



Mishawaka Communicator



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Dave Wood, Mayor

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A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood



It seems as though we have two seasons in the Princess City, winter and construction. This past winter was a real challenge but I want to commend all of our Departments for responding well to one of the worse winters ever. We have a few more potholes to fill this year but otherwise no worse for the wear. We do continually assess our transportation and utility systems to identify necessary improvements to sustain and enhance the quality of life for Mishawaka citizens as well as serve and attract businesses in the City. There are also projects facilitated by federal mandates including Long-Term Control Projects (LTCP) reducing wastewater overflows to the river and American with Disabilities (ADA)

requirements for safe walkways. These are the root of this year's construction and the following is a glimpse of the major construction projects currently planned for the 2014 construction season.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Every year or two, the City picks a school in Mishawaka and improves sidewalk connections around the school. This year, the City will use approximately \$900,000 in federal funding to add and improve the sidewalks around Beiger School and Twin Branch School. Expected completion should be late summer of 2014.

WEST STREET STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II

The installation of a 42" storm sewer from Lincolnway to Sixth St. under the Norfolk Southern Railway was delayed due to working around excessive utilities and unexpected boulders under the railroad. Anticipated completion to Sixth Street is mid-summer of 2014.

CHURCH/UNION STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II

Phase II continues the center left-turn lanes south of Seventh Street to Eighth Street. Also included is construction of modular block retaining walls, lighting and landscaping

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Government In Action

The St. Joseph County Metro S.W.A.T. Team, comprised of officers from the Mishawaka Police Department and St. Joseph Co. Police Department, has been selected to receive one of the U.S. Military's *Mine Resistant Ambush Protected* or M.R.A.P. vehicles. The vehicle was designed for a multitude of uses such as convoy troop transport, ambulance service and so on, and is easily serviced since it has an 85% commonality with standard trucks.

In October 2013, the federal government began offering the M.R.A.P. to local law enforcement. While the vehicle is valued at around \$733,000 Metro S.W.A.T. received it at no cost through a federal program. Shipped directly from the factory, the vehicle had only eight miles on it at the time of delivery.

The M.R.A.P.'s primary police function will be that of a rescue vehicle. It is well-suited for safe transport of innocent victims from an active shooter situation that may occur in our schools,



workplaces, or at any of our numerous retail sites. The ability to directly deliver emergency medical personal to a violent ongoing situation is a great asset to our community. The M.R.A.P can also be used to protect officers and bring a safe resolution to armed situations, should they arise in our community.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Jun 7	Mary Gibbard Pool opens
Jun 9	Merrifield Pool opens
Jun 9	Summer Day Camps begin
Jun 19	Fortune Feimster Comedy Tour (Battell Center)
Jun 28	Summerfest
Jul 4	Fireworks at dusk

For information on the **Summer Concert Series**, see the back page of this Communicator or visit <http://mishawaka.in.gov/summer-concert-series>

ONLINE ACCESS

The City of Mishawaka maintains an online presence and can be found on the web at <http://mishawaka.in.gov>.

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to improve appearance of walls under the railroad. The intersection of Eighth and Union will become the primary entrance to the City's new Mike Watson Central Services Facility (formerly known as the Scott Brass building).

Fir-Capital Connector and Fir Road Widening Project

The new Connector will serve as a gateway into the City from SR 331 at the Toll Road Exit. Construction includes: 12" water main, 12" sanitary sewer, storm sewer, a concrete parkway-type roadway with landscaped islands and a multi-use trail. Construction is anticipated to be completed by late summer and will include installation of a traffic signal at the connector's intersection with Fir Road. The improvement of Fir Road Intersection with the new Connector is a companion project consisting of widening Fir Road from Cleveland Road and extending north approximately ¼ mile, including the installation of a northbound right-turn lane into the Fir-Capital Connector with an anticipated completion of early summer of 2014.

University Drive Service Area

This project includes upgrades to the University Drive Lift Station and a forcemain re-route anticipated to include the installation of 5,100 lineal feet of new forcemain. This upgrade will provide additional capacity allowing the expansion of sanitary system to the north and east for the incorporated area bounded by Capital Avenue at the east City limit.

University Drive and Fir Road Intersection

University Drive and Fir Road Intersection Upgrade extends turn lanes on Fir Road at University Drive, signal upgrade, and improving guardrail on Fir Road at the Bridge over the Toll Road. Construction is anticipated in the summer of 2014.

Third Street Cedar Street to Wenger Avenue

The project includes construction of a separate storm sewer, installation of new pavement, concrete curb and sidewalk. This project is in anticipation of the future LTCP, large diameter storage/conveyance tunnel proposed for the Fourth Street corridor.

Bremen Highway South Gateway

The work on the South Gateway into the City began in the summer of 2013, with improvements consisting of two projects, the Fulmer Road Area Drainage Improvements and the Bremen Highway South Gateway project. To accommodate the increased drainage from the roadway improvements, the stormwater basin north of Meijer was expanded in fall of 2013. The Bremen Highway Road Project expanded pavement to include four travel lanes, concrete curb and gutter, storm sewers, landscape islands, additional right- and left-turn lanes, signal upgrades, and LED street lighting, with work to be finished in early summer of 2014.

Wilson Boulevard Tree Planting

In 2013, the Wilson Boulevard Area underwent extensive reconstruction to consolidate four Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) structures as part of the city's LTCP. Installation of new storm and sanitary sewers, concrete pavement, water main, and sidewalk required removal of many of the mature trees in the neighborhood. The City committed to replanting appropriate species of trees concentrating along the Riverwalk. The contractor for re-planting project will be selected in June 2014.

Twelfth Street/Harrison Road Construction

Federal Highway Funding will provide 80% of the anticipated \$3.8 million to reconstruct Twelfth Street between Lexington Boulevard and Blackberry Road. Construction will include three lanes of asphalt pavement, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water main, concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk, street lighting, traffic signal work, and two drainage basins. Utility relocation and basin construction began in April 2014, with the majority of the work to be completed by late fall of 2014.



MISHAWAKA PARKS 2014 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Battell Park Bandshell

Mondays - 7:00-8:00PM

Jun 2	Ron Wiggins Quartet
Jun 9	Michiana Concert Band
Jun 16	Kellirae and Craig
Jun 23	Jazz Assemblage
Jun 30	Gene Van Trio
Jul 7	Sophisticated Jazz Trio
Jul 14	Michiana Concert Band
Jul 21	Da Bears
Jul 28	Twin Cities / IUSB Concert Band

Beutter Park

Thursdays - 6:30-8:30PM

Jun 5	Everyday People
Jun 12	Soul Funkshun
Jun 19	Van Dyke Revue
Jun 26	Out by 8
Jul 4 *	Alligator Blackbird <i>(fireworks to follow)</i>
Jul 10	Johnny Dawson
Jul 17	Ground Control
Jul 24	Top Secret

* date change

Movie Night in the Park

Movies begin at dusk

Jun 20	"Frozen" <i>Hillis Hans Park</i>
Jul 18	"The Nut Job" <i>George Wilson Park</i>
Aug 15	"Surf's Up" <i>Merrifield Pool Complex</i>
Aug 18	"The Searchers" <i>Battell Park Bandshell</i>