

November City Council Updates

A newsletter updating you on what's happening in Noblesville



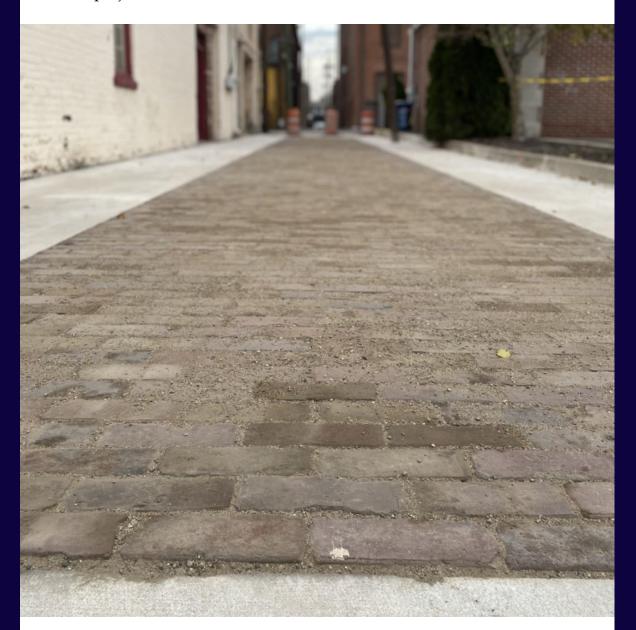
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Special Treatment for a Noblesville Brick Alley

Earlier this year, the City's Engineering Department flagged the a wellloved brick alley downtown Noblesville (*north/south alley between 9th and 10th Streets and north of Maple Street*) in need of rehabilitation. As this was one of Noblesville's last brick alleys, the Engineering Department worked with the <u>Noblesville Preservation Alliance</u> to preserve the existing brick currently in place, while upgrading the base underneath to withstand future traffic.

When I ran for Council, I maintained that the City of Noblesville could balance growth and preservation — at the same time — if we put extra effort in and brought stakeholders into the process. **This is the perfect example of that kind of mindset** and I'm proud that the process on this project was collaborative.



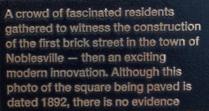
The Council also allocated funds to make a plaque that is hung on the entrance to the alley telling the story of Noblesville's brick alleys. It was written together by the Preservation Alliance, Council, and the

Administration and thought it was worthy to share here:

A crowd of fascinated residents gathered to witness the construction of the first brick street in the town of Noblesville — then an exciting modern innovation. Although this photo of the square being paved is dated 1892, there is no evidence that any work was done before 1894 when the city council passed a resolution to pave 8th Street and streets around the square with brick. In March of 1898, another report recommended that all the alleys around the public square be bricked.

Today, only a few of those original brick byways remain. Most have been paved, but those that remain are treasured reminders of our rich heritage. They, like all the lovingly restored historic homes, commercial venues, and public buildings are cherished because they are essential to the unique and enduring charm of our beautiful city. Remarkably, Noblesville has managed to evolve into a thriving city without losing its historic appeal. Understanding that progress and preservation need not be mutually exclusive, its citizens, civic organizations, and members of local government have worked together to preserve as much as possible of our past treasures. Though much has already been lost, much continues to be preserved —including, in 2021, a portion of the last brick alley.

Recognizing that the last brick alley was of historic merit, members of the administration of Mayor Chris Jensen requested input from the Noblesville Preservation Alliance (NPA) rather than following the established practice of paving over brick roadways in disrepair. All recognized the value of preserving this last important vestige of our City's past. Members of the city council, engineering department, and NPA devised a plan to preserve as much as possible of the original brick while allowing for essential repairs and correction of drainage issues. This alley is now safe and functional, but still a beautiful remnant of Noblesville's bygone horse and buggy days, preserved for present and future lovers of history.





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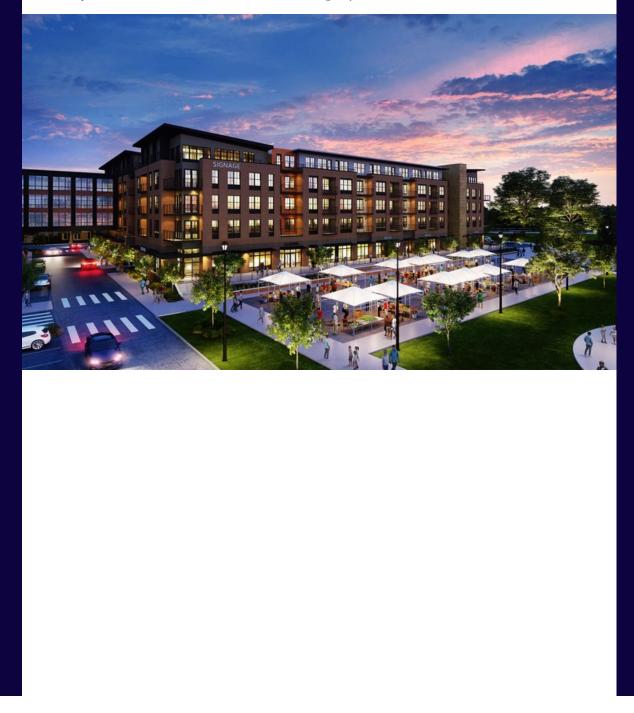
As many of you know, the Village at Federal Hill is a development that has been in the works for a few years now. This week, Old Town Design came back in front of Council to share updated renderings on the project, that I've included here below.

As a reminder, the development's footprint will, for the most part, only occupy the park's current parking lot. Because the restroom building is so close to the new building's footprint, it will be razed. The restrooms, along with other amenities like bike storage and covered vehicle parking, will be incorporated into the new building. **And yes — the farmer's market will absolutely stay at Federal Hill.**

Here is some more information:

- Construction is expected to begin in the winter of 2021 and is expected to be completed in the winter of 2023.
- There will be 163 apartment units in three buildings, 31,700 square feet commercial retail space, and a 300 car parking garage.

If you'd like to learn more about the project, <u>click here</u>.





Proposed Neighborhood: Red Fox Pointe

This development first came in front of Council in September for its introduction. Since then, it passed through Plan Commission and is now back in front of Council for approval. In case you missed here, here's the important information:

- It's a proposed empty nester community located at the northwest corner of Little Chicago Road and E. 191st Street that includes a maximum of 45 single-family ranch style homes.
- The community will be HOA-managed and low maintenance, including fully sodded yards, irrigation, yard maintenance, and snow plowing.
- For more on this proposal, click here.

It will be back before Council at our next meeting for a final vote.



already moving around the City to collect leaves, so I wanted to share how you can ensure your leaves get picked up, too.

Bagged Leaf Pick Up

September 13, 2021 - December 10, 2021

- Drop off is not available
- Bagged leaves are the quickest method of leaf pick up. Weekly
 pick up is on the same day as resident's trash collection. Bagged
 leaf pick up is conducted by the City of Noblesville Street
 Department; therefore it is not picked up at the same time as your
 trash, just the same day.
- Please separate trash containers from leaf bags.
- Bagged Leaves must be in the biodegradable bags provided by the City at no charge to the Noblesville residents. The bags are free and can be picked up at any local Fire Station, City Hall, Street Department, or Parks Department.
- Bags should be placed in the right-of-way (space between the street and the sidewalk). Bagged leaves are not picked up in the alley.
- Residents may put out as many bags as necessary. Bagged leaves must weigh no more than 40 lbs.

Loose Leaf Pick Up

October 4, 2021 - December 10, 2021

- Loose leaves may be raked as close to the edge of the street as possible *without placing leaves in the street*. Be sure that leaves are free of any other debris including brush. All loose leaves are picked up on the street side only. Loose leaves are not picked up in the alley.
- Street crews will make a continuous circuit of the City with the leaf vacuums starting Monday, October 5. Please keep in mind that on average it takes approximately 4 weeks to make a complete circuit of the City.
- After Friday, December 10, we will continue to pick up loose leaves when weather and time allow. Residents are <u>strongly</u> encouraged to bag leaves after December 10, to ensure collection.
- Please note the above listed collection schedules for brush and leaves will be interrupted in the event of severe weather.



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: <u>Noblesville PD launch Business Watch program ahead of</u> <u>holiday season</u>
- IndyStar: <u>9th Street Bistro in Noblesville wants to expand your</u> <u>horizons</u>
- The Current: Noblesville Tree Board has root issue
- WFMZ: <u>Plumbing Heating Paramedics Announces Grand</u>
 <u>Opening in Noblesville, Indiana on Wednesday, November 10th</u>
- IndyStar: <u>How two Hamilton County police departments aim to</u> recruit more female officers
- The Times: New Main Street director brings love for community
- WIBC: <u>Noblesville Fire Dept. Accepting Donations for Christmas</u> <u>Toy & Food Drive</u>
- IndyStar: <u>Hamilton County to pay \$100K for cars damaged by</u> <u>fallen tree at Noblesville courthouse</u>

November Update: Brick Alleys, Village at Federal Hill, and Leaf Collection

