



MISHAWAKA COMMUNICATOR



A LETTER FROM MAYOR DAVE WOOD



State of the City: Strong, Steady, Resilient, and Moving Forward

Well folks, we had quite a night at this year's State of the City. Standing in a full Council Chamber, seeing so many familiar faces, I was reminded once again just how special this community is. This year's theme—"Resilience"—wasn't just a line on a slide. It's who we are. Around here, resilience isn't something we talk about—it's something we live.

Over the past year, we've continued to make real, measurable progress. One of the highlights I was proud to share is that overall crime in Mishawaka dropped by approximately 15%. That doesn't happen by chance. It's the result of strong leadership, dedicated officers, and a community that looks out for one another.

We're also seeing continued momentum in economic development. The upcoming Gurley Leep project along Capital Avenue—

—is another clear sign that people believe in Mishawaka and are willing to invest here. That kind of confidence creates jobs, strengthens our tax base, and helps move our city forward.

On the utilities front, we secured an important win with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission regarding our water and wastewater service territory. That decision allows us to continue planning responsibly for growth while protecting both our infrastructure and our ratepayers.

You'll also continue to see meaningful investment in the places that make Mishawaka feel like home. The transformation of Normain Park—now home to Miracle Park—is something truly special. This is more than a park. It's a place where kids and families of all abilities can play, connect, and belong. It reflects the very best of our community—thoughtful, inclusive, and built with purpose. Add to that continued Riverwalk improvements and the future Police and Fire Training Center, and it's clear we're investing in both today and tomorrow.

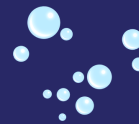
Now, I've said it before, and it's worth repeating—we can't control every challenge that comes our way, like SEA 1.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



June 13
Retrofest
Ironworks Plaza



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

A LETTER FROM MAYOR DAVE WOOD (CONT.)

But we can control how we respond. And here in Mishawaka, we respond with discipline, with planning, and with a commitment to doing things the right way.

At the end of the day, Mishawaka’s success isn’t about projects—it’s about people. It’s about neighbors helping neighbors, families putting down roots, and a community that believes in itself.

And I’ll tell you this—we’ve come a long way, but I truly believe our best days are still ahead. So let’s keep showing up, keep working together, and keep moving Mishawaka forward.

— Mayor Dave Wood



2025 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Scan the QR code or visit <https://mishawaka.in.gov/state-of-the-city/> to explore the 2025 State of the City booklet, individual department reports and watch the event.



YOUTH TENNIS CAMP

SWING INTO SUMMER WITH ENTRY LEVEL TENNIS CAMPS FOR KIDS AGES 3 TO 15. \$45 PER SESSION.

- SESSION 1; MAY 12-21
- SESSION 2; JUNE 2-11
- SESSION 3; JUNE 23-JULY 2
- SESSION 4; JULY 14-23
- SESSION 5; AUGUST 11-20



AGES 3-5 4:00-4:45 PM (TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)
 AGES 6-9 5:00-6:00 PM (TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)
 AGES 10-15 6:00-7:00 PM (TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)

@ THE BATTELL PARK TENNIS COURTS

YOUTH TENNIS CAMP

Swing into summer with entry level tennis camps for kids ages 3 to 15. \$45 per session.

- Session 1:** May 12 - 21
- Session 2:** June 2 - 11
- Session 3:** June 23 - July 2
- Session 4:** July 14 - 23
- Session 5:** August 11 - 20

Register for a Session:

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

SAVE THE DATE MISHAWAKA RETROFEST

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



Bands include The Crawpuppies, 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:

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MISHAWAKA'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

BATELL PARK BANDSHELL MONDAYS 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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| 6.01 HEY ANNIE* | 7.13 THE KENNEDY AFFAIR |
| 6.08 NOW AND THEN | 7.20 JAZZ ASSEMBLAGE |
| 6.15 POINT & CLICK | 7.27 KENNEDY'S KITCHEN |
| 6.22 THE HILLSIDERS | 8.03 PLAYBACK* |
| 6.29 RAIN DATE | 8.10 THE VALLEYAIRES |
| 7.06 ELVIS TRIBUTE* | 8.17 RAIN DATE |

BALLBAND BIERGARTEN WEDNESDAYS 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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| 6.03 PABLO'S GREAT REVENGE | 7.22 THE ERLY |
| 6.10 STARHEART* | 7.29 80/90 DUO |
| 6.17 TARRAN RUAEN | 8.05 TANYA ZICKEFOOSE |
| 6.24 LAKEBED | 8.12 JOE BAUGHMAN & THE |
| 7.08 CLOE KLAUS* | RIGHTEOUS FEW* |
| 7.15 KAMM ISLAND FEST | 8.19 RAIN DATE |

CENTRAL PARK STAGE THURSDAYS 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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| 6.04 RED THYME MUSIC | 6.18 MEMPHIS UNDERGROUND* |
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KAMM ISLAND STAGE THURSDAYS 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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| 7.09 DR ROB & THE REVIVERS | 8.06 TRAILER SWIFT |
| 7.23 ZERO* | 8.13 RAIN DATE |
| | 8.20 PAUL ERDMAN |



NIGHTS MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) WILL SHOWCASE A CURATED SELECTION OF UNIQUE CRAFT VENDORS.



JOIN MISHAWAKA PARKS & REC. FOR A NIGHT WITH THE GIRLS!
 PRIDE & PREJUDICE THEMED

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT
 MAY 9TH
 7:00PM-10:00PM
 IRONWORKS EVENT CENTER

SERENDIPITY BOUTIQUE & CHAINED MELODY
PERMANENT JEWELRY

SPECIALITY COCKTAILS & TREATS THEMED AROUND OUR FAVORITE LOVE STORY BY CHICORY CAFE

\$10 PER TICKET
 21+ ONLY

KIDS TO PARKS DAY

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY FOR A DAY OF FREE FUN. ENJOY GAMES, ACTIVITIES, BOUNCE HOUSES, AND MORE!

16 MAY, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Hillis Hans Park
 600 E 13th St, Mishawaka, IN

[MORE INFORMATION](#) MishawakaParks

FREE

Studebaker
CAR SHOW

IRONWORKS PLAZA • MAY 29, 2026 • 7:00 - 9:00 PM

BATTELL COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

FREE TO SHOP

\$40 TO SELL

MAY 30TH • 9AM-1PM

FOAM FEST

JUNE 20TH
11AM-1PM