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INOVA Federal partners to provide community vegetable garden.

Elkhart, IN —INOVA Federal has partnered with the City of Elkhart and McKinley Garden Center by planting vegetables in the garden boxes located in the SoMa Commons area, on Division Street, in downtown Elkhart, Indiana. The vegetables from this garden are available to anyone in the community when they are ripe and ready to pick and will also be harvested and donated to local food pantries in need.

"We are celebrating INOVA's 80th anniversary by doing 80 Acts of Kindness around the community.", says Kerie Sekal, Vice President of Marketing and Member Engagement for INOVA Federal. "We are giving back in a variety of ways, and our goal with this community garden is to provide healthy foods to anyone in need, and to support neighborhood fellowship. It has been a fun way to get our employees to invest time where they live, work, and play, too. We are also very grateful to McKinley Garden Center for so generously donating the plants."

INOVA employees and Division Street residents are overseeing the care and maintenance throughout the growing season. INOVA built and planted the garden boxes about a decade ago, and residents have used them for different projects throughout the years. The future of the garden boxes will depend upon any plans the city may determine for this space.

About INOVA Federal Credit Union

INOVA Federal Credit Union is a member-owned, financial cooperative headquartered in downtown Elkhart, Indiana. Established in 1942, INOVA was originally chartered to serve the employees of Miles (Bayer) Laboratories. Today, INOVA serves over 44,000 members and the employees of over 500 companies. INOVA has seven branch locations in two states, as well as 5,600 service center locations and 30,000 free ATMs nationwide.

About McKinley Garden Center

McKinley Garden Center is a local, family owned and operated business in Mishawaka, Indiana. With over two acres of quality trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and materials, they offer the home gardener expert advice and guidance to help choose and care for plants.

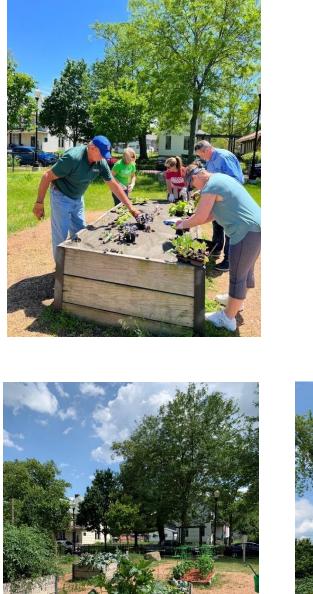
About The City of Elkhart

The city of Elkhart offers a vibrant, diverse, and unique community. In Elkhart, things are built, opportunity abounds, and our community offers great experiences in recreation, arts, and culture. ####

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