



# MISHAWAKA COMMUNICATOR



## A LETTER FROM MAYOR DAVE WOOD



### Why Not Live in Mishawaka?

Recently, the Wall Street Journal and Realtor.com ranked the greater Mishawaka region as the number one housing market in America for Spring 2026. That is not by accident.

The ranking was driven by strong demand, affordability, quality of life, economic opportunity, and communities where people still believe in investing in the future.

As I read the article, I could not help but think: They are describing Mishawaka.

So once again, I ask the question I posed during this year's State of the City Address: **Why wouldn't you want to live in Mishawaka?**

Families today are looking for safe neighborhoods, strong schools, affordability, parks, recreation, reliable infrastructure, and local leadership that works together to get things done.

Mishawaka offers all of that.

**Overall crime in Mishawaka dropped approximately 15% over the past year**, continuing to make us one of the safest and most livable communities in northern Indiana.

We continue investing in public safety, neighborhoods, infrastructure, and quality of life because those things matter to families and businesses alike.

Mishawaka Utilities also continues providing some of the best overall utility value in Indiana through our nonprofit municipal utility system.

While many communities across the country are experiencing dramatic increases in utility costs, Mishawaka residents continue benefiting from affordable electric, water, wastewater, and solid waste services while we responsibly invest in long-term infrastructure and reliability.

And we continue investing in the things that make communities special:

- housing growth,
- and continued economic development throughout the city.
- the Riverwalk,
- Miracle Park at Normain Park,

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**July 3**  
4th of July (observed)  
Offices Closed



**July 11**  
Christmas in July  
Ironworks Plaza



**July 31**  
The Taylor Experience  
Ironworks Plaza



**August 4**  
Chill with a Cop  
Merrifield Park



**Aug 15**  
Ninja Mayhem  
Ironworks Plaza



**Aug 20**  
Summer End Celebration  
Kamm Island Park

## A LETTER FROM MAYOR DAVE WOOD (CONT.)

- Public Safety is Priority #1 and crime is down 15%
- the revitalization of Rose Park,
- affordable and dependable Mishawaka Utilities (Electric, Water, Wastewater and Trash)
- restoration of the Battell Park Rock Garden

The recent Wall Street Journal and Realtor.com ranking of the South Bend-Mishawaka region as the top housing market in America didn't surprise me. People are discovering what we've known for years—that Mishawaka offers affordable living, great schools, strong neighborhoods, growing opportunities, and an exceptional quality of life.

**But what makes me proudest isn't a ranking—it's our people.** In Mishawaka, we still believe in community. We still believe in working together, helping our neighbors, and investing in our future. That's the Mishawaka Way, and it's one of the biggest reasons more families are choosing to call our city home.

That is The Mishawaka Way. And honestly, why wouldn't you want to live here?

– Mayor Dave Wood



### MISHAWAKA MARKET

Come down to Ironworks Plaza and get a taste of home grown. We are excited for year eight of our market. We will have produce, baked goods, homemade crafts, food trucks and more!

**DATES:** Sundays, May 31 – Sept 27\*

**TIME:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** Ironworks Plaza



\*NO market Sunday, June 14th, July 5<sup>th</sup>, or Sept. 6th



## SPLASH PADS ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN FOR THE SEASON! ☀️

**As of May 22, Mishawaka's splash pads are officially open for summer fun!**

**When:** Daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Where:** Battell, Mary Gibbard, Central, Twin Branch, Rose, and Crawford Parks

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 15<sup>TH</sup>, 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  
 MISHAWAKA PARKS AND RECREATION

**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/>

MISHAWAKA PARKS & REC.

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
IRONWORKS PLAZA  
6:00PM-9:00PM

**FEATURING:**  
SANTA  
BIKE PARADE  
BUMPER CARS  
INFLATABLES  
FOOD TRUCKS VENDORS  
& MORE!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

ENTRANCE FEE - BRING BACK SCHOOL ITEM(S)  
OR \$5.00

Mishawaka Parks Proudly Presents

# INDEPENDENCE DAY *celebration*

JUNE 27, 2026 • CENTRAL PARK • 5PM-10PM

FIREWORKS • FOOD TRUCKS • VENDORS • CHICORY IN THE BIERGARTEN • LIVE MUSIC

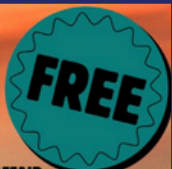
MUSIC LINEUP: TEGE HOLT 5:30PM- 7:30PM • SMALL TOWN 8:30PM- 10:30PM

MISHAWAKA PARKS & MICHIANA PICKLEBALL CLUB

# LEARN TO PLAY

**FREE**

PICKLEBALL @ CENTRAL & ROSE PARK  
1ST & 3RD MONDAYS • JUN-AUG  
FROM 6:00 PM-7:00 PM



# MISHAWAKA'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

## BATTELL 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 TAREN RUEN            | 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.



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 ST. MISHAWAKA, INDIANA