



**Community Newsletter - City of New Haven - January, 2017**



Terry McDonald, Mayor

**New Haven Intermediate School Needs Your Help**



"HUNGER" isn't something you would think occurs in our community. Unfortunately, many children in the East Allen School System live in families who are unable to support this most basic need. Food insecurity causes stress, malnutrition, lack of concentration and poor health.

New Haven Intermediate Schools' Boomerang Backpacks Program has provided food on the weekends to needy students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5th since March 2015. During the first year of the program, 35 participants received the backpacks filled with small meals and snacks that were sent home every Friday during the school year. Currently, there are 85 students participating in the program during this 2nd year. The program has been a huge addition to our school; however, without sponsors or donations, the program will end December 2016. We are asking for your help to continue this program throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

This year, New Haven Intermediate School was named the 2016-2017 Family Friendly School by Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz. This is based on their commitment to addressing the needs of Hoosier students while fostering the active involvement of families and the community in their school. Family Friendly Schools must demonstrate a commitment to addressing the academic, physical, emotional and social needs of their students while providing needed resources and fostering the active involvement of families both in school and in the community.

Principal Alicia Gatewood said, "It is difficult to think of a nine year old being responsible for feeding himself/herself, but it is the reality of many families today. Unfortunately, some students are responsible for their own meals over the weekend. Boomerang Backpack provides students with a weekend of hassle free meals that are ready when students are hungry. This is their only source of a nutritious meal. Boomerang Backpacks help ease the stress of the next meal".

A donation of \$100 would sponsor a child for an entire school year; however, any amount would be greatly appreciated. Boomerang Backpacks receive monetary support through fundraising, grants and community donations. 100% of the donations go directly to the purchase of food, and are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carolyn Richmond, Boomerang Backpacks Coordinator at New Haven Intermediate School at (260) 446-0190.

For more information on the program, please visit their website at [www.boomerangbackpacks.org](http://www.boomerangbackpacks.org).

Please consider adopting a child at New Haven Intermediate Elementary School. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sponsorship checks should be made payable to: "Boomerang Backpacks"

Please mail your contribution to: **New Haven Intermediate School  
1065 Woodmere Drive  
New Haven, IN 46774**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

City Court.....	748-7878
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
Utility Office.....	748-7050

**ENGINEERING PROJECTS**

Updates on current street resurfacing projects are available on our website at [www.newhavenin.org](http://www.newhavenin.org)

**CITY HALL BUSINESS HOURS**

	<b>Mon. - Thurs.</b>	<b>Friday</b>
City Court	7:30a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Clerk-Treas.	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Engineering	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Mayor	7:30a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Utilities	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Street Dept.	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
Planning Dept.	7:00a-4:00p	7:00a - 3:30p
*Planning (Tues.)	7:00a-7:00p	

**UTILITY BILL—CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

To pay your utility bill by phone with a credit card, please contact (866) 670-3036.

**◆ Meetings at New Haven City Hall ◆**

**February**

02/06	Park Board	6:00 p.m.
02/07	Board of Works	9:30 a.m.
02/14	City Council	7:00 p.m.
02/15	BZA	7:00 p.m.
02/16	Fire/EMS	7:00 p.m.
02/20	Presidents' Day	<b>CLOSED</b>
02/21	Board of Works	9:30 a.m.
02/21	Plan Commission	7:00 p.m.
02/28	City Council	7:00 p.m.

## INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY BACK IN SESSION

The State Legislature is now back in session and a great deal of proposed new laws will be introduced. Your city administration will be very active at the State House watching for bills that could have a negative impact on cities and towns. For questions, we encourage you to contact your State Representatives below:

**Senator Dennis Kruse**  
(800) 382-9467  
Email: s14@in.gov

**Representative Dave Heine**  
(800) 382-9841  
Email: h85@in.gov



## New Location for New Haven Parks & Recreation Offices



7500 State Road 930 East

In case you missed this information in the December issue of Insight, the New Haven Adams Township Parks Offices have recently moved and are now located in the New Haven Community Center 7500 S.R. 930 East (behind McDonald's.) We look forward to welcoming the public to our new facilities once the facility is complete.

For information on memberships, programs and classes, contact the Park Office at 749-2212 or visit the website at [www.newhavenparksandrec.org](http://www.newhavenparksandrec.org).



Owners Dianna and Jack DeLong and Jackie Felger have a reason to be excited! Forever Friends Floral & Gifts recently moved to their new location in the Del-Mart Shopping Plaza located at 134 Lincoln Highway West in New Haven to better serve their customers. Forever Friends originally opened for business in 1994 at 618 Broadway in downtown New Haven in just a small 800 foot section. Two years later, they moved into the larger section of the building. This family owned business started from the ground floor and experienced rapid business growth based on quality and service to their customers.

Forever Friends became a world-wide florist by servicing customers all over the world. They are an FTD, Master Florist. With over 10,000 FTD florists nationwide, Forever Friends has climbed to the Top 250 FTD florist across the United States. This popular floral shop is also a Premier Florist for 1800flowers.com. There are only two premier shops in the Fort Wayne area and Forever Friends has been a premier florist for the past 10 years. No other florist can obtain this status.

Forever Friends offers a wide variety of services, including candy, gift baskets, as well as unique and other specialty items. In addition to fresh floral arrangements, they offer a variety of expressions of sympathy keepsakes, such as chimes, angels, throws and other items. They also service all floral needs for weddings. Whether you are celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary, new baby, or another occasion such as Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, or other special occasion, Forever Friends can service all of your floral and gift needs.

Dianna, Jack and Jackie have been involved in the community for many years and have built many friendships along the way. Forever Friends is a drop off site for the Street Reach, a collection site for the homeless, and have sponsored various organizations over the years. They also offer a discount for all military, active firemen and police officers and are very thankful for those who serve, and have served our country. Congratulations to Dianna, Jack and Jackie on your recent move and serving the New Haven community for over 20 years.

**Business Hours:** 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Saturday  
Sunday by appointment only

**Contact:** (260) 493-2074

Forever Friends will celebrate their grand re-opening in January. Present this copy of Insight and receive a 20% discount off a total order of \$40.00 or more. This offer will expire on February 5, 2017. (Discount is not valid on wire out orders.)

## Get to Know Your City Council

### City Council

•The government of cities is divided between the mayor and the common council.

•The mayor exercises the executive authority (I.C. 36-4-4-3) of the city and is primarily concerned with its day-to-day operations.

•The Common Council exercises the city's legislative authority (I.C. 36-4-4-4) and makes the laws that govern the city and appropriates the city's monies.

•City Council members are part-time officials who serve a 4 year term and there are no term limits for City Council.

•City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

•New Haven's legislative body consists of 5 councilmanic districts and 2 at-large districts for the area.

### City Council Responsibilities

•New Haven City Council serves 2 primary functions for the City:

**Legislative Body** – City Council exercises the passage of ordinances.

**Fiscal Body** – City Council fixes the annual salaries of all elected officials of the city, establishes the annual salaries of members of the City's police and fire departments.

Council also has the authority to reduce, but not increase any other items in the city budget as submitted by the Mayor for its approval.

### Partnerships

•City Council works with Allen County officials for approval of

capital projects. (I.C. 6-1.1-29.5-10). New Haven City Council also works with Allen County Commissioners and other officials from Allen County regarding issues in New Haven.

•City Council has to abide by state statute requirements and state mandates.

•City Council members work with state elected officials on issues that affect New Haven.

### Ordinances

•An Ordinance is a local law prescribing a general and permanent rule. The introduction of an ordinance includes a summary presentation of the ordinance at a City Council meeting. Some ordinances may require public hearings. Ordinances are read and voted on 3 times prior to any passage.

### Contact City Council

We encourage you to attend the City Council meetings so that you can get to know your city council representatives and make your voices heard.

### City Council Members

1st District	
Floyd Ball	749-8162
2nd District	
Sarah DiGangi	749-7630
3rd District	
Craig Dellinger	493-2811
4th District	
Bob Byrd	493-2322
5th District	
Steve McMichael	602-6606
At-Large	
Dave Cheviron	749-2211
At-Large	
Terry Werling	749-5609