



January City Council Updates

A newsletter updating you on what's happening in Noblesville



Same As U Celebrates One Year!

This incredible organization launched last year, right before the pandemic hit. Through those odds, Same As U grew from six students to 26! For more, click [here](#).



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Noblesville non-profit provides education and community for young adults with disabilities

Road Impact and Sewer Increase on New Developments

Earlier this month, the Administration presented a raise in road impact and sewer fees. **The fee increase only applies to new residential and commercial properties constructed.**

Here's the reader's digest version of the **Road Impact Fee**:

- Road Impact Fees pay for improvements to roads, not maintenance or remediation. The process for updating the fees every five years is in state statute.
- The study recommends a fee of \$390.00 per trip, and the ordinance proposes \$370.00 per trip, which is five percent less.
- An an example, for a new single family home, the previous one-time fee was \$2,500.00 and the new one-time fee is \$3,700.00.

Similar to the road impact fee, the City also raised the **Sewer Fee**. Here is the reader's digest version:

The last time these fees were increased was 2004.

- The Administration recommended a new fee of \$5,600.00 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). One EDU is based on what a single family dwelling would use assuming there are 3 .1 residents, which is 310 gallons per day.
- A single family home is charged a flat fee, while commercial and industrial buildings pay based on usage.
- The Council set the residential fee and a multiplier is used to determine commercial and industrial fees.
- As an example, office buildings and industrial buildings are high square footage but low usage, whereas restaurants and gas stations are smaller square footage but high usage.

The links to both the [Road](#) and [Sewer](#) Fees and be found here.

IndyStar: Noblesville small business grants to provide lifeline to local shops

I loved seeing this article pop up in the IndyStar a few weeks back. The Star talked to a few of the businesses that received the initial round of grants in 2020 to see what effect the grants had on their businesses.

Here are a few quotes:

- “‘We are just staying alive. It’s been a struggle,’ said David Pumphrey, co-owner of Rebellion Doughnuts, 17677 Cumberland Road, who received a \$5,000 grant in the spring and said he’d apply again. ‘It all went to salaries, and we were appreciative that it was from a local government for local business,’ Pumphrey said.”
- “‘My city was there for me,’ ... ‘It was really wonderful,’ Merideth said. ‘It helped pay for utilities and payroll, and I was able to give employees an extra paycheck. My city was there for me, and we are slowly coming back.’”

Because of solid reserves, we were able to infuse cash from the City’s rainy day fund directly into the hands of small businesses early on

when the pandemic hit. **That's responsive and responsible government.** One business even rebounded quicker and better than expected and returned their \$7,500 grant. Incredible proof that these businesses aren't just looking for a handout but a shoulder to lean on.

Click [here](#) for the full story in the IndyStar.



Update: New White River Development

The Council also considered and approved an agreement for the **residential and retail project proposed near the White River.** I voted in favor of this project and have included details and a map for context below.

If you'd like to see the agreement passed, you can find a link [here](#). If you'd like the reader's digest version, I have included the write up from last month's update below:

Here are a few answers to questions I have fielded myself from neighbors of ours:

- **Will the public still have access to the White River?** Yes — the

public will absolutely have access to the riverwalk!

- **What effect will this have on the cemetery?** For those of you who are not aware, the City's cemetery is located near this project. The Council and Administration have recently made an increased investment in the cemetery and I'm committed to ensuring this historic gem of our City is brought into the fold respectfully and appropriately should this project move forward.

From the press release:

- The development would be on the east side of the White River in the 3.4-acre area that currently houses the Hamilton County Employee Parking Lot and McMillan's Auto Care.
- The large majority of project funding is from private capital, along with specified tax increment that is generated by the new development. City taxpayers and property tax funds are not pledged or at risk with the project.
- It would be four stories and would include residential and retail.
- Rent in the apartments would range from \$850 to \$2,000 per unit.
- The project plan and economic development agreement will be presented to the Noblesville Common Council at an upcoming public meeting.
- The development team plans on breaking ground on the project in late spring or early summer 2021, if approved.

More on the project, including proposed renderings, can be found at Inside Indiana Business [here](#).



New Sculpture at Midland Trace Trailhead

Last month, the City cut the ribbon on a new sculpture at the Midland Trace Trailhead on Hazel Dell Road. Thanks to artist Kevin Huff and Keep Noblesville Beautiful for coordinating!



Small Business Grant Recipients Announced

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:

<i>12 Stars Media</i>	<i>Grindstone Public House</i>	<i>Pure Barre</i>
<i>9th Street Bistro</i>	<i>Heavenly Sweets</i>	<i>Revive Salon</i>
<i>ABC Ballroom</i>	<i>Indiana Taekwondo Academy</i>	<i>Rowland Printing</i>
<i>Across the Pond</i>	<i>Jim Dandy Restaurant</i>	<i>Smith Jewelers</i>
<i>American Legion Post 45</i>	<i>Karisma</i>	<i>SmithHouse</i>
<i>Animal Arts Pet Grooming</i>	<i>LASH & Esthetic Studio</i>	<i>Styles N Smiles Family Salon, LLC</i>
<i>Banter's Fresh Meats</i>	<i>Lil Bloomers</i>	<i>Syd's Bar and Grill</i>
<i>Barley Island</i>	<i>Linden Tree</i>	<i>Texy Mexy</i>
<i>Bash Boutique</i>	<i>Ling's Oriental Martial Arts, LLC</i>	<i>The Nesst</i>
<i>BeeFree Gluten Free</i>	<i>Lucky Star Restaurant</i>	<i>The Velvet Plum Vintage & Consignments</i>
<i>Bica Cafe</i>	<i>Maria's Mexican Grill</i>	<i>Thistle & Thyme Home Store</i>
<i>Biryani Hut</i>	<i>Matteo's Ristorante Italiano</i>	<i>Uptown Cafe</i>
<i>Books & Brews Noblesville</i>	<i>Michaelangelo's Italian Bistro</i>	<i>Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6246</i>
<i>Caravan Classes</i>	<i>Morse Lake Nail and Spa</i>	
<i>Certified Nails</i>	<i>Noblesville Antiques on the Square</i>	
<i>Circle City Cleaners One, LLC</i>	<i>Primeval Brewing</i>	

Recently Approved: Washington Business Park

Earlier this month, the City announced a proposed project that would create a master planned business and innovation park on 75 acres along State Road 37, north of 146th Street. I voted in favor of this measure when it came before the Council.

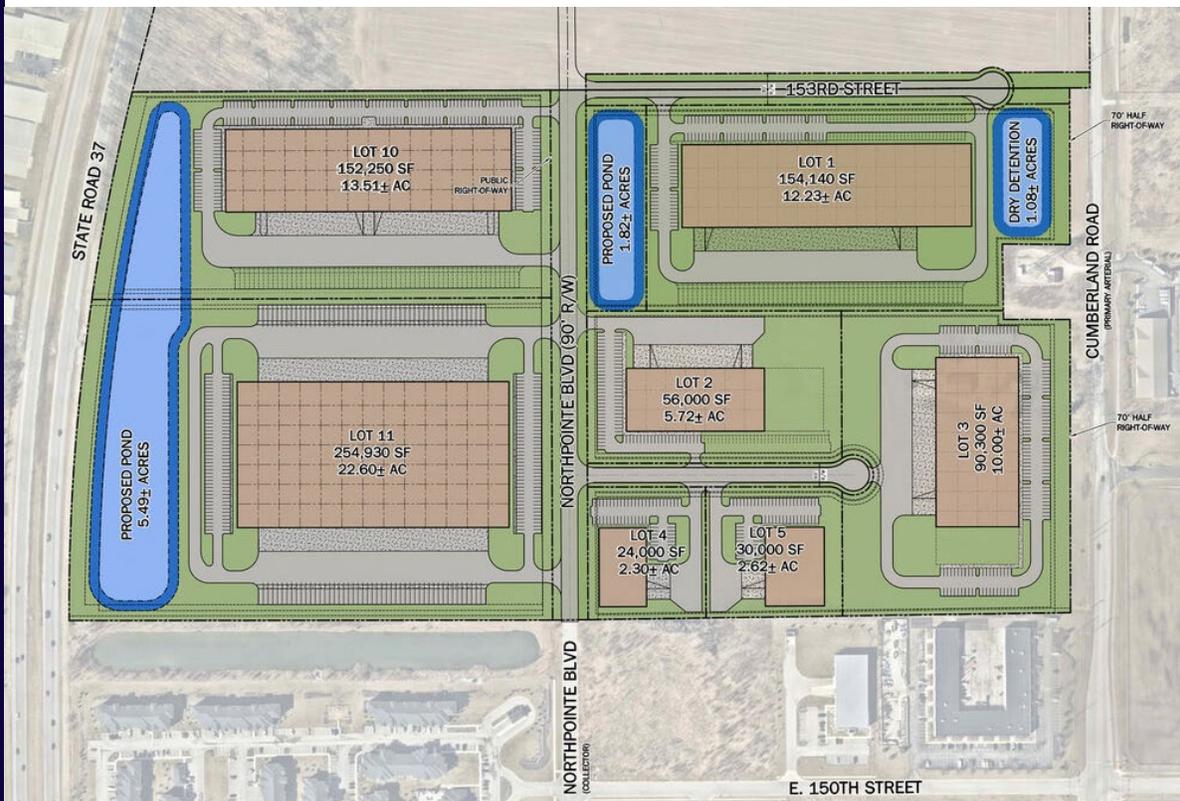
Here's some helpful information:

- Patch Development is proposing the Washington Business Park

on currently undeveloped land.

- The development plans for seven to 11 lots – ranging from 2-acres to 22-acre sites. The buildings anticipated sizes range from 10,000 square feet to 250,000 square feet depending on the needs of the future tenants.
- The proposal that comes before Council is for funding. The city will pursue a \$6.7M bond, which will be developer backed and purchased. The new area will become a TIF district, where the proceeds will be split 65% with the developer and 35% with the city. Proceeds will be applied to utilities, stormwater and infrastructure improvements like the extension of North Pointe Boulevard and 153rd Street.

Next Steps: The development team plans on breaking ground on the project this summer.



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:

- IIB: [Noblesville Officers Promoted](#)
- IBJ: [Culver's franchisee plans up to 10 more restaurants, new Noblesville HQ](#)
- The Current: [Noblesville public safety director receives award](#)



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