



MISHAWAKA COMMUNICATOR



A LETTER FROM MAYOR DAVE WOOD



The Mishawaka Way: Investing in Quality of Life for All

Here in Mishawaka, we proudly say that we do things The Mishawaka Way. It's more than a slogan—it's a mindset rooted in servant leadership, smart planning, and a deep commitment to our people. Nowhere is that more evident than in the quality of life we're building together—through walkable neighborhoods, clean parks, safe streets, and responsive city services.

This past month, we had the privilege of hosting the AIM (Accelerate Indiana Municipalities) Board of Directors meeting right here in the Princess City. These are some of the most influential leaders from across Indiana, and welcoming them to Mishawaka was a chance to showcase the community we're all so proud of. From golf cart tours along our Riverwalk to a concert under the—

—stars at the Ball Band Biergarten, our guests experienced firsthand what we all know—Mishawaka is a city that works hard, plays hard, and comes together to get things done.

One powerful example of that unity is the development of Miracle Park, now underway thanks to the generosity of several local benefactors who are contributing millions to make this dream a reality. Miracle Park will be a one-of-a-kind recreational facility designed specifically for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. It's a shining example of a public-private partnership that not only enhances our park system but extends the promise of inclusion, play, and community to those who need it most.

When we talk about quality of life, we're talking about making Mishawaka a place for everyone. The development of Miracle Park is exactly the kind of project that lives out our values: serving with compassion, building with purpose, and investing in every person's opportunity to thrive. It will be a space where children and adults of all abilities can play, connect, and feel that they truly belong. That's the Mishawaka Way.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



July 12
Foam Fest
Ironworks Plaza



August 5
Chill with a Cop
Merrifield Park



August 8-11
Slide the Hill
George Wilson Park



August 23
Color Fun Run
Central Park



September 1
Labor Day
City Offices Closed



October 10
Monster Dash & Dance
Ball Band Biergarten

A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood (*continued*)

These kinds of transformative projects don't happen by accident—they happen when visionary community leaders, committed city staff, and generous private partners all pull in the same direction. Whether it's building a regional sports complex, revitalizing our neighborhoods, expanding our DORA downtown, or investing in new fire stations and infrastructure, we're seeing the results of steady leadership and community collaboration.

To our citizens: thank you. Thank you for the pride you show in your city, for the partnerships you form, and for the positive example you set. Our AIM guests left Mishawaka impressed, encouraged, and even a little envious. And while we're honored to host, we're even more proud to call this place home.

Whether it's your first time visiting or you've lived here all your life, Mishawaka is where opportunity lives, families grow, and the community comes together—for everyone. That's quality of life. That's the Miracle Park. That's The Mishawaka Way.

Mayor Dave Wood
City of Mishawaka




Slide the Hill

Slip-n-Slide down “The Hills” on a giant foam and water slip-n-slide!
Online pre-registration is required to attend this event.
Registration can be done at: <https://mishawaka.recdesk.com/Community/Home>



MISHAWAKA MARKET

Sundays 10a - 2p*
Ironworks Plaza

*The Mishawaka Market will be
closed on July 6 and August 31.



Mishawaka's Front Porch Friday with Mayor Dave Wood

The event will be held on the front porch of the Mishawaka Utilities Business Office at 107 North Main Street, Mishawaka. This is a time for Mishawaka citizens to come and have conversation with Mayor Wood and share a cold lemonade.

The event will take place on Friday, July 25 & August 29 from noon to 1:00pm.