



March City Council Updates

A newsletter updating you on what's happening in Noblesville



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It's been an action-packed 2021 so far for Council.

Since the last update, Council approved measures that revised our City's [Noise Ordinance](#) and its policy on [Animal Care & Cruelty](#). We also approved the Fire Department's request to [increase the number of paramedic certifications](#) from 37 to 38. I voted to approve all three of these ordinances.

I forgot to mention in my first email of the year that we also established the Committees for each member for 2021. This year I'm serving on:

- **Roads:** This committee works with the City's Engineering

Department as they manage road and infrastructure needs.

- **Downtown District:** The committee charged with directing growth and activity in Noblesville's Downtown District
- **Planning Commission:** This body helps to shape the City's overall growth and development and help the Common Council develop and update City Ordinances, the Comprehensive Plan, the Thoroughfare Plan and other long-range planning functions. I am the Council's representative on this body and serve alongside other members of the community.

Okay — let's dive in.

More Parking Proposed for Downtown Noblesville

The City of Noblesville has quite literally been discussing parking longer than I've been alive. This conversation has been fueled by growth and demand of our downtown core, but also future expansion of the County's government operations.

Looking ahead, the County is focusing their footprint on one garage facility for their employees planned for the north side of the square (arial photo below) on the current county lot that is north of Clinton Street and bound by 8th and 9th Streets.

More from the [Current article](#) from February 9th:

- **Funding:** The parking garage expected to cost roughly \$9.5 million. However, the commissioners recently approached the Hamilton County Council requesting funding for a fifth story, which would add \$2 million to the price tag.
- **Capacity:** [Commissioner] Heirbrandt said the garage was always designed to accommodate a fifth level in the future, but recent studies showed the extra space may be needed sooner. If the fifth story is constructed at the same time as the rest of the garage, the county could save \$1.5 million in costs versus if it is constructed it at a later date, such as five to 10 years down the road.

- **Reason behind Capacity:** State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) is working on a bill to add another judge to the Hamilton County court system. “With judges, you typically get juries, and you have to provide parking for that, too,” Heirbrandt said.
- **Benefit for Noblesville & downtown Merchants:** The approved four-story version would create 375 parking spaces. A fifth level would add 100 more. The garage would be dedicated to county employees during the day and open to the public after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

You can read the entire Current article [here](#). Renderings and site plans are available too, [here](#).

Next Steps: The proposal was introduced at Council and must go to Planning Commission before coming back to Council for approval.



East-West Corridor Info Session

As the City moves through the process to establish an additional east-west corridor in Noblesville, the Administration is holding an information session to ensure that the public stays updated. The next one will be held on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** (in 45 minute sessions) at City Hall.

Here's some additional helpful information from the City's release:

- The purpose of the public information meeting is to offer all

interested persons an opportunity to review and comment on the selection of the preferred alternative for the Noblesville East-West Corridor.

- The purpose of the project is to provide a 20% volume reduction of S.R. 32 downtown Noblesville traffic. The east-west corridor will connect S.R. 37 to S.R. 32 across the White River.
- Out of an abundance of caution each session of the meeting will take place in an open house format to allow the project development team to ensure social distancing is followed. Representatives from the project team will be spaced appropriately around the room at individual tables and exhibits will be provided at safe spacing and in duplicate. Masks will be required.
- Meeting information will also be made available on the Project Website, viewed at City Hall, or mailed upon request.

To sign up, click [here](#).

Small Business Grant Recipients Announced Earlier this Year

In an effort to help small businesses in our community make ends meet, I proudly supported a program from the Administration to provide direct payments to small businesses in the community in the form of a resilience grant.

The grant was created to help small businesses and organizations with unmet immediate needs such as maintaining payroll, paying rent and utilities, paying for personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies, and covering other expenses to remain operational and serve customers and clients. Based on demonstrated need, the grants provided up to \$10,000 per small business impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and \$5,000 to local businesses who opened within the last year or received funding from the first round.

Here are the list of businesses who applied and were chosen to receive the grant:

12 Stars Media
9th Street Bistro
ABC Ballroom
Across the Pond
American Legion Post 45
Animal Arts Pet Grooming
Banter's Fresh Meats
Barley Island
Bash Boutique
BeeFree Gluten Free
Bica Cafe
Biryani Hut
Books & Brews Noblesville
Caravan Classes
Certified Nails
Circle City Cleaners One, LLC

Grindstone Public House
Heavenly Sweets
Indiana Taekwondo Academy
Jim Dandy Restaurant
Karisma
LASH & Esthetic Studio
Lil Bloomers
Linden Tree
Ling's Oriental Martial Arts, LLC
Lucky Star Restaurant
Maria's Mexican Grill
Matteo's Ristorante Italiano
Michaelangelo's Italian Bistro
Morse Lake Nail and Spa
Noblesville Antiques on the Square
Primeval Brewing

Pure Barre
Revive Salon
Rowland Printing
Smith Jewelers
SmithHouse
Styles N Smiles Family Salon, LLC
Syd's Bar and Grill
Taxy Mexy
The Nesst
The Velvet Plum Vintage & Consignments
Thistle & Thyme Home Store
Uptown Cafe
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6246

Current Road Closures

A few more tidbits that you may find helpful:

- A portion of Olio Road and 146th Street will be closed for roundabout construction starting March 15. The closure and detour can be found [here](#).
- Greenfield Ave between Follow Drive & Marilyn Road will be closed for a culvert replacement over Lehr Ditch for 21 days starting late March. [Here's a map for context](#).
- The bridge on Carrigan Road over Morse is closed through May. This is a project coordinated by Hamilton County, but more information can be found [here](#).

Small Business Spotlight: Bica Cafe

This new restaurant to downtown Noblesville has quickly become a favorite for our family. This spot has amazing Portuguese and Italian sweet and savory baked goods, lunch fare, and small plates.

It's amazing — In fact, I'm writing my update from their spot!

They are located at 933 Conner St. and are opened on Monday and

Tuesday from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Wednesday - Friday from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM, and Saturday & Sunday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), if you haven't already!



Noblesville ÒIn the NewsÓ

Over the past month Noblesville has been in the news! Here are a few stories that you may have missed along the way:

- Fox59: [Noblesville launches 'Hoops at the Hill' events during March Madness](#)
- WishTV: [Noblesville Fire Department, health officials push to vaccinate homebound residents](#)

Inside Indiana Business: [Aspire Indiana Health Begins Noblesville Expansion](#)

- WTHR: [Grand homecoming for Noblesville girl critically burned in fire pit accident](#)
- The Times: [79 days until Noblesville Farmers Market starts](#)
- WTHR: [SERVE Noblesville looking to hit 100 projects, 1,000 volunteers during 10th year](#)
- WishTV: [Carrigan Road Bridge closure raises concerns, poses challenges for firefighters](#)



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