

Mayor's Office

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Under Mayor Wood's leadership, Mishawaka continues to thrive in many areas because of efficient and innovative programs and services. Mayor Wood has a strong and dedicated team of employees and Department Managers that carry on his strong ethic of providing world-class service to the citizens of Mishawaka.

This year was no different than any other. The Mayor's Office continues to answer telephone calls to serve and assist every person who calls our office. If we don't know the answer, we will find it. Following are a few highlights of 2018.

Drum Major Award Recipients

M. Gilbert Eberhart, DDS

Dr. Eberhart spent most of his life providing high quality dental care in the St. Joseph County community. Dr. Eberhart is past President and Member of Mishawaka, St. Joseph County and North Central Dental Societies. From 1960-1977 Dr. Eberhart provided dental care to the Children's Dispensary of St. Joseph County.

Dr. Eberhart served on the Mishawaka Dental Society Fluoridation Committee resulting in the addition of fluoride to the City of Mishawaka's water supply which resulted in a 60% drop in cavities of children. In 1986, he was presented a Sagamore of the Wabash Award for his service to the State of Indiana.

Dr. Eberhart served 8 years as a member of the Mishawaka Housing Authority. He was highly involved in the development of Battell School Apartments and played a significant role in maintaining housing for families in Barbee Creek Apartments and for the elderly and disabled at Riverview 500. He served as the Chairman of the Mayor's Committee for the Merrifield Recreation Complex. Dr. Eberhart was past President and member of the City of Mishawaka Redevelopment Commission for over 34 years from 1983-2017.

Barbara and Reg Wagle

Barbara and Reg Wagle dated through their college years and married in 1964. Barbara became Director of Mishawaka Children's Museum in 1969. In 1981, Mayor Bob Kovach appointed her to chair Mishawaka's 1983 Sesquicentennial celebration. Barbara is a lifelong member of Tri-Kappa Sorority, serving several times as President. In the 1980's Barbara joined St. Joseph Bank & Trust. As a Community Reinvestment Officer, her focus was primarily on disadvantaged areas of the County, partnering with South Bend Heritage, and others who share that common purpose. In that same decade, Reg served as District Director for Representative John Hiler. Barbara eventually left banking to join South Bend Heritage, and then was recruited to the Community Development Office at the University of Notre Dame. She also served several terms on the Mishawaka Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and has just been reappointed for

another term. Eventually, Barbara returned to her lifelong passion for creative stagecraft at the South Bend Civic Theatre.

In 1992, Reg joined Memorial Health System as Vice-President of Memorial Health Foundation. In his two decades there, he brought new resources to Memorial's wide range of outreach initiatives, "Creating Healthier Communities". These created new models for interventions for such things as cancer among African-American women, blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke among African-American men. Reg was also instrumental in the creation of HealthWorks Kids Museum. Since 1984, Reg has served as President of Mishawaka Parks Board of Trustees.

Both Barbara and Reg became CASA volunteers two years ago, continuing to find fulfillment in helping children.

Chuck and Dorothy Wayne

Dorothy and Chuck Wayne were married in 1957 and have two sons, Scott and David.

Dot was employed by the Penn Township Assessor and the St. Joseph County Drainage Board. She then became Office Manager for the St. Joseph County Auditor and retired from that office after 22 years of service. Dot served on many community committees, boards and charitable organizations. She was a member of both Service Guild and Tri Kappa. Dot served as President for the Mishawaka/Penn Library Board, the Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Board, the Healthy Communities Initiative Executive Board of St. Joseph County and the St. Joseph County Redevelopment Board. Dot was elected four times (16 years) to the Mishawaka Common Council where she served as President twice. She was told that she was the first and only woman to have served as President of the Council. She was named the Mishawaka Business Associations Woman of the Year in 1994 and was presented a "Sagamore of the Wabash" award by Governor Frank O'Bannon. Mayor Robert Beutter presented Dot with two "Official Proclamations for a Dorothy Wayne Day."

Chuck was employed by the School City of Mishawaka for almost 40 years. He taught Drafting, Woodshop, Electricity, Home Mechanics and Trade Math. In addition to his teaching duties, Chuck directed the Intramural Program, Adult Evening School Program, managed the Mishawaka High School Bookstore, was head of the Industrial Education Department, served on the MHS Cabinet and was a Student Council Sponsor. Chuck was also heavily involved in the community. He served on the workforce development board of St. Joseph County, served on Connect-the coalition for education success in St. Joseph County, and was a member and president of the Mishawaka Exchange Club. At First United Methodist Church, Chuck has been a Sunday School Teacher, Usher, Reader and a member of the Church Council

Mishawaka Business Association Annual Dinner and Meeting

The Mishawaka Business Association is an organization that strives to be a reflection of its members. The City of Mishawaka and the MBA have worked hand-in-hand for the betterment of our community. At the 2018 Annual Member Celebration, the MBA presented a few new awards: The Founder Award and the Special Recognition Award along with their traditional Person of the Year Award and Business of the Year Award. Following are recipients of the Mishawaka Business Association 2018 Awards:

Founder Award

- *City of Mishawaka*
- *Gary's Barber Shop*
- *Powell The Florist*

Special Recognition Award

- *Tom and Nancy Garman*
- *Mike Compton*

Person of the Year Award

Jerry L. Brandenburg was born June 29, 1945 in Leesburg, Indiana and grew up in Silver Lake, Indiana. After high school, Jerry served his country in the Navy and then attended barber school in Indianapolis. Dr. Mike Jagger was ready to begin his medical career when Jerry was finishing barber school and they looked for a community where they could live and work close by one another. They found Mishawaka, and both decided to lay down roots and make this city their home.

On February 6, 1968, Jerry found employment at the Family Barber Shop and began working for Don Bice. After about a year, Don made Jerry an offer to buy half of the barber shop, but Jerry made a counter and instead bought the entire business from Don. Don went on to work for Jerry for another year and a half. After Don's departure, several barbers came and went until Roger Finney was hired in 1977. In 1978, Jerry and Roger became partners and purchased the building. Don Bice's aunt, Silvia Jones, also operated a beauty shop in the back of the building until her retirement, and this beauty shop is still in existence in the back of the barber shop.

Jerry has been the most popular barber in Mishawaka for 50 years! Jerry has been a constant supporter of the community school and athletic programs including football, basketball, little league, soccer, swimming and many other sports. Getting a haircut at the Family Barber was an experience. Jerry was an excellent story teller and a phenomenal jokester. He would draw you in with what seemed like a true story and then deliver a punch line that would really get you. Jerry was a friend to all and served many generations of Mishawaka families. He remembered thousands of people by name and greeted each with a smile.

Jerry was married to his wife, Susie, for 37 years and were blessed with four boys and many grandchildren. Jerry believed from the beginning and would still regularly say, "Mishawaka is a great place to be in business and raise a family". Jerry Brandenburg will be greatly missed.

Business of the Year Award

Indiana Rug Company & Textile Fabrication, Inc. (InRugCo) was founded in 1983 by Pam Richardes, a textile artist. Pam built the company from the ground up, using her strong work ethic and relentless creative spirit. Custom carved and inlaid area rugs are designed and fabricated using old world and modern techniques. Through the development of the area rugs, her textile ideas eventually evolved into other products including a line of furniture and pieces of wearable art. This paved the route for a larger business venture. InRugCo is a collaborative team

that designs and builds textile products. Indiana Rug Company offers customer area rugs, custom furniture, home accents and wearable textiles. They are textile enthusiasts!

Their newest studio and gift shop is located at 200 E. Mishawaka Avenue; across from Central Park. Pam and her company are involved in all community events and partners with the Mishawaka Parks Department to help Mishawaka be the best that they can be. They are a shining example of a Mishawaka Business!

Optimist Club Student Honorees

The Mishawaka Optimist Club held its annual breakfast to honor the achievements of Mishawaka students graduating from each of the Mishawaka local high schools. This year the Club enjoyed the company of some wonderful kids, their parents and siblings, Mayor Dave Wood, and the Lieutenant Governor of Optimist International of Northern Indiana, Mr. Kidder.

The senior students honored with the Optimist Club award this year were:

- *Marian High School: Nicholas Kloska and Hannah Harry*
- *Mishawaka High School: Brian Braiton and Allie Hazen*
- *Penn High School: Orabelle Semuhungu and Trevor Sierzputowski*

2017-2018 Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council

This year 33 students were invited to be part of the Mayor Dave Wood Youth Advisory Council; 13 from MHS, 8 from Marian and 12 from Penn High School. A new position of Senior Advisor was created this year. This position would allow a student who has already served the maximum two-year commitment to return and serve in an advisory position to the students. Hannah Majewski from Marian High School was elected to serve in this position, and she attended all field trips, took part in all community service projects and served the students as a Senior Advisor and Liaison between the Adult Coordinators and the students. Hannah enjoyed being the senior advisor in her senior year, and the new position will become a permanent part of the Youth Council.

The Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council had many opportunities to connect with City of Mishawaka Department Managers, local businesses and citizens of Mishawaka. Their Thanksgiving Food Drive raised over \$2,000 and they collected over 1,000 lbs. of food which enabled them to deliver 70 Thanksgiving dinners to Mishawaka families in need and also make a sizable food donation to the Mishawaka Food Pantry.

MHS	MARIAN	PENN
Eric Arseneau	Alexis Alvarado	Max Bender
Abraham Cannon	Madeline Dennison	Noah Cocquyt
C.J. Fisher	Joseph Griesinger	Jacob Eshowsky
Alicia Katzelis	Dennis Mammolenti	Samantha Grocock
Skylar Madison	John Tordi	Emily Kehoe
Devyn Miller	Joseph Tordi	Lauren Kramer
Kendall Miller	Libby Voor	Keegan Palonis
Abigail Mueller	Joseph Wood	Evan Pica
Parker Norris		Luke Schuster
Skylar Norris		Celine Wang
Courtney Pelletier		Karen Wang
Alex Shide		Maya Wright
Kaitlin Ward		

At the first meeting of the year in September, the students voted on Officers after they took their Oath of Office in front of the Mishawaka Common Council. Parker Norris was elected as President, Abigail Mueller, Vice-President; Maya Wright, Treasurer and Samantha Grocock,

Secretary. These students would be responsible for leading the MYAC during all business meetings, field trips and events.

New this year was a visit to the Indiana Statehouse where the students networked with other Youth Council members from across the state. They were given a tour of the State Capital Building and had the opportunity to meet their local State Representatives, State Senators and took a tour with State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Jennifer McCormick. They met with the two youngest State Representatives in Indiana, State Reps. David Ober and Ryan Hatfield and learned what prompted these millennials to get involved in politics. They were able to view the legislature in session, had a meet and greet with Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, and met with a panel of young professionals to learn about the cool jobs in Government. It was an experience that they will long remember.



Front row: Skylar Norris, Madeline Dennison, Hannah Majewski. Back row: Alex Shide, Maya Wright, Alicia Katzelis, Mayor Dave Wood.

The Youth Council also visited the site of the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Habitat for Humanity Work Project and met with key personnel to learn how this project came about, what its impact would be on our community, and how they could be involved. It was a unique opportunity as they could visit the site during the pre-building process, before the August build event when thousands of volunteers would arrive in Mishawaka to build 23 homes in one week. These students often have the opportunity to view projects and give input prior to anyone else. It is an opportunity to have a voice and long-lasting impact in their community.



Front Row: Mayor Wood, Alex Shide, Keegon Palonis, CJ Fisher, Devyn Miller, Kendall Miller, Eric Arseneau, John Tordi.

Back Row: Jim Williams, HFH, Noah Cocquyt, Jacob Eschowsky, Luke Schuster, Skylar Madison, Alicia Katzelis, Abraham Cannon, Joe Tordi.

At the end of the year, the Mayor's Youth Council Leadership Projects were presented to a panel of judges in Council Chambers, City Hall. This year there were six teams and Leadership Topics were:

- 1.) How to keep the Mayor's Youth Council evolving?
- 2.) Communication in a natural disaster or emergency event.
- 3.) What communication efforts can be made or improved to better keep our citizens informed?
- 4.) Find programming for the proposed model of Beutter Park.
- 5.) Public Transportation: Is it adequate in our City?
- 6.) Community Legacy—how to share Mishawaka's story, heritage and history.

Team 4, consisting of Skylar Norris, Noah Cocquyt, Joe Griesinger, Lauren Kramer, Dennis Mammolenti and Devyn Miller presented the winning project. The judges felt this team addressed their project topic well, had unique ideas, had a project that was most implementable, presented programming for all four seasons and each team member presented a programming idea which showed that each member of the team worked on the project and had input.

Marian Knights Service Day 2018

Mayor Dave Wood along with juniors and seniors from Marian High School participated in Knights Service Day on, Wednesday, October 17th. They worked on the Habitat for Humanity Site at the corner of Byrkit and Jefferson Road in Mishawaka and laid the sod on House #5, finished the sod on House #4 and completed sod on house #28. Habitat Representatives were surprised at how much work these students were able to get done in four short hours. They did not expect them to get the sod completed on House #5 let alone complete work on two other yards.



Mayor Dave Wood, Joseph Wood, Dominic Blume, Aaliyah Moore, homeowner Ericka, Catherine Cataldo, Hannah Hopson, Luke Krizman, Matt Sobieralski (teacher), Dylan Anderson

Ericka, the owner of House #5, had heard that the Mayor and students would be doing this project in the morning and stopped by at lunch to see their progress. What a surprise when she pulled up to her new home and the sod and landscaping was complete. She took the students inside for a tour of her home and expressed thanks for their hard work.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Ring-Off

On November 27th, Giving Tuesday, the Red Kettle Ring-Off took place between the City of Mishawaka and City of South Bend. This was the 6th year that City of Mishawaka along with School City of Mishawaka challenged the City of South Bend and School City of South Bend.



School City of Mishawaka Intern, Bruce Quick, Mayor Dave Wood, SCM Director of Athletics, Dean Huppert

The event started at 6:00am and Team Mishawaka was ringing the bell at the Wal-Mart-Indian Ridge Plaza while Team South Bend rang the bell at Wal-Mart-Ireland Road for twelve hours straight, ending at 6:00pm. At 6:00am sharp, Fire Chief Bryon Woodward along with EMS Assistant Chief Brian Thomas started the challenge. Throughout the day, different local celebrities joined City of Mishawaka staff and rang the bell for 12 straight hours; the bell never stopped ringing once!

The City of Mishawaka prevailed and raised \$1,726.43 compared to the City of South Bend's \$1,498.76. It was a close contest, but the difference was the change contributed from school City of Mishawaka students. A grand total of \$3,225.19 was raised and ALL proceeds will stay in St. Joseph County to help about 1,000 families at Christmas.

Santa Claus is Comin' to Town

In support of the Mishawaka Business Association, the City of Mishawaka, once again, welcomed the arrival of Santa into downtown Mishawaka on Small Business Saturday, November 24th. This year's Christmas Tree was donated from the Rosewood Subdivision Mishawaka home of Gloria Rickey. The tree that she enjoyed in her back yard for many years was just too big to keep and she graciously called the Mayor's Office to offer her tree for the annual City of Mishawaka tree lighting. The tree was not the largest the city had ever seen, but it was by far the most beautiful having the perfect shape of a Christmas tree.



James, Santa, "J", Erika, Ky, Mayor Wood, Jayce, Raven, Jayden, LaGlenda, Jaimi Wood

Mayor Dave Wood, Santa and special VIP guests from the Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter Work Project arrived at 6pm on the decorated city firetruck to do the honors of flipping the switch and lighting the tree. Thousands of people gathered to hear the Christmas music from Ignite Brass, a local jazz band, drink hot chocolate served by Mayor Dave Wood's Youth Advisory Council, and enjoy cookies donated by Martin's Supermarkets. Santa took the time to meet with all youngsters in attendance for a picture and to hear what they wanted for Christmas. In the spirit of "community", all monetary donations and food purchased from the Real Services Food Truck on sight went directly to support the Real Services program.

Proclamations

Each year I am called upon to honor notable events and occasions with Proclamations. Following are the 2018 Mayoral Proclamations:

Retirements:

- Cindy Cochran, Mishawaka Utility Business Office, 33 yrs. 1/2/2018
- Reg Wagle, Mishawaka Parks Board, 33 yrs. 1/10/2018
- Patrick Portolese, Mishawaka Fire Department, 31 yrs. 2/9/2018
- Steve Anglemyer, Mishawaka Fire Department, 23 yrs. 4/13/2018
- Janice Winn, Mishawaka Water Department, 33 yrs. 8/2/2018
- John Serge, Mishawaka Fire Department, 35 yrs. 9/25/2018
- Cliff Zenor, Historic Preservation Board, 10 yrs. 11/7/2018
- Ellen West, Mishawaka Parks Board, 16 yrs. 12/31/2018

Other Notable Proclamations:

- Jerry Brandenburg/Family Barber, 50 yrs. 2/22/2018
- JT Thompson, Morning Show Retirement 3/2/2018
- Joe Koloszar, 100th Birthday 3/3/2018
- Arbor Day 2018 4/27/2018
- Worker's Memorial Day 2018 4/27/2018
- National Day of Prayer 2018 5/3/2018
- Hannah's House, 25 yrs. 5/8/2018
- 150th Anniversary of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ 6/13/2018
- Hacienda Mexican Restaurant, 40 yrs. 6/14/2018
- Adult Day Services Week 9/1/2018
- National PACE Month 9/1/2018
- West End Bakery, 90 yrs. 9/4/2018
- Rail Safety Week 9/23/2018
- Mary Lou Wood, 90th Birthday 12/8/201