



2024 First Quarter Digest



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2024 ANNUAL MEETING

THURS, APRIL 25TH

THYEN-CLARK CULTURAL CENTER

5-6:30 PM | OPEN HOUSE

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RSVP TO SGRAY@DUBOISSTRONG.COM

2024 Annual Meeting

The Dubois Strong 2024 Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 25th from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center in Jasper, Indiana. Drinks and heavy appetizers will be served and a short presentation will be given on the past year by Ed Cole, Dubois Strong President. RSVP to sgray@duboisstrong.com.



Housing

RDG Planning & Design completed the Dubois County Housing Study last month. The full study was released in January. You can find the full study via our [website](#) and a few quick breakdowns of the study on our [Instagram](#) account.



Relocation Impact Grants

[Daniel Bowen](#) was awarded the first employer-incentivized Dubois County Relocation Impact Grant. Radius Indiana and Jasper Engines and Transmissions contributed funds to complete the \$5,000 incentive grant.



2024 Board of Directors

[We've announced the 2024 board of directors.](#) Sue Habig, Human Resources Manager with Kimball Electronics Group, has been appointed to the Executive Committee. Nick Stevens of Old National Bank will continue to act as board chair. Matt Brames of Dubois REC will serve his second year as the board vice chair.



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The Dubois County Entrepreneurs and Innovators group will be hosting **four** events in 2024: *The Foundations of Business Series*. This series will focus on four challenges that small business owners face in their journey: hiring, marketing, financing, and commercial space. Stay-tuned for our next event announcement!



Fireside Chat from Industry Leaders

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Dubois Strong is partnering with the Young Professional Network of Southern Indiana for their next event: *Fireside Chat from Industry Leaders*. The event will be held at the Astra Theatre on Thursday, April 18th. Doors open at 6 pm EST and the event starts at 7 pm EST. Ruger Kerstiens from Premier Property Management will emcee the panel made up of Allison Menke (Baird), Chip Morris (JET), and Deidra Church (Memorial Hospital Foundation). Hear the career stories of each guest speakers and get the chance to ask them any questions you may have. *OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! The YPNSI Board of Directors has decided to invite local high school students to our annual Fireside Chat with Industry Leaders. The event will be FREE for any high school student in attendance.* For more information or to RSVP, please email YPNSIndiana@gmail.com.



Enterprise Loan Fund

Dubois Strong supports current and prospective small business owners with gap financing. The Enterprise Loan Fund is a program designed to support retention and expansion of existing businesses, as well as creation of new businesses in Dubois County by providing three basic loan types. Find out more about the ELF by Dubois Strong [here](#). *Stay tuned for a new loan coming soon!*



Please consider [investing](#) in Dubois Strong in 2024.

Investment Campaign

Our 2024 Investment Campaign kicked off in January. As a public-private partnership, half of our economic development funding comes from community-minded businesses and organizations like yours. See a full list of our investors on our [website](#).