

PRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
WESTFIELD, IN
PERMIT NO.06

WESTFIELD
EXPLORES
TRANSFERRING
UTILITY ASSETS

HYDRANT
FLUSHING

ARBOR DAY
TREE PLANTING

US31
CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE

NEW
RESTAURANT
OPENS

City of Westfield | 130 Penn St. | Westfield, IN 46074

**YOUR
CITY MATTERS**
STAY CONNECTED



REDMAN SAYS Circle the Date

April 14 and 28
Heart and Soul Free Clinic Open
9:00am - 12:00pm
202 Penn Street

April 21
Tree Workshop
10:00am - 11:00am
Westfield City Services Center

April 28
Arbor Day Tree Planting
10:00am
Freedom Trail Park

May 7
Advisory Plan Commission
7:00pm
Westfield City Hall - Assembly Room

May 14
City Council Meeting
7:00pm
Westfield City Hall - Assembly Room

YOUR CITY MATTERS



CITY OF
Westfield
INDIANA

Keeping you up-to-date on what's happening in our city

communications@westfield.in.gov | www.westfield.in.gov APR 2012

WESTFIELD EXPLORES TRANSFERRING UTILITY ASSETS

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook announced this week that the City is exploring the idea of transferring the water and wastewater utilities to a qualified operator. The city will issue a request for proposal (RFP) this week. The move is one many cities across the country are exploring as they balance limited budgets with population growth, infrastructure improvements and stable utility rates for residents.

The RFP, announced before a crowded room at a Westfield Rotary Club luncheon, will be sent broadly to utility companies and organizations as a part of determining interest in transferring the City's assets.

"Many cities in the Midwest and across the country are faced with meeting the demands of growth," said Mayor Cook. "The City of Westfield is exploring various creative options that will preserve an adequate source of water for the future, address environmental mandates relating to wastewater, solve urgent capital needs resulting from rapid growth, and harness future water rate increases."

The City's goal, according to Mayor Cook, is to find a way to relieve the financial burden of utility rates while alleviating debt and addressing much needed improvements through the city simultaneously.

"With enormous development of our city on the horizon, outsourcing management or ownership of certain water and wastewater assets could enable the City to plan for our growth more efficiently," Mayor Cook said. "We have to consider the recent

Story continues on next page...

WESTFIELD EXPLORES TRANSFERRING UTILITY ASSETS (CONTINUED)

change in legislation regarding aquifer control and how this could affect the future of Westfield utility services.”

Proposals are expected to be received by mid-June and will be evaluated by an advisory team. A recommended course of action is expected to be delivered to the Mayor and City Council by late July.

The City has created a website dedicated to the possible water and wastewater utility transfer of assets that can be found at www.westfield.in.gov. The site will contain all relevant important documents, including the RFP. Additional information and updates will be sent to rate payers' homes and a series of public community meetings scheduled in the upcoming weeks to discuss the RFP. Those dates, times and locations can be found on the website.

For more information, call 317-804-3001.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING AND GIVEAWAY

Westfield Parks & Recreation will be hosting an Arbor Day tree planting and giveaway on Saturday, April 28, 2012 starting at 10am at Freedom Trail Park. This is your opportunity to get involved, get your hands dirty as well as have some fun in a community project! Businesses, organizations, families, and individuals are encouraged to join us. To sign up to volunteer for Arbor Day, please visit www.westfield.in.gov/parks and go the Volunteer Opportunities section.

TREE STEWARDS WORKSHOP

The Westfield in Bloom Floral Committee has teamed up with the Hamilton County Master Gardeners Tree Steward Committee to present a free workshop on Saturday, April 21, 2012 starting at 10am at the Westfield City Service Center. Get ready for spring and learn from the masters how to select the best tree for your yard and the proper way to plant it! To sign up, please contact Westfield Parks & Recreation at 317-804-3184 or sfix@westfield.in.gov.

US31 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Currently, the ramp from SB US1 to SB Keystone is closed for approximately 90 days. In addition, the Hagan-Burke trail south of 146th street, which connects to the Monon Trail, will close 3 days per week until November, but will be open on weekends. For more information on the construction, visit us31hamiltoncounty.in.gov

CITY BEGINS FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE

The Westfield Public Works Department (WPW) announced that biannual fire hydrant flushing will get underway again beginning April 1 and ending May 4. WPW is urging all residents to be aware of the flushing in their respective areas and that temporary water discoloration could be a possible result.

Hydrant flushing is required periodically to scour the distribution system water mains. Flushing will occur between the hours of 10pm and 6am. During this process, WPW crews will be working to remove particulate matter (Iron and Manganese) that subsequently builds up in the water mains. Removing these substances ensures that the cleanest water possible is provided to all residents.

“We are asking the residents to be patient and cooperate with us during this process,” says Kurt Wanninger, Director of Public Works. “If customers see a discoloration in their water, we would ask them to let the water run to waste at maximum volume for approximately two to three minutes, or until the discoloration disappears. It is imperative that this process occur so that our residents receive only the best quality water,” says Wanninger.

For additional information about the water and sanitary services that the City of Westfield provides, contact the WPW Customer Service Center at 317-804-3150.

FIELD NOTES



RELAY FOR LIFE is the signature fundraiser event for the American Cancer Society. The Westfield Relay will be May 18-19 at the Westfield High School Track. To participate or donate, visit www.relayforlife.org.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS



POBLANOS MEXICAN BAR & GRILL is now open in Westfield. They are located at 17417 Carey Road in the Kroger shopping center.

NEIGHBORHOODS



INDIANA MUSTANGS 9u travel baseball are seeking high level, elite players! Please contact John Drics at 748-4848 or 843-6000 ext. 2 or e-mail john.drics@drics-law.com to set up a tryout! A part of Roundtripper Baseball Academy located in Westfield.