



Community Newsletter - City of New Haven - February, 2020



Steve McMichael, Mayor

## Seeking Nominations for the 2020 Bill Fritcha Memorial Award

Celebrating 10 Years

New Haven has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to help others and make new connections that bring us closer together as families, neighbors and communities. Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard of service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a part of their lives. The Bill Fritcha Memorial Award was established in 2011 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. We created the Bill Fritcha Memorial Award as a way to thank and honor individuals by their demonstrated commitment and example, and to inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

There are three basic considerations: civic engagement, service to the community with humility, and acts of kindness unknown to most. This award is made through nominations. The nomination process shall consist of a letter of endorsement for the nominee. The letter will need to include the relationship to the nominee; examples of service to the New Haven community with humility; what impact have their volunteer efforts made in New Haven; and examples of acts of kindness that are unknown to most.

A Selection Committee will review all nominations received. We all know someone who is very deserving of this award. Is there anything outstanding or unique about the nominee and his or her character? Has the nominee addressed important issues facing New Haven? Has the nominee made a measurable impact? **All letters of endorsement for nominee submissions must be received no later than February 28th by 12:00 noon of each year for consideration.**

**How do I receive a Nomination Form?**

- Contact the Mayor's Office at (260) 748-7070.
- Forward an email to Deb-Anne Smith in the Mayor's Office at [dsmith@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:dsmith@newhaven.in.gov) and request a nomination form.
- Visit City Hall and pick up an Application from the Mayor's Office (2nd floor).

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Clerk-Treasurer .....	748-7010
Code Enforcement.....	748-7060
Drug/Crime Tip Hotline.....	748-7099
Engineering.....	748-7030
EMS.....	749-1235
Fire.....	493-7500
Mayor's Office.....	748-7070
Parks.....	749-2212
Planning/Permits.....	748-7040
Police Non-Emergency.....	748-7080
<b>Sewer/Water (24 Hr. Emergency).....</b>	<b>414-9097</b>
Street Dept.....	748-7056



**ENGINEERING PROJECTS**

Updates on current street projects are available on our website at



**SEWER BACK UP**

If you experience a sewer back up, please contact the City of New Haven Sewer Department at 414-9097 before you call a private contractor.

**CITY HALL BUSINESS HOURS**

**Monday - Friday**

Clerk-Treasurer	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Engineering	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Mayor	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Parks Dept.	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Street Dept.	7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Planning Dept.	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Utilities	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**City Offices Close Daily  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

(Police Department is open 24 hours every day)

**REPUBLIC SERVICES CUSTOMER SERVICE**

(800) 876-9001 [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

◆ Meetings at New Haven City Hall ◆  
(Park Board Meets at the Community Center)

**March**

03/02	Park Board	6:00 p.m.
03/03	Board of Works	9:00 a.m.
03/03	City Council	7:00 p.m.
03/10	Plan Commission	7:00 p.m.
03/17	Board of Works	9:00 a.m.
03/17	City Council	7:00 p.m.
03/18	BZA	7:00 p.m.
03/26	Fire/EMS	7:00 p.m.



**2020 Mayor's State of the City Address**  
**Monday, March 9th**



**The Orchid Reception Hall**  
11508 Lincoln Highway East

**5:30 p.m. Doors Open**  
**6:00 p.m. Dinner**  
**7:00 p.m. State of the City Address**

Join us as Mayor Steve McMichael delivers his first State of the City Address to the citizens of New Haven. For more information, or to make dinner reservations, contact the New Haven Chamber of Commerce at 749-4484. Those individuals who wish to only attend the speech should plan to arrive by 6:45 p.m.



## New City Council President

Hello neighbors, as the new City Council President, I'll try to keep you informed about what's going on in our great city. I'm starting my third term on Council representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. I own a business in New Haven and have enjoyed living here since 1982. My lovely wife Jane and I will celebrate our 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary in May. Our son Danny attended New Haven schools, and a few years ago purchased a home and moved back to New Haven with his wife Taylor.

I truly believe the next four years in New Haven are going to be exciting. Our new Mayor, Steve McMichael is so enthusiastic about building our community, it's contagious. We have three new Council representatives. Jeff Turner will be serving the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Mike Mowery the 4<sup>th</sup> District, and Matthew Kennedy the 5<sup>th</sup> District. They are very excited to join the team and I'm looking forward to their fresh ideas and input.

One of our biggest goals is to communicate with every resident in New Haven. As you're used to, the Insight newsletter that comes with the water bill will continue to talk about events, issues, and solutions in New Haven. We also have a great new way to communicate.

Our new city website [www.newhaven.in.gov](http://www.newhaven.in.gov) will be live by the time this newsletter is sent. New Haven residents can now be instantly notified of any issues (water line breaks, accidents, weather events, road closures, construction, etc.) by signing up for a free account and selecting text or email notifications for a variety of situations. City Council and Board of Works meetings are currently being recorded and broadcast on Facebook live. They will also be available to view on our website. There are several calendars to let you know what's going on in New Haven. There are so many new features and capabilities, you just need to check it out for yourself.

Have a question for City Council? You can call or text me at (260) 460-7161 or email me at [cdellinger@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:cdellinger@newhaven.in.gov).

- Craig Dellinger  
City Council President

## City Launches New Website [www.newhaven.in.gov](http://www.newhaven.in.gov) and Reveals New City Logo



The City of New Haven has made significant changes to our website. Please take a moment and browse our website for meeting dates, minutes, agendas, and department information. You can also pay your utility bill online, download forms and view our new community promotional videos on our new home page. This new website is user friendly and very easy to navigate. To learn more, or to find out what's going on in your community, please visit our new website at [www.newhaven.in.gov](http://www.newhaven.in.gov).

## Clothes For Joes



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on January 26<sup>th</sup> to formally dedicate a new location of a Clothes for Joes Donation Box in New Haven. All donations will benefit men and women veterans in New Haven and throughout Allen County. Basically, this donation box will accept donations you think could help someone on the streets or veterans in need.

After the opening ceremony, the donation box, and the first of its kind in New Haven, was dedicated allowing another opportunity for the public to donate to military veterans who are in need of essential items. Clothes for Joes is a growing organization that is dedicated to helping veterans through donations made by individuals such as yourself and we are happy to accept any and all donations. Matt Cobb, co-founder of the Clothes For Joes Organization was excited to partner with the City of New Haven to grow their charitable mission to serve those who have served our country.

The Clothes For Joes donation box is accepting donations for both men and women veterans. Right now, the biggest needs are socks and coats. We've already filled the bin several times in the first week, but we know more is needed and we encourage our citizens to donate to those who have served our country. Here's how you can give:

### DONATION BOXES

There are two donation box locations at City Hall - one box is located right inside City Hall (next to the stairs) where residents can drop off items during regular business hours. The second box is located outdoors located at the northeast corner of the rear parking of City Hall where residents can drop off items 24 hours a day.

### INDOOR BOX

**Location:** Inside City Hall (next to stairs)

**Drop Off Times:** 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Accepted Donations:**

- Boots and Shoes
- Coats
- Clothing (Men & Women)
- Hygiene Products
- High Protein Products
- Long Underwear
- Socks
- Snow Pants
- Toiletries



### OUTDOOR BOX

**Location:** Outdoors (northeast corner of rear City Hall parking lot)

**Drop Off Times:** 24 hours a day

**Accepted Donations:** Clothing & Footwear Only (Men and Women)

### IMPORTANT

- All donated items must be able to fit into the outdoor donation box.
- Clothing must be cleaned, washed or new.
- Undergarments need to be new and in unopened package.
- For the safety of all volunteers of the organization, no large items may be left at the outdoor drop box.

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are welcome to help empty the bins on an as-needed basis.

### CONTACT

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact New Haven's Veterans Volunteer Coordinator, Steve Kennedy at 438-0526.