

# Election Approaches

Local Election Tuesday, Nov. 6

November 6 is Election Day for City and Town Elections. For those voters who may or may not know where your polling place is:

### YORKTOWN POLLING LOCATIONS

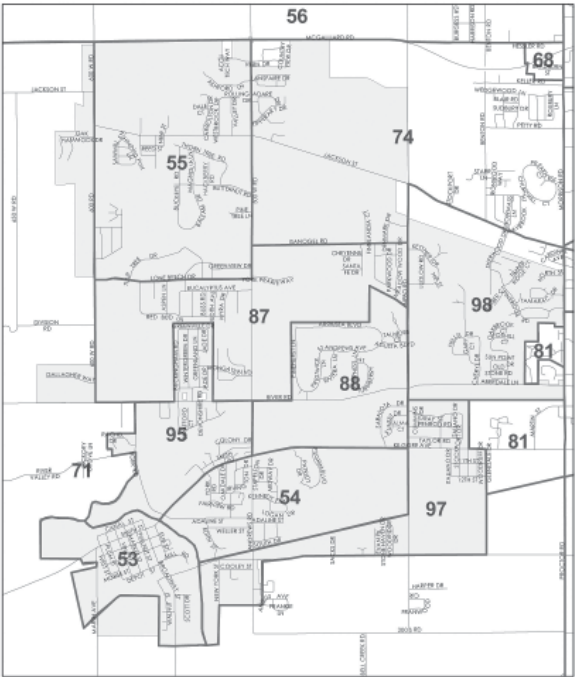
Precinct	Place	Address	City
53	Mt. Pleasant Township Trustee Office	2311 S. Broadway	Yorktown
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55	Cammack United Methodist Church	1901 N. Cammack St.	Muncie
71	Yorktown High School	1100 S. Tiger Dr.	Yorktown
87	New Life Presbyterian Church	8000 W. River Rd	Yorktown
88	Yorktown Middle School	8820 W. Smith St.	Yorktown
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97	Grace Baptist Church	6401 W. River Rd.	Muncie
98	Christian Missionary Alliance Church	5601 W. Jackson St.	Muncie

## Cone Zone Contest

The Cone Zone contest ended with the announcement of winners at a remote broadcast with WERK at Fauquher's Flowers on Aug. 31. Over 975 entries were received from the surrounding area including Yorktown, Selma, Daleville, Eaton, Gaston, Muncie and Ft. Wayne. The grand prize \$500 winner was Etta Jean Bergen of Yorktown.



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## Halloween Activities

The Fire Department's annual Kids Halloween Party is Saturday, Oct. 27 from 6-10 p.m. Hayride at dark.

**Yorktown Trick-or-Treat Hours**  
6-8 p.m. Halloween night

Yorktown Municipal Utilities  
P.O. Box 518  
Yorktown, IN 47396

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# Pipeline

A Quarterly Newsletter for Citizens of Yorktown and Mt. Pleasant Township, IN

### Town Council Members

Mike Beeman  
Bob Flanagan  
Richard Glaub  
Steve Lowry  
Karen Pilkington

### Important Numbers

**Town Manager**  
Tim Keltly, 759-4003  
**Clerk-Treasurer**  
Beth Neff, 759-4000 x 102  
**Yorktown Municipal Utilities**  
759-8521 (8:30-Noon, 1-4:30 daily)  
After Hours Emergency  
747-7204  
**Yorktown Police Department**  
759-7760  
**Fire Department**  
759-5836  
**Town Hall**  
759-8521  
**Zoning, Building Permits**  
748-7985  
**Town Court**  
Patricia F. Zeabart, Judge, 759-4006  
(M-Th-9:00-4:00, Friday-9:00-Noon)  
**Yorktown/Mt. Pleasant Twp. Assessor**  
759-7359  
**Mt. Pleasant Twp. Trustee**  
759-7359  
**Best Way/Waste Removal**  
800-745-5714  
**Yorktown/Mt. Pleasant Library**  
759-9723  
**Yorktown Post Office**  
759-5855  
**Yorktown High School**  
759-2550  
**Yorktown Middle School**  
759-2660  
**Yorktown Elementary School**  
759-2770  
**Pleasant View Elementary School**  
759-2800

### Town Council Meetings

Third Monday at 5:30 p.m.  
at the Town Court  
November 19  
December 17  
January 21  
February 18

**Plan Commission Meetings**  
2nd Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Town Hall

**Park Board Meetings**  
2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Town Hall

**Library Board Meetings**  
2nd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Library

## Downtown Project Near Completion

After a long summer of construction detours and dust, downtown is open again to two-way traffic. Business owners have anxiously awaited the completion of the project. "While



the process has been frustrating, I can see how huge this is for the town of Yorktown. I'm just glad it's almost finished," said Mary Fitzgerald, owner of Belle E. Buttons.

Kim Shelby, co-owner of Mr. Mouse, said she is excited to see the project wrapping up. "The town did an excellent job communicating with business owners to let us know what was going on so we could work around any big issues," said Shelby. "It's just beautiful, we get a lot of traffic

through downtown and this gives us such an inviting atmosphere; I think it will attract a lot of new business," she added

E&B Construction started the work at the beginning of April, and traffic was one-way through downtown until October 11. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned to coincide with the Luminary Festival downtown on December 8.

"It looks beautiful," said Jimmy Winkle, owner of Brother Jimmy's. "It's been a pain during construction, but I know in the long run it's going to be a huge benefit for the community," Winkle added.



Inspecting the streetscape are Council president and vice president Steve Lowry and Mike Beeman, the two remaining council members from when the project got off the ground in 2001.

## Leaf Pick-up Dates Scheduled

Fall Leaf Pickup will begin on Monday, October 29. All leaves must be bagged in the biodegradable bags (brown bags) and placed

out in trash area for pickup. Leaves will be picked up on two additional dates of Monday, November 19 and the final date of December 10.



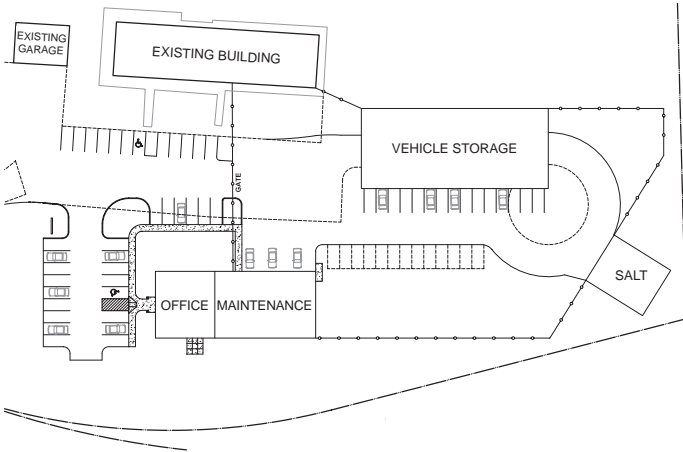
# The Wall Memorial Visits Yorktown

Morrow's Meadow Park was the temporary home for the traveling war memorial referred to as "The Wall." This display, as well as exhibits from other wars, was available at the park in early October. The wall was an 80% replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Washington, D.C. Other exhibits included more than 3,600 dog tags with names of service people who have been killed since Vietnam and names of the 9/11 victims.

This event was made possible through the fund-raising and volunteer efforts of the Delaware County Veterans Council and others who gave their time and money to make this display possible. Special thanks to the local American Legion Post 321, Vince Hughes and Dale Vold for bringing this war memorial to Yorktown.



# Field Operations to Relocate to Lions Club Park



The Town of Yorktown is working to expand its field operations facilities. Current facilities are cramped and located in a flood plain. The Town purchased the Lions Club property late last year and intends to construct new facilities on those grounds.

Included in the development plans are new vehicle storage pole barn, salt storage building, and a new building with both offices and maintenance garage area. The office space will include areas for the Director of Field Operations and Director of Building, Planning and Zoning. There will also be office space for the Water, Street and Parks departments.

The cost to build the three buildings is estimated at \$550,000 and will take approximately six months to complete. It will be paid for out of the General Obligation bond approved earlier this year for this project and planned parks and recreation improvements. The existing Lions Club building will remain and will reopen for public use after construction at the site is complete.

# Luminary Festival Set for Dec. 8

The 2007 Luminary Festival will be December 8, from 2 until 8 p.m., with the parade at 6 p.m. Planned this year are longer hours in the Holiday Market, and an evening parade full of new and exciting entries, plus all the favorites. Santa will be in his house before the parade from 2 until 5:30 p.m. taking Wish Lists. Once again the luminary committee will give awards for outstanding outdoor home and business decorations. Everyone living in Mt. Pleasant Township is eligible to win.

The LifeStream building will again be the location for the Holiday Market. An offering of affordable and unique items will be for sale and special activities are planned for children. Festival entertainment will be staged in two areas. The first will be inside the Holiday Market and the other will be in front of Chase Bank. The entertainment committee has put together a variety of amusements.

Horse and buggy rides will be available to see the new streetscape from one end of town to the other. The official ribbon cutting of the streetscape will be during the festival. Be sure to check out the beautiful new sidewalks for special acts and vendors. Also new this year is a chili cook-off. Beloved standards, new events, bigger and better – be sure to mark your calendars for December 8!



*Contacts for more information:*

Parade – Mary Fitzgerald/Bell-E-Buttons: 759-3852

Vendors – Becky Monroe: 759-6119

Gene Gragg/Metal Works: 759-4821

Chili Cook-off – Pete Olsen: 729-5391

Ellen Gragg/Metal Works: 759-4821

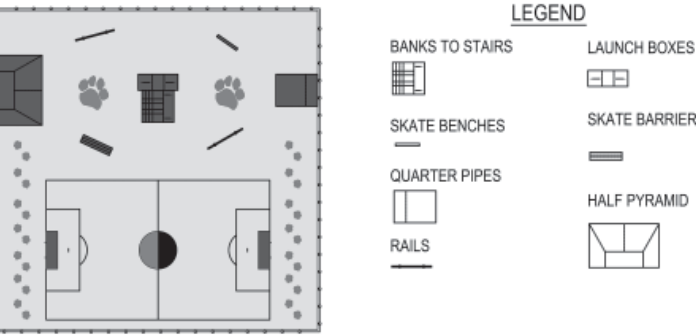
Decorating Nominations – Pete Olsen: 729-5391

Volunteer Opportunities – Barb Baker: 730-6575

Donations/General Questions – Leslie Baim: 759-8847

# Town Plans Future Park Improvements

In September the Council took action to move forward with the development of a skate park in Yorktown. A \$52,000 expected cost was outlined by Director of Field operations Pete Olson. The project will be located in Lions Club Park along the south side of Adeline Street. Earlier this summer, field operations opened up the area along the road. Dirt moving and installing the concrete surface for the project will begin soon.



Proposed Skate Park

# 27 Acres Dis-Annexed–Town Promised \$50 Million Investment

After much debate and careful evaluation, the Town agreed to dis-annex 27 acres of land near Nebo and State Road 332. The move was made in order to expedite the proposed development of both a 100-acre tract at that corner and another 40-acre adjacent tract which will remain within the town's corporate limits.

Representatives of a still unnamed company have indicated that the proposed development includes more than \$50 million in private

## Proposed Sports Complex

The town is getting closer to securing land for the proposed sports complex. Having received appraisals on the land, the Town hopes to have control of the land next month. Planned for the sports complex are additional baseball and softball diamonds as well as soccer fields. The town is seeking EDIT funding from Delaware County to offset some of the project costs.

A bond issue was approved by the Town Council last summer, partially for construction of the recreational facilities. Financial analysis conducted prior to the Town Council's decision indicated that sufficient room exists within current budgets to cover annual debt service payments without having to raise taxes for the project. While the Town's request for the bond issue received unanimous approval from the Local Government Tax Control Board, the Commissioner of the Department of Local Government Finance has delayed execution of the order because of unresolved property tax issues at the state and county level. The order is expected to be signed within the next 30 days.

commercially-taxable investment over the next five years and create 150 new jobs. Long term they suggested that the investment would be significantly larger along with creating even more jobs. This is potentially a win for Yorktown, Delaware County, Mt. Pleasant Township and the company. The entire development will be Yorktown sewer customers and TIF revenues from the project will fund any needed expansions of the sewage treatment plant.

# Yorktown Passes 2008 Budget

## Town Tax Rate Expected to Drop

In September, the Town of Yorktown adopted a new budget for 2008. While the budget, just over \$4.25 million, has grown by about 12% from last year, the town's tax rate has stayed stable because the town has experienced growth through annexation. In fact, Yorktown town taxes dropped from about 56 cents per \$100 of assessed value in 2006 to 54 cents for this year. The 2008 budget just adopted will result in an additional reduction in the town's 2008 tax rate. The highest

rate the town has assessed in the last 6 years, came in 2002, the year the state changed the way taxes were assessed. Even in that year, at 62 cents, Yorktown had the lowest tax rate of any incorporated city or town in Delaware County.

