

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Police, Fire & EMS Emergency**  
9-1-1

**Police Non-Emergency**  
574-773-8400

**Fire Non-Emergency**  
574-773-4000

**EMS Non-Emergency**  
574-773-5658

**City Hall**  
574-773-2112

**Water & Sewer**  
574-773-4623

**Parks Department**  
574-773-2112

**Street Department**  
574-773-2112

**Planning & Zoning**  
574-773-2112

**Elder Haus**  
574-773-2424

**Chamber**  
574-773-7281

**Mayor Phil Jenkins**  
574-334-7730

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Todd Nunemaker**  
(District 1)  
574-773-7434

**Anna Huff**  
(District 2)  
574-316-0168

**Amy Rosa**  
(District 3)  
574-354-0958

**David Kauffman**  
(District 4)  
574-248-3001

**Denny Miller**  
(At-Large)  
574-354-0724

## news from the **CITY OF NAPPANEE**



# Spring has Sprung

**Warmer weather is on the horizon**

*Message from Phil Jenkins, Mayor of Nappanee*

**J**oin me in welcoming spring 2021. It is with great hope and renewed optimism that we enter 2021. Nappanee is resilient and strong! Along with warmer temperatures and longer days, we also anticipate continued growth and improvement in our community.

While the Chamber of Commerce assists a few of the businesses that are still feeling the effects of the pandemic, other businesses are ready to take wings or expand operations. Many of our existing residential developments are near capacity as we look at adding a new one. Although currently inconvenient, the water line



**PHIL JENKINS**  
Mayor of Nappanee

replacement project is moving along, with completion of the US 6 and SR 19 portion scheduled for May. In June, INDOT will begin resurfacing US 6 and SR 19, both inside and outside the City limits. Our parks will also begin construction of new

restrooms in Recovery, South, and Stauffer Park. South Park will also begin construction on a new, inclusive playground, zipline, basketball court, and trail.

We would like to recognize Jim Sumpter, who will be retiring after 41 years with the Nappanee EMS. Jim has been a great leader and has been instrumental in establishing Nappanee's full-time paramedic service. Jim's attention to the medical needs of our residents and his concern for his staff have set him apart in the field.

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see included in our newsletter, please contact Brooklyn Moore, Director of Community Outreach, at [bmoore@nappanee.org](mailto:bmoore@nappanee.org)

## what's **INSIDE**

# MAYOR CONT'D

We would like to personally thank Jim for his exemplary professional service to Nappanee and wish him the best in his retirement. We are in the process of finding a replacement for Jim, as well as hiring three new paramedics.

We anticipate additional funding from the Federal Government's American Rescue Plan and hope to use these funds to benefit the residents of Nappanee. We continue to meet with the Federal Railroad Administration to discuss and implement the grant we received for improvements at our rail crossings. Woodview Drive from SR 19 to Oakland Avenue is on schedule for a 2022-2023 construction as we currently work on acquisition of right-of-way necessary for the project. We recently completed a grant application for "Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response" (SAFER) and hope to find out sometime in June if we are approved.

We continue to look for opportunities to improve our community. If there are projects or services that you would like to see, we welcome you to let us know by either calling me, emailing me, setting up a meeting, or going on our website and submitting your comments. In addition, if you would like to serve on any board or commission, please let us know. We are working on an active list of potential volunteers to serve. Here is to a great spring and a much better 2021!

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## **CORONAVIRUS:**

To stay up to date on the latest information please go to the following websites:

- [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)
- [in.gov/isdh](https://www.in.gov/isdh)
- [in.gov/gov](https://www.in.gov/gov)
- [nappanee.org/coronavirus](https://www.nappanee.org/coronavirus)
- [elkhartcountyhealth.org](https://www.elkhartcountyhealth.org)

## **Everyone Should:**

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wear a face mask in public buildings and anytime a 6 ft. social distance cannot be maintained
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect
- Monitor your health

## **COVID-19 VACCINE:**

Indiana is now distributing the COVID-19 vaccine. Check if you are eligible at: [OurShot.in.gov](https://www.ourshot.in.gov)

## **EMERGENCY VS. NON-EMERGENCY: WHEN TO CALL THE POLICE**

### **NON-EMERGENCY: 574-773-8400**

- Non-life threatening situations, for example, you need a police officer to come to your house or there is an animal problem such as dogs running loose.

### **EMERGENCY: 911**

- A crime is in progress, there is a life threatening event.

## **SPRING CLEANING:**

It's that time of year again when we start cleaning out our houses and getting rid of junk.

If you have odd-sized trash that you are getting rid of, our guidelines state that Borden will pick up two (2) odd sized trash items for free per month. These items need to be prescheduled with Borden by calling 1-800-386-3313.

# CONNECTING WITH CITY COUNCIL

## **ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

You can speak to the Council at the meetings by getting on the agenda...all you need to do is fill out a "Request to Speak Card" prior to the start of the meeting and bring it to the Council.

## **READ THE MINUTES**

To access Council minutes and agendas, simply go to the City of Nappanee website, [nappanee.org](https://www.nappanee.org), click *Government* and then click *City Council* to find the minutes.

# RAILROAD SAFETY

FOR RAILROAD CROSSING EMERGENCY OR MALFUNCTION, CALL 1-800-232-0144

At every railroad crossing, there is a small blue sign with emergency information: the emergency phone number and the DOT Crossing ID number. In Nappanee, the posted number goes directly to CSX, which operates the trains in our area.



For a vehicle stuck on the tracks, a collision, or any other RR crossing emergency, call 1-800-232-0144 and *press option 1*; a live operator will answer. Provide the DOT Crossing ID from the blue sign identified by "X-ING." Then call 911.

For signal malfunctions, *press option 2*; a live operator will also answer this line. A signal malfunction may be a gate that doesn't come down when a train arrives (very rare), a gate that comes down even though no train is arriving, or a gate that stays down after the train has cleared.

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## NAPPANEE ARTS CENTER

The Nappanee Arts Council is located at **253 West Market Street** between Panther Pizza and Edward Jones. The art council manages and facilitates The Nappanee Arts Center (The NAC).

The NAC is a free community space that is open to all ages. The community is welcome to bring in their own supplies and create art in a unique and creative environment among other artists. If needed, art supplies are available for a suggested donation. The NAC also offers art classes, private instruction and camps throughout the year. The public is invited to visit and walk among the artists as they work and ask questions and interact with the artists. The NAC also features a retail shop of original art from the area.

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## CITY INFORMATION:

As a City, our goal is to make sure our residents and visitors have access to the most current information possible. Please check our website & social media channels:  
[www.nappanee.org](http://www.nappanee.org)  
Facebook, Instagram & Twitter  
[@NappaneeIndiana](https://www.instagram.com/NappaneeIndiana)

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## BRUSH PICK-UP:

Starting the first Monday in April, we will be picking up brush **every Monday until October**. Brush consists of normal trimming of trees and bushes.

Items **NOT** picked up: Grass, Sod, Dirt, Stone, Concrete, Mulch, Stumps, and Building Materials.

We will begin sweeping streets as the weather permits. Reminder to residents that cars must be moved every 48 hours when parked on streets.

## SPOTLIGHT: TREE BOARD

The Tree Board meets on the **1st Monday of January, April, July and October**. This board oversees the maintenance and planting of trees within the City right of way.

The Board is comprised of Abbot Martin, David Ingle and Susan Woolley.

To contact any of these members, please call City Hall at 574-772-2112.

## ANIMALS ON LEASHES:

The City frequently receives complaints about dogs and cats running loose. As the weather improves, it's nice to get outside with your animals. Please ensure that your dogs are on a leash any time they leave your fenced yard or property, and that messes made by your animals are cleaned up.

If you encounter a problem with animals in our City, please contact the Police Department at 574-773-8400.

# MEETING DATES

View meeting minutes online at [nappanee.org](http://nappanee.org)

## City Council • 7pm • Council Chambers

- March 29th\*
- April 19th
- May 3rd
- May 17th
- June 7th
- June 21st

\*6pm

*If you would like to observe the meeting in-person or virtually and wish to comment on any item, please email or call City Clerk-Treasurer Jeff Knight at [jknight@nappanee.org](mailto:jknight@nappanee.org) or call 574-773-2112 at least one (1) hour before the meeting.*

## Board of Works • 3:30pm • Council Chambers

- April 12th
- April 26th
- May 10th
- May 24th
- June 14th
- June 28th

### CITY HALL CLOSINGS:

City Hall will observe the following upcoming Holidays and will be closed during these times.

- April 2 / Good Friday
- May 31 / Memorial Day

### VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS:

To foster a spirit of community, kinship, and neighborliness, the Vibrant Neighborhoods initiative offers education, resources and microgrants to help groups of people who live close to each other come together.

To find out more information or how to get involved please visit [vibrantelkhartcounty.org/vibrant-neighborhoods](http://vibrantelkhartcounty.org/vibrant-neighborhoods)



We are now using MyGov to manage contractor registrations, building permits, license applications, and much more.

#### GET STARTED TODAY!

Using any computer, smartphone, or tablet with internet access go to [web.mygov.us](http://web.mygov.us) to create an account!

# GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Please have your trash or recycling out and available for the driver by 6:00am on your service day. Bag tags are available to buy at Martins.

### Trash/recycling will not run on the following holidays:

- Memorial Day (All services delayed 1 day)

Odd sized trash will be picked up free of charge from each resident every month (2 items a month). Please call Borden to schedule pickup at 1-800-386-3313

### CONTACT US:

City Hall.....574-773-2112  
.....300 West Lincoln St.

#### Hours:

Monday - Friday : 8:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday - Sunday: Closed

#### City Information:

[www.nappanee.org](http://www.nappanee.org)

[facebook.com/NappaneeIndiana](https://www.facebook.com/NappaneeIndiana)

[twitter.com/NappaneeIndiana](https://twitter.com/NappaneeIndiana)

[instagram.com/NappaneeIndiana](https://www.instagram.com/NappaneeIndiana)

#### Have any suggestions?

Contact Brooklyn Moore • [bmoore@nappanee.org](mailto:bmoore@nappanee.org)