



Mishawaka Communicator



Working together to build the "Best Hometown in America" by delivering exceptional services, promoting safe and clean neighborhoods, elevating the quality of life, and inspiring pride in our community.

Dave Wood, Mayor

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A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood



A common site in the City of Mishawaka during the summer months are young Interns doing special projects for the Mayor, Clerk's Office, City Engineering, and quite often helping in Community Development. These Interns are usually college students who are on summer break looking to get valuable experience in the workings of government and public relations. It gives them a chance to get some hands-on experience in the world of public servants and they assist the City of Mishawaka staff in a wide variety of functions. The Interns perform various administrative duties that may include routine tasks such as answering phones, filing, research, organizational activities, database creation and maintenance. They may also have direct contact with the public and other municipal and state officials. Quite often they are involved in the creation of PowerPoint presentations or different Departmental projects. The City of Mishawaka staff is pleased to be able to enhance the "worlds" of these "soon to be" community citizens.

This year, a unique opportunity became available to the City of Mishawaka and we were able to begin a partnership with the Work One JAG program. We not only had our regular number of Interns (four) but were able to have an additional seven Interns to help throughout our city. JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) is a school-to-career program that has a mission to keep young people in school through graduation. The focus is to provide work-based learning experiences that will lead to career-advancement opportunities or to enrollment in a post-secondary institution that leads to a rewarding career. JAG Indiana carefully selects qualified students for the program through an advisory committee composed of high school faculty, administrators, school counselors and the JAG program manager. The JAG program is a federally funded program and these additional helping hands came at no additional cost to the city.

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Smartphone App Sends Health Info to ER

Information from Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center

Now, during emergency situations, residents and First Responders of Northern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan will be able to send critical pre-arrival health information to local Emergency Rooms thanks to **ICE Michiana**—a free smartphone app with a unique "PUSH" functionality that was developed locally.



Through **ICE Michiana**, First Responder personnel will have the ability to obtain life-saving medical information in the field during emergency situations. Then, with a push of a button, they can send this information directly to participating Emergency Rooms.

Or, for individuals who do not need First Responder assistance, the "PUSH" function also allows smartphone users to send their own information directly to participating Emergency Rooms prior to arrival. In both circumstances, this "PUSH" technology allows for hospital teams to prepare on the ground as needed—saving valuable time.

The idea started with an internal discussion focused on how the local First Responder network and Emergency Room community could obtain and share critical field and pre-arrival information to begin specialized treatment sooner. A select group of Saint Joseph

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LET'S KEEP KIDS SAFE!!

Drivers need to be proactive to keep kids safe as they head back to school. Whether you are taking your kids to school or driving through a school zone, you can do your part to keep kids safe.

On average, 26 children are killed every year while getting on or off a school bus or while waiting at the bus stop.

Here are some simple reminders for drivers:

- ◆ Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones
- ◆ Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
- ◆ Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- ◆ Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours
- ◆ Reduce any distractions in side your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- ◆ Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving.

FALL IS APPROACHING!!

Watch for an announcement coming soon regarding the City's leaf pickup schedule. In the meantime, please note the following...

- ◆ Leaves should be raked to the edge of the curbs, but not into the streets, alleys, or sidewalks.
- ◆ Leaf piles should be free of branches, twigs, stones, and other debris.

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Having these young adults work side-by-side with the City employees was a great learning experience for both the Interns and the City. This was also a wonderful way to get some much needed things done in our City offices, as well as providing some insight to the inner workings of our City Government. One of the Interns, Raven, from the City Clerk's Office comments, "My experience working at Mishawaka City Hall has been a really great experience and I have learned a lot. Coming into the Internship, I did not know what it would be like working in an office setting. It turned out to be really great and worthwhile. Everyone in the City is friendly and they make it a wonderful environment to work in. I am glad that I have taken this opportunity, and if I could, I would do it again". Another Intern, Valeria, who helped in Human Resources said, "The first day on the job was very nerve-racking. I was intimidated about the duties that I would have to do and the people I would have to work with. Although I had these anxious feelings, everything changed when I met Susan, Bonnie, Barb, Geoff and Josh. Even though they were busy with their own work, they took their time to explain things and were patient when I made mistakes. I have enjoyed my time here and I hope that in the future, I can intern at the City of Mishawaka again."



Mayor Wood with some of the interns who worked with various City Hall Departments throughout the summer.

I think that the Intern Program is a worthwhile program not only to the City but to the young adults who get the opportunity to participate in the Internship. They see first-hand how the City operates and the world-class service that is given daily to our citizens. The City of Mishawaka is committed to continuing the relationship with JAG Indiana and feels fortunate to have been selected to be able to participate in the program and positively affect a young person's future.

Mayor Dave Wood



Smartphone App Sends Health Info to ER (continued)

Regional Medical Center ER physicians and clinical leaders, EMS representatives, and a local digital development company focused their efforts on leveraging technology to connect patients, First Responders and Emergency Rooms together.

ICE Michiana was developed through a grant received from The Foundation of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Don't have a smartphone?

For households without smartphones, the *ICE Michiana* initiative provides a paper alternative via a kit format. These kits are available at more than 60 distribution points across Michiana, including fire stations and SJRMC clinical facilities and outreach service locations. First Responders will be able to utilize important medical information and directives included in the *ICE Michiana* kits as a component of care, and will bring the included information to the Emergency Room during transport.

Learn More...

All residents of the greater Michiana community are encouraged to visit www.theICEapp.com to download a free copy of the ICE Michiana app (via Apple or Android formats).

For questions on either program, or for a comprehensive list of distribution locations for the ICE Michiana kit, please call 1-800-914-9488 or visit www.theICEapp.com.



The *ICE Michiana* kit is a way for you to store your medical information and care directives inside your home.

The *ICE Michiana* tube contains:

- Emergency Contacts
- Known Allergies
- Current Medications
- Medical Conditions & Diseases
- Your Advance Directives
- Your State of Indiana DNR declaration & order
- *ICE Michiana* Window Sticker & Refrigerator Magnet

Area EMS personnel have been trained to look for this tube upon their arrival during an emergency. They can quickly view your medical history in order to provide you with the best possible care, and bring the information to the ER.