

From the Office of the Mayor

Welcome to the monthly newsletter from The Office of the Mayor, curated by Mayor Sakbun himself. This newsletter highlights upcoming City events, street closures, ongoing City project updates, public safety information, and whatever else the Mayor thinks you, the citizens, should be informed of this month.



Mayor Brandon Sakbun presenting at the 2025 City Update on February 18th.

"The Spring City-Wide Cleanup will be on April 12th! Read below for more details." -Mayor Sakbun

"February was a cold month for the City. Our Street Department did an excellent job working through the snow and ice. With winter weather comes more potholes. Please be sure to report any pothole concerns through our 311 system. The Parks and Recreation Department will be opening golf courses and setting up tennis nets so that our citizens can begin to enjoy the outdoors as warmer temperatures move in. I wanted to highlight the recent success of our Trash Task Force. City employees are hard at work, clearing alleys and streets from large items and trash.

Be sure to lookout for the City staff walking during the St. Patrick's Day Parade! It's March Madness time!"

-Mayor Brandon Sakbun



Check out what events are happening this month in Terre Haute!

CITY UPDATE 2025

with Mayor Brandon Sakbun

Terre Haute: Proven Progress, Continued Promise. Let's Build a Better Neighborhood Together.



City Events CVB Events



View the planned street closures within the city limits this month.

Street Closures

Additional Street closure information will be available on the <u>City of Terre Haute Facebook</u> <u>page</u> and news sources.

Proven Progress Continued Promise. Let's Build a Better Neighborhood Together.

The theme of this year's State of the City is "Building Better Neighborhoods." This is a concept that integrates city services with housing improvements, public safety, blight elimination, infrastructure improvements, and modern parks. To put it simply, our goals are to clean up Terre Haute, clean storm water drains, respond when 911 is called, keep our parks up to date, help build new homes, and tear down barriers to progress at the local level. 2024 has been a year marked by progress. The entire City staff remains dedicated to building better neighborhoods one block and one project at a time.



JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF ADVENTURE, EXCITEMENT, AND NON-STOP FUN!

DEMING PARK MARCH 31 – APRIL 4 7:30AM–5:30PM AGES 5–12



REGISTRATION OPEN! DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 14 SPACE IS LIMITED. CONTACT US FOR REGISTRATION: 812-232-0147 2025 City Update Building Better Dighborhoods with Mayor Brandon Sakbun

TERRE HAUTE

Upcoming Sidewalk Projects

The City of Terre Haute is set to invest approximately \$800,000 in sidewalk improvements this year—double the



amount spent in 2024—without increasing taxes. This investment is made possible through available funds from gaming tax revenue rather than property or income taxes.

Funding and Fiscal Responsibility

Mayor Brandon Sakbun highlighted the City's approach to financing these projects responsibly. "We had funds available without looking at property taxes or income taxes... We were able to do this without raising taxes of any level," Sakbun explained.

Planned Projects and Areas of Improvement The City has identified two key areas for new sidewalk installations:

- Herz-Rose Park area
- Sarah Scott Middle School area

In addition to these new projects, the City will be addressing a backlog of sidewalk maintenance requests to improve overall pedestrian accessibility.

Project Timeline

The work will take place in two phases:

- Phase 1: Begins this spring
- Phase 2: Starts later in the summer

These improvements align with the City's goals of enhancing public infrastructure, increasing accessibility, and supporting public health. More details will be provided as the projects progress.

TERRE HAUTE TRANSIT IS FARE FREE



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Park Projects update

Terre Haute Parks & Recreation is thrilled to announce a series of park improvement projects set to take place throughout 2025. These upgrades are happening in conjunction with the ongoing large scale projects at Herz-Rose, Rea, and Deming Park. The upgrades below aim to enhance recreational spaces across the City, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for residents and visitors alike.

Spring 2025 Upgrades

- Collett Park: Asphalt overlay on tennis courts to improve texture.
- Anaconda Park: Replacement of the basketball goal to enhance recreational opportunities.
- Deming Park: Resurfacing of the 5-12 side of the playground and the application of a new playground coating (weather permitting).
- Deming Archway: Replacement of planks to restore its structure and aesthetics.
- Booker T. Washington Park: Installation of a centerpiece for the platform and necessary playground repairs.

Fall 2025 Enhancements

- Citywide Park System: A wayfinding update to improve navigation and signage across parks.
- Washington Park: Expansion of the playground to accommodate more visitors.
- Collett Park: Expansion of the playground to increase play options for families.

The installation of new playground equipment is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2025. All projects are expected to be finished before the end of Summer 2025, ensuring the community can enjoy these improvements as soon as possible.

"The City is currently undergoing several large scale park renovations like Herz Rose, Rea, the YMCA, and the Deming Park Pool." Said Mayor Brandon Sakbun, "The projects listed above may be smaller in size and scope but they will have a lasting impact on neighborhoods and in our community. We continue to do more with less here in Terre Haute. None of these projects are funded by property taxes and no tax increases were used to make all of this happen."



WORKFORCE DEVELOPEMENT

The City of Terre Haute is proud to sponsor a regional employment expo in 2025. Thank you to Work One and the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce for leading the charge. Growing the Terre Haute workforce is a priority for the administration. Please share this with any family or friends who are looking for employment or employees.

Terre Haute, Indiana, is a resilient community with job opportunities across various career fields. Come check out our regional "Employment Expo"! Universities, employers, employment resources, and more will be available on March 14. Please share this information with family and friends who are looking for employment in Terre Haute.

- Mayor Brandon Sakbun

For more information, contact admin@workforcenet.org

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

The Mayor's Youth Council is excited to announce the launch of its fundraising campaign through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHCDA) CreatINg Places program. This campaign will run from Wednesday, February 12th, to March 28th, offering the community a unique opportunity to support



COY PARK FUNDRAISER



the Mayor's Youth Council's project of creating an accessible playground space in the City-owned Coy Park in North Terre Haute.

The IHCDA has pledged a matching grant, meaning that if the Mayor's Youth Council reaches its goal of \$35,000, IHCDA will match the funds, doubling the impact of the campaign. This initiative is part of the My Community, My Vision (MCMV) program, which empowers youth to engage in civic leadership and community development.

"We are thrilled to be part of the CreatINg Places and MCMV programs," said Brandon Sakbun, Mayor of Terre Haute. "This fundraising effort represents a fantastic opportunity for our young leaders to make a lasting difference in our community. The Mayor's Youth Council gives students in the Vigo County School Corporation firsthand experience in municipal government and leadership opportunities ."

Residents and businesses in Terre Haute are encouraged to contribute and help the Mayor's Youth Council reach its goal, maximizing the potential funding for park improvements in an area of Terre Haute that will greatly benefit from revitalization. Renovations to the park include a "sensory dome" accessible playground structure, a see-saw, swings, and more.

To donate and learn more about the campaign, visit Patronicity.com/CoyPark

Save the date for March 11th to join in on We Give A'zip Giveback Day! Azzip Pizza is donating 20% of all pretax sales to the Mayor's Youth Council's fundraiser for their Coy Park Project. Dine, donate, and give back to the community! Screenshot the code, print it out, or use it online. Forgot to use the code when ordering? Submit a missed transaction within 5 days to donate.

www.azzippizza.com/missedscan





CITY-WIDE () CLEANUP

APRIL 12TH, 2025, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

ACCEPTED ITEMS

GRILLS FURNITURE MATTRESSES LARGE TOYS ELECTRONICS YARD DEBRIS

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

CITY HALL (ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED) SARAH SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL VIGO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT WOODROW WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

HAZARDOUS ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED Including but not limited to; CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, REFRIGERATORS CHEMICALS, TIRES & BATTERIES, PAINT

Vigo County Residents ONLY

***OR UNTIL DUMPSTERS ARE FULL**

You heard it hear first! The Spring City wide clean up is on April 12th! Follow our Facebook for more information in the coming weeks.



On the latest episode of Monday's with the Mayor, Mayor Brandon sits down with Sierra Miller, Grounds Keeper of Code Enforcement for the City of Terre Haute to discuss the ins and outs of Code Enforcement, 311, and the newly created Trash Task Force. <u>Watch now</u>!

<u>311 Citizen Contact Center</u>

Do you have a municipal issue to report?

Large item pickup at your City of Terre Haute residence?

Contact 311! A FREE resource

Community Resources

If you or someone you know needs assistance this winter, view and share the <u>two community</u> <u>resource guides</u> created by the Vigo County Public Library and Hamilton Center in the link above. Both guides discuss programs, warming How to contact | What can I report?

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