

Hello Michiana,

Spring is here, and we're thrilled to welcome both familiar faces and new friends in the coming weeks. The progress on the Village Hall Renovation Project has been remarkable, and we're eager to share some updates with you. There are numerous ways for you to contribute and be a part of this exciting endeavor, and we deeply appreciate your support and enthusiasm. Here are some key updates on the project:

Significant strides have been made in fundraising over the winter season, and several crucial milestones have been achieved. However, we still need your help to donate and spread the word to reach our goals. You can track our progress and see the segmentation and sequencing of the projects on the Village website, michianavillage.org. Minimal work will happen throughout the spring and summer due to increased summer activity and funds.

We'll be launching "Michiana Morning Mingles," held on the porch of the Village Hall, for coffee, donuts, and conversations. The first one is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th, from 9 am to 11 am EST. More details will follow soon!

We are grateful to Karen Shoshana and the Event Group for organizing a Village "House Walk" on Friday, July 19th, with all proceeds benefiting the Village Hall Renovation Project. In our funding efforts we've engaged with local businesses and potential major donors and these conversations are progressing positively. The vintage "wagon wheel" lights currently in place in the hall will be the stars of our silent auction held after the House Walk. It's a wonderful way to incorporate the vintage charm of Michiana into your home! Ticket sales for this event will open at our first "Michiana Morning Mingle", June 8th. Stay tuned for more details.

Many of you are familiar with our Village History and Story, showcased on the website. As we discussed the Village Hall Renovation Project, we drew inspiration from the story of the "Signal Oak Tree." Over the summer, we'll officially christen the main Hall as "The Signal Oak Room" in honor of our legacy. We're collaborating with a local artist to create bespoke artwork, including a centerpiece painting for our newly renovated fireplace. Stay tuned for more initiatives and activations over the summer!

We extend our gratitude to everyone for your support. For those who have already donated, thank you immensely, and please continue spreading the word. For those who haven't donated yet, we kindly ask for your consideration in supporting us in any way you can. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to Anne, and we'll provide any assistance you need. We're confident that the Signal Oak Room in the Village Hall will be a fantastic gathering place for everyone in Michiana.

There are numerous upcoming events in our Village! Please go to the website, michianavillage.org, under *upcoming events*. These provide opportunities to connect with fellow residents, relax, and enjoy yourself.

We look forward to seeing you and continuing the conversation this Spring and Summer!

Warm regards,

The Village Hall Renovation Team