



Community Newsletter - City of New Haven - January, 2019



Terry
McDonald,
Mayor

New Haven & Surrounding Communities Receive Stellar Designation



On December 11, 2018, East Allen Communities were notified the NewAllen Alliance and all the East Allen Communities were officially designated as an Indiana Regional Stellar Community. These seven communities include: Grabill, Harlan, Leo-Cedarville, Monroeville, New Haven and Woodburn.

The Indiana Regional Stellar Program is a state competition offered by a collaboration of state agencies. Goals of the Indiana Stellar program are to foster regional collaborative behaviors and investment, stem the tide of non-metropolitan population loss through talent attraction and retention, build sustainability, build capacity with municipal governance, and leverage quality of places through a comprehensive planning processes building on current assets.

Back in September, East Allen's Rural Revival Regional Development Plan was submitted to the State of Indiana for their consideration. This plan outlined a bold vision to improve quality of place in all seven of East Allen's Communities. The proposed portfolio outlined a total of **\$64 Million in projects** to be implemented from 2019 – 2022. **Over \$17 million** in projects were proposed for support through the Indiana Regional Stellar Communities program.

The Indiana Regional Stellar Community designation unlocks access to set-aside funds. Amounts set aside by the state for each region includes: \$4.5 million in Community Development Block Grants, \$2 million in Federal Rural Transportation funds, \$35,000 in Rural Health funds, and up to \$800,000 in Affordable Housing Tax Credits which can typically finance an \$8-\$10 million dollar project.

What Does this Mean for New Haven?

Because of the Stellar designation, New Haven will benefit by receiving a portion of these funds for the following projects:

- New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Project
- New Haven-Adams Township Community Center Park Project
- New Haven Kady Cove Housing Project (Senior Housing)
- New Haven Complementary Projects

These projects are being supported by a number of sources in addition to the cities and towns, such as the Allen County Commissioners, Allen County Council, the Allen County-Fort Wayne Capital Improvement Board, Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council, Brightpoint, local housing developers Keller Development and Niemeyer Builders, the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation and Parkview Health. Each community has local volunteers from their chambers of commerce, Main Street organizations and local foundations that stand ready to support the success of the effort.

This is exciting news for New Haven and all others in the East Allen region as we continue to make improvements to our communities.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Clerk-Treasurer	748-7010
Code Enforcement.....	748-7060
Drug/Crime Tip Hotline.....	748-7099
Engineering.....	748-7030
EMS.....	749-1235
Fire.....	493-7500
Mayor's Office.....	748-7070
Parks.....	749-2212
Planning/Permits.....	748-7040
Police Non-Emergency.....	748-7080
Sewer/Water (24 Hr. Emergency)	414-9097
Street Dept.....	748-7056
Utility Office.....	748-7050

ENGINEERING PROJECTS

Updates on current street projects are available on our website at www.newhaven.in.gov



SEWER BACK UP

If you experience a sewer back up, please contact the City of New Haven Sewer Department at 414-9097 before you call a private contractor.

CITY HALL BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday	
Clerk-Treasurer	7:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Engineering	7:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Mayor	7:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Parks Dept.	8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Street Dept.	7:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Planning Dept.	7:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Utilities	7:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

REPUBLIC SERVICES CUSTOMER SERVICE (800) 876-9001 www.republicservices.com

NEW HAVEN CITY COURT

City Court permanently closed on December 31, 2018.
Payments Are No Longer Accepted

◊ Meetings at New Haven City Hall ◊ (Park Board Meets at the Community Center)

February

02/04	Park Board	6:00 p.m.
02/05	Board of Works	9:30 a.m.
02/12	City Council	7:00 p.m.
02/18	Presidents' Day	CLOSED
02/19	Board of Works	9:30 a.m.
02/19	Plan Commission	7:00 p.m.
02/20	BZA	7:00 p.m.
02/21	Fire/EMS	7:00 p.m.
02/26	City Council	7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL CORNER

by Steve McMichael
City Council President

2019 City Council Outlook

Welcome to 2019! I sincerely hope this new year is off to a great start for you and your family. As we start the new year, City Council is ready to serve you and all residents of New Haven.

In addition to ordinances and resolutions as needed, City Council also has many regularly scheduled activities. Below is a brief summary of the annual calendar.

January

At the beginning of the year, City Council conducts an organizational meeting where several appointments are made to various Boards and Commissions for the City of New Haven. A City Council President is elected by City Council members and each member is assigned as a liaison to a city department to work closely with that department throughout the year.

April

Employee meetings are held each spring where department heads present to City Council members department priorities for the next budget year.

August

Budget meetings typically begin in the month of August followed by a public hearing.

This is just a quick snapshot of how City Council operates throughout the year. City Council also conducts public hearings on important decisions like tax phase-ins, utility concerns and much more.

As the legislative body of the city of New Haven, City Council members are responsible for voting on all ordinances, resolutions and approving the budget.

Regular City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month and are always open to the public. In fact, we encourage residents to attend meetings, ask questions, find out more about local issues, and learn more about how your city government works.

Have a question for City Council? You can call or text me at (260) 602-6606, or email me at smcmichael@newhaven.in.gov.

- Steve McMichael
City Council President

Indiana General Assembly Back in Session

The State Legislature is now back in session and a great deal of proposed new laws will be introduced. Your city administration will be very active at the State House watching for bills that could have an impact on cities and towns. You can watch the progress of any bills through the legislative process by visiting www.in.gov.

For questions, we encourage you to contact your representatives below:

Senator Dennis Kruse
(800) 382-9467
Email: s14@in.gov

Representative Dave Heine
(800) 382-9841
Email: h85@in.gov

Seeking Nominations for the 2019 Bill Fritch Memorial Award

New Haven has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to help others and make new connections that bring us closer together as families, neighbors and communities.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard of service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a part of their lives. The Bill Fritch Memorial Award was established in 2011 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. We created the Bill Fritch Memorial Award as a way to thank and honor individuals by their demonstrated commitment and example, and to inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

There are three basic considerations: civic engagement, service to the community with humility, and acts of kindness unknown to most. This award is made through nominations. The nomination process shall consist of a letter of endorsement for the nominee. The letter will need to include the relationship to the nominee; examples of service to the New Haven community with humility; what impact has their volunteer efforts made in New Haven; and examples of acts of kindness that are unknown to most.

A Selection Committee will review all nominations received. Is there anything outstanding or unique about the nominee and his or her character? Has the nominee addressed important issues facing New Haven? Has the nominee made a measurable impact? **All letters of endorsement for nominee submissions must be received no later than February 28th at 12:00 noon of each year for consideration.**

1. Request a Nomination Form by contacting the Mayor's Office at 748-7070.
2. To request a form, forward an email to Deb-Anne Smith in the Mayor's Office at dsmith@newhaven.in.gov.
3. Visit City Hall and pick up an Application in the Mayor's Office (2nd floor).
4. Download the Nomination Form by visiting our website at www.newhaven.in.gov.

2019 Rate Change Notice Republic Services

The contracted rates for trash service increase each year during the term of the contract for the City of New Haven. The rate will change effective January 1, 2019 and residents will see an increase of .22 cents for basic garbage service.

For any questions, regarding your Republic Services invoice, please contact Republic Services directly at 1-800-876-9001.

