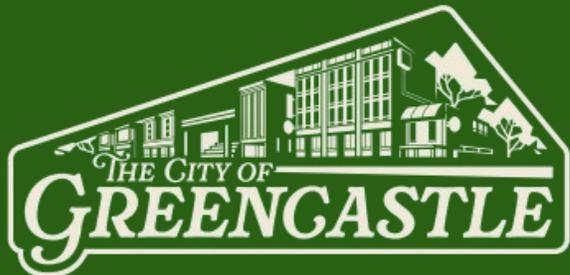


CITY OF GREENCASTLE



NEWSLETTER: FEBRUARY 2026

MAKING A SPLASH: YMCA NATATORIUM GROUNDBREAKING

The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Putnam County YMCA Phase II Natatorium on February 27.

Mayor Lynda Dunbar joined representatives from the YMCA, DePauw University, Hannig Construction, and Elevatus Architecture to turn the first dirt on this long-awaited project.

The \$10 million pool addition is a testament to the "Growing Green and Gold Together" initiative, a partnership between the city and DePauw.

- The Vision: A 13,000+ square foot addition featuring a new natatorium and expanded locker rooms.
- The Impact: Designed to meet the community's demand for water safety, fitness, and recreation.
- The Timeline: Construction is officially underway, with an anticipated completion date in July 2027.



"This represents more than just bricks and water," noted project partners during the ceremony. "It represents safety, health, and connection for our community."

SAPLING GIVEAWAY:

The Greencastle Sustainability Commission and Buzzi Unicem are giving away 1,500 free tree saplings!

- **When:** Saturday, April 25th
Time: 8:30 a.m. (until trees are gone!)
- **Where:** Putnam County Museum parking lot
- **Get VIP Early Access:** Lines are usually long and trees go fast! Want first pick? Join the Tree Planting & Care Workshop:
 - **Date of Workshop:** Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:00 p.m. at the Putnam County Museum
 - **Perk:** Attendees get early pickup and first choice of species!
 - **Register:** Email szimmerman@cityofgreencastle.com to save your spot.

Learn from the experts at the DNR, Master Gardeners, and Soil & Water Conservation District so your new trees can thrive.



**A HUGE THANKS TO
BUZZI UNICEM FOR SPONSORING THIS
EVENT SINCE 2018!**

BLIGHT ELIMINATION:

Several demolition bids were awarded to local contractors (including J.A. Shroyer and Shroyer Solutions) to remove dilapidated structures and clear the way for new development.

By clearing these structures, we are reinvigorating our neighborhoods and eliminating eyesores. This initiative does more than just clean up the streets; it actively reduces environmental risks, stabilizes property values for neighboring homeowners, and transforms once-dangerous properties into productive spaces for the future of Greencastle.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department is thrilled to invite our community's youngest residents to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Mark your calendars for a morning of candy, prizes, and community spirit!

The Park has organized the hunt into three specific age brackets:

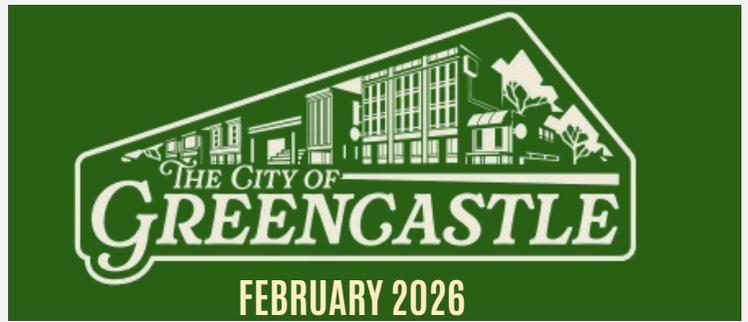
- **4 & Under** (Perfect for toddlers and tiny hunters!)
- **5–8 Years Old**
- **9 & Older**

Event Details:

- **When:** Saturday, April 4, 2026
- **Where:** Robe-Ann Park
- **Time:** The whistle blows promptly at 10:00 AM

Be sure to arrive a few minutes early to find your age group's designated area!

We can't wait to see the park filled with families enjoying one of Greencastle's favorite springtime traditions!



NOW HIRING: 2026 SEASONAL TEAM

The City is looking for dedicated individuals to help us have a safe and beautiful summer. Applications are available at City Hall or on the City website.

- **Mowing & Maintenance:** Join our Mowing Crew to keep city grounds and rights-of-way looking their best. Also hiring Parks Maintenance Laborers and Year-Round Part-Time Laborers.
- **Aquatics (Robe-Ann Park):** Assistant Director, Head Lifeguards, Lifeguards, and Learn-To-Swim Instructors.
- **Park Operations:** Admissions/Cashiers, Concession Stand Managers & Employees, and S.P.A.R.K. Program Instructors.