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Dec 10
City Council Meeting
7:00pm - End
City Hall Assembly Room

Dec 11
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
7:00pm - End
City Hall Assembly Room

Dec 24 and 25
CITY OFFICES CLOSED
All Day

Dec 29
Race to the New Year
9:30am - End
Cool Creek Park

Dec 31 and Jan 1
CITY OFFICES CLOSED
All Day

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STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook delivered his sixth State of the City address last Thursday at Westfield's Bridgewater Club. The Westfield Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual event where the Mayor details the current City projects, programs and goals.

Mayor Cook began the speech by saying "I'm here today to say that I can sum up



the State of the City in one word and that word is Booming." Mayor Cook went on to state that because of careful planning of large projects while the economy was down, the City has now begun implementing those plans and is beginning to see a return on investment.

Mayor Cook addresses the crowd during his 2012 State of the City address.

For example, the City has seen permit revenue increase this year by \$20 million over last year's year-to-date totals, building permit numbers are up 25% over last year's year-to-date totals and new home starts total nearly 300 so far this year, which aligns with home start numbers for the Town of Fishers (which is three times the size of Westfield).

Mayor Cook also spoke of the many projects submitted such as Union Street Flats (237- Unit Upscale Apartment Complex currently under construction), Grand Park Villages (220 acres – residential and commercial) -- **story continued on next page**

STATE OF THE CITY (CONTINUED)

Springmill Corner PUD (6.5 acres – commercial), Towne West PUD (120 acre – residential and commercial), Harmony PUD (227 acres – residential and commercial) and Casey Acres Apartments (252 multi-family units – 18.5 acres).

“We have the busiest planning commission in the county and quite possibly the State of Indiana,” says Mayor Cook. “Many criticized how we announced plans for several large-scale projects in such a down economy, but we are beginning to see development flocking to Westfield because of the unique environment we are working hard to create,” says Cook.



City of Westfield's 2013 goals

Mayor Cook's Chief of Staff, Todd Burtron, finished the talk by outlining the City's goals for 2013. Those goals include a Safe City initiative, enhancements in public infrastructure, excellence in community relations, fiscal responsibility and employee engagement.

FIREPLACE SAFETY



With a few precautions, using your fireplace can be safe and enjoyable. First, ensure the chimney is clean and consider having it inspected annually. Secondly, avoid gasoline and flammable liquids to start a fire—these can be dangerous. Once started, closing the mesh screen will prevent hot ashes from entering your home. Finally, sit back and enjoy.

UTILITY SALE UPDATE

The Westfield City Council voted 6-1 on November 5th to transfer its water and wastewater assets to Citizens Energy Group for \$91 million.

With the approval of the Council, the decision to sell the utility goes to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for their approval. That process could take up to 9 months.

Residents are still urged to vote on the City's website and Facebook page for the infrastructure project they feel is a priority. Approximately \$45 million from the sale will go toward street and trail improvements. Voting will close Dec. 15th.

FIELD NOTES

CITY NEWS



THE CITY OF WESTFIELD offices will be closed December 24th and 25th in observance of Christmas. In addition, office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st in observance of the New Year holiday.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS



BMO HARRIS BANK has opened a new branch in Westfield, located at 14708 US 31 North, next to Don Pablos.

NEIGHBORHOODS



WESTFIELD HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR
Check out www.westfield.in.gov to find map listings of decorated sites around Westfield and take a self-guided tour around the City.

RACE TO THE NEW YEAR

Join Washington Township Parks & Recreation, Hamilton County Parks, and Westfield Parks & Recreation for the 8th Annual Race to the New Year! The race is a 5k run/walk through Cool Creek Park.

This year's event will take place on December 29th, 2012 at 9:30am. Each participant will receive an official "Race to the New Year" t-shirt. Early bird registration is \$15.00 (postmarked) by December 17th. After December 17th, the fee is \$20.00. You may register the day of the event.

Registration is through the Washington Township Parks & Recreation department online at www.washingtontownship-hc.us or call 317-574-1074.