! We have options for all camping needs, including rustic cabins if you would rather not bring your own shelter!

Winter camping is available for self-contained RV's, or you can book your future adventure today!

Plan an Event with Us!

You can hold your wedding, birthday celebration, corporate meeting, or family reunion in the beautiful reception hall at the Canal Center in Delphi! We offer a variety of options to custom-fit your needs, and we can accommodate events up to 300 guests. Click below to get started with your event!

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Reserve Now

Volunteer with Us

Join a group of incredible people doing amazing things! There is a place for you, whatever your skills and interests might be.

Volunteer Today

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