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**GARY 5X5X5 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP IN 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT FRIDAY**

**Gary, Indiana**-The Mayor's Office of Constituent Services (MOCS) and 3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilwoman Mary Brown announce Community Clean-Up Day on Friday, September 8, 2017. The boundaries for the clean-up are 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Burr Street to Clark Road.

The clean-up from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is part of the City's Gary for Life 5X5X5 Revitalization Project. Residents in the Third District are encouraged to join City departments in the clean-up effort by cutting grass and by working together in their neighborhoods to spruce up their blocks. Residents may also volunteer to help with the neighborhood cleanup. Participants and volunteers are asked to meet at Brunswick Pavilion, 700 Clark Road for assignments.

Cleaning Supplies will be provided but volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own rakes, shovels, brooms, gloves, garbage bags, etc.

Participating departments include General Services, Parks, Demolition, Code Enforcement, Police, Fire, Traffic, Green Urbanism, Recycling, Health and Building.

For more information or for those desiring to volunteer, contact Councilwoman Mary Brown at 219-881-1315 or the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services at 219-881-4815. LaShawn Brooks is Director of the MOCS. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Residents are also reminded that the city's Illegal Dumping Campaign, "All Eyes On You" is in effect. Residents may report illegal dump sites to City Hall at 219-881-1311. To report illegal dumping in progress, residents may call 219-660-0000.