

SEYMOUR MOMENTS

Monthly newsletter of the City of Seymour



BRIDGING THE GAP

On June 17, 2021, beginning at 3 a.m., crews from Milestone Contractors poured the bridge deck for the new overpass that is part of the Burkart Boulevard South Extension Project. The pouring was completed by 6:30 a.m.

Phase 1 of the project, which is 2.3 miles of new road, takes Burkart Boulevard from south of Tipton Street to a new roundabout at North County Road 850E, just south of Silgan. The work is now 80% complete and will be substantially finished by Oct. 31.

Construction on the project started in April 2020.

Also included in the project is a 12-foot-wide multipurpose trail along the entire length of the new road, giving people a safe way to walk or ride a bicycle to reach their destination.

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Phase 2, which soon will be under construction, will extend the new road west to South Walnut Street, where another roundabout is planned, and then through Freeman Field Industrial Park to Airport Road, where a third roundabout will be constructed at the intersection with G Avenue.

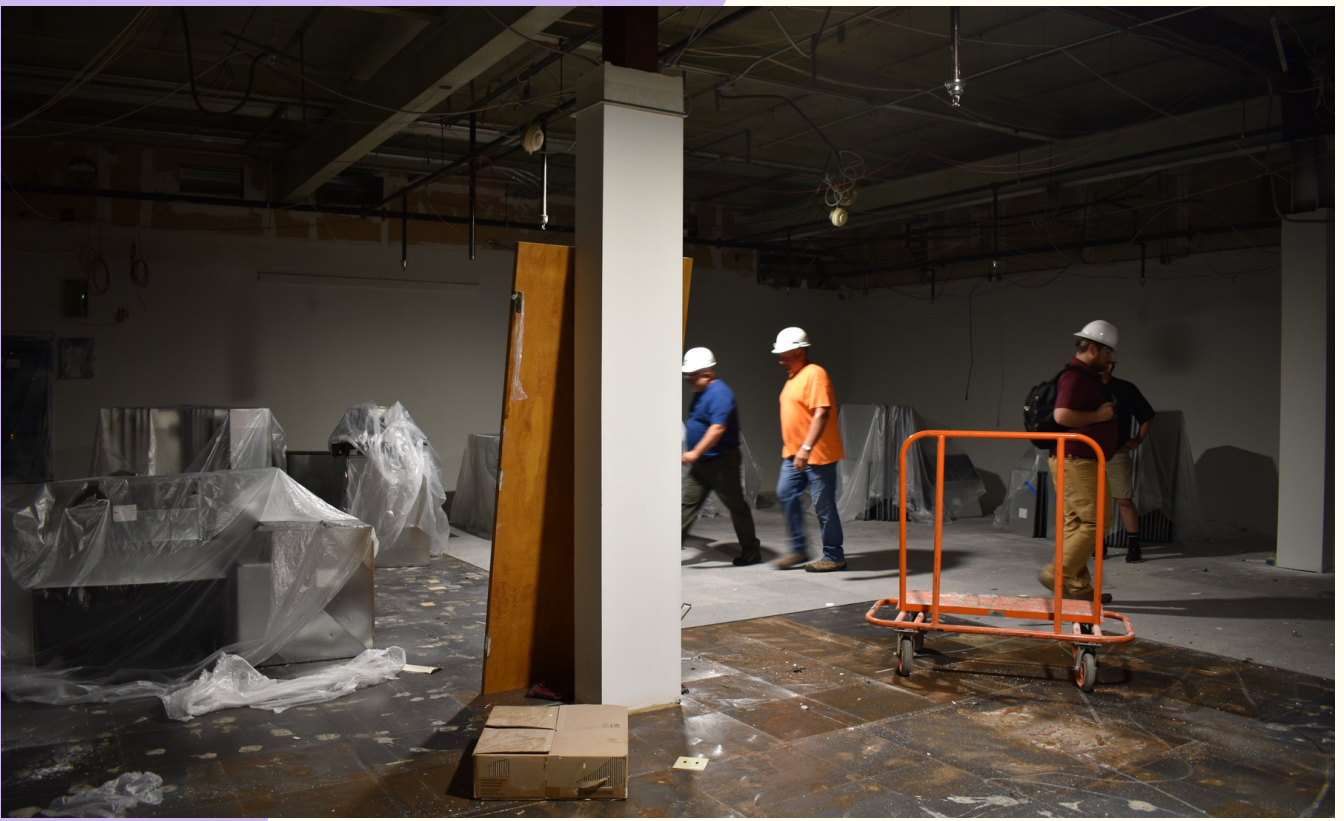
The third phase of the project, which consisted of reconstruction of Airport Road from West Tipton Street to G Avenue was completed last fall.

All three phases combined are costing around \$30 million with 20% or around \$6 million coming from the Seymour Redevelopment Commission. The bulk of the expense is being paid for through federal transportation grants through the Indiana Department of Transportation.



The goal of the bypass is threefold: To help alleviate the amount of semi traffic passing through the city on U.S. 50, to give motorists, especially emergency vehicles, a much-needed option to get around trains coming through the city and to open up the southern area for future development and growth.





UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Work is progressing on the emergency renovations of Seymour City Hall.

Harmon Construction has built out several new offices and conference rooms to make better use of open available space.

A first coat of the new sage green paint has been applied in some of the common areas. Interior office space will be painted a light yellow.

A coffee/tea bar is being added in the coat rack area across from the large conference room and restrooms are being made handicapped accessible.



SMALL TOWN FACES

In June, the City of Seymour welcomed a new firefighter, celebrated employee anniversaries and said goodbye to Mr. Street Sweeper after he gave more than 15 years of dedicated service to the city.



Rick Ketcham retired June 30 after 15 years with DPW and WPC.



Jana Gray, administrative assistant to the police chief, celebrated 20 years of service to the city in June.

Mayor Matt Nicholson declared June 24, 2021, as Rick Ketcham Day in Seymour in acknowledgement and commendation of his retirement and to honor his contributions to the community.

In his career, he has swept every street in the city three times a year for a total of 9,000 miles. He has swept up 300 tons of debris a year for a total of 9 million pounds and was the smiling face that cleaned up after many city parades and special events.

Rick also served in the U.S. Marines, worked for Big Red Inc. and managed the bowling alley in Seymour for years.



Melvin Hunsucker, Seymour Recycling Corp. Supervisor at WPC, celebrated 10 years of service to the city in June.



Tyler Wetzel was sworn in as a new firefighter on June 10.



PROTECT THE POLLINATORS

The City of Seymour celebrated National Pollinator Week in June with a special community presentation on butterflies from retired teacher Peggy Stark.

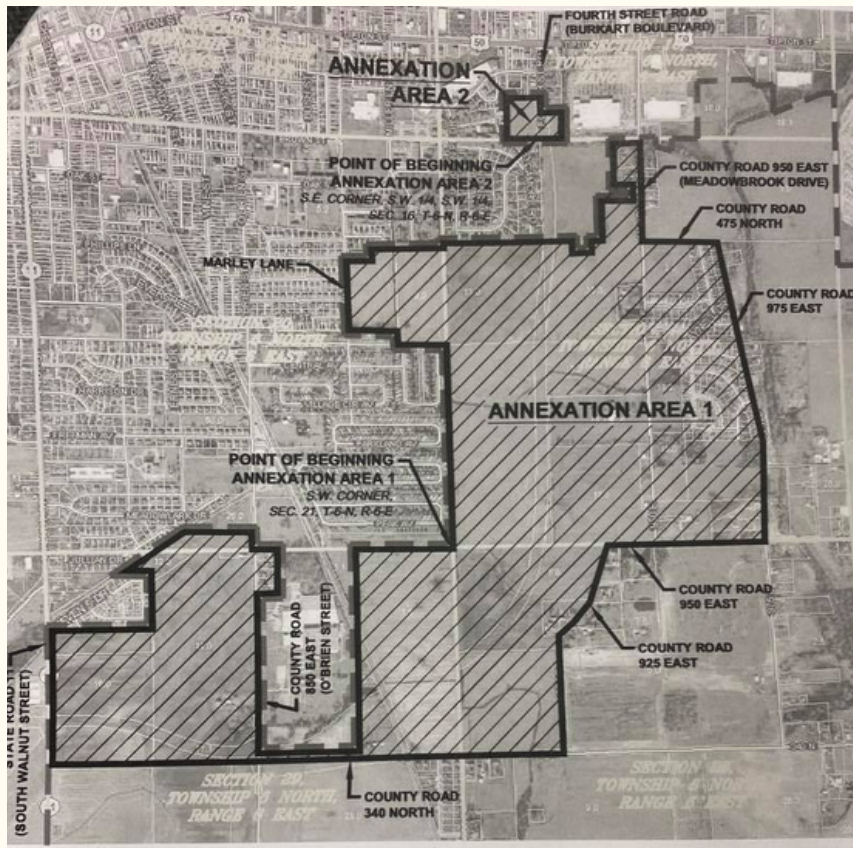
Stark has volunteered to be a resource for the Department of Public Works in providing native pollinator plants for some upcoming projects the city is planning to increase pollinator habitat.

Mayor Matt Nicholson kicked off the week by proclaiming June 21-27 as Pollinator Week in Seymour and pledged to work to save monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

January Rutherford and Bernie Bryant visited Girls Inc. and the Boys & Girls Club to lead activities to educate youth about the importance of pollinators in our world.



Learn about annexation



The city is proposing the annexation of a total of 719 acres, most of which is agricultural ground located south of the city between State Road 11 (South Walnut St.) and County Road 975E.

The annexation area includes properties surrounding the Burkart Boulevard south extension which is currently being built.

A total of 210 parcels are within the proposed annexation including all of the Ashwood and Hoevenor subdivisions south of The Home Depot.

In an effort to provide information to the public, the city is conducting community outreach meetings this month at the Seymour Community Center, 107 S. Chestnut St.

- Tuesday, July 6 - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, July 8 - 8:30 a.m.
- Monday, July 12 - 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 14 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 20 - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, July 22 - 6 p.m.

**Meetings also will be available virtually through GoToMeeting.
Call 812-522-4020 for login information.**

SUMMER ESCAPE

Seymour Parks and Recreation has lots of fun activities planned for youth this month.

First up is the 2021 Summer Camp which runs from noon to 4 p.m. July 12-16.

Each day has a different theme with supervised activities, crafts and an end of week party, featuring a gigantic water slide, water shooters and a cookout.

Cost is \$20 per child, per day.

On July 30, kids can stop by Shields Park from 10 a.m. to noon for the annual End of Summer Escape. There will be inflatables to play on, free refreshments and a drawing for school supplies.

Participants also will receive free admission to the pool that day.



SEYMOUR PARKS AND RECREATION
2021 SUMMER CAMP

Join us for this week of fun!

COME ONE DAY OR ALL. EACH DAY IS \$20 AND WILL INCLUDE A SNACK. CAMP IS 12P-4P.

Monday 7/12- Tie Dye Party



Tuesday 7/13- Super Hero Day

Wednesday 7/14- Pick A Piece To Paint @ SICA



Thursday 7/15- Touch a Truck

Friday 7/16- Splash Party at the Park

Call tonya to reserve your spot!
812-522-6420



END OF SUMMER ESCAPE

INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE, SLIDES, & BOUNCE HOUSES

FREE AFTERNOON ADMISSION TO SHIELDS PARK POOL

DRAWING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT 11:45AM



FRIDAY
7/30/2021
10A-12P

FREE REFRESHMENTS



SHIELDS PARK
703 N PARK STREET



DAVE O'MARA
CONTRACTOR, INC.



