



Mishawaka Communicator



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Mishawaka, Indiana

Jeff Rea, Mayor

March 2010

A Letter from Mayor Jeff Rea

Census

The United States Constitution requires that every 10 years there be a count of every resident in the country. In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico to fulfill that requirement. When you receive yours, please take the time to answer the 10 short questions and then mail the



form back in the provided postage-paid envelope.

Participating in the census is one of the most powerful ways of having a voice in the United States. The 2010 Census will help our community and communities across the

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Central Park Control Structure

As you travel on Mishawaka Avenue east of Main Street in the vicinity of Central Park you may have noticed the extensive excavation currently underway at the entrance to Central Park. HRP Construction Inc. from South Bend, Indiana is under contract with the city to construct a control structure over an existing river crossing and a proposed river crossing. This structure is twenty feet wide, twenty feet long and seventeen feet tall. It will be all below ground with the exception of the concrete top. When finished the control structure will provide the ability to direct flows within existing trunk sewers to this existing river crossing or the new one to be constructed this summer.

This control structure was added to the existing Christyann Street project to allow construction to be completed during the winter and have minimal impact on the summer park schedule. The work on the construction of the control structure and backfilling is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2010. A second project that will include the restoration of all areas disturbed within the park is in final design and scheduled to begin construction in April. This second project will include construction of an additional structure - the headworks - and piping connecting the two structures. The headworks will control the flow of the new river crossing pipes.

The City identified these projects together with numerous others in its Long Term Control Plan (LTCP), which the City is in final negotiations with the US EPA to determine if the work must be completed in twenty years or less. The ultimate goal of the LTCP is to eliminate storm water

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Trash Questions?

Call BFI at 800-888-5783

**Or the Street Department
258-1660**

The St. Valley Master Gardeners Association will provide an Outdoor Learning Center for our community. The Center will feature gardening workshops and hands on training of how to plant and maintain garden beds. Master gardeners will be on site at all events to answer questions and identify plants in the garden.

April Events

April 10 Kate's Garden

Clean-up of main gardens, volunteers from community invited to help learn how to get growing in spring.

April 25 Kate's Garden

Open House - come take a tour of the new and improved Kate's Garden. There will be brochures available that include a calendar of the year's upcoming events and a history of Kate's Garden. You can also sign up for classes or to help volunteer at the garden.

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country receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like, hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, emergency services, bridges, tunnels, and other-public works projects. The data collected by the census will also help determine the number of seats Indiana has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form. We are committed to getting an accurate count of the population in a way that protects the confidentiality of respondents. Census information is protected by law, and everyone who works for the census must swear an oath that they will never disclose any personal information.

If you do not census receive a form, you may call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance center at 1-866-872-6868. (If you prefer a Spanish-speaking operator, then dial 1-866-928-2010.) The lines will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week from February 25, 2010 through July 30, 2010.

Visiting a "Be Counted Site" is another way to receive a form if you have not received one. In Mishawaka there will be three sites where you can go and pick up a form, Mishawaka City Hall (600 E. Third Street), the Downtown Mishawaka Library (209 Lincolnway East) and the Bittersweet Branch Library (602 Bittersweet Road). At each of these locations census forms will be available for people who either did not receive a form in the mail or whose information was not collected on any other form. These forms can be picked up in various community locations and mailed back in the attached postage-paid envelope.

Please take the time and fill out your Census form and mail it in. It is very important for our community and every other community across the county. For more information about the Census, please visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>



Battell Calendar

Blood Pressure Testing – Tuesday, March 2nd



Spring Gardening Classes March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

Mother/Son Dance Saturday, March 13th

Ruby Jazayre presents "Dances For A Festive Night IV" March 12th & 13th, 7:30 pm

The Needle Works presents a sewing workshop – Casserole Carrier March 18th



Michiana Concert Band Spring Concert, Sunday March 21st, 3 pm

Call Battell Center for more details at 258-1667.

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discharge from all of its existing Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's). The projects will accomplish this by two methods – one by upgrading the combined sewer system to enable it to convey all necessary flows to the recently expanded Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and two by systematically constructing storm sewers to separate the storm flow from the combined system thus eliminating this burden on the CSO's and the WWTP.

Due to extensive excavation, HRP will need to utilize locations within the park to stockpile topsoil and backfill material, the backfill will be stored in the ball diamond parking lot and the topsoil will be kept on the volleyball court. Once the topsoil and backfill are replaced, the parking lot will be repaved and striped and the asphalt paved volleyball court will be removed and reconstructed as a sand volleyball court. Restoration will also include installation of a new handicapped walk access connecting the parking lot to the ball diamond. The existing wooden pole retaining wall will be removed and reconstructed to the north with concrete retaining wall blocks. This will provide additional flat land along the ball park area. The final restoration work is included as part of the second project which will require that all the work and associated restoration within Central Park which could affect activities is to be completed by the first of June.

Obviously, all of this work is weather dependent and there may be lost work days this winter. Our consultants have discussed the schedule with the contractor to arrive at time frames that are reasonable even with weather delays.

