



TOWN MANAGER UPDATES

This spring marks the beginning of new construction projects that will affect daily life in Bristol until late fall 2026. Unfortunately, we currently lack specific details regarding the timing or duration of the various phases. We have requested at least 48 hours' notice before construction starts in an area. Updates will be provided through the Town's phone app, followed by posts on our Facebook page, and finally on our website. Below is a list of projects we are aware of today which will impact traffic in 2025.

- SR 13 bridge over the toll road to be closed and detour traffic will be directed through Bristol.
- Ponderosa Drive lane restrictions to install new utility poles.
- Hard closure of Charles and Elkhart intersection to replace gas line.
- Hard closure of Charles and St Joe intersection to replace gas line.
- Lane restrictions through-out town on SR 120 and SR 15 to replace gas line/ move utility poles.
- Lane restriction – possible hard closure – of Division Street bridge to replace gas main in intersection south side of bridge.
- Lane restrictions on SR 15 north of bridge to install new utility poles.



In addition to these projects, the Beacon Health parking lot will be closed for 8 to 10 weeks for reconstruction. They plan to bus patients from Harding's to clinic. The Town will also be replacing water mains on St Joe and Elkhart Streets between SR 15 and Ponderosa. These two streets will also be repaved, limited access for residents only during construction.

Data Center update. There is no change in status. Once the developer has a commitment for power, the land sale will occur, and the next step is site engineering will begin for a site plan the Town Council will consider for approval.

New residential development update. We have active interest in one site in Bristol. If this project moves forward it will add 80 new homes .

Vacant land on Main Street: The Town Council has decided to initiate a request for proposal's process for options at this site. The community survey results indicated a strong community support for a new restaurant. I expect the decision process will take many months as we have a several moving pieces to 'pull together' before we can move forward with a plan and a developer. For most of this year I expect this will remain greenspace for the downtown area.

New construction. The new 10 acre NIPSCO substation on the east side of town (along with building a 'forest' of new steel poles) is well underway. The Towns' new wastewater treatment plant has reached the 25% completion point and the new water tower foundations are being installed and soon you will be able to see the concrete column being constructed.

Traffic safety. All this construction activity added to our already congested traffic will create additional delays. Plan for delays, stay calm and drive safely. Local residents know shortcuts and the Town is doing our best to plan our street projects so local alternative routes will always be available.

Schedule for Town Council & Park Board Meetings

Town Council meetings are held on the **1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 PM** at the Town Hall.

Park Board meetings take place on the **1st Tuesday (New Date) of every month at 6 PM**, also at the Town Hall.



Visit our website to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events!



Water Meter Upgrade & New WaterScope Tool

You may have received, or will soon receive, a notice about the replacement of your water meter. Over the past year, we've been upgrading all residential, commercial, and industrial water meters.

We're excited to introduce WaterScope, a new tool to help you manage your water usage:

Important News for Water Customers

- **Track Your Water Usage:** See exactly how much water you're using in different areas (showers, kitchen, yard, etc.).
- **Get Leak Alerts:** Receive instant notifications if there's a potential leak.
- **Save Water:** Make better choices to reduce your water use and avoid high bills.

To sign up for **leak alerts** or learn more, call 574-848-7007 ext. 5. If you haven't received a notice, give us a call to get set up!



The Street Department will make their rounds during the **first week of April** to collect fall and winter leaves. Please remember to rake your leaves to the edge of the road, but not onto the road itself. Please separate your sticks from the leaves. They will make multiple rounds that week. Afterward, the equipment will be stored until later this year when the leaves start to fall again!



BUSINESS SHOUT OUT!



Welcome Back! Chicago's Downtown Eatery

Hours of Operation:

- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 11 AM to 7 PM
- Friday & Saturday: 12 PM to 7 PM

(574) 848-5800

www.bristolindiana.org



The Pantry is available every Thursday at the following times: 9-11 AM, 1-3 PM, and 6:30-8 PM. Additionally, we're open on the third Saturday of each month!

Life Resources, in partnership with The HUB, is here to provide support. If you need assistance, please contact Life Resources at The HUB by calling 574-390-0976. We are here to help you through this challenging time. Let me know if you'd like to make any adjustments!



Bringing hope, healing, and wholeness to Bristol

Park Board



As the seasons change, our beautiful parks are ready to welcome you! Whether you're looking for a place to relax, get active, or enjoy nature, there's something for everyone!

Splash Pad Renovation Complete!

The renovation of the splash pad is now finished and will officially open for the season on Memorial Day weekend! Get ready for a fun-filled summer with water play for all ages.

2025-2030 Parks Master Plan

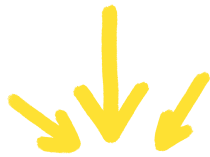
The results of the 2025-2030 Parks Master Plan are now available on the Town's website. You can view the full details on the [Parks page](#) and see how we're planning for the future of our parks.

Park Board Meetings

Please note that Park Board meetings have moved to the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM at the Bristol Town Hall 303 E Vistula Street. Join us to stay updated and get involved in shaping our parks and recreation spaces.

Exciting Events Ahead!

Stay tuned for upcoming events like Summer Fest on June 14th! The next newsletter will have more details on events and activities happening throughout the season.




DATE OF EVENT: JUNE 14TH, 2025

LOCATIONS:	PERSON TO CONTACT:
CONGON PARK: ARTISAN MARKET, FOOD TRUCKS & LIVE PERFORMANCES/MUSIC 12PM-8PM	SEANNA SMARTT
CUMMINS PARK (6:00AM): FOOD TRUCKS, ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, KID PROGRAMS, SPLASH PADS & MORE 12PM-8PM	BRISTOL PUBLIC LIBRARY
	303 E. VISTULA ST. BRISTOL, IN 46307
	SEANNA@BRISTOL.IN.GOV
	574-848-7458



The Bristol Community Garden

grows fresh produce for the HUB, Bristol Food Pantry, and for the wider community. Interested in volunteering or learning more? Email bristolcommunitygarden@gmail.com or join us for a work day.

During the growing season work days happen on Wednesday around 5 PM. We'd love to have you be a part of this great community effort!

Park Board Members:

- Mikel Ropp, President
- Scott Dreamer, Vice President
- Linda Powell, Member
- Andrew Medford, Member
- Rosemary McDaniel, Secretary

MARSHAL STEVE PRIEM



2025 has been off to a busy start for the Bristol Police Department. We currently have two of our new officers at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield Indiana. Vincent Ambrose and Chandler Pittman are more than halfway through the 16-week program which includes training in Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO), defensive tactics, firearms and classroom for criminal and traffic law. They will graduate on April 29th from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. While down there they both had the opportunity to participate in the polar plunge on February 27th which raised funds for the Special Olympics. Thank you to both of our officers for representing the Bristol Police Department at this event!

On January 25, 2025 Officer Gary Smith and Lt. James Geleske from Wakarusa PD led the instruction of defensive tactics for the entire Bristol Police Department, some officers from Middlebury Police Department and Millersburg Police Department. This is the required yearly training that the State of Indiana requires for all officers. The training was held at Bristol Elementary School's gymnasium. We would like to thank Bristol Elementary for allowing us access to their facility for the day.

Our K-9 and her handler Officer Gary Smith visited Bristol Elementary School on January 17th to introduce Raider to the students and talk about what Gary and Raider do as a team. The kids loved meeting her and I think she did too!



Raider here, sending a warm greeting!



The Indiana Law Enforcement



Polar Plunge 2025

FIRE CHIEF NIK KANTZ



The Bristol Fire Department would like to again extend a sincere thank you to everyone who donated towards our photo fund raiser during the 2024 Holiday Season. Due to the high costs of these new high-tech "Jaws of Life" rescue tools, our goal still remains to be able to acquire the necessary funding to purchase new battery-powered extrication tools. They would certainly go a very long way to help us increase our rescue capabilities in a wide variety of emergency situations.

As spring approaches, we would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the rules that have been set forth by the State of Indiana regarding all types of residential open burning.

What Is Allowed?

-Clean Wood (Not treated, painted, stained, or glued), Charcoal, Paper, and Yard Waste

What Is Prohibited?

-Treated Wood/Lumber, Trash, Chemicals or Plastics, Tires, Homes/Buildings or Other Structures, Cardboard, and Demo/Construction Debris

General Residential Open Burning Guidelines:

- All residential burning must be done in accordance with Indiana State Law while in a noncombustible and ventilated container (burn pit, 55-gallon drum, etc.) with a grated cover to help contain any embers
- All burning must be done in safe weather conditions, not during high winds or on pollution alert days
- Fires must be attended until fully extinguished, and adequate fire suppression equipment (garden hose, buckets of water, etc.) must also be present

For additional information, please contact the Indiana Department of Emergency Management at www.idem.IN.gov/openburning

Should anyone have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Bristol Fire Department by phone at: (574) 848-4155, or visit the station at: 405 E. Elkhart St., Bristol, IN, 46507. Business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. However, our station is always manned 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

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PO Box 122
Bristol, IN 46507



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The Bristol Municipal Complex will be closed on the following holiday:

- Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 2025.



Spring & Summer Community Events and Reminders

April-May:

- Reminder: Please remove all winter decorations from the OakRidge Cemetery. Decorations can go back the 1st of May.

First Week of April:

- Final collection of leaves. Get those leaves out by the road.

Friday and Saturday, May 2nd & 3rd: 7 am - 3 pm

- Towns Spring Clean Up Days. - 820 Bloomingdale Drive.

Memorial Day Weekend:

- Splash Pad Opens. - at Cummins Park.

Saturday, June 14th:

- Bristol Summer Fest. at Congdon and Cummins Park.

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Town meetings are available for live viewing on YouTube. You can find the link on our website.

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