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Mishawaka, Indiana

Jeff Rea, Mayor

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A Letter from Mayor Jeff Rea

Construction on the final section of Main Street widening north of the St. Joseph River through Normain Heights was recently awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction from South Bend, Indiana with their bid of 2.4 million dollars. The project will include the construction of new concrete pavement sixty feet in width, in order to accommodate two travel lanes in each direction and a continuous center left turn lane between Mishawaka Avenue and Battell Street matching the pavement width at the underpass. The



work includes the installation of storm sewer, sidewalk, and concrete curbs. The project will also include the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street and Mishawaka Ave

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Making Railroad Crossings Safer

The peace and quiet we enjoy from the lack of trains sounding their horns as they traverse our City goes almost un-noticed until a blast is heard in the event of an alert. In recent years the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has required that trains must sound their horns on their approach to all at-grade crossings...unless the grade-crossings are either already safe enough or are made so with supplemental safety measures (SSMs) in order that they fall below a prescribed risk index threshold so that the City may maintain their quiet zones (QZs).



While the recently completed Main Street/Canadian National R.R. and the proposed Capital Avenue/Norfolk-Southern R.R. grade separations help greatly reduce Mishawaka's quiet zone risk indices (QZRI), more needed to be done. Supplemental Safety Measures (SSMs) were most recently installed at the Main

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Spring and Summer Code Items

The Code Enforcement Department would like to take this opportunity to remind property owners of their responsibility concerning tall weeds and grass on their properties and sidewalks.

Where alleys are concerned, property owners are responsible for maintaining the grass, bushes and any overgrowth into the alleys. Vehicles can be scratched (and trash, utility and emergency vehicles can be restricted access) by bushes and other growth extending out into the alleys.

It is helpful and suggested that homeowners display their house numbers at the alleyways. This is helpful for utility crews, trash trucks and all City of Mishawaka departments to better identify homes from the alley if the address of the property is placed at the alley as well as the front of the house.

Our office hours have been extended to better serve you. If you have any questions regarding any of these issues, please feel free to contact the Mishawaka Code Enforcement Department between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday at 258-1612.

A Letter From Mayor Jeff Rea (continued)

nue, the signal at Main Street and Grove Street will be removed and not be replaced, new street lights will be installed along both sides of Main Street.

This project will begin on Grove Street, east of Main to Sarah Street with the installation of a 36" trunk storm sewer connecting to the Sarah Street Storm tunnel. At the same time the curb along the east side of Main Street will be removed and replaced with 5 feet of asphalt widening to carry two lanes of traffic. The trunk storm sewer is designed to cross to the west side of Main Street which will require a complete closure of Main Street lasting less than two weeks. Also to be completed during the two week closure is construction of approximately 440 feet of 36" sanitary sewer extending east from Main Street to a connection with the head works of River crossing No. 2 currently being constructed at Sarah Street. When completed this sewer will reroute flow from Combined Sewer Overflow No. 19 located in the middle of Main Street just north of the river. This work is an element of the combined sewer Long Term Control Plan and is being completed at this time to minimize the need to excavate into the new pavement in the future.

This project is designed to be constructed in several phases to coordinate the relocation of utilities, the installation of storm sewers, in order to maintain two way traffic on North Main Street and the establishment of logical stopping point for this construction season. Additional Phase I major work elements are as follows:

1. Construct southbound traffic lanes on Main Street from the Bridge over the river to north of Mishawaka Avenue
2. Construct northbound traffic lanes on Main Street from the Bridge over the river to north of Mishawaka Avenue
3. Construct center traffic lane on Main Street from the Bridge over the river to north of Mishawaka Avenue
4. Construct southbound traffic lanes on Main Street from north of Mishawaka Avenue to Battell Street

Phase II construction will begin in spring 2011 with all work being completed by June 30, 2011:

1. Construct northbound traffic lanes on Main Street from north of Mishawaka Avenue to Battell Street
2. Construct center traffic lane on Main Street from north of Mishawaka Avenue to Battell Street
3. Reconstruct Lawrence Street and Battell Streets east of Main Street to Sarah Street which will include the installation of storm sewers, removal of the asphalt pavement surface, new curbs, driveways and sidewalks and resurfacing the entire street with asphalt pavement.

With the completion of this project the yellow delineators at the north and south ends of the underpass will no longer be needed as the widening will be completed. Funding for this project was provided by the Northwest Tax Incremental Fund.



Railroad Crossings (cont)

Street/Norfolk-Southern R.R and Jefferson Boulevard/Canadian National R.R. grade crossings. The sixty-foot long median barrier SSMS improve the safety of the crossings by deterring drivers from going around lowered crossing gates, thereby reducing the number of train-car collisions and thereby lowering the QZRI.

In accordance with FRA regulations, all at-grade crossings and their associated QZRI need to be evaluated periodically to determine if the QZs may be maintained...a task that every driver in the City is able to help with by obeying crossing protection devices, not driving around closed gates which reduces the at-grade crossing collision rates and helps maintain our peace and quiet!



Park Event Schedule

Beutter Park

- August 5 - Last Call (begin at 6:30)
- August 6 - (movie) Chicken Run (begins dusk)
- August 13 - WVPE Blues Friday (begins 5:30)
- August 19 - Alligator Blackbird (begins at 6:30)

Eberhart Deck

- August 20 - Last Call (begin at 8:00)

Battell Bandshell

- August 2 - Ron Wiggins Quartet (begins at 7:00)
- August 8 - Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival (begins at 7:00)
- August 9 - Michiana Concert Band (begins at 7:00)
- August 16 - Kellirae & Craig (begins at 7:00)
- August 23 - Steve Foresman (begins at 7:00)
- August 30 - Pat Heiden (begins at 7:00)

Other Important Dates

- August 2 - Challenger British Soccer Camp
- August 15 - Pool closes for season
- August 16 - Youth Tackle conditioning begins
- August 17 - Elementary Volleyball Registration
- August 23 - Fall Softball League begins
- August 30 - Flag Football begins

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