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**TODAY'S VERSE**

*Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.*

**Hamilton Happenings**

Legendary comedy icon Jeff Foxworthy will be the special guest for the inaugural Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation Legacy Celebration event, presented by CSO Architects, at the Fishers Event Center on Friday, Feb. 21. Jeff is one of the most respected and successful comedians in the country. All proceeds from the event help support HSEF programs including innovative teacher grants, student scholarships, mental health, and student wellness initiatives across all grade levels in Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

**Three Things You Should Know**

**1** Christmas may be over, but it was a magical one for a Kendallville couple. You might've heard or seen news that that an unclaimed \$1 million winning Powerball ticket from June was set to expire Dec. 26. Just five hours before that happened, the lucky couple claimed their winnings. They requested privacy, but shared that they found the winning ticket between the seats of their car on Christmas morning after seeing news coverage and signage at the local gas station about the unclaimed Powerball ticket. They searched but did not find it and weren't even certain they purchased a ticket. That was a month ago. But on Christmas morning, the couple searched their vehicle and found the winning ticket deep between the seats.

**2** The LARGEST Garage Sale in the Nation is back at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on Jan. 11-12! More vendors, more unique items, more for your money. The hunt is on! Indy's bargain hunter's paradise is back with hundreds of booths in two pavilions, offering a plethora of items at unbelievable rock bottom prices. Doors open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance (at [www.garage-saleandmarketplace.com](http://www.garage-saleandmarketplace.com)) or \$6 at the door.

**3** Southwest Airlines is resuming nonstop flights out of Indy to Chicago Midway later this year. The new Chicago Midway nonstop will operate twice daily, year-round, returning after a nearly five-year hiatus. Also new in 2025, Southwest is launching a daily nonstop flight from the Indy airport to Nashville. The Indy airport has been pursuing this key business and leisure destination for more than seven years.

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borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

**Last week we took a quick look at 2025 by the numbers! Before we get too far into the calendar, let's add one more installment.**

**45 Squared**

Hey, we don't just do By The Numbers, we do Fun With Numbers! (And you thought math couldn't be fun!). Take 45 and square it and you'll get 2,025!



**45** Add the first 45 odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 . . .). The 45th entry will be 89. Add them all up and guess what you get? Yep, 2,025!

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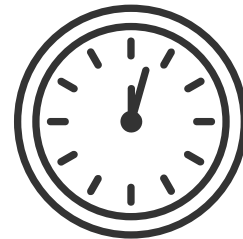
OK, some of us slept right through the ball dropping in New York City's Times Square. But did you know there is a remote settlement in Australia called Cameron Corner where three time zones come together? That means you could ring in the New Year once, take a few steps and ring it in again 30 minutes later . . . and – you guessed it – walk to the third zone and celebrate a third time! We'd suggest taking it easy on the champagne though!

**2025 seconds . . .**

Equals 33 minutes, 45 seconds

**MMXXV**

Oh c'mon! Think back to school days. You know what number this is, right?



**2025 minutes . . .**

Equals one day, nine hours and 45 minutes

**1,489.18**

Our friends at the power company probably know this one. That's how many kilowatts equal to 2,025 horsepower.



**2** The number of times we'll look at 2,025. So no worries, next week (on our lucky number 13) we'll take a look at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. . . . By The Numbers!

**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

**Make sure your shoes have good arch support and fit correctly to help prevent foot, ankle, knee, hip and back problems.**



*Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.*

**HONEST HOOSIER**

**Is it just me, or does 2025 feel a little like the song by Zager and Evans – In the Year 2525?**



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**TODAY'S QUOTE**

**"Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will."**  
*Jonathan Edwards*

**TODAY'S JOKE**

**New Year's Resolutions for Internet Junkies . . . I resolve to back up my 12GB hard drive daily . . . well, once a week . . . OK, monthly then . . . or soon. I will spend less than one hour a day on the Internet. When I hear a funny joke I will not reply, "LOL . . . LOL!" I will think of a password other than "password." I will stop checking my e-mail at 3 in the morning . . . 4:30 is much more practical.**

**About the City of Noblesville:** Noblesville is the 9th largest city in Indiana, home to more than 75,000 residents, and the county seat in Hamilton County, Indiana. Just north of Indianapolis, the growing city is known for its nationally recognized public schools, extensive public park system, Hamilton Town Center, and the outdoor music venue Ruoff Music Center.

**2024 Year in Review Across City**

As 2025 unfolds, it seems an appropriate time to reflect on the City of Noblesville's major milestones and events. Thanks to City Communications Director Lexie Rock for providing this.

"We've had an exciting and busy year at the City of Noblesville and it's important to reflect back on the accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities in 2024," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "I'm honored and humbled each day to serve as Mayor of my hometown, including serving alongside over 500 city employees each day who show up to serve our community and leave it better than they found it. As a community, we have a lot to look forward to in 2025, and I believe Noblesville's best days are ahead."

- MAYOR CHRIS JENSEN**
- Continues to prioritize mental health in our community and hosted Mental Health Mondays with licensed therapist Kristen Boice on Facebook Live.
  - Mayor Jensen's Friday Five videos continued in 2024 with his weekly post to the community to provide proactive updates on road projects and events taking place in the community.
  - Testified before the Indiana State Senate in support of the Community Cares Initiative Grant Pilot Program, modeled after Noblesville's NobleACT program, will help other local governments invest

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## Don't Shovel Yourself Into Early Snowy Grave

### Heart Attack Warning Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense – the “movie heart attack,” where no one doubts what’s happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren’t sure what’s wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening: Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain. Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach. Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.

Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness. As with men, women’s most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.



It’s that time of year when snow is going to come and go. The American Heart Association encourages Hoosiers to protect their hearts while shoveling snow and to seek immediate treatment if they experience any signs or symptoms of a heart attack. Research shows that many people may face an increased risk of a heart attack or sudden cardiac arrest after shoveling heavy snow. “Shoveling snow can be a very vigorous activity, and you’re basically doing it in a freezer,” says Dr. William Gill, a cardiologist who is president of the American Heart Association board of directors in Indianapolis. “Those conditions can very quickly lead to stress on the heart. For example, after only two minutes of snow shoveling, participants in a study had heart rates exceeding 85% of maximal heart rate, which is a level more commonly expected during intense aerobic exercise testing. The impact is hardest on those people who are least fit.”

To help make snow removal safer, the American Heart Association suggests:

**Calling 9-1-1** is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency medical services (EMS) staff can begin treatment when they arrive – up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. EMS staff is also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. It is best to call EMS for rapid transport to the emergency room. If you can’t access EMS, have someone drive you to the hospital right away.

- **Give yourself a break.** Take frequent rest breaks during shoveling so you don’t overstress your heart. Pay attention to how your body feels during those breaks.
- **Don’t eat a heavy meal prior or soon after shoveling.** Eating a large meal can put an extra load on your heart.

➔ **See GRAVE Page A3**

## Colts Aren’t Measuring Up to Snuff



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

For those 10 or 12 of you who follow these scribbles, you know that once in a while I wander off into sports. Sorry. As an old sportswriter who wore out several pairs of Weejuns on courts, fields and arenas, sometimes I just can’t help myself. This hot mess that is the Indianapolis Colts has a lot of us all dressed up with no playoffs to go . . . so bear with me if you don’t mind.

Oh! Let me preface this with a qualifier – from a timing perspective. As it stands at the time of these scribbles – the unholy trinity of GM Chris Ballard, Coach Shane Steichen and QB Anthony Richardson are still in place – fully employed and making thousands by the hour. This missive is also being written before the last game of the Colts’ season against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Truth to tell, I wanted to get this done before kickoff considering the recent track record between these two “juggernauts.” The Jags have won five of the last six meetings against our Colts – including the infamous 2021 game. Remember that one? The Jags were 2-14 and Indy was 9-7. All Indianapolis had to do was win and they would punch their ticket to a second-straight trip to the NFL postseason. But Carson Wentz handed 10 points to the Jags and a 26-11 loss ended another ugly season. The Jags were the worst team in the league.

Sound familiar?

So where do things go from here?

Let’s look at it from another angle. I’m a fan of Kent Sterling, the former radio guy who was a mover and shaker behind 1070 The Fan. Met him when our paper was working with Emmis Executive Tom Severino – one of the nicest guys I’ve ever met. Sterling was just as nice and today he has a popular twice-daily YouTube show with nearly 20,000 subscribers (a number a lot of Indiana newspapers would kill for!).

Last week, Sterling got it right – as he usually does – when addressing the situation with the Colts, and specifically Steichen. During a press conference the coach talked about “cleaning things up” . . . players needing to be “relentless” . . . “giving everything they’ve got” . . . you know, coach-speak.

Sterling rightly pointed out that none of those

things are measurable – and that good teams (whether sports or business) do well with measurable items.

I could not agree more. In that past life as both an athlete and a sportswriter, I can tell you that the Hollywood-version of pep talks from coaches in locker rooms does indeed happen . . . once in a great while. MOST of the time, the vast majority, coaches are talking about game plans, specific assignments, plays, key areas of emphasis . . .

The problem with generalities and rah-rah speeches is two-fold. As Sterling said, generalities are not measurable. And rah-rah speeches are great . . . for about 10 minutes. Then they wear off.

Our daughters swam competitively in high school and college. And one of the best things I saw during the many hours sitting in bleachers during endless meets was a sign on a pool deck that said something about improving 2 percent a week.

This was a state-caliber program, so the results spoke well of the practice. It also was something that was specifically measurable. If a kid could improve just a tad week by week, think about where they would be at the end of the season. It wasn’t asking too much – and it also wasn’t so life and death that missing the goal one week would be devastating and ruin the season.

Two percent was a simple, step by step, attainable and measurable process.

Perhaps Shane Steichen has things like that in place for the Colts? He certainly would not be the first coach to say one thing to the media and do something else on the practice field. If so, then good for him. However, it is hard to see week-to-week improvement from these guys – especially when it comes to tackling.

OK, so it’s Black Monday in the NFL and perhaps owner Jim Irsay and / or his daughters have already made moves regarding staff. Whether they have or not, here’s hoping that everyone in the organization – from the GM to the head coach to the assistants – instill a system that can be measured and allows everyone to be held accountable to specifics, not just generic “play hard” platitudes.

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.*

## Spartz: Government Spending on ‘Titanic’ Catastrophic Course



Rep. Victoria Spartz, R-IN, released the following statement on her upcoming speaker vote:

“Congress has abandoned its constitutional duty to the American people to properly oversee the spending of their hard-earned money paid as taxes. Our next speaker must show courageous leadership to get our country back on track before this “Titanic” strikes an iceberg at any moment. Severe fiscal calamities often lead to unrest and more government control. If we are serious about governing, our next SPEAKER must COMMIT PUBLICLY to create at least temporary structures in the House for: 1) authorizations; 2) reconciliation offset policies, and 3) spending audits. We also need to engage competent, unbiased “non-swamp” professionals to help us to at least start getting us gradually out of this serious fiscal mess. The current STRUCTURES, with their perverse incentives, have not been working for decades and will not suddenly start working. We must have a vision and a concrete PLAN to deliver on President Trump’s agenda for the American people, which I have not seen from our current speaker despite countless discussions and public promises. The fate of our Republic is at stake and Congress, the ARTICLE 1 BRANCH, with its supreme powers of creating laws and managing our nation’s finances, must start fulfilling its CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES – not selling out our Republic at the expense of our children.”

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# It's Tuna Time!



**CARRIE CLASSON**  
The Postscript

"He's on vigil," my husband, Peter, said, watching our cat, Felix.

approaches, Felix slowly inches closer to Peter. He watches more and more intently. Every time Peter glances up, there are a pair of golden green eyes fixated on him. Peter is master of Tuna Time, and every move he makes is observed by Felix.

I'm not sure how our lives became so ruled by this ritual that did not exist before we adopted Felix. Ignoring Tuna Time would be like skipping a sunrise or forgetting my birthday or putting on my shoes before my socks. It's a thing that can't even be imagined. When we go out to eat, Peter looks at his watch, "45 minutes until Tuna Time!" he says, and we know we better be heading home.

At about 8:27, Peter takes a deep breath. Felix hears the sharp intake of breath and freezes.

"And..." Peter's voice rises to a crescendo, "... it's TUNA TIME!"

Felix races to the kitchen so fast his paws spin in place for a moment before he gains traction. He purrs so loudly I can hear him from the next room, as Peter assures him this is the most tuna he has ever received. (It is exactly the same amount every night.)

Felix eats the tuna in an instant. And then he relaxes for the evening. The main event is over. When he was younger, he would wail in apparent grief that the best moment of the day was over so soon. But he has come to understand that, like every good thing, Tuna Time must come to an end. And when it does, all there is to do is wait for another day when Tuna Time will come again.

*Till next time,  
Carrie*

I had quite a few cats before Felix, so I feel in a better position to say what kind of cat Felix is. Felix is a lively cat—he is the most playful adult cat I've ever had. He is not a lap cat and does not like to be carried around. And he is a fussy eater. The first two make sense, since he spent his early life on the streets. The fussy eating is just Felix. He seems to think that, since he was scooped up off the streets into the lap of luxury (not the literal lap, you understand, because laps are much too confining), he deserves nothing but the best.

Felix is not crazy about his dry food—which is a very good brand and is nutritionally complete. He will not eat leftover fish skin or cheese. He'll eat the occasional garbanzo bean, but it must be warm. I don't know how a cat with such particular tastes survived on the streets. But the one thing Felix likes is tuna, and he gets tuna every day. He gets tuna at promptly 8:30 p.m. because that has been declared by Peter as Tuna Time.

So Felix is on vigil every night from around a quarter to 8 until exactly 8:30. The anticipation before Tuna Time is the high point of his day. (I meant the high point of Felix's day, but it may well be the high point of Peter's day as well.)

Shortly before 8, Felix finds a spot where he can watch Peter—a place where Peter could not possibly escape without passing him. He stares at Peter. As the hour

# I'll Tell You How Big I Want It



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

As any woman knows, size matters. Men are not a good judge of this. That's why my wife

has brought back every piece of clothing I have ever bought for her birthday, our anniversary, Mother's Day, and Christmas. I never get the right size. Mary Ellen has returned more blouses, jackets and robes than she has library books. And she's a big reader.

Next year, we are going to Iceland for vacation, and I thought a great gift Idea would be a pair of snow pants to keep her toasty on some of our daily hikes. Looking back, I don't think I have ever bought her pants as a gift, so this was a big challenge.

In the past, I've gone into her closet to look for sizes on other items. For shirts, the sizes ranged from petite to large. This freaked me out because it reminded me of The X-Files episode where this guy's wife turned out to be an alien and could change into three different women. I love my wife. But one is enough.

Another tactic I used was going to a store like L.S. Ayres (remember them) and observing a woman about Mary Ellen's size, then asking this stranger what size she was wearing. I used "observing," but the security guard called it ogling and harassment. So much for that technique.

On the internet, I discovered several clothing sites with virtual dressing rooms where I can pick the items I'm interested in. Then, the computer applies that selection to a woman who looks about Mary Ellen's size. This would be very helpful if my wife were two inches tall.

Back to snow pants. I decided to use all the latest technology to get this right. I logged on to a clothing size calculator, which asked me many questions I had no idea how to answer. The weirdest was bust size. I don't think Mary Ellen hikes up her pants that much.

Another site wanted to know my wife's hip/waist ratio. Mary Ellen won't give me the password to her computer. Do you think she'll tell me her hip/waist ratio?

Another site asked me if I thought the product I was thinking of purchasing would shrink or stretch. I didn't have any idea. My experience buying pants for myself is that sales clerks tell me an item will stretch if it's a little tight and shrink if it's a bit loose. I've fallen for this for 60 years.

Of course, the most common question asked for pants is the inseam. I would have thought that after almost 45 years, I would know the length of my wife's inseam. Not a clue.

So, I snuck into her closet one day while she was out shopping, and armed with a tape measure, I started determining the required information. Suddenly, Mary Ellen walked in while I had several pairs of her pants spread out on the bed.

"What on earth are you doing?"

"I can't tell you, Mary Ellen, it's a surprise."

"I'm surprised already. It looks like you are measuring my inseams."

I told her I wanted to get her something for Christmas that she would not have to return."

"Okay, Dick. How about a gift certificate to my favorite clothing store. And I am going make this even easier for you."

"How will you possibly make a gift certificate purchase even easier?"

"I'll tell you how big I want it."

*– Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.*

# GRAVE From Page A2

- Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower. The act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely during the lift. It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow. When possible, simply push the snow.
- Learn the heart attack warning signs and listen to your body, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out (tell a doctor about your symptoms). Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives – maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1
- Don't drink alcoholic beverages before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.
- Consult a doctor. If you have a medical condition, don't exercise on a regular basis or are middle aged or older, meet with your doctor prior to the first anticipated snowfall.
- Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia. To prevent hypothermia, dress in layers of warm clothing, which traps air between layers forming a protective insulation. Wear a hat because much of your body's heat can be lost through your head.

It's also critical for people to recognize the signs of a heart attack and to call 9-1-1 immediately if they experience any of those signs.

"I can't stress enough the urgency of getting proper treatment for a heart attack," Dr. Gill says. "Don't die of doubt. If you're experiencing symptoms or something just doesn't feel right, go get it checked out. Hospitals offer life-saving treatment."



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Both 13-15 League and 16-18 League will begin play on April 14, 2025. A double-elimination tournament will be played June 8-17, 2025.  
\* Note: Dates subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

**Registration Fee:** 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball registration fee is \$199 (plus processing fee applied at checkout) and includes team jersey, hat, and 2 tickets to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball League Pancake Breakfast/Picture Day scheduled for April 26, 2025 from 8 am-11 am at the Forest Park Inn.

Team/Player photos will be taken at the Pancake Breakfast. Additional tickets for the League Pancake Breakfast will be available at the door for \$5 each.

**Player Evaluations:** 13-15 year old players new to Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball or 13-15 year old players wishing to re-enter the team draft need to attend the player evaluation session scheduled for March 16, 2025 from 2 pm-4 pm at Noblesville High School.

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# 2024 KIA Sportage Hybrid is Far More Than Another Boring Mid-Size Crossover



**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
Auto Reviews

When I was recently given the chance to review the 2024 Kia Sportage Hybrid, I thought, "Sure, whatever, another boring mid-size crossover. Not like I haven't tested a hundred of those!" But then it arrived in Shadow Matte Gray paint looking like a \$70,000 German autobahn bruiser. While it's no Audi, the Korean Hybrid turned out to be far more than another boring mid-size crossover.

I know people have mixed feelings about matte paint. Some like it while others think it looks cheap...and it can be more challenging to maintain. But it looks as sinister as a witch conjuring spirits. The rest of the Sportage is handsome with triangular headlamp pod, boomerang driving lamps, black grille, and satin silver trim. The side profile flaunts

muscular shoulders and restrained bling over 18" dark wheels. I especially like the rear three-quarter view where you can see the voluptuous rear fenders and taillamps that wrap over the liftgate.

The specter of luxury continues inside with our model's clay-red seats and trim. SynTex upholstery should wear better than cowhide and is easier to wipe away baby messes and outdoor activities. Heated and ventilated front seats, heated steering wheel, dual-zone automatic climate control, and crisp Harman Kardon audio all ride under a panoramic dual-pane sunroof. Carbon fiber texture on the dash adds theater.

Sitting behind the wheel, it definitely feels like you could be in a Cadillac or BMW with curved twin screens for gauges and infotainment, but it's all far more concise and intuitive to use than in the Germans. Just swipe through commands and

apps with ease. Connect devices wirelessly through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Toss your phone in the console to charge wirelessly. I could go for a head-up display, but that's just wishing for cherries.

Beyond that, though, safety is a Kia hallmark and the Sportage comes with virtually every crash avoidance system known to modern humans: Automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, blind spot warning, and cross path detection. There are also rear seat occupant alert, driver attention warning, and safe exit assist that monitors passing traffic to prevent passengers from making a tragic mistake.

Underway, it's clear the Sportage is no Audi. The suspension and steering are competent and comfortable for getting the kiddies to school and long Interstate drives, soaking up bumps and miles, but it still drives like an affordable mid-size

crossover. It won't be your first choice to toss into corners on a weekend backroad blitz, but that's not the purpose of the Sportage anyway. Its job is to look good while comfortably and efficiently moving families.

It does pack an impressive hybrid powertrain, however. It starts with a 1.6-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that combines with the batteries and motors to deliver a peppy 227 horsepower and 258 lb.-ft. of torque. It's no Corvette, but ramping onto the freeway or zipping through traffic was no problem. There's Drive Mode Select that makes the throttle more or less sensitive, but adds no horsepower. Press the center lock button for moderate off-roading. Driven sensibly, it delivers a frugal 38/38-MPG city/highway.

Kia's designers are world's best at delivering vehicles that look like expensive

concept cars, but with materials and economies that keep them affordable. While the Sportage may look pricey, it actually starts at \$27,190 and only came to \$38,355 as-tested with the hybrid powertrain, matte gray paint, and red interior. It's hard to complain because that's an immense amount of vehicle for the money.

If you must consider others, check hybrid versions of the Ford Escape, Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4, and Hyundai Santa Fe.

Storm Forward!  
Send comments to Casey at [AutoCasey@aol.com](mailto:AutoCasey@aol.com); follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

Likes	Dislikes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matte paint</li> <li>Luxury interior</li> <li>Affordable price</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blah chassis</li> <li>No HUD</li> <li>Few complaints</li> </ul>

**2024 Kia Sportage SX-Prestige Hybrid**  
Five-passenger, AWD Crossover  
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Brakes f/r: Regen disc/disc  
Fuel economy city/hwy: 38/38-MPG  
Assembly: Gwangju, Korea  
Base/as-tested price: \$27,190/\$38,355

## There's No Place Like 4-H Open House Jan 8

Follow the yellow brick road to an evening of adventure and learn about Hamilton County 4-H on Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville. Come anytime. Stay as long as you can. 4-H is an experiential program for youth in grades 3-12 (mini 4-H for grades K-2) that is delivered by Purdue University Cooperative Extension. Through hands-on learning, 4-H youth build not only confidence, creativity, and curiosity, but also life skills such as leadership and resiliency to help them thrive today and tomorrow. 4-H welcomes young people of all beliefs and backgrounds while giving youth a voice to express who they are and how they can make their lives and communities better. Nearly 1,600 youth from

Hamilton County are currently involved in 4-H and close to six million kids and teens worldwide and that is because 4-H has pivoted and adapted to today's changing world by providing a platform to promote individual growth by learning, doing and engaging."

4-H is a great opportunity to develop a hobby, experience camp, and make new friends. 4-H is family oriented and promotes family togetherness. Youth in grades K-2 may enroll in Hamilton County Mini 4-H at no cost.

If you are interested in 4-H but have some questions, want to enroll but don't know how, or just want to check it out, come "Discover" what 4-H is all about on January 8. Information and online enrollment is also available on our website at <https://puext.in/hamco4h>

## First United Methodist Offers Grief Seminar

GriefShare 13-week seminar begins Sunday, Jan. 19 from 4-6 p.m. Have you lost a loved one or know someone that will find it difficult to face each day?

Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument Street, Noblesville announces the beginning of their next GriefShare sessions open to the community. Our winter GriefShare weekly sessions will meet for 13 weeks beginning Jan. 19. Participants are invited to join in anytime during the 13-weeks of meetings. One time registration fee of \$20 is appreciated (Scholarships available).

GriefShare is a 13-week non-denominational group featuring Christ-centered programming that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally

respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. Daily work in the GriefShare workbook also helps one look thoughtfully at their grief experience and helps in the healing process.

Our GriefShare group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We understand how you feel because we've been in the same place. We will walk with you through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

To learn more about GriefShare: [www.noblesvillefirst.com](http://www.noblesvillefirst.com), or contact Coleen Albright, [coleen.albright58@gmail.com](mailto:coleen.albright58@gmail.com) or contact the church office (317) 773-2500

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## CARMEL FINANCE, UTILITIES AND RULES

### MEETING NOTICE

#### COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

AT 4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - SECOND FLOOR

CITY HALL - ONE CIVIC SQUARE

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS:

Ordinance D-2740-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 2, Article 1, Sections 2-1, 2-3, 2-6, 2-10, 2-12, 2-13 and 2-14 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilors Green and Aasen. Ordinance D-2741-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 2, Article 6, Sections 2-301, 2-302 and 2-303, of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen.

Ordinance D-2753-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 2, Article 3, Sections 2-51, 2-52, 2-54 and 2-55 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Taylor.

Analysis of Audit Committee

Synopsis:

Ordinance clarifying purpose and duties of components of government.

Synopsis:

Ordinance amending budget procedures of the City of Carmel.

Synopsis:

Ordinance amending the PTO and leave policy.

## CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD

### MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025

AT 9 a.m.

John W. Hensel Government Center

10701 N. College Ave., Carmel

## CARMEL COMMON COUNCIL

### MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS/CITY HALL/ONE CIVIC SQUARE

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA APPROVAL
3. INVOCATION
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES AND OUTSTANDING

### CITIZENS

6. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE

### COUNCIL

7. COUNCIL AND MAYORAL COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS
8. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

December 30, 2024 Special Meeting

1. Claims

Payroll

General Claims

Retirement

Wire Transfers

9. ACTION ON MAYORAL VETOES

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee

Land Use and Special Studies Committee

All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.

11. OTHER REPORTS – (at the first meeting of the month specified below):

Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Monthly)

Carmel Historic Preservation Commission (Quarterly – January, April, July, October)

Audit Committee (Bi-annual – May, October)

Redevelopment Authority (Bi-annual – April, October)

Economic Development Commission (Bi-annual – February, August)

Library Board (Annual – February)

Ethics Board (Annual – February)

Parks Department (Quarterly – February, May, August, November)

Climate Action Advisory Committee (Quarterly – March, June, September, December)

Housing Task Force

All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.

### 12. OLD BUSINESS

Sixth Reading of Ordinance D-2740-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 2, Article 1, Sections 2-1, 2-3, 2-6, 2-10, 2-12, 2-13 and 2-14 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen. Sent to the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee.

Synopsis:

Ordinance clarifying purpose and duties of components of government.

Sixth Reading of Ordinance D-2741-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 2, Article 6, Sections 2-301, 2-302 and 2-303, of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Aasen. Sent to the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee.

Synopsis:

Ordinance amending budget procedures of the City of Carmel.

Second Reading of Ordinance Z-694-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Establishing The Towne 146 Planned Unit Development District; Sponsor: Councilor Minnaar. Sent to the Land Use and Special Studies Committee.

Synopsis:

Ordinance establishes the Towne 146 Planned Unit Development District Ordinance (the “Towne 146 PUD”). The Ordinance would rezone the real estate from S-1 Residential to a Planned Unit Development district allowing the development of a mixed-residential neighborhood laid out in the style and character as depicted on the Concept Plan (attached as Exhibit B) which includes single-family homes and townhomes.

Second Reading of Ordinance D-2753-24; An Ordinance of the Common Council of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 2, Article 3, Sections 2-51, 2-52, 2-54 and 2-55 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Green and Taylor. Sent to the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee.

Synopsis:

Ordinance amending the PTO and leave policy.

### 13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 14. NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance D-2754-25; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving and Adopting an Interlocal Agreement; Sponsor: Councilor Aasen.

Synopsis:

Ordinance approving and adopting an interlocal agreement with Hamilton County, Indiana, concerning the U.S. 31 Ramps Economic Development Area. First Reading of Ordinance D-2755-25; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 3, Article 1, Division II, Section 3-30 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilors Aasen and Taylor.

Synopsis:

Ordinance amends the order of business for the Carmel Common Council agenda by adding Finance Department’s budget quarterly reports.

Resolution CC-01-06-25-01; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the Old Town Economic Development Area (Main and 4th Avenue Allocation Area);

Sponsor(s): Councilors Aasen and Minnaar.

Synopsis:

Resolution approves (1) a resolution of the City of Carmel Redevelopment Commission creating a new Main and 4th Avenue Allocation Area within the Old Town Economic Development Area, including an economic development plan supplement, and (2) a related City of Carmel Plan Commission resolution.

Resolution CC-01-06-25-02; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the North Illinois Street Economic Development Area (Frontage Road Hotel Allocation Area); Sponsor(s): Councilors Aasen and Minnaar.

Synopsis:

Resolution approves (1) a resolution of the City of Carmel Redevelopment Commission creating a new Frontage Road Hotel Allocation Area within the North Illinois Street Economic Development Area, including an economic development plan supplement, and (2) a related City of Carmel Plan Commission resolution.

Resolution CC-01-06-25-03; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the North Illinois Street Economic Development Area (Meridian Hotel Allocation Area); Sponsor(s): Councilors Aasen and Minnaar.

Synopsis:

Resolution approves (1) a resolution of the City of Carmel Redevelopment Commission creating a new Meridian Hotel Allocation Area within the North Illinois Street Economic Development Area, including an economic development plan supplement, and (2) a related City of Carmel Plan Commission resolution.

### 15. AGENDA ADD-ON ITEMS

### 16. OTHER BUSINESS

City Council Appointments

1. Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability (Terms expire 12/31/2026, two-year terms); Two appointments.

### 17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 18. ADJOURNMENT

## FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

6:30 p.m.

January 7th, 2025

11595 Brooks School Road

Fishers, IN 46037

Agenda: Election of Officers

## NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER BOARD ROOM

18025 River Road

Noblesville, Indiana

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

6:00 P.M.

The items on this agenda are being addressed with the best interests of Noblesville Schools’ students as the prime consideration.

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE

II. OATHS OF OFFICE FOR INCOMING AND RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

§ 2025 Slate of Officers

§ Board Committee Appointments

§ Administrative Appointments

§ 2025 Board Meeting Dates

§ Resolution for Board Compensation

§ Legal Counsel

§ Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer

§ Purchasing Agents

§ Extra-Curricular Treasurers

§ Vendor Payments

§ Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placement Agreements

IV. RECOGNITIONS

§ NHS Marching Band

§ NHS All State Jazz Band

§ NWMS Jr. All State Concert Band

§ Hare Teacher Spotlight / Noblesville High School

V. REPORTS

§ Building Spotlight / Noblesville High School Dr. Craig McCaffrey, Principal

§ Softball Building and NEMS Athletic Building Design Report

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA TOPICS

The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity to share input with the

Board about current agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public Comments and Concerns.

VII. CONSENT

By single motion, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application

of Board Policy and Indiana Code. Any items marked “Consent” may be moved from the list at the

option of a board member or the superintendent and acted on separately.

§ Claims

§ Minutes / December 2024

§ Overnight Out-of-State Trips

§ Personnel

VIII. ACTION

By individual motions, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect

application of Board Policy and Indiana Code.

§ 2025 Summer School Program Dates and Offerings

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA TOPICS

The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity to share input with the

Board about non-agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public Comments and Concerns.

### X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### XI. ADJOURNMENT

# 2024: YEAR IN REVIEW

## REIMAGINE PLEASANT STREET

- Phase 1 - Opened on September 27.
- Phase 2 & 3 - Began construction this year.
- The project includes 1,750 trees planted, 6 roundabouts and 70,000 tons of asphalt.
- Over 200 people are working on the project.



## NEW POLICE STATION ANNOUNCED, BREAKING GROUND IN 2025

- A new police station addresses the growing needs of the Noblesville Police Department and will provide space for additional staff and equipment.
- Worked alongside FOP to evaluate sites and receive their endorsement on the former Firestone site.



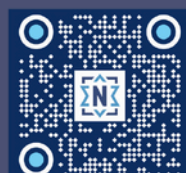
## INNOVATION MILE

- Innovation Mile is a public/private partnership that encompasses 600+ acres fronting I-69 and is a live, work, play, and engage innovation district.
- The Arena is under construction and will open next year. It will be the home of the Indiana Pacers G League franchise.



## DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA)

- 15 downtown restaurants and bars participating.
- DORA allows patrons 21+ to purchase alcoholic beverages from approved businesses within the DORA district and sip, shop & stroll downtown Noblesville.



## ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES & MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

- Advisory Council on Disabilities hosted two resource fairs.
- Mayor's Youth Council hosted a Culture Fair with SERVE Noblesville, raised money for The Cooper House & Ben's Ranch, and volunteered at the Michael Treinen Foundation's Turkey Trot and other community events.



## THE GRANARY

- \$67 million mixed-use development on 3 acres.
- Includes 225 apartments, 5,000 sq. ft. of retail, 300 parking spaces for residents/public and a trailhead on southern portion for Nickel Plate and Midland Trace Trail.
- Invests in the livability for current and future residents.



## PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

- Noblesville has been ranked the 12th safest suburb in the United States by SmartAsset.
- Added 5th ambulance into service and a new ladder truck.
- \$200,000+ invested in physical wellness initiatives.
- More than 50% of budget is allocated to public safety.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- A Party on Pleasant was held to celebrate the Reimagine Pleasant Street Phase 1 milestone and allow guests to walk the road and bridge prior to the roadway opening.
- The city held a Pre-Eclipse Party at Federal Hill Commons to celebrate Noblesville being in complete totality for the Total Solar Eclipse.

Savannah Solgere Wines, along with a new Deputy Director Charlie Elliott.

- **By the Numbers:**
  - Spring Break Camp served 267 children over the span of 10 days
  - Summer Camp served 830 participants over seven weeks
  - Tots at Play served 40 toddlers and their parents
  - Over 30,000 people attend the Easter Egg Hunt, summer concerts at Federal Hill Commons and Dillon Park and Movies in the Park.
  - Maintained and improved more than 100 miles of trails throughout the community
- **Greenspace Expansion:** Design work for the Finch Creek Park Phase 2 activation project is underway. The project will include



## ENGINEERING

- **Reimagine Pleasant Street Phase 1 Completion:** The Pleasant Street Corridor is a key component of the Reimagine Pleasant Street Project. This is a long-term initiative aimed at improving east-west connectivity and accessibility for the City of Noblesville. The project has been under study and discussion for 40 years. With Phase 1 complete, it is already greatly improving how residents and visitors navigate through and experience our city. The road design is intended to benefit Noblesville residents, local businesses, and stakeholders by enhancing mobility and public safety, while preserving the area's urban character and historic features. This collaborative effort involves the City of Noblesville and Hamilton County, ensuring a shared vision for progress. An exciting aspect of the project is that it will connect three major trails—Nickel Plate, Midland Trace, and Riverwalk—providing a seamless connection between Noblesville, Hamilton County, and the greater Indianapolis area. A community

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES IN 2024

- Private investment: \$671,000,000
- New Commercial Space: 855,069 Sq ft
- New Jobs Created: 227
- New Residential Units: 1,403
- Added 1,429,232 sq. ft. of new non-residential space



## MORSE VILLAGE

- \$250 million mixed-use development project covering 175 acres, including 30+ acres of dedicated greenspace.
- The project features 30,000 sq. ft. of commercial space and local restaurants, 675+ residential units and a new roundabout at 206th Street and Hague Road.



## PLANNING FOR NOW & THE FUTURE

- Issued permits for 890 residential units, which includes townhomes and single-, two-, and multi-family homes.
- Received 1,200+ contributions from residents on the East and West Gateways Master Plans.
- The master plan will establish a vision and steps needed to bring the vision to reality over the next 15-20 years.



## PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING

- Over 30,000 people attend the Easter Egg Hunt, summer concerts at Federal Hill Commons and Dillon Park and Movies in the Park.
- New Programming: Frights at Forest, Parks-Palooza, Sit-n-Stitch, Noblesville's North Pole, Jingle Bell Breakfast and Candy Cane Crawl.



in Mobile Crisis Teams to meet their unique public safety challenges more efficiently. The statehouse champions of this legislation were Senator Scott Baldwin and Representative Brad Barrett. In August, FSSA Indiana announced funding for this program.

- Nominated to serve as Advisory Board Member for the U.S. Conference of Mayor's.
- Serves as the Vice President of the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority.
- Asked to serve on Governor-Elect Braun's transition team to provide guidance on enhanced working relationships between state agencies and local governments.
- Chaired the Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) Legislative Committee for the fourth straight year and led efforts to advocate for cities and towns' operational and financial interests at the Statehouse.

- **New Residential Units:** 1,403
- **Innovation Mile and Noblesville Event Center:** Innovation Mile is a 600+ acre public/private partnership by the City of Noblesville. It is located along I-69 and is designed with a live, work, play, engage, and learn mindset. The Noblesville Event Center, set to open in summer of 2025, will be the future home of the Indiana Pacers G-League team and serves as the anchor of Innovation Mile. The district will feature event and entertainment

spaces, retail outlets, recreational areas, residential spaces, and commercial opportunities. Surrounded by amenities such as Hamilton Town Center, Ruoff Music Center, healthcare facilities, and the Indiana Joint Replacement Institute, the district is envisioned to bring forth future job opportunities. The City of Noblesville received a \$4M through the READI 2.0 grant for a Marquee Pedestrian Blvd within Innovation Mile, plus grant funding through Hamilton County Tourism's Business of Entertainment and Sports Tourism program.

- **Morse Village:** The Noblesville Common Council voted 6-3 to approve the \$250 million mixed-use development project, Morse Village. The LOR Corporation development covers 175 acres, featuring 30,000 sq ft of commercial space and local restaurants near 206th and Hague Road, including a new roundabout at that intersection. Morse Village build-out is expected to be phased over seven to ten years, with construction beginning in 2025. This development includes over 30 acres of dedicated greenspace, including six miles of trails and sidewalks planned.



- **The Granary:** In August, the Noblesville Common Council approved a \$67 million mixed-use development project, The Granary, along the new Pleasant Street Corridor. This project includes a \$13.4 million investment from the city, aimed at infrastructure and a trailhead for the Midland Trace Trail, and has been a priority of Mayor Jensen's. It is part of broader efforts to enhance downtown Noblesville and ensure that the well-being of our residents is closely tied to economic and workforce growth.

## DOWNTOWN NOBLESVILLE

- **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA):** The establishment of a DORA district in Noblesville's historic downtown, approved by the Common Council in April and by the Indiana ATC in July, is already proving to be a boost to the downtown economy. The city's collaboration with local stakeholders, including the Noblesville Police Department, has ensured that the district is enjoyed safely and responsibly by our community, visitors, and business owners. Within the DORA, you can sip, shop, and stroll through downtown Noblesville.
- **Hard Hat Resiliency Grants:** The city launched the "Hard Hat Resiliency Grant" program over the summer to support downtown businesses impacted by INDOT's Reconstructing SR32 project along Conner Street. This project also made upgrades to SR37 at 186th Street and 191st Street.

- **PARKS & RECREATION New Staff:** The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department hired a new Director,



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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celebration in September, Party on Pleasant, marked the completion of Reimagine Pleasant Street Phase 1 with thousands in attendance to celebrate the project milestone. The completed project is expected to reduce traffic by 20% on SR 32 through downtown Noblesville by allowing drivers to get in and around the city using the new Pleasant Street route. All three phases will be completed by 2026.



federal funds from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization for the construction of the roundabout. The roundabout opened at the end of August 2024.

- **SR38 & Oakmont/Whitcomb Roundabout Opening:** This project included constructing a new roundabout along SR38 at the entrances of Whitcomb Ridge and Oakmont. It was a 50/50 partnership with INDOT for the construction of the roundabout and opened at the end of July 2024.
- **2024 Grant Funding Received:** Noblesville was awarded \$3.48M in safety projects through Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Funds. This award includes constructing a new roundabout at Olio Road and 156th Street along with sign-modernization and ADA sidewalk improvements throughout the city.
- Noblesville was awarded \$3.67M in projects through the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization Grant Recommendations.

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This recommended award includes constructing a new roundabout at 141st Street and Howe Road and a new roundabout at Little Chicago Road and Carrigan Road.

• **Initiating SR37 Corridor Design in Noblesville (INDOT Partnership):** The City of Noblesville and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) initiated a partnership to begin preliminary design for upgrades to the SR37 corridor from Greenfield Avenue to SR32 in Noblesville. An initial public information meeting was held at Noblesville High School on December 11th, 2024. For more information, please visit the project website: [www.sr37improvement.com](http://www.sr37improvement.com). More public information meetings will be hosted in the future.

• **NobleACT Program:** This is a proactive and sustainable mental health collaboration between the police and fire departments and area service providers, added its first social worker in 2024, Myechia Hudson, MSW. Myechia has worked with a variety of groups from challenged youths, homeless, and individuals with psychiatric illnesses. Hudson came to NPD with experience working in a hospital setting, providing resources and referrals to a plethora of different individuals. Her knowledge of working with populations similar to those served by NobleACT has increased her reach and impact in the community. In 2024, NobleACT served 850 individuals and opened 1,070 cases, with a closure rate of 70 percent.

• **Hamilton County Public Safety Training Facility:** This facility is set to break ground in 2025. The Hamilton County Council, in collaboration with every public safety agency in the county, approved a resolution to move forward with a public safety training facility to be built at River Road and 160th Street in Noblesville. The facility will provide police, fire, and emergency management professionals with a state-of-the-art training center.

**Noblesville Fire Department:**

• **Hosted 47th Annual Food & Toy Drive:** The NFD accepted donations from the community to help approximately 100 families in Noblesville. In addition to community donations, NFD partnered with Kroger for food needs and Meijer for toys. The Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council also partnered with the fire department to collect food at The Michael Treinen Foundation Turkey Trot to donate to the Food & Toy Drive.

• NFD placed a fifth ambulance into service and a new Ladder Truck at Station 72.

**UTILITIES**

• The Utilities Department worked with Noblesville Schools to incorporate student artwork on the wastewater tanks at the treatment facility, which runs along the newly opened Pleasant Street corridor. The artwork is part of a collaboration to incorporate student artwork into our community and beautify the new Pleasant Street corridor.

• The Department also advanced significant improvements to wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, including treatment plant enhancements and installation of a solar array to help power and Lift Station 19.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

• The City of Noblesville currently employs 541 people.

• In 2024, nine employees will retire with a combined years of service of 228 years.

• In coordination with the Mayor's Office, implemented a workplace culture and professional development program, "NOBLE," to promote recognition of best practices in serving constituents and supporting colleagues.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

• Issued permits to 890 residential units, which includes townhome and single-, two-, and multi-family homes.

• Received 1,200+ contributions from residents on the East and West Gateway Master Plans. The master plan will establish a vision for enhancement of the city's gateways and steps needed to bring the vision to reality over the next 15-20 years.

**STREET DEPARTMENT**

• The City of Noblesville's Urban Forester worked alongside the Noblesville Tree Board and SMC Corporation for the inaugural Tree Planting Grant Program. The city marks 34 consecutive years of being named a Tree City USA recipient by the Arbor Day Foundation. Last year, SMC Corporation donated \$2,000 to the tree planting grant program, which was matched by the City of Noblesville through Mayor Jensen and the Common Council. The inaugural grant recipients in 2024 included Same As U, Deer Creek Elementary School, Mill Grove, Deer Path, Pebble Brook Villas, and Verdure Sciences. The grant program is currently accepting applications for 2025.

• Landscaping installation in the center medians and the roundabout at SR32/SR38.

• Installed the bases and assisted with the installation of the butterfly sculpture in the roundabout at 191st and Little Chicago Road.

• Planted Sea Oats in the roundabout at Carrigan Road and Hague Road.

• Maintained and improved the more than 300 lane miles within the city.

• In 2025, the Street Department will be overseeing the installation of new flashers at public schools in Noblesville. In addition, the department will install new pedestrian crossing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the roundabouts along Hazel Dell Road, Little Chicago and Union Chapel Road.

• The Advisory Council on Disabilities hosted two resource fairs for the community.

• Mayor's Youth Council hosted a Culture Fair with SERVE Noblesville, raised money for The Cooper House & Ben's Ranch, and volunteered at the Michael Treinen Foundation's Turkey Trot and other community events.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL**

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