

***City of Mishawaka, Indiana
Administrative Officials
For the Year Ending
December 31, 2010***

***David A. Wood
Mayor***

***John P. Gourley
City Attorney***

***Deborah S. Block
City Clerk***

***Yvonne Milligan
City Controller***

***Mishawaka Common Council
John P. Gleissner (At Large)
President***

***Dale Emmons (1st District)
Mike Bellovich (2nd District)
Ross Deal (3rd District)
Marsha G. McClure (4th District)***

***S. Michael Compton (5th District)
Ron Banicki (6th District)
John Roggeman (At Large)
Gregg A. Hixenbaugh (At Large)***



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.



The State of the City serves many purposes. Chief among them is that it is a report to our citizens of the activities of the past year and their impact on the city and our citizens: our annual term paper or historic document. 2010 turned out to be a rather historic year in the City. Mayor Jeff Rea began the year in office and served 8 months before resigning. Much of the activity in the State of the City report happened on his watch. Therefore, it is fitting and appropriate before we begin to acknowledge Mayor Rea's service to our City. On behalf of the citizens of Mishawaka, I would like to thank Mayor Jeff Rea for his 16 years of public service to the City of Mishawaka. He began his career in the City Planning Office, became the Economic Development Director then was elected Mayor in 2003. Mayor Rea participated in much of the City's record economic growth and was instrumental in bringing the H2 Hummer plant to AM General near Mishawaka's eastern border.

Mayor Rea also navigated the City through some of the most difficult financial times in its history. While some decisions that he made were very difficult, the efficiencies that resulted have helped place the City on a strong foundation for the future.

In the 11 years that I worked with Mayor Rea, I was always impressed with his leadership ability, his love of the community and most importantly to me, his singular motivation to do what was in the best interest of the City. Mayor Rea left Mishawaka a better city than he found her.

City of Mishawaka

State of the City Address

February 21, 2011

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