

Blackford County Concerned Citizens

Volunteer Meeting

Sunday Oct 9
2pm

John XXIII
Center
407 W. McDonald
Hartford City, IN
47348

Please RSVP:
BlackfordCounty
ConcernedCitizens
@yahoo.com

Mission

The mission of Blackford County Concerned Citizens is to improve the quality of life of Blackford County's residents by reducing the incidence of diseases, primarily through citizen action to investigate the diseases that are prevalent and by advocating to have these diseases investigated.

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Volunteers Needed

We need your help today!

If we are going to learn what is happening in Blackford County, we need to get everyone to fill out a survey! We need people to help get these surveys to everyone in Blackford County. We have lots of tasks that we need help with.

- Take the survey to their church
- Take the survey to their community organization
- Organize a booth at community events to distribute the survey
- Enter the data from the surveys
- To search public records on the IDEM Virtual File Cabinet (can be done from any location)
- Mapping the facilities and disease cases to make a comprehensive picture.
- Fundraising
- Local officers
- Public Relations

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about our group please plan on attending the meeting on **Sunday October 9th at 2pm** at the John XXIII Center. If you are unable to attend (or you live outside Blackford County) but would like to volunteer send an email to the group at BlackfordCountyConcernedCitizens@yahoo.com

*We are here
for OUR
community's
healthy
future*

Submit Information!

To be successful we need **all residents, past residents or family members** to submit the health survey. The survey may be completed for family members lost to disease or who had a chronic condition. We are interested in any chronic condition including but not limited to **cancer, ALS, developmental issues or MS**. Please pass this information along to others in the community.

The survey can be found on our website:
BlackfordCountyConcernedCitizens.com

Please email BlackfordCountyConcernedCitizens@yahoo.com for a printed copy.



We Want To Hear From You!
 Are you willing to share your story? We are often getting requests for media stories. The media outlets want the human side of the story. Therefore we are forming a list of people who are willing to share their stories. If you are willing to share please contact us!

Booths Help Educate the Public About Our Mission

Volunteers staffed booths at the 4H fair and the County Picnic in the Park. A big thanks goes out to Lisa Weeks, Nancy Knox, Libby Jackson, Carolyn Bowman, Kay Schrope, Tisha Trice and all other volunteers for staffing the booths and preparing the materials for the booth. Through these efforts we were able to get more surveys completed.

We will be looking to staff booths at future events and can only do so with the volunteers of the community.

If you are interested in helping out please send an email to BlackfordCountyConcernedCitizens@yahoo.com

Cancer Rates are higher than expected

Collaboration with HEC and IU

BCCC will be collaborating with the Hoosier Environmental Council and the IU School of Public Health to analyze the data obtained from the health surveys. A graduate student will be investigating the disease incidence in Blackford County

| | Years | Expected # of Cases | Actual # of Case |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|
| All Sites | 2001-2005 | 202.8 | 239 |
| Bladder | 2001-2005 | 18.1 | 32 |
| Colon | 2003-2005 | 28.5 | 40 |
| Lung | 2001-2005 | 32.9 | 56 |
| Lymphoma | 1997-2006 | 30.5 | 44 |
| Thyroid | 1998-2007 | 13.6 | 25 |

The Indiana State Department of Health has found that Blackford County has a higher than expected rate of cancer. Specifically all cancer sites, colon, lung, bladder, lymphoma and thyroid cancers were found to be high. This graph was generated from data on all cancers sites from the National Cancer Institute for the years 2003-2007.

In the News

- [Elevated cancer rates found in ECI counties](#)
- [Hartford City a Cancer Cluster?](#)
- [State investigates cancer rates in Blackford County](#)
- [Local cancer rate too high? BC group gathering data](#)

Donations are now being accepted to help off-set the cost of printing and distributing the surveys, Please make checks to BCCC and mail to PO box 363 Hartford City, IN 47348

