



## July City Council Updates

A newsletter updating you on what's happening in Noblesville



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### Introducing Noblesville's Newest Resident: Parker Smith

On June 28th, my wife and I welcomed a beautiful little girl into our

family. Her name is Parker and she was born at 9 lbs. and 20.5" long. Mom, baby, and older brother are doing well!



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## American Rescue Plan Act: Federal Funds to Noblesville

Earlier this year, Congress passed [the American Rescue Plan](#) (ARPA) in an attempt to address some of the effects of COVID-19. A portion of this bill allocated dollars to municipalities across the country to offset losses as a result of the pandemic.

Here's what that means for Noblesville:

- [The City of Noblesville received \\$6.2M through the ARPA with specific uses attached.](#)
- The Administration is proposing dedicating \$5.1M to stormwater/drainage costs for Phase 1 of the Pleasant Street project and to wastewater infrastructure costs to help provide sewer service to Wayne Township.
- The bulk of the dollars remaining are slated to be allocated to city employee bonuses. In 2020 the City's fiscal outlook in regard to COVID was unclear, so we chose not to raise any salaries for city employees. This proposal divides city employees into two different pools based on their risk for exposure to COVID-19 during the height of the pandemic and allocates each of them a one-time bonus. Under the proposed ordinance, all Sworn Police

and Fire would receive \$2,400. All other employees would receive \$1,400.

- Both amount are pre-tax and do not include elected officials.

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## Proposed Mid-year Appropriations

In the same light, the Administration and Council worked together in early 2020 to immediately cut expenditures until the long-term financial impact of the pandemic was better understood.

With that picture now clear, the Mayor is requesting the following mid-year appropriations that were initially put on hold last year.

- A new fire engine to replace an aging and failing engine  
(Interesting point here is that a fire truck has a lifespan of 12 years. The fire truck that we're replacing was purchased in 2004 and is five years over its threshold).
- Partial-year lease for a Police Annex building due to overcrowding at the Public Safety Building
- Installation of a safe haven unit (baby box) at Station 71
- Council chambers technology update
- De-escalation training simulator build-out and community room in basement of City Hall
- Replacement of lights along 146th Street between SR 37 and Hamilton Town Center
- Deputy Controller Position to reduce contracting costs
- Crowe Financial & Incentive Benchmarking

These appropriations were proposed at last night's meeting and will be voted on in our second meeting in July.

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## IndyStar: First BJ's Wholesale Club coming to Indiana

Noblesville is slated to land its first wholesale retail club!

Similar to Sam's Club or Costco, BJ's Wholesale Club has proposed a 104,458-square-foot building on Tegler Drive across from Hamilton Town Center.

Here's everything the IndyStar shared:

- Noblesville did not offer BJ's tax abatements or incentives to choose the city.
- Based in Westborough, Massachusetts, the company has locations up and down the East Coast, in the Southeast as well as Michigan and Ohio. The club sells groceries, general merchandise and gas.
- BJ's current standard membership fee is \$55, Costco's is \$60 and Sam's Club's is \$45.
- There is not a completion date for the building yet.



## New: Front Porch Music Festival

Next month, there's a brand new festival is coming to downtown Noblesville! The **Front Porch Music Festival** will feature musicians spread out along Logan St. on Saturday, August 7th! Make sure to mark it on your calendar.

**Front Porch**

# **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**On Logan Street**

**Saturday**

**August 7**

**3:00 - 7:00**



**Free Admission**



**Between**

**10th and 14th Streets**



## 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:

- Current: [Noblesville Duck Race set for July 24](#)
- Inside Indiana Business: [Noblesville Breaks Ground on Business Park](#)
- IndyStar: [\\$142M retail and residential development planned near Hamilton Town Center in Noblesville](#)
- Current: [Noblesville chamber establishes Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation](#)
- Current: [Noblesville teen helps lead volleyball team to AAU title](#)
- IndyStar: [How the tight labor market is affecting Hamilton County restaurants and hotels](#)
- The Times: [NPA to host annual historic home tour](#)
- The Times: [NHS is in top 1% nationally for STEM](#)
- Yahoo News: [Noblesville diver Joshua Hedberg ready if needed for Tokyo Olympics](#)



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