

Newsletter

City of Greencastle
DECEMBER 2025



Happy Holidays!

The holiday season is in full swing, and despite the deep winter chill, our city is sparkling with festive cheer!

This December has brought both wonderful events and some truly challenging winter weather.

We have much to share about the month's highlights and the hard work of our City Departments.

Topics

A Brand New Greencastle Tradition: Ice Skating at Robe Ann Park!

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ICE SKATING AT ROBE ANN PARK

We are thrilled to announce the successful installation and opening of our new Ice Skating Rink this month! Located at Robe Ann Park, this exciting new attraction offers a perfect winter activity for families and friends!

A quick note on its operation: The rink is weather-dependent. Please remember to check the Parks & Recreation Department's Facebook page for the daily operating status before going.

We hope you get a chance to lace up your skates and enjoy this magical addition to our winter landscape!

WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL EXTENDS THE MAGIC

If you haven't yet, or even if you have, be sure to visit Robe-Ann Park for the breathtaking Winter Lights Festival!

The park is illuminated nightly with thousands of sparkling lights and displays. It is a wonderful, free way to celebrate the season with your loved ones.

The festival runs through Sunday, January 3rd, giving you plenty of time to take a stroll or drive through the spectacular display.



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FESTIVE EVENTS SPARKLE DOWNTOWN

Our early December festivities were a huge success, bringing community warmth and holiday shopping to the heart of Greencastle:

- **Frost Friday**: The kickoff to our holiday season was spectacular! Downtown came alive with extended hours at local businesses, beautiful decorations, and even carolers!
- **Small Business Saturday**: We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who chose to shop local on Small Business Saturday. Your commitment to our local entrepreneurs is what makes Greencastle a thriving, vibrant community.



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CITY HEROS!

As our community navigates these challenging conditions of extreme cold and snow, we want to take a moment to shine a light on the incredible work being done by our City Departments.

- **Street Department**: We are grateful for the endless hours spent plowing, salting, and ensuring our roads are as safe as possible.
- **Fire & Police Departments**: These individuals are on the front lines, responding to every emergency with speed and care, and keeping residents out of harm's way. We are grateful for their service!
- **Utilities** : This dedicated crew works through bitter temperatures to maintain essential services and keep our homes warm and powered.

Upcoming City Meetings

- **Tue. Jan. 6**: Board of Zoning
- **Wed. Jan. 7**: Park Board
- **Thur. Jan. 8**: Cemetery Board & Common Council
- **Tue. Jan. 13**: Commission on Human Relations
- **Tue. Jan. 20**: Commission on Sustainability
- **Wed. Jan. 21**: Board of Works
- **Mon. Jan. 26**: Plan Commission

Check the official City Calendar on the City's website for specific times and locations.
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DOWNTOWN LIGHTING PROJECT

We are excited to share an update on the Downtown Lighting Project, which will bring improved visibility and a refreshed, vibrant look to our downtown!

The project includes the installation of new, modern lighting poles on Indiana Street, between Washington Street and Walnut Street. These new poles are essential for supporting the upgraded lighting system.

Once the poles are in place, crews will begin carefully re-stringing the lights.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we work to complete this important infrastructure improvement. We look forward to seeing our downtown shine even brighter for residents and visitors alike!

Reminder: Snow Removal

Residents, Business Owners & Occupants

Please remember to clear the sidewalks adjacent to your property!

- Rule: Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after the snow stops falling (per City Code, Art. 11, Sec. 6-145).
- Failure to Comply: If the City has to clear your sidewalk, the property owner/occupant will be billed for the service.

Thank you for helping keep our sidewalks safe!

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A Message From The Mayor

Hello Greencastle Residents,

As the year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the spirit and dedication of our community. December is a wonderful time to reflect on what we've accomplished in 2025.

2025 marked a year of significant momentum for Greencastle, witnessing the successful completion and implementation of several major projects.

Infrastructure & Roadwork

- **US 231 Road Project**: This INDOT project included new sewers, water lines, and road resurfacing.
- **Washington Street Road Improvements**: A significant overhaul to Washington Street, between Wood Street and Percy Julian Drive, which included new sidewalks, new water and sewer lines, and shoring up the road.
- **Sanitary Sewer System**: The City completed the construction of a sanitary sewer system located along Albin Pond Road, Toddson Drive, and J Mar Drive.
- **Resurfacing & Guardrails**: Albin Pond Road also received significant upgrades, which included comprehensive road resurfacing and the installation of new safety guardrails.

Housing & Development

- **Growing Green and Gold Together**: This multi-faceted collaboration between DePauw University and the City of Greencastle continues to work toward increasing the quality of life for Greencastle residents, along with spurring economic development in downtown Greencastle. With transformative projects like the Seminary Square Project, the Courthouse Square Cinema Project, and the Downtown Enhancement Project's streetscape enhancements, Greencastle is experiencing a period of unprecedented excitement and growth!
- **Putnam County YMCA**: With the opening of the Putnam County YMCA in March 2025, this marked the long-awaited realization of a decades-long dream for many of Greencastle's citizens! This new, modern facility fills a great need for community health, fitness, and recreation that serves all ages.
- **Putnam County Hospital's partnership with the YMCA**: Putnam County Hospital partnered with the City and YMCA to operate a dedicated space within the facility. This 11,000+ sq. ft. space allows PCH to offer medical services like prompt care, family medicine, physical therapy, and occupational medicine right alongside the fitness areas.

2025 was truly a spectacular year! It is proof that when we combine hard work with a clear, shared vision, we can accomplish amazing things! I look forward to another successful year with all of you, and wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

Best,

Mayor Lynda Dunbar

