

# The Brown County Voter

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

**CANDIDATE FORUMS IN OCTOBER!**

## CALENDAR

- Monday, Oct. 10 League Board Meeting - Everyone is Welcome!  
10 am, downstairs at the Library
- Tuesday, Oct. 11 Candidate Forum: Brown County candidates  
7:00 pm at the County Annex Salmon Room
- Thursday, Oct. 13 Candidate Forum: State candidates  
7:00 pm at the County Annex Salmon Room
- Tuesday, Oct. 18 Candidate Forum: Brown County School Board candidates  
7:00 pm at the County Annex Salmon Room
- Thursday, Oct. 20 Candidate Forum: 9th Congressional District candidates  
7:00 pm at the County Annex Salmon Room

## **Brown County Schools Strategic Planning Meetings**

*by Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman*

Everyone is invited to help the Brown County Schools develop their strategic plans. Remaining meetings, which began in August, will be held fourth Thursdays as follows:

- October 27: Goal Development  
(No meeting in November)
- December 22: Goal Teams develop Key Performance Indicators
- January 26: Goal Teams continue KPI's & begin strategies
- February 23: KPI's are completed & strategies are developed
- March 20: Dashboard/Scorecard Development
- April 27: Final Review & Celebration

All meetings are at the BC Intermediate School in the old gym at 6 pm-7:30 pm.

For any questions, please contact Superintendent Laura Hammack. She is hoping to hear from members of the community.

## Health of Our Air

by JoAnne Himebaugh

The American Thoracic Society (ATS) released their “2016 Health of the Air” report (see #1 below) in August. The report was authored by Kevin Cromar, Director of Air Quality at Marron Institute. Using ambient ozone (O3) and fine particulate matter (PM25) concentrations from 2011-2013, ATS and the Marron Institute of Urban Management, estimated excess mortality and morbidity in the United States attributable to air quality below ATS recommended standards.

Based on air quality data measured nationwide, Indiana ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in preventable deaths, with 189 mortality cases estimated. The excess morbidity numbers for Indiana were 471 cases estimated, placing Indiana 11<sup>th</sup> nationally. Indra Frank, Director of Environmental Health & Water for Hoosier Environmental Council, reported (see #2 below) that these numbers showed only pulmonary health impacts and did not include heart and cardio diseases that can be linked to poor air quality.

The American Lung Association “State of the Air 2016” report (see #3 below) shows measurements for year around and short term (24 hour) particulate matter and ambient ozone levels for 2012-2014. While the findings show continued improvement in cities’ year around air pollution levels, some cities reported the worst number of unhealthy days since the report began. Of the cities listed on the short term data, Louisville, KY ranked 10<sup>th</sup> with most days reported, followed by Madison, IN, which ranked 11<sup>th</sup>.

- 1 [www.thoracic.org/.../journal/health-of-air-report.pdf](http://www.thoracic.org/.../journal/health-of-air-report.pdf)
- 2 [www.indianapublicmedia.org/new/study-pollution](http://www.indianapublicmedia.org/new/study-pollution)
- 3 <http://www.lung.org/assets/documents/healthy-air/state-of-the-air/sota-2016-full.pdf>

## Brown County Regional Sewer Board Meeting

by Mary Perez

Evan Werling chaired this full house meeting on August 2. Letters were sent to all affected in the Bean Blossom Area--over 100 homes

**Problem:** 70% systems now fail; want to reduce contamination of from all of them for residents and their neighbors

**Enforcement:** County government responsible for health of its people; Dr. Oestrike-- head of Health Dept.

**Solve problem with new or more efficient System:** Not always enough land; Topography in County unusable for most septic; individuals can pump and haul; new or existing working systems exempt now, but ultimately must be replaced in 20 years and hook on to sewer system

Soon a state-wide law that all septic systems must be inspected before a sale of property

**Proposal:** Engineer Gary Ladd--A Pressure and Grinder system using lift pumps at each home. Pumped to a Central Tank; rough map of where sewers would go; hope to parallel Duke Energy property approximately; building to begin in 2018

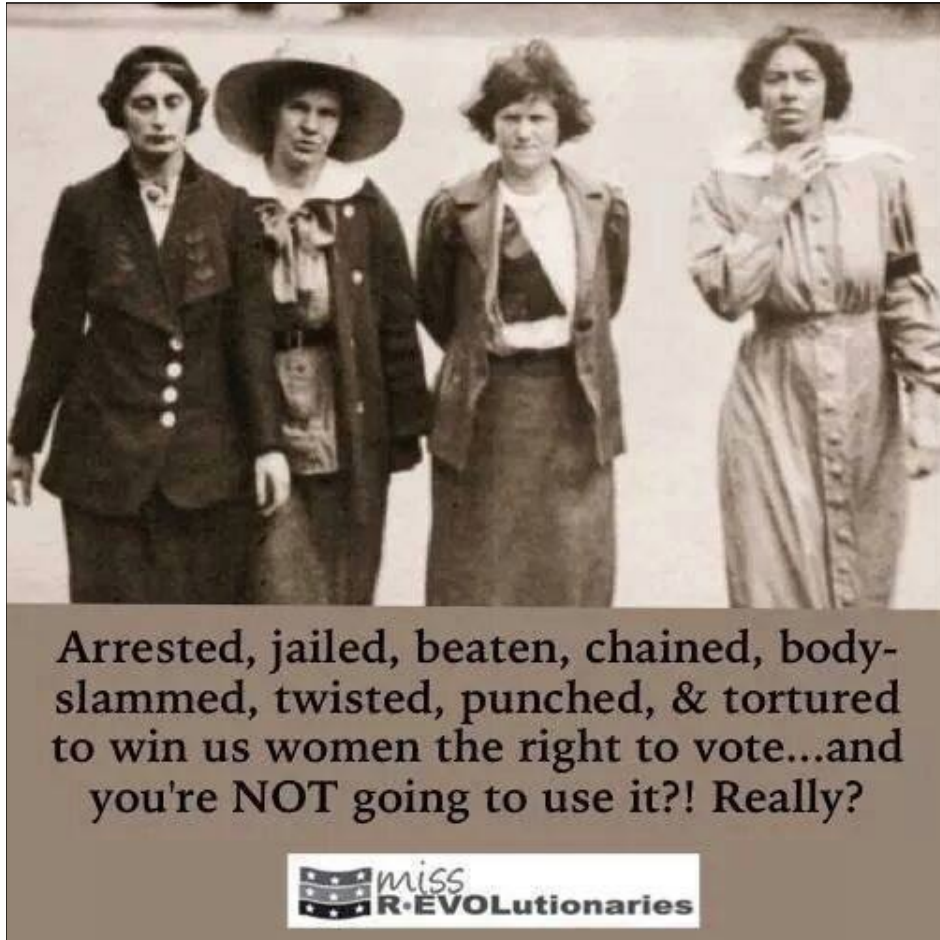
**Cost:** Estimate less that \$2000 per household hook up; small monthly fee; comes out as savings over years of pumping, hauling, repair, replacement of septic.

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State Person Vicky Perry in attendance explained available grants and loans. Good presentation by Board, Norman Oestrike, M.D., Vicky, and Gary Ladd. Questions from audience were respectfully asked and honestly answered.

There have been three studies done over many years. If this proposal is not accepted by Bean Blossom residents, the Board will move on to another area to work on getting a sewer system in place.

Evan Werling is working with the Town of Nashville to finalize the information needed to complete the Preliminary Engineering Report. The Town will not be able to complete its review this month.



## Scenic Byway Update

The scenic byway committee has named its project “Hoosier Hills Scenic Byway” since it may become a regional project. Interest has been expressed by several other counties to come in. It may extend from Morgantown to Martinsville and Monrovia and south via SR135 to Story - via SR46 to Columbus and to Bloomington. It will encompass the State Park, part of the Hoosier National Forest and Morgan Monroe and will loop about 200 miles, including several side roads besides SR135 and SR46. Ruth Reichmann reports that currently the final routes are being negotiated.



# ***COME MEET THE CANDIDATES***

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Brown Co. Courthouse Annex, 201 Locust Lane, Nashville, IN  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Salmon Room*

## Tuesday Oct. 11

- 7:00 pm Brown Co. Recorder Candidates
- 7:30 pm Brown Co. Commissioner Candidates
- 8:15 pm Brown Co. Council Candidates

## Thursday Oct. 13

- 7:00 pm - State House District 65 Candidates
- 8:00 pm - State Senate District 44 Candidates

## Tuesday Oct. 18

- 7:00 pm - School Board Candidates

## Thursday Oct. 20

- 7:00 pm U.S. Congress 9<sup>th</sup> District Candidates
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Refreshments provided by  **Indiana Farm Bureau**

*Register to Vote by: 10-11-16 Election Day: 11-8-16*

Check website for updates: <http://www.lwvbrowncounty.org>

NOTE: Brown County Clerk Brenda Woods plans to be at all four forums with voting machines that would allow test voting and, hopefully, also the electronic poll book.