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Wabash Community Invited to “Stellarbration” With Mayor, Lt. Governor

Wabash, IN. — The City of Wabash is joining an exclusive list of small rural Indiana communities that have received the State of Indiana’s Stellar Communities designation. The 2014 designation, announced by Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann on August 14, provides opportunities for the City to work directly with state agencies in support of community strategic investment efforts. To celebrate, Wabash Mayor Robert Vanlandingham is hosting a special event for committee members, local and state officials, and local residents.

“This is an exciting time for the community of Wabash. We are looking forward to the ‘Stellarbration Day,’” said Wabash Mayor Robert Vanlandingham. “Our partnership with the Stellar Communities program officially starts today and we look forward to the next four years.”

Wabash’s Strategic Investment Plan included a variety of community projects identified to enhance the experience for residents and visitors in the downtown and supporting neighborhoods. The \$28 million plan includes enhanced streetscapes, improved gateway corridors, downtown living, neighborhood improvements, recreational opportunities, community center facilities and extended pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.

Launched in 2011, Indiana’s Stellar Communities Designation Program is a collaboration between the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). This multi-agency partnership is designed to support comprehensive community development projects in Indiana’s smaller rural communities in order to make wide ranging quality of life impacts. The program emphasizes collaboration among public agencies and community partners and Wabash epitomizes this effort.

Lt. Governor Ellspermann and agency representatives will travel to Wabash on Tuesday, September 2 to “Stellarbrate” the designation with Mayor Vanlandingham and community members.

The event will be capped off by an ice cream social and live music on stage by the Harness Family Band.

For more information on the event, contact Mayor Vanlandingham’s office, (260) 563-4171 ext. 403, or Bill Konyha (260) 563-5258.

Wabash Stellarbration Event

- Tuesday, September 2, 2014
- 2 PM
- Honeywell Center Plaza
275 W Market Street
Wabash, IN 46992