



# INSIGHT



## CITY HALL BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM- 12:00 PM  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Closed Daily  
12:00PM - 1:00PM

Police Department  
Open 24 Hours Every Day

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Steve McMichael  
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## 2023 CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

Applications are now being accepted for New Haven's popular Citizens' Academy. The 6-session curriculum will begin March 6th and will run through April 17th. Classes will take place on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. at the New Haven Community Center located at 7500 S.R. 930 East, Fort Wayne.

The Citizens' Academy is free to the public and is offered once each spring. Pre-registration is required, and class size will be limited to the first 30 participants. Stacey McDaniel, president of the Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association will serve as the program facilitator again this year.



New Haven offers this interactive forum for citizens to learn how the City of New Haven is structured and managed. Residents will also learn the City's relationship with Allen County and other public agencies, what services and programs are available through city agencies, how to access needed services, and how to apply this knowledge by serving as an information resource for neighborhoods, non-profit groups and local businesses in New Haven.

The initial session on March 6th will focus on Public Safety. Participants will hear from the New Haven Police Department, Code Enforcement and Fire & EMS. The Mayor will address the Academy on Needs and Wants at the March 13th meeting followed by representatives from Norfolk Southern Railroad, Utility & Street Department, New Haven Adams Township Parks and Recreation Department, and the Adams Township Trustee.

Utilities and Water Rates will be discussed at the March 20th gathering. On March 27th, Development Services will be presented by the Community & Economic Development, Planning & Zoning, and Engineering Departments. Administration will be the topic of discussion at the April 10th session. Mayor McMichael, members of the Mayor's Office, and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council will all make presentations.

To complete the series, elected officials from the City, County and State will address the group on April 17th. This will include the Allen County Commissioners, New Haven Clerk-Treasurer's Office, and the New Haven City Council. Participants who complete the 6-week program will be awarded program certificates. We hope to provide participants a tour of the city at the end of the program and showcase the growth and improvements New Haven has made over the past few years under my administration.

As Mayor of New Haven, I'm proud of the program. Residents can learn about the services and daily operations of local government and gain a deeper understanding of how different branches of governments work. Residents should take advantage of what this program has to offer. It has been a catalyst for civic engagement and offers opportunities to everyone who participates. Several people who attended have since become elected officials, while others have been elected to City Council or appointed to various boards and commissions. The Citizens' Academy provides a wealth of information and has turned out to be a great way to get residents involved in the community through volunteer efforts.

For more information, contact Deb-Anne Smith at the Mayor's Office at (260) 748-7072 or by email at [dsmith@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:dsmith@newhaven.in.gov). Please visit our website at [www.newhaven.in.gov](http://www.newhaven.in.gov) and fill out an application form. The deadline to register is February 24th. Take advantage of these free sessions and apply today.

- Mayor Steve McMichael  
City of New Haven

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# COUNCIL CORNER

We're very excited about the prospect of a Youth Sports Complex being built here in New Haven. It's been a behind the scenes planning process and dream for the past year or so, until it hit the media a couple weeks ago.

I'd just like to address some of the rumors I've been hearing. The first thing is this is not a completely figured out and done deal, although I think it's extremely likely to happen. The City of New Haven, Card & Associates, and Grace Gathering have been meeting often the past year, but there's still a massive amount of planning that needs to happen. Andy Card is committed to New Haven, and he's confident this is a perfect place to locate this. If you'd like to learn more about their company, visit their website at [cardandassoc.com](http://cardandassoc.com). They have complexes in Westfield, Noblesville, Pendleton, and many others. Card & Associates already have Nike, Under Armour, Adidas and several national youth athletic organizations under contract and doing tournaments at their other facilities. They also have hotels, restaurants and retail businesses following them to their complexes because they know how successful they are. So yes, traffic, access roads, and many other things will need to be figured out. But they have the knowledge and experience to help us make this work.

Grace Gathering would sell their excess property to the developers. The entire area that the sports complex, and additional land for hotels, restaurants, etc. will be placed into a Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) district. That means that the property tax income from those properties will go into a fund so the City can pay for infrastructure improvements (roads, water, sewer, drainage). That money comes from all the developers involved in the project -- not the residents of New Haven.

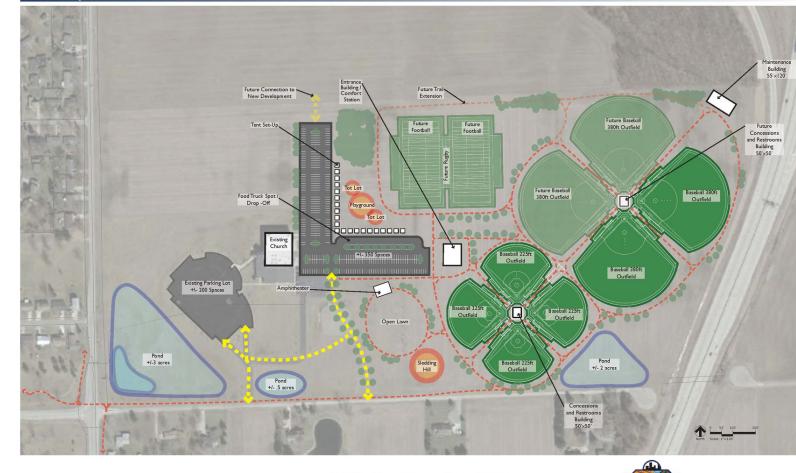
Even though Card & Associates will own and maintain the property, we'll still be able to use it for local youth leagues and residents. Their tournaments will mostly happen on weekends.

This is a transformational project for northeast Indiana, not just New Haven. It will generate jobs and income for all our businesses in the region. A number of hotels, restaurants, retail and even industrial companies will come to our area. Large corporations love communities that are showing aggressive growth and attractive features for their employees. And we're not alone in bringing this to New Haven. The Mayor and his senior staff have been amazing in promoting the community to the developers. In addition, County officials, Greater Fort Wayne, and even the Fort Wayne Visitors Bureau have been involved in promoting the project. They realize that this will be great for Fort Wayne as well as New Haven.

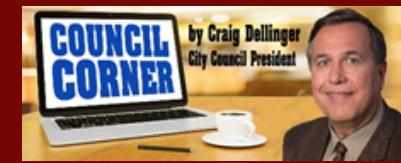
I understand that not everyone will like the project, but it will be good for the community. We'll figure out ways to minimize the traffic, noise, etc. for nearby residents. New Haven residents will get new choices for activities, restaurants, shopping and hotels. We'll also make sure existing businesses and downtown are promoted with the complex. We're planning on keeping New Haven's small-town feel, but we're also excited about all the opportunities this will bring.

Have a question for City Council? You can call or text me at 260.460.7161 or email me directly at [cdellinger@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:cdellinger@newhaven.in.gov).

## Conceptual Site Plan



- Craig Dellinger  
City Council President



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## FOOD PANTRY LOCATIONS NEED YOUR HELP

As the needs for assistance increase, the Food Banks are asking for your help. There is a continual need of items such as cereal, soup, crackers, peanut butter, canned fruit and other canned food items, toiletry items, and other non-perishable items.

**ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY**  
St. James Lutheran Church  
1720 S.R. 930 East  
New Haven, IN 46774  
(260) 749-5232

**New Haven Food Bank**  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
800 Green Street  
New Haven, IN 46774  
(260) 749-2163

## NEW HAVEN WELCOMES ANGIE HAMRICK AS THE NEW CITY CLER-TREASURER

Angie Hamrick was recently sworn in as the new City-Clerk Treasurer for the City of New Haven. She was born and raised in Greensburg, Indiana, a town very similar to New Haven, so she is familiar with small-town life. Angie Hamrick is a graduate of Greensburg High School and 2 years of schooling at Indiana University.

Angie has lived in New Haven for 18 years after she moved to New Haven in 2005 to be close to her husband's family. She worked at Walmart for over 20 years where she spent most of her time in accounting, management and HR. Serving as Clerk-Treasurer for New Haven allows Angie to combine all of her skills and work experience into one role that she enjoys doing.

Angie began her career with the City of New Haven in of 2019 as Chief Deputy Clerk but has involved with New Haven since 2011. Angie also has a strong interest in public safety in New Haven as her husband is a Detective with the New Haven Police Department.

Angie has 3 children, one in elementary, one in high school and one in college. She enjoys traveling, spending time with friends and family, art and reading in her spare time. Congratulations Clerk-Treasurer Angie Hamrick.

## BILL FRITCHA MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

The 2023 Bill Fritch Memorial Award winner was recently announced at the Mayor's State of the City Address that was held on January 19, 2023.

New Haven has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. 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. The Bill Fritch Memorial Award was created 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.

After careful consideration, the committee selected Robin & Jane Patton as the 2023 recipient of the Bill Fritch Memorial Award. The Pattons have served as mentors, advisers, and leaders, and have been involved in the New Haven community in so many ways. Robin & Jane have demonstrated overall community involvement, dedication to the community and have been a true volunteer with humility. The Pattons have shown a true sense of volunteerism and community spirit through all their contributions. They have demonstrated civic engagement and acts of kindness unknown to most. They have both certainly made an impact on the community and are well deserving of this prestigious award. Congratulations Robin & Jane Patton!



## HEATING TIPS FROM THE NEW HAVEN / ADAMS TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

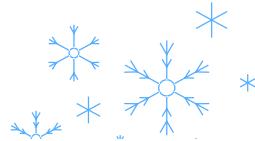
- If you have a fireplace, make sure you have your chimney cleaned and inspected annually.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Using excessive amounts of paper to build your fire may ignite creosote in the chimney.
- Leave the damper open until the ashes cool down.
- Keep fireplace doors closed and screens in front of the fireplace to prevent hot embers from starting a fire.
- Test your smoke detector once a month.

- If you use a space heater, make sure it's in good working condition.
- Would your space heater automatically shut off if were tipped over?
- NEVER fill a heater while it is running or hot, and only use the fuel recommended for your heater.
- Make sure you have your furnaces inspected annually.

*For more information, contact the Fire Department at (260) 493-7500.*



## SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER



The snow plowing responsibilities of the City of New Haven are to clear the streets in a professional, safe and timely manner. City crews will begin plowing city streets when we receive 3-4 inches of snow. The first priority for snowplows is to clear the main arteries throughout the city. The snowplows will then begin removing snow from your subdivision after the snow stops.

It is the responsibility of the resident to make sure your vehicles are off the street as much as possible during heavy snow. This enables the plows to clear the streets thoroughly and prevents your vehicle from getting blocked in. It is NOT the responsibility of the city plows to come back through your street after your vehicle has been dug out and removed. City residents need to remain aware of icy road conditions during bad weather. The city typically does not salt throughout subdivisions.

Sidewalks in front of your home or business are required to be cleared by the resident or business owner.

Please remember that city ordinance prohibits throwing snow back onto streets and/or sidewalks once they have been plowed. For further questions, please contact Utility Superintendent, Dave Jones directly at either (260) 748-7056 or by email directly at djones@newhaven.in.gov. Any messages left will be returned promptly.



## COLD WEATHER Prevent Your Pipes from Freezing

Below is a list of helpful hints to keep your pipes from freezing this winter:

- **Protect your water meter**

If you have an outdoor meter pit, make sure the lid is not broken or missing. Indoor meters in unheated areas should be protected.

- **Keep your garage door closed**

If your water meter is in an unheated garage, keep the door closed to protect it from the cold.

- **Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas**

Wrapping pipes that run through unheated garages or crawl spaces may prevent freezing.

- **Leave the faucet running**

A small steady stream of lukewarm water will help prevent pipes from freezing. This should be done at sinks where the pipes run along exterior walls.

- **Manufactured Homes**

If you live in a manufactured home, it is recommended that you wrap and insulate your pipes rather than run the water.

- **Open doors below sinks**

If a sink is located against an outside wall, open the cabinet doors to allow warm air to reach the pipes and prevent them from freezing.



**How's your hearing?**

Dr. Zach Burkle of Lowe Audiology will be conducting  
FREE hearing screenings Feb 7, 2023 9am-11:15am  
At the New Haven Community Center  
Ages 50+  
Register by calling 260-749-2212 or stopping by the Front Desk  
Space Is Limited

# COMMUNITY ZONE

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES



Bulk item service occurs the first full week of every month. The "First full week" of the month is defined when service occurs on the first Monday through Friday of the month and service runs uninterrupted. The bulk item collection dates for 2023 are as follows:

**January** 9th - 13th

**February** 6th - 10th

**March** 6th - 10th

**April** 3rd - 7th

**May** 1st - 5th

**June** 5th - 9th

**July** 10th - 14th

**August** 7th - 11th

**September** 11th - 15th

**October** 2nd - 6th

**November** 6th - 10th

**December** 4th - 8th

Residents can set out one (1) single bulk item per month which will be collected FREE OF CHARGE. That bulk item should be set out on your normal trash day during the first full week of the month. (This includes furniture and appliances.) Please note that for larger units such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, certification of refrigerant removal must be on the unit prior to pick-up by Republic Services.

*\*Residents must contact Republic Services and schedule for any extra bulk items to be collected.*

*There are several ways to schedule this service:*

- Contact Republic Services at 800-876-9001

- Schedule online at [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

- Download the Republic Services App

**Additional Bulk Items:** Additional bulk items need to be pre-paid. For any additional bulk items, residents will need to purchase bulk item stickers directly through Republic Services for a one-time fee of \$20.00 per item. The City of New Haven will no longer sell bulk item stickers at City Hall.

**Exclusions:** Electronic equipment, (i.e., televisions, laptops, computers, including monitors, keyboards, hard drives, handheld electronic devices, batteries, radio/stereo components, fluorescent bulbs) will not be collected as bulk items. Residents should contact the Allen County Solid Waste District for any electronic items at (260) 449-7265.

**Trash Collection:** In order to allow pick up service to run smoothly, Republic Services wants to remind all residents to set your totes and recycling totes out to the curb (with the front of the lid facing the curb for easy disposal) the night before pick-up and keep each tote 3 feet away from obstructions, including other totes, mailboxes, fences, etc.

## TEEN TAKEOVER 2023

AT THE NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER

FOR THOSE IN GRADES 6-12

**JAN 26** SUPER SMASH BROS.  
TOURNAMENT

6:30 PM - 8 PM COST: \$2

**STEAM VALENTINES**  
4 PM - 5 PM COST: \$4

**FEB 9**

**MAR 23** ANIME DAY  
4 PM - 5 PM COST: \$3

**EARTH DAY SEED BOMBS**  
4 PM - 5 PM COST: \$2

**APR 20**

REGISTER BY CALLING 260-749-2212  
OR ONLINE AT  
[NEWHAVENPARKSANDREC.ORG](http://NEWHAVENPARKSANDREC.ORG)



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

10:00A-10:30A

Ages 3-8

Res/NR Fee-  
\$2/\$3

**FEBRUARY  
14TH**



# COMMUNITY ZONE

Instructed by  
Emilee Stemmler

## HIIT CLASS



### Fridays

5:30PM - 6:15PM

Starting Friday  
February 3rd!

\*Free child watch during this class\*

#### PURPOSE?

- Similar benefits as continuous endurance workouts, but in short periods of time

#### BENEFITS?

- Burns more calories than traditional workouts, especially after the workout.

Preregister online

\$6

Scan the QR code to sign up online and receive a \$2 discount!



New Haven Fitness Center  
[newhavenparksandrec.org](http://newhavenparksandrec.org)  
260.749.2212

## EMBROIDERY CANVAS ART



Do you see chic artwork you'd like to try, but aren't quite sure how to create it yourself? Then this is the perfect program for you! Learn how to create a super stylish and trendy embroidery canvas painting as seen on TikTok. No prior artistic background is necessary. Participants will first paint half the canvas in one color, then embroider a unique design on top. As well, students will learn basic embroidery stitches needed for this project and take home a cool picture too! Invite a friend and try it out!

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Age: 12+ Min/Max: 4/16

Location: NH Community Center, Willow Room

Res/NR Fees: \$5/\$6

| DAY | DATES   | TIME         |
|-----|---------|--------------|
| Sat | Feb 25  | 10:00-11:30a |
| Sat | April 1 | 10:00-11:30a |



## THREE WEEK PICKLEBALL SKILLS CLINIC

IPTPA LEVEL II CERTIFIED  
INSTRUCTORS

MATT & ABBY BRANDENBERGER

ON SATURDAYS:  
FEB 25, MAR 4, MAR 11  
1-2:30PM

AT THE NEW HAVEN FITNESS CENTER

REGISTER AT THE FRONT DESK,  
CALL ABBY AT 260-450-3983 WITH  
QUESTIONS!

JUST \$45!

SPACE IS  
LIMITED!



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# FEBRUARY 2023

## MEETING HELD AT NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER

### DATE TIME MEETING

02/06 6:00 PM Park Board

## MEETINGS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL

### DATE TIME MEETING

02/07 9:00 AM Board of Works

02/07 6:00 PM City Council

02/08 5:30 PM Economic Dev. Comm.

02/14 6:00 PM Plan Commission

02/15 6:00 PM BZA

02/21 9:00 AM Board of Works

02/21 6:00 PM City Council

02/22 6:00 PM Fire Territory

## DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

Clerk-Treasurer's Office  
(260) 748-7010

Code Enforcement  
(260) 748-7060

Community & Economic Dev.  
(260) 748-7041

Engineering  
(260) 748-7030

Mayor's Office  
(260) 748-7070

Parks & Recreation  
(260) 749-2212

Planning Department  
(260) 748-7040

Street Department  
(260) 748-7056

## PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY - CALL 911

EMS  
(260) 749-1235

Fire  
(260) 493-7500

Police Non-Emergency Line  
(260) 748-7080

Police Tip Hotline  
(260) 748-7099

## UTILITIES

AEP/I&M - Electric  
(800) 311-4634

Paulding Putnam - Electric  
(800) 686-2357

NIPSCO - Gas  
(800) 464-7726

Republic Services - Trash  
(800) 876-9001

Fort Wayne Water/Sewer Office  
(260) 427-1234

New Haven Water/Sewer Office  
(260) 748-7050

24HR Emergency - Sewer/Water  
(260) 414-9097

Locate Utilities - 811

United Way Help Line - 211

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