

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

Ben Leavitt
 (District 1)
 574-354-7618

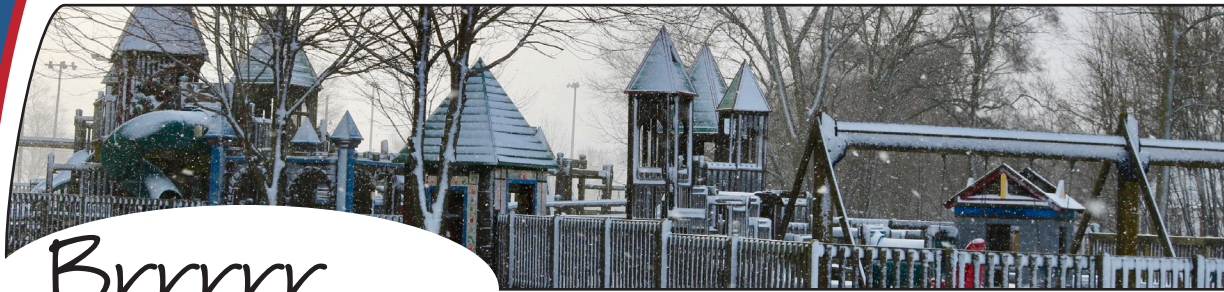
Dana Hollar
 (District 2)
 574-354-1088

Amy Rosa
 (District 3)
 574-354-0958

David Kauffman
 (District 4)
 574-248-3001

Kelbi Veenstra
 (At-Large)
 279-346-5503

news from the CITY OF NAPPANEE



Brrrrr....

Gearing up for the upcoming Winter Season

Message from Phil Jenkins, Mayor of Nappanee

This year I have challenged myself to be more positive. I cannot change the circumstances that surround me, but I can change my attitude. Despite everything that has transpired the last two years, I choose to believe that we have something wonderful in the place we call Nappanee.

In this season of Christmas and the New Year, there is reason for hope. A time to reflect on the past year and a chance to chart our course for the year ahead. After a year of disruption along SR 19 and US 6, we have new water lines, sidewalks, and pavement. We enjoyed hosting the Arts and Crafts Festival in August, the Apple Festival in September,



PHIL JENKINS
 Mayor of Nappanee

and the Miracles on Main and Market Celebration in December. Several of our parks will be adding restrooms and South Park improvements are moving along. As business and industry continue to expand, we are seeing more residential development in every quadrant in the city. Miriam Street will be improved this spring from Stahley Drive to the Berlin Court Ditch. The Art Path will be widened, lights will be added, and drainage will be improved from Woodview Drive to Derksen Drive.

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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

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MAYOR CONT'D

Although we like to talk about bricks and mortar, it is the people of Nappanee that make it truly special. Every year I am reminded of the caring, capable, and compassionate individuals that own businesses, shepherd churches, lead families, and serve the community. Together, our diverse skills and personalities combine to form a unique blend of ingenuity, integrity, and resiliency.

We also recognize that Nappanee is part of a greater region that includes communities in surrounding counties. The South Bend-Elkhart region was successful in 2015 to secure 42 million dollars from Regional Cities. This grant from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation was used as a match to fund several transformative projects in our neighboring communities. The South Bend-Elkhart region is seeking additional funding through the State's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) to further build upon the successes of the region. Regardless of additional dollars, the collaboration that has gone into this effort will only strengthen our region and provide more amenities for those that live, work, learn, and play in our area.

As you can see, there are many positives to celebrate. My hope for you this season, is that you would find joy, peace, and fulfillment in this upcoming year.

SPOTLIGHT: ELECTRICAL LICENSING BOARD

The Electrical Licensing Board licenses, registers, and regulates electricians, apprentices, and electrical contractors.

Dennis Martin • Melvin Kemp • Tim Montague
Lynn Swathwood Jr. • Steven Saylor • Brian Yoder

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)

Everyone Should:

- Wash your hands often • Clean and disinfect
- 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
- Monitor your health • Cover coughs and sneezes

HOLIDAY DECORATING SAFETY:

- Choose decorations that are **flame resistant** or retardant
- Keep lit candles **away** from decorations
- Some lights are **only** for indoor or outdoor use, but not both
- Replace any string of lights with **worn or broken** cords
- Use clips, **not nails**, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors

PARKING ON STREETS:

In the winter, **please** be mindful of the snow plows coming through, and try to move cars off the side of the streets.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING:

The City is asking for a cooperative effort from its residents on garbage day. Place garbage and recycling containers in the driveway **at least 2-4 feet** back from the curb. This will help in our plowing efforts to clear the streets curb-to-curb.

PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDERS

The Nappanee Fire Department asks for your assistance by **keeping neighborhood fire hydrants clear after snow events**. If there is a fire hydrant near your house, please do your part to keep it accessible this winter. Remove any snow and ice, clear a three foot perimeter around the hydrant, and clear a path from the hydrant to the street. The work of just a few minutes might later prove to be vital to the safety of you or your neighbors!

WINTER HOLIDAY FIRE FACTS:

- Two out of every five (39%) home Christmas tree fires started in the living room
- One-fifth (21%) of decoration fires started in the kitchen
- Three out of every five home decoration fires were started by candles

WINTERIZING YOUR HOME'S WATER SYSTEM

- Fill in foundation cracks
- Wrap **exposed pipes** with insulation
- Keep basement or crawl space warm enough to prevent freeze-ups
- Detach **hoses** from outside faucets
- Store lawn furniture more than **three feet** from utility meters
- Clear snow away from nearby fire hydrants

PAY ONLINE:

Have you signed up to pay your bills online? We offer you the ability to **pay your Nappanee Water & Sewer Utility online!** Visit our website today at www.nappanee.org and click on Pay Online! All you need to do is set up an account.

TIPS FOR RESIDENTS:

Follow Parking Regulations

- Nappanee has a year-round ordinance that prohibits parking on city streets for a continuous period of more than 48 hours.

Shovel Smart

- Do not shovel, plow or blow into the street. Blowing snow into the street makes it difficult to clear roadways
- Keep mailboxes clear to ensure postal delivery
- If it's likely that streets will be plowed on collection day, place trash and recycling containers a few feet back in the driveway to prevent waste from being scattered
- Help clear snow and ice around storm drains

Play It Safe

- Parents are encouraged to talk to children about snow plow safety. Children should stay away from snow piled at the curb and be warned not to build forts in the piles.
- Be careful driving and keep a safe distance when following a snow plow.



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MEETING DATES

View meeting minutes online at nappanee.org

City Council • 7pm • Council Chambers

- January 3rd
- January 18th
- February 7th
- February 22nd
- March 7th
- March 21st

Board of Works • 3:30pm • Council Chambers

- January 10th
- January 24th
- February 14th
- February 28th
- March 14th
- March 28th

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

CITY HALL CLOSINGS:

City Hall will observe the following upcoming Holidays.

- **December 24** - Christmas Eve
- **December 31** - New Year's Eve
- **January 17** - MLK Jr. Day
- **February 21** - President's Day

Trash and Recycling services will **NOT** be delayed for Christmas and New Years.

SNOW PLOWING

The City commences snow and ice control operations when any of the following conditions are met:

- Snow accumulation of 2" and if it is still snowing or more snow is being forecasted
- Drifting snow is causing **hazardous** travel conditions
- Icy conditions are adversely affecting travel
- Time of snowfall is affecting peak travel times

SAFETY TIPS WITH SNOW PLOWS:

Do not pull up behind snow plows. Never try to pass a moving snow plow. **Do not** allow children to build snow forts at driveway corners or in the snow berms along the curb or street.



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

GET STARTED TODAY!

Using any computer, smartphone, or tablet with internet access go to web.mygov.us to create an account!

CONTACT US:

City Hall.....574-773-2112
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Hours:

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

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Have any suggestions?

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