



Community Newsletter - City of New Haven - April, 2018



Terry McDonald,
Mayor

Public Hearing On Water Rate Increase

April 24, 2018 7:00 p.m.

New Haven City Hall, 815 Lincoln Highway East

This April issue of Insight contains a lot of information on numerous community events along with important information regarding an upcoming public hearing on a water rate increase. Please take time to review this issue regarding water rate information and plan to attend the Public Hearing on April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

CONTACT INFORMATION

City Court.....	748-7878
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



Proceeds benefit the Veterans' Memorial and Schnelker Memorial Park



Saturday, May 12th, 2018

Rain date Saturday, June 2nd

- 11:00 AM to 12:30 PMRegistration (\$10 per bike)
- 12:30 PM.....Opening Ceremony & Awards
- 1:00 PM Ride departs from American Legion Post 330 in New Haven
330 Entrance Drive in New Haven behind O'Daniels
Ride ends back at American Legion Post 330

Contact: American Legion Post 330 at (260) 749-0313
or New Haven Parks & Rec at (260) 749-2212

Contests, Door Prizes, Raffles, Non-Profits, Vendors

American Legion Post 330 OPEN HOUSE (Rain or Shine)

- 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 - Hot Dogs, Chips, Drink
- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 - Pulled Pork, 1 Side - \$6.00
- 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 - Post 330 serving Broasted Chicken - \$7.00



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ENGINEERING PROJECTS

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



CITY HALL BUSINESS HOURS

	Mon. - Thurs.	Friday
City Court	7:30a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Clerk-Treas.	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Engineering	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Mayor	7:30a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Utilities	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Street Dept.	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Planning Dept.	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p

UTILITY BILL - CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

To pay your utility bill by phone with a credit card, please contact (866) 670-3036.

REPUBLIC SERVICES CUSTOMER SERVICE

(800) 876-9001

www.republicservices.com

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

May

05/01	Board of Works	9:30 a.m.
05/07	Park Board	6:00 p.m.
05/07	City Council	7:00 p.m.
05/08	Election Day	CLOSED
05/15	Board of Works	9:30 a.m.
05/15	Plan Commission	7:00 p.m.
05/17	Fire/EMS	7:00 p.m.
05/22	City Council	7:00 p.m.
05/23	BZA	7:00 p.m.
05/28	Memorial Day	CLOSED

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by Steve McMichael
City Council President

"I Love New Haven" is a new citizen driven group that is working to beautify our great city. Our inaugural project is to enhance New Haven's Christmas holiday decorations. The group has met since January, has visited area manufacturers, and has developed a work plan and fundraising goals. We now have exciting news to share: **The New Haven Community Foundation has pledged to match the first \$2000 raised** and many businesses and individuals have expressed interest in supporting the cause. I Love New Haven will have a presence this summer as we plan on having a couple of the new lights on display at Canal Days (including an opportunity to make donations) as well as a Sausage and Pancake Breakfast hosted by the New Haven Masonic Lodge the morning of the 2nd Annual Fire Muster scheduled for Saturday, August 25th.

If you would like to make a donation towards this project, please send your check to the New Haven Community Foundation, P.O. Box 95, New Haven, Indiana 46774. Be sure to write "I Love New Haven" on the memo line. The New Haven Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization. For more information about how you can get involved in this project to make New Haven an even better place to live, work and play including upcoming meeting dates, visit our facebook page "I Love New Haven" or you can call/text me at (260) 602-6606 or email me at smcmichael@newhaven.in.gov.

- Steve McMichael
City Council President

E-45 EMS VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION LAUNDRY DETERGENT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER May 1st - 15th



The EMS Volunteers will be selling laundry detergent products as a fundraiser for the purchase of supplies. Beginning May 1st and running through May 15th, residents will be able to order liquid laundry detergent, fabric softener and other products. These products are comparable to name brands such as Tide and Gain and Downey. Proceeds benefit the New Haven ambulances and volunteer fire engines for the purchase of supplies for patient care. We appreciate your continued support.

5 gallon bucket of liquid laundry detergent	\$35.00
Laundry Detergent Pods (approx. 200 pods)	\$40.00
Scent Boosters (approx. 200 pods)	\$40.00
Dishwasher Pods (approx. 200 pods)	\$40.00
Trash Bags (variety of sizes and quantity)	\$35.00

Order Forms

Please plan to stop by the Fire Station at 910 Hartzell Road and pick up an order form. Payment is due at the time of your order and products will be available for pick up 7-10 days after the sale has ended on May 15th.

Payment

Please make your check payable to:

"E45 Volunteer Association"

Contact

For questions, please contact the New Haven-Adams Township Fire & EMS Department at (260) 493-7500.



City Wide Clean Up in New Haven!

Dispose of unwanted residential trash and help us keep New Haven clean!

Saturday, May 12, 2018 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



The City of New Haven will sponsor its annual "City Wide Clean Up" on **Saturday, May 12, 2018** to local residents. Materials will be collected at the New Haven City Hall Building, north parking lot, 815 Lincoln Highway East, from **7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** For questions, please contact Dave Jones, Superintendent of Utilities at (260) 748-7056.

DROP OFF

815 Lincoln Highway East (New Haven City Hall Building). Enter the parking lot using the entrance on Lincoln Highway. The drive through drop off site will be located at the north side of the building (behind City Hall) and you will need to exit west of the City Hall building onto High Street. New Haven Residents **MUST** bring a valid driver's license and/or recent water/sewer bill.

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

- Asbestos materials
- Automotive fluids
- Business or industrial trash
- Car batteries
- Electronics
- Explosives
- Industrial hazardous waste
- Infectious waste
- Mercury containing items
- Oil based or latex paint
- Paint thinner
- Pool Chemicals
- Radioactive materials
- Steel drums
- Tires
- Toxic household cleaners

SPECIFICATIONS

- All unwanted **RESIDENTIAL** trash will be inspected before it is accepted for disposal.
- Only pick-up truck size loads or smaller will be accepted.
- One (1) drop off load per household will be accepted.
- Appliances that utilize Freon **MUST** have a certificate of Freon removal before they will be accepted.

This is offered to New Haven residents. In order to provide this service on an annual basis, we will evaluate the response and participation each year and possibly lift certain restrictions in the future. Earth First will provide dumpsters as well as the disposal of unwanted residential trash and waste collection. This service is **FREE** to New Haven residents, therefore, we strongly encourage you to participate by bringing your unwanted items to the location listed above.

SENIOR CITIZENS

In addition, this year the City of New Haven would like to offer pick up service for our senior citizens who are unable to utilize the drop off site. Please call New Haven City Hall and leave your address along with a brief description of items to be collected prior to May 12, 2018. A truck will come to your home between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

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FINE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY CODE OF NEW HAVEN **DEALING WITH SEWERS AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS**



The New Haven Board of Public Works and Safety established a fine schedule for Ordinance G-17-04 (Chapter 51) and City Council approved the fine schedule at its most recent meeting. All residents are required to comply with the Ordinance. Any residents or commercial services who still have illegal connections can be fined in the amounts listed below.

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| §51.03 | Discharge of Gray Water or Waste Water with clear water via Sump Pump to the Sanitary Sewer. | \$52.65 |
| §51.10 | Permit Inspection Fee for Private Sewage Disposal Systems. | \$25.00 |
| §51.12 | Discharge of Unpolluted Water from Air Conditioners, Cooling and Condensing Systems (commercial and industrial customers only). | \$10.00 per 10,000 s.f. |
| §51.45 | Monthly Fine Schedule for Continuing Violations. | |

Residential Service

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| a. | Sump pump connected to sewer lateral | \$52.65 |
| b. | Downspout connected to sewer lateral | \$15.00 |
| c. | Faulty or damaged sewer lateral | \$(TBD) |
| d. | Faulty or broken clean out cap | \$10.00 |
| e. | Unplugged downspout tile | \$10.00 |

Commercial Service

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| a. | Sump pump connected to sewer lateral | \$52.65 (ea) |
| b. | Downspout connected to sewer lateral (per equivalent residential unit ("ERU"))
ERU (One ERU equals 2534 square feet)
Fine to be established based on storm water drawings in the Engineering Department | \$15.00 |
| c. | Fine for each ERU | \$15.00 |
| d. | A faulty or damaged sewer lateral | \$(TBD) |
| e. | Discharge of unpolluted water from air conditioners cooling and condensing system | \$10.00 per 10,000 s.f. |
| f. | Faulty or broke cleanout cap | \$10.00 |
| g. | Unplugged downspout tile | \$10.00 |
| h. | Violation corrected by owner, but not inspected by the City. | Continue the fine based on schedule. |



Bike Rodeo

**Saturday, May 19th
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**New Haven City Hall Parking Lot
815 Lincoln Highway East**

Bicycle Drawings



Bicycle Safety Presentation Police Chief Henry McKinnon

Free Safety Inspections New Haven Bicycles

Emergency Vehicle Displays New Haven/Adams Twp
Fire Department & EMS

Free Hot Dogs for Kids Chamber of Commerce



Contact

Jeff Showman (260) 348-2920
Terry Werling (260) 437-5712



SUMMER WASTE WATER DISCOUNT

Customers typically use the most water during the summer months; therefore, all residential customers inside the city limits are automatically put on a discounted wastewater rate for the summer. This discount allows customers to use more water while paying less wastewater.

Each customer's discount is unique to their own usage average for the previous months of December, January, February and March. This average becomes the wastewater cap for any water used over and above their average during the summer discount timeframe from **(May 10, 2018 - September 6, 2018)**. Ex: Customer "A" has an average of 5,000 gallons of water from Dec-Mar. June's water usage is 8,500 gallons but they are only charged for 5,000 gallons of wastewater. They are getting a discount of 3,500 gallons on their waste water portion of their bill. For questions, please contact the New Haven Utility Office at 748-7050.



UNWANTED MEDICATION DISPOSAL



April 27th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thanks to the efforts of Allen County TRIAD and the participation of Walgreen's Drug Stores, there will be an organized drive for the collection of unwanted medication on **Friday, April 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Bring any unwanted medication (in their original bottles or packages) to any of these select **Walgreen's Drug Store** locations:

907 Lincoln Hwy. West (New Haven)

Ongoing collection sites (for pills only) at:
New Haven Police Department (815 Lincoln Highway East)

For more information, call (260) 469-3036 or visit www.agingihs.org.



Public Hearing on Water Rate Increase

New Haven City Council Meeting

April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

New Haven City Administration Building • 815 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven



How the rates are passed?

The rates are passed through a City Ordinance. To pass an ordinance, it has to go through three “readings”. If an ordinance has a direct financial impact on residents, it also requires a public hearing. The public hearing for this water rate increase will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

How will this affect my bill?

If you want to figure your water rate increase quickly, simply look at the “water” portion only of your bill and add 25% to see how this will affect you. Below is a breakdown of costs that illustrate how a rate increase would affect a bill for an average residence.

Gallons Used	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	Difference	Percent
1,000	\$15.58	\$19.48	\$3.90	25%
2,000	\$15.58	\$19.48	\$3.90	25%
3,000	\$22.97	\$28.72	\$5.75	25%
4,000	\$29.96	\$37.45	\$7.49	25%
5,000	\$36.95	\$46.19	\$9.24	25%
6,000	\$43.94	\$54.93	\$10.99	25%
7,000	\$50.93	\$63.67	\$12.74	25%
8,000	\$57.56	\$71.95	\$14.39	25%
9,000	\$63.83	\$79.79	\$15.96	25%
10,000	\$70.10	\$87.63	\$17.53	25%

Sample residential cost

Example: A household that used 2,300 gallons of water in a month currently has a bill of \$17.92 for water, \$1.25 sales tax, \$53.75 for sewer, and \$5.35 for storm water. That’s a total of \$78.27. When you figure a 25% increase on water, it will increase this household’s monthly bill approximately \$4.43. Please keep in mind that this is just a sample as every household is different.

Why aren’t there small increases annually?

In order to cover increases and keep our water utility sustainable, the City’s financial consultant recommended a 50% increase back in 2016. After much discussion, city officials felt that a 50% increase was much too large of an amount to pass on to residents all at one time. Therefore, the recommended increase was divided into two different segments to keep the cost more affordable. A 30% water rate increase took effect in April of 2017, and an additional 25% water rate increase would take effect in early 2018. After this current 25% water increase, the City plans to review water and sewer rates annually to keep up with increases passed on from Fort Wayne.

Breakdown of your water bill.

There are 3 different components that make up a utility bill. There is a water rate, a sewer rate and storm water rate.

Will water and sewer increases ever end?

That’s a very good question and unfortunately, there isn’t much good news. Water/sewer costs in general are going to continue to increase. In addition to the increases in wholesale water and sewer rates from Fort Wayne, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requires us to meet standards for waste treatment and eliminating discharges into the rivers. We don’t think water rates will increase greatly over the next few years; however, sewage rates are going to be a problem. Fort Wayne is just starting their sewer separation project and we’ve heard estimates from \$500 million to a billion dollars that they’ll need to satisfy IDEM requirements. That cost is going to eventually fall on their users.

What else can we do?

Conservation is perhaps the most important step you can take to keeping your monthly water bill low. Among the things you can do: fix leaking faucets and toilets that run; use reduced-water showerheads; where practical convert to water saving, high efficiency toilets, washers and dishwashers; eliminate water run-on when washing hands and dishes. In other words, the less water you use, the lower your total bill will be. We will continue to search for efficiencies that the City can do to reduce costs. We’re proud of our people and the work they do, but we have to figure out how to make cuts.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact your City Council Representative listed below:

1st District:

Floyd Ball (260) 749-8162 fball@newhaven.in.gov

2nd District:

Sarah DiGangi (260) 749-7630 sdigangi@newhaven.in.gov

3rd District:

Craig Dellinger (260) 460-7161 cdellinger@newhaven.in.gov

4th District

Bob Byrd (260) 493-2322 rbyrd@newhaven.in.gov

5th District

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At-Large

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At-Large

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