



# City of Huntington

## City Department Directory

**Mayor's Office**  
356-1400 ext. 212

**Clerk-Treasurer**  
356-1400 ext. 218

**Police Administrative**  
358-2308

**Fire Administrative**  
356-3620

**Human Resources**  
356-1400 ext. 223

**Water Billing**  
356-3220

**Engineering & Public Works**  
356-1400 ext. 245

**Community Development & Redevelopment**  
356-5146

**Landfill**  
356-0432

**City Services - Street**  
356-4720 ext. 1

**City Services - Park**  
356-4720 ext. 2

**City of Huntington**  
300 Cherry Street  
Huntington, IN 46750  
www.huntington.in.us

## Mayor Fetters Welcomes Echo Lake Foods

Echo Lake Foods, Inc. officially announced its Huntington location at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Fetters welcomed Echo Lake Foods, Inc. to the City and expressed his appreciation to Jerry Wartjes, Vice President and General Manager for the new Huntington location. "I am thrilled to have Echo Lake Foods, Inc. in Huntington and I am looking forward to a great new chapter in the life of a building that had been a production facility for dairy and ice cream products at this location for more than 100 years," the Mayor stated. "The city is committed to helping Echo Lake Foods, Inc. become the most profitable egg-breaking company in Indiana, and maybe the United States." Mayor Fetters expressed appreciation for the diligent work that Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of Huntington County Economic Development Corp. (HCED), devoted to the project over many months. He noted that the strong partnership the City of Huntington has with HCED has been vital not only to this project coming to fruition, but to many important economic development projects. Fetters also thanked Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann for incentives offered by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to help support the project.



Huntington welcomes Echo Lakes Foods

## Sewer Projects Look to the Future

To comply with the Federal Clean Water Act regulations the City of Huntington worked with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to develop a Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) for sewers and wastewater treatment. The first of nine LTCP projects wrapped up in June and will serve the city for the next 20 years. The City identified many cost saving measures which were used in the project. An example of the cost savings made possible by the project is the installation of new aeration blowers. The installation of these more efficient blowers reduced the overall electrical usage by nearly half, saving thousands of dollars per month. Completion of this project brings the City one step closer to LTCP compliance.

## Large Item Pickup is Easy Using Orange Sticker Program

Do you need something big hauled away? It is easy by using the City Services Department's "Orange Sticker Program". You just purchase a \$5.00 Orange Sticker for each big item/bundle from either City Services at 634 Webster Street or the Clerk-Treasurer's office on the second floor of the City building, 300 Cherry Street. All Orange Sticker pickups are done on Thursday. When you have your Orange Sticker call the City Services Department at 356-4720, to order a pickup or email: [street.department@huntington.in.us](mailto:street.department@huntington.in.us) before 7:00 a.m. on Thursday. You should set out your Orange Sticker items where you normally set your trash. NOTE! Items that cannot be collected in this program include: TVs, computer monitors, tanks, batteries, oil, paint, solvents and tires.



The Grappler Truck Removes an Item

## Smoke Alarms Save Lives

The Huntington Fire Department reminds you how important is to have functioning smoke detectors in your home. Smoke detectors greatly reduce the risk of a fatal house fire. On average, seven people die in house fires in the United States every day; most have no functioning smoke detector present in the home. Also, a functioning smoke detector can reduce the damage from a fire by alerting the occupants sooner, so 911 can be called more quickly. A fire doubles in size every minute. Anything that can speed up the arrival of fire crews can save homeowners' valuables and even lives.

Smoke detectors should be located in each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of a home. If you have any questions about the best location for a smoke detector or need help testing, installing or changing the battery of a smoke detector, please call the Huntington Fire Department during business hours at 356-3620.



*The HFD talks to students about fire awareness*

## Huntington Parks & Recreation Fall-Winter Events

**Pumpkin Hunt** October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm in Heritage Hall (Rain date October 23<sup>rd</sup>)

This event allows kids to come out to Hier's Park with their parents to search for eggs filled with candy, coupons to local restaurants, and the big prize...The Great Pumpkin! They get to search for the eggs by flashlight and find as many eggs as possible! There is also a coloring contest and a costume contest, so be sure to bring your coloring skills and most creative costume to have fun and possibly win other prizes.

**Make-It, Take-It** November 13<sup>th</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup> every Thursday 6-7:30pm (Community Building at Hier's Park)

Do you love Do-it-Yourself projects but never have the time or space for the materials? Well, this program allows for both! Every Thursday between the dates listed we will have projects, tutorials and some supplies available for you to make unique and creative projects! For some projects we ask that you bring supplies because it helps personalize the work and hold down the cost of supplies. Depending on the project, there may be a small fee, but we will let you know ahead of time so you can choose a specific project if that is what you prefer! We look forward to DIYing it with you soon!

**Christmas Lighting Ceremony** November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm (Sunken Gardens at Memorial Park)

Our department offers a display of Christmas lights that we set up in and around Sunken Gardens. We have a variety of characters, pictures, and displays to keep you entertained for the evening. This event provides Christmas carols sung by local groups, hot apple cider, and candy canes! Be sure to bring your family and friends to this holiday event! If you cannot attend our official lighting, not to worry — we have the lights set on timers and they will turn on and off in the evenings. Please contact our office to get the specific timer settings.

**Daddy-Daughter Dance** February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6-8pm (Heritage Hall at Hier's Park)

These two nights are about quality time and fun with daughters and their dads. This night is jam-packed with fun, from getting their picture taken, to dancing, snacks, a live dj, games, and a raffle to win prizes! The theme of our dance is based on the Disney movie "Frozen," so the night will be endless fun for these little girls, with decorations to make them feel like they are in the movie themselves! Dads, be sure to bring your little girl to an event that will make her year!

**Mother-Son Event** March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> @6-8pm (Heritage Hall at Hier's Park)

This two-night event provides an evening where moms and their sons can bond and spend quality time together doing things boys love: games, food, friends, and snacks. This year's theme is Minecraft so there will be plenty of games, snacks, and decorations that will make them feel like they are living the game. Moms, be sure to bring your son to this event, you both won't want to miss out on the fun!

## For the Love of Huntington

What are you willing to do for love? I don't know about you, but I am willing to sacrifice for and invest in the people and places I love. Those people and places don't have to be perfect in order for me to love them. I love them because I am attracted to them and have made a commitment to act in loving ways toward them. The love I have for my wife and children is unconditional, sacrificial and intentional. My love for the City of Huntington is like that. I want our city to be the best version of itself it can be.

Lots of times, we get tangled up in how much "love" we have for someone or something. I believe the most important measurement of the depth of our love is how much TIME we spend with the people and places we love. With that in mind, the We Serve Huntington Team came up with a top ten list of no-cost/low-cost tasks that you can do around your home and neighborhood to help make our City look its best.

*For the Love of Huntington!*



Mayor Brooks Fetters

## Top Ten Tasks You Can Do To Make Our City Look its Best

1. Take personal pride in the curb appeal of your home.
2. Keep your sidewalk in good repair (50/50 Sidewalk Program - for information call 356-1400 Ext. 245).
3. Pull weeds in your curb line; sweep up any debris after mowing.
4. Report any burned out streetlights (356-1400 Ext. 212) or online directly at [www.duke-energy.com](http://www.duke-energy.com)
5. Call in potholes needing repair (356-4720).
6. Keep catch basins and inlets clear of leaves and trash.
7. Install reflective house numbers.
8. Make use of the orange sticker program to dispose of large items (356-4720).
9. Make use of the brown bag program for yard waste (356-4720).
10. Bring trash bins in from the street after they are emptied.

## Eliminating Neighborhood Blight

In an effort to improve the overall quality of life across the City and within our neighborhoods, the City of Huntington routinely undertakes code enforcement activities aimed at eliminating blight. Enforcement of the City's Unsafe Building Code and Minimum Housing Standards help improve property values by eliminating neighborhood eyesores. When a complaint is filed, the Building Commissioner conducts an inspection and provides the owner with notice of any violations and a timeframe in which the repairs must be made. Currently, there are 31 properties in various stages of the enforcement process under these codes.



**Garage Demolished in 2013**



**House Demolished in 2014**

When property owners fail to make necessary repairs to these properties, the City can order their demolition at the owner's cost. So far this year, the City has demolished a total of 12 structures within the City of Huntington. The City ordered the demolition of 13 structures in 2013 and 12 structures in 2012. The City firmly believes that the neighbors that take pride in their properties deserve better. To report an unsafe structure, contact the Community Development & Redevelopment Department at 356-5146.



# City of Huntington

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Huntington, IN 46750

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## City of Huntington Tax Rate Projected to Decrease for 3<sup>rd</sup> Straight Year

It is projected that taxpayers in the City of Huntington will see a property tax rate decrease the third consecutive year in 2015. Mayor Brooks Fetters reported at the City Council meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> that the tax rate needed to fund the City's 2015 budget is estimated to be 2.13. The tax rate was 2.32 in 2012 and dropped to 2.31 in 2013, then dropped again in 2014 to 2.24 (per \$100 of assessed value). *"The decrease was made possible by a number of factors" the Mayor said, "including reorganizing departments and jobs which allowed for fewer employees and the reduction of the number of vehicles the city owns and maintains. All departments have been dedicated to carefully monitoring spending and being good stewards of the resources available. We are not perfect, but we are moving along in a good way."*

| 4-Year City Tax Rate History |      |      |      |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|
| 2012                         | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| 2.32                         | 2.31 | 2.24 | 2.13 |