

Mark Spelbring to Address the Parke County Non-Partisan Committee On Political Education

(For Immediate Release. For more information contact Dave Burns at 344-1502.)

Mark Spelbring, Parke County Extension Educator, will be the featured speaker at the Parke County Non-Partisan Committee on Political Education's meeting on January 26, 9AM at the Purdue Extension Meeting Room at the Fairgrounds. Mark's "Introduction to County Government" program will feature a quiz and interactive discussion to help dispel misconceptions about local government and explain how to get involved. The public is encouraged to come out and gain a better understanding of how local government works. A short business meeting will follow the program.

This is the first of a series of programs planned for the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month to be held at various locations around the county. The Committee hopes to present programs that answer questions about local government, budgets, taxes, candidates and other topics of interest to the voters of Parke County during this election year.

The Parke County Non-Partisan Committee on Political Education was formed to:

1. Educate members of the committee and other interested Parke County citizens and property owners about the functions (duties) of township, county and state government units and local elected officials
2. Inform the public about the office holder's and other candidate's positions on issues affecting our community
3. Compare candidates' positions to the Goals and Objectives of the Parke County Comprehensive Plan Adopted March 2007
4. Evaluate the Indiana Commission on Local Government Reform report "Streamlining Local Government" and its impact on Parke County
5. Create a process to evaluate the candidates for local offices

Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Committee by simply coming to the meetings. There are no dues, and the Committee will not be contributing money to or endorsing individual candidates. Come out and join us for what promises to be a very informative program.