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MISHAWAKA COMMUNICATOR



A LETTER FROM MAYOR DAVE WOOD



State of the City 2025 Preview

The City of Mishawaka invites residents, businesses, and community partners to join us for the **2025 State of the City Address**, to be held on **Wednesday, April 30th in the Council Chambers at City Hall**.

As our nation approaches 250 years of American independence, this year's State of the City will reflect on a defining truth—resilience is not just something we celebrate in history books. It is something we live out every day right here in Mishawaka.

2025 has been a year that tested communities across Indiana and beyond. From severe weather that impacted our neighborhoods, to evolving legislative and financial challenges, the pressures on local government have been real and ongoing.

But in Mishawaka, we do not step back from challenge—we **step forward**.

We respond with purpose.
We lead with discipline.
And we come together as a community.

That is what it means to live out American resilience. That is **The Mishawaka Way**.

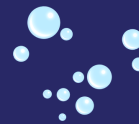
This year's address will highlight the work being done across our City to ensure Mishawaka remains strong, responsive, and forward-looking, including:

- Continued excellence in public safety, ensuring our community remains one of the safest in the region
- Strategic investments in infrastructure and utilities, strengthening reliability and long-term sustainability
- Transformational progress in parks and quality of life, including Miracle Park, Rose Park, and our Riverwalk
- Ongoing economic development efforts that position Mishawaka for future growth and opportunity
- A disciplined approach to fiscal stewardship, as we navigate new state policies and reimagine how we deliver services in a changing environment

Resilience is not just about enduring challenges—

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UPCOMING EVENTS



June 20
Foam Fest
Ironworks Plaza



June 27
Independence
Day Celebration
Central Park



July 11
Christmas in July
Ironworks Plaza



July 31
The Taylor Experience
Ironworks Plaza



August 4
Chill with a Cop
Merrifield Park



August 15
Ninja Mayhem
Ironworks Plaza

A LETTER FROM MAYOR DAVE WOOD (CONT.)

—it is about adapting, improving, and continuing to serve at the highest level, no matter the circumstances.

That is what our City employees demonstrate every day.

That is what our residents expect—and deserve.

And that is what defines Mishawaka.

The State of the City is an opportunity to reflect on that progress, recognize the people behind it, and look ahead to what comes next.

Because while we honor 250 years of American resilience, we are also building the next chapter—right here, together.

— Mayor Dave Wood



2025 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Presented by: Mayor David A. Wood

When: Thursday, April 30th at 6:00 PM

Where: City Hall Council Chambers

Watch live: City of Mishawaka website, Facebook, and YouTube

Scan the QR code below or
visit <https://mishawaka.in.gov/state-of-the-city/>



<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofmishawaka635/>



<https://www.facebook.com/cityofmishawaka/>

SAVE THE DATE

MISHAWAKA RETROFEST

Get ready to **TURN BACK TIME** at Ironworks Plaza with our annual Mishawaka RETROFEST!



Bands include The Crawluppies, The 1985 & Fool

House playing your favorites from decades past.

Food trucks, kids' area & more!

DATE: JUNE 13TH

TIME: 2:00 – 10:00 PM

LOCATION: IRONWORKS PLAZA

Mishawaka Parks and Rec. and NINJA NATION MOBILE Present

NINJA MAYHEM!

IRONWORKS PLAZA
AUGUST 15TH, 2026
\$5 PER PARTICIPANT

JOIN US FOR THE BEST NINJA EXPERIENCE AROUND!

Test your ninja skills on the obstacle course and other awesome inflatables at one of the time slots below! Sign up via the link on FB page!

9:00am- 10:20am (5-8yr olds ONLY)
11:00am-12:20pm
1:00pm- 2:20pm
3:00pm-4:20pm

Everyone participating must sign waiver and must be at least 5 years old.

VISIT SOUTH BEND MISHAWAKA

NINJA MAYHEM!

When: August 15, 2026

Where: Ironworks Plaza

Cost: \$5 per Participant

Test your ninja skills on the obstacle course and other awesome inflatables! Sessions are 1 hour and 20 minutes long.

Register for a Session:

<https://mishawaka.recdesk.com/Community/Program>



BULKY WASTE COLLECTION REMINDERS

Weekly Bulky Waste Pickup

Residents may place up to two (2) bulky waste items at the curb each week on their regular collection day. There is no need to schedule a separate pickup—WM drivers will identify bulky items during service and call them in for collection.

Important Guidelines for Mattresses & Furniture

To ensure safe handling and compliance with our service agreement, all mattresses and upholstered furniture (couches, box springs, etc.) must be:

- Fully wrapped in plastic
- Properly sealed

This requirement protects both workers and equipment and helps maintain sanitary collection standards.

If Items Are Not Wrapped Properly

We understand mistakes can happen, but please be aware:

- Items that are not properly wrapped may not be collected during regular service
- WM will be instructed to return for a special pickup
- A \$100 charge will be applied to the customer for that pickup

Helpful Reminders

- Follow all recycling and waste guidelines to ensure proper collection
- Keep items accessible and safely placed at the curb
- Limit bulky waste to two items per week

Need Assistance?

For questions, service requests, or additional support, residents may contact WM Customer Care directly at: [\(866\) 797-9018](tel:8667979018) or visit the [City of Mishawaka website](https://www.cityofmishawaka.org/).

EBERHART GOLF COURSE PROUDLY PRESENTS



CONCERTS

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

BAND LINEUP

06.12 SNL
06.26 My Dad's Band
07.10 Lakebed
07.24 915
08.14 Red Light Radio
08.21 JT Buffett

**SUMMER 2026 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Eberhart Golf Course Clubhouse
801 N State Street, Mishawaka, Indiana

SEND QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS TO COMMUNICATOR_FEEDBACK@MISHAWAKA.IN.GOV