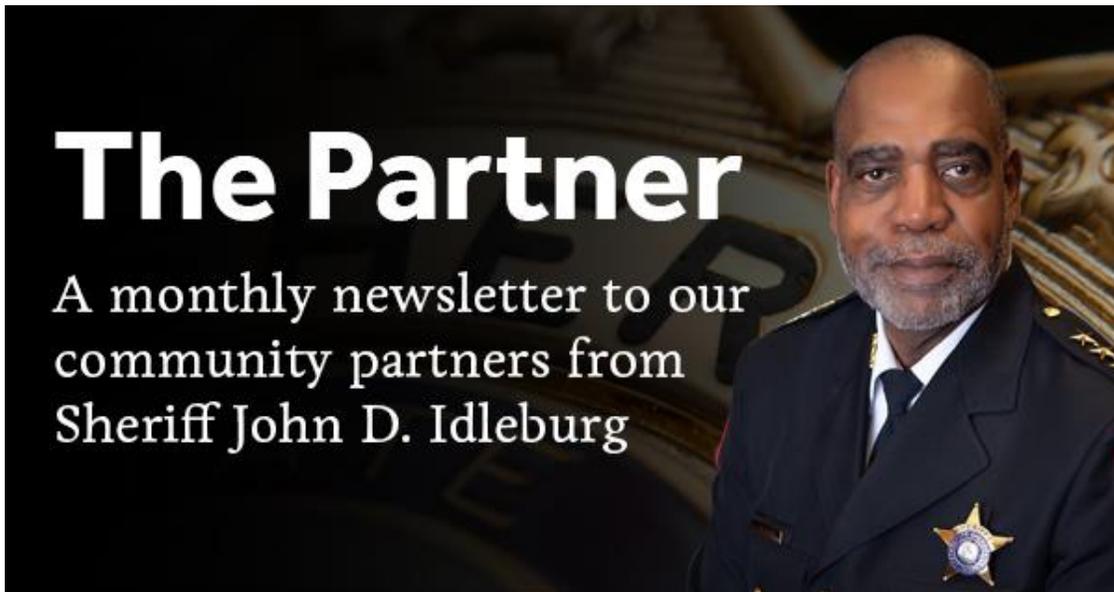


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We Want to Hear from You!



The Criminal Justice Community Council upholds a primary focus of engaging with our community. That simply isn't possible without YOU! We need your voice. What does community engagement

mean to you? How can we improve? In what ways can we better serve our community? Let us know, and don't hold back!

- Email us at cjcc@lakecountyil.gov with "Community Engagement" as the subject
- Comment on our [LakeILcjcc Facebook page](#) post about this newsletter
- Tweet us at [@LakeIL_cjcc](#) using the hashtag #CommunityEngagement

We are excited to hear from you!

Join the Discussion

Our next Criminal Justice Community Council meeting is coming up on December 15th at 6:00PM. Register [here](#) to join the discussion!

Bond Fees

In anticipation of cash bail going away as a result of the SAFE-T Act, Sheriff John D. Idleburg recommended to the Lake County Board the elimination of the \$21 bond processing fee for each individual released on bond. The Lake County Board voted to eliminate the bond processing fee effective immediately. Studies have shown that pretrial incarceration impacts the whole family unit and the elimination of the bond processing fee ensure that approximately \$55,000 a year stays in the community where it belongs.

Our Partnership with Veteran's Affairs

In July of 2021, an agreement was reached between the sheriff's office and Captain James Lovell Federal Healthcare Center (FHCC). Through this agreement, FHCC provided the Lake County Jail an iPad that will allow Veterans the opportunity to be connected face-to-face to social workers and other crucial personnel at the VA. Often times, incarcerated Veterans are unaware of the benefits they have earned through their military service. Having access directly to the VA has helped several inmates learn of assistance opportunities waiting for them when they leave our facility. As incarcerated Veterans prepare to leave the jail and reenter society, the communication and information they learn from their VA representatives allows them additional opportunities and get a head-start on their reentry. This one-on-one interaction between inmates and VA personnel will allow for just that.

Partner Spotlight – The Living Room Wellness Center



Our partners at the Living Room Wellness Center recently celebrated their grand re-opening! Located at 1730 Washington St., the Living Room opened its doors in August 2020 as an extension of the Independence Center. The Living Room serves our community faithfully as an innovative support center for those living with mental health issues or substance use disorders. They offer emergency intervention and peer counseling as well as individual safety and crisis planning at no cost. These are critical components of Lake County's ongoing efforts to safely reduce our local jail population and deinstitutionalize behavioral health services.

Justice System Partners Study

Justice System Partners (JSP) is interested in learning about people's experiences navigating the criminal court system and the barriers to getting to court as scheduled. You're invited to share your voice and get paid for your time!



Understanding Your Court Experience

Have you or someone you know previously been unable to appear in court as scheduled?

Justice Systems Partners Needs Your Voice!

Justice System Partners (JSP) is conducting a research study to learn more about your experiences getting to court.

The information you share will help Lake County learn how to make it easier for people to get to court & *anything you share with JSP is confidential!*

If you have no open court cases and aren't on probation, we want to hear from you! We'll set up a phone or Zoom meeting within 3 days of contact & your gift card will be sent after our conversation.

For more information, scan the QR code below, stop by the Public Defender's Office, or call us directly!

Shannon Magnuson (224) 572-8841 (English)
Gabriela Ontiveros (210) 920-4978 (Spanish)

Interview takes only 30 minutes of your time!



Receive \$50
VISA
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Participation!



Comprendiendo su experiencia con la corte

¿Usted o alguien que conozca no pudo ir a la corte como estaba programado?

¡Los socios de Justice Systems Partners necesitan su voz!

Justice System Partners (JSP) está llevando a cabo un estudio para aprender más sobre sus experiencias para llegar a la corte.

La información que comparta ayudará al condado de Lake a aprender cómo facilitar que las personas lleguen a la corte y *todo lo que comparta con JSP es confidencial.*

Si no tiene casos judiciales abiertos y no está en libertad condicional, ¡queremos saber de usted! Programaremos una reunión telefónica o de Zoom dentro de 3 días y su tarjeta de regalo se enviará después de nuestra conversación.

Para obtener más información, escanee el código QR a continuación, pase por la Oficina del Defensor Público o llámenos directamente.

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¡La entrevista toma solo 30 minutos de su tiempo!



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Proud to be a part of the Safety and Justice Challenge. #RethinkJails

You can help inform and engage the community about this work by forwarding this newsletter to three friends and encouraging them to [sign up here](#).

The Safety and Justice Challenge strategies at Lake County, IL are proudly led and supported by:

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