

Calumet Region Property Tax Protesters Need Internet News Channel

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Indianapolis property owners have been more creative in their fight against high property taxes than Lake County property owners have been. Indianapolis property owners have created websites and video clips that appear on www.youtube.com.

One of the websites with various video clips is www.stopindiana.com. Another creative soul posted a short video that is very good. To watch it, go to www.youtube.com and enter in the search field "Dave's Indiana Property Tax Protest".

For some time, I have tried to find local businesses that would help to sponsor a news and information website for northwest Indiana that would have video clips that included coverage of the property tax problem in Lake County. So far, I have found no sponsors.

Northwest Indiana is only 8% of the Chicago television market. So, our problems don't get much coverage by Chicago's major tv stations. The PBS affiliate TV-56 tends to avoid controversy in order not to offend any potential donors. Many people in northwest Indiana do not have English as their native language. So, the local newspaper reports about local problems are not easy to understand for these people. For these people, watching "English" television is easier than reading "English" newspapers.

But, I believe that much of this communication problem can be solved with an internet news channel for northwest Indiana. I am seeking businesses that want to help support such an effort with advertising. If you know of such a business, please, contact me at Woodrow Wilcox, P. O. Box 744, Griffith, IN 46319.

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