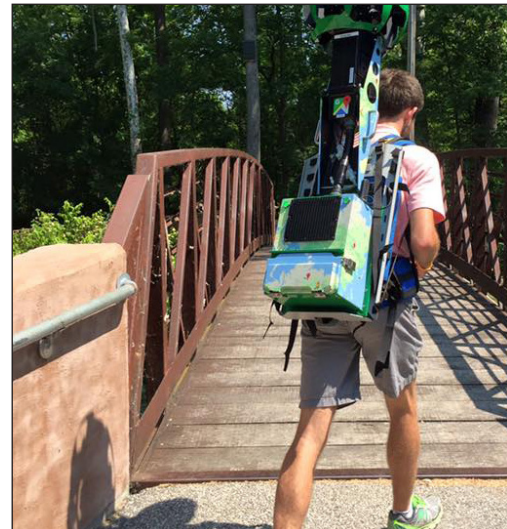


TOWN OF Brownsburg





FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Each year Brownsburg Town Council sets goals and priorities and then adopts a budget to help us accomplish those, from projects to improve transportation and infrastructure to those that enhance community image and residents' quality of life.

Connectivity has been a significant focus, with many projects completed to make pedestrian travel easier and safer. The new I-74 gateway establishes a trailhead for a sidewalk under the overpass that will finally connect neighborhoods north of the interstate. The gateway will connect to the future White Lick Creek Greenway, for which land has been acquired, that will connect to Arbuckle Acres and Williams Park. Other

new sidewalks are helping residents safely make their way to commercial areas and making it safer for students who walk to school. The RTP trail and the Bicentennial Trail will extend the B&O Trail to the Avon trail system.

Improving the community's infrastructure has been another priority area. The Town's first roundabout at S. Green and CR 300N improves both traffic flow and safety. The completion of Ronald Reagan Parkway will give westside motorists a convenient route from I-74 to I-70. The Tilden Road drainage project is complete, and the separation of storm and sewer makes a huge difference on the outflow of rain water to the wastewater treatment plant. Our 30-year-old treatment plant and the sewer system is getting much needed improvements to accommodate the community's growth and development and to make sure operations are compliant with new environmental regulations.

Economic development efforts to attract businesses that diversify the tax base and create Brownsburg jobs continue to be a focus. The Brownsburg Town Center planned for the old Saint Malachy property and other N. Green Street mixed-use developments in design will literally transform our downtown with offices, shopping and restaurants. We hope you like the direction the Town is headed and that you'll be involved in the conversations that help shape those decisions.

Regards,
Grant A. Kleinhenz, Town Manager

2016 BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL



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Term: 2016-19



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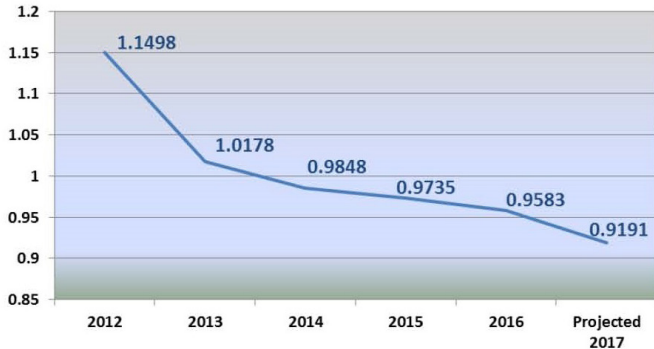


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Term: 2016-19

TAXPAYERS SEE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE RATE CUT WITH ADOPTION OF 2017 BUDGET

Adoption of the Town's 2017 budget gave Brownsburg property taxpayers a rate decrease of more than 1.5 percent. With a 4.21 percent increase in assessed value and good stewardship, this is the fifth consecutive year that the municipality has been able to provide taxpayers with a rate decrease.

Annual Town Tax Rate Comparison



The 2017 budget totals about \$48.9M across over 30 funds. This is a decrease of more than 4 percent, primarily due to payments for 2016 capital projects that won't be required in 2017. The primary funds are the General, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Funds, which combine for almost \$20 million.

The General Fund is a balanced budget, with planned expenses matching projected revenues, particularly for recurring operational expenses. Other larger funds include Motor Vehicle Highway, Economic Redevelopment, Fire Territory, and Food & Beverage Funds.

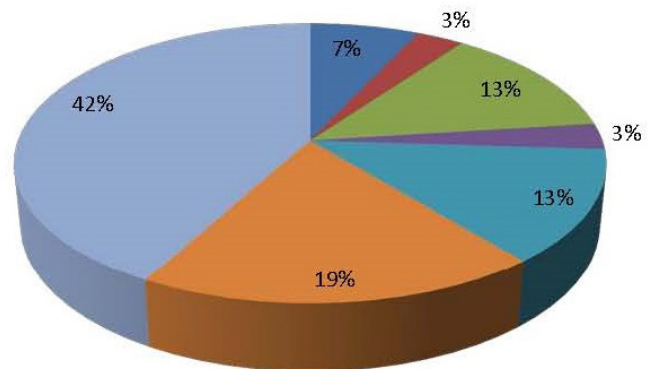
The portion of the budget derived by property tax revenue includes the General Fund, Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Fund, Building Debt Fund, and the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund. The table below shows the portion of the 2017 Town budget funded by the collection of property tax revenue.

FUND	BUDGET DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET
101	General Fund Budget	\$9,506,642
201	MVH Fund Budget	\$2,047,591
318	Building Debt Fund Budget	\$1,527,500
	General Obligation Bond 2015	\$227,050
402	CCD Fund Budget	\$439,984
	TOTAL	\$13,748,767

Approximately 23% of the annual property tax paid by a homeowner goes to the Town of Brownsburg to fund these four operating funds. The remaining 77% is distributed to other agencies such as the fire territory, county, library, township, and school district.

Property taxes typically do not fund utilities; utilities are primarily funded by user fees and charges.

Property Tax Funded Functions



- Parks and Recreation
- Planning & Building
- Building & Bond Debt
- Cumulative Capital
- Administration
- Public Works
- Police

The Town of Brownsburg's vision is to foster a family environment, promote new and existing business development, create a stable property tax structure and provide a variety of educational, employment, and recreational opportunities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS NEW INVESTMENTS, SUPPORTS ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES

Town leaders continue to focus on economic development, attracting new business and industries as well as encouraging growth of established local businesses.

Economic development incentives including lease assistance, low-interest loans, training grants, utility connection fee assistance, and tax abatements helped the Town attract several businesses that invested nearly \$59.7 million in real and personal property here. That development created or retained nearly 400 Brownsburg jobs with a total payroll of more than \$18 million. Those include:

- Avant Gard the School
- Brownsburg Ballroom Dance Studio
- Maplehurst Bakeries/Weston Foods HQ
- Brownsburg Restoration
- AVEPT Inc.
- Lyons Fire and Safety
- Kids Planet
- Brian Herta Rallysport

The Facade Improvement Grant program helps local businesses in the TIF district with facelift projects. Matching funds of up to \$15,000 are used to improve signs, paint, awnings and canopies, architectural details and landscaping. In 2016, six grants valuing nearly \$60,000 were awarded. Combined with the private investment match, facade improvements created a reinvestment of nearly \$316,000 for the year.

Since the program began in 2014, 32 grants have been awarded, with a total reinvestment of more than \$854,000.



The Town of Brownsburg issued 12 commercial building and remodel permits in 2016 for a total valuation of nearly \$78.5 million. Residential permits for 206 single family homes reflect a total value of nearly \$49 million, with an average value at more than \$237,000. Brownsburg's average home values have been on the rise consistently for the past five years. Average value of new residential units in 2012 was just \$171,000.

New investment correlates to increase assessed value and lower tax rates. FY2016 AV was \$1.27 billion and the tax rate was 0.9585. For comparison, the FY2012 AV was \$904 million with a tax rate of 1.1498. That's a 16.6% decrease for property taxpayers over five years.



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PERMITS ISSUED**

**12 BUILDINGS
35 REMODEL/EXPANSION**

**\$139 MILLION
TOTAL VALUATION FY2016**



**206 SINGLE FAMILY
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**\$237,594
AVG. HOME VALUE**

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PROJECTS MAKE TRAVEL SAFER, IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE

Over the past few years, the Town of Brownsburg has placed a priority on projects to improve traffic and make pedestrian travel easier.

The **S. Green & CR 300N Roundabout** opened in 2016. The \$1.4 million project completed over the summer improves both traffic flow and safety at the heavily traveled intersection.

The **Tilden Road** reconstruction and drainage project was also completed. The separation of storm and sewer from the western Town limits to Jefferson Street significantly decreases the outflow of rain water to the treatment plant. The \$5.2 million project included a new storm main, sewer and water lines, as well as road reconstruction, curbs, gutter, and sidewalk replacement. Maxine Manor, Alpha Avenue, Locust Lane, Saratoga Drive, and Sunnybrook Drive were also improved.

The new **N. Green Street/I-74 Gateway** opened in May. A shelter house, trailhead and landscaping provide for safer pedestrian and bicycle travel and welcome visitors. A key part of the Town's active transportation system, the trailhead will connect to the path being constructed under I-74, giving residents who live in northside neighborhoods better access to commercial areas. The gateway will also connect the future White Lick Greenway to both Arbuckle Acres and Williams Park.

In conjunction with the gateway opening, the Town and the Indiana Racing Memorial Association dedicated a memorial marker to honor auto racing legend Larry Rice, who called Brownsburg home. Rice was a three-time USAC champion who made two Indianapolis 500 starts, earning the co-rookie of the year honor with Rick Mears in 1978. From 1990 to 2002, Rice was the color analyst for the popular "Thursday Night Thunder" and "Saturday Night Thunder" broadcasts on ESPN and ESPN2.



Ronald Reagan Parkway – Construction progressed on the 1.7-mile section of Ronald Reagan Parkway from CR 300N to US 136. The new section will include grade-separated bridges over 136 and the CSX rail line. Urban Surface Transportation Program funds cover half of the \$20.2 million project, with the remainder of costs shared by the Town and Hendricks County. Completion of the parkway will not only ease traffic demands, but have a major impact on long-term economic development.

Brownsburg Village Center Sidewalk – A new sidewalk was installed along E. Northfield Drive that links from Roland Manor to Chase Bank near Green Street. The Town continues to look into alternatives for pedestrians to more safely cross to the shopping center that includes Kmart and Kroger.

Safe Routes to School – A new multi-use path connects from the Brownsburg Public Library to Eagle Elementary School. A grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation funded 76 percent of project costs.

CR 900E Water Main Loop Phase III: A new water main was installed on CR 900E from Motorsports Way south to an existing main near Creekside Commons. This is the final section of the water main loop project started in 2014 to increase flow and pressure to the growing northeast side of Town.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion – Town Council approved the \$24 million project to expand the wastewater treatment plant and improve the sewer system. The existing plant, put online about 30 years ago to serve a population of 8,000, operates at about 80 percent capacity. The improvements are needed not only to accommodate growth but to also ensure the operations are compliant with new environmental regulations. Funding the project means a sewer rate increase for utility customers, which will be phased in over the next four to five years. The user fee was last increased in 2010.





BROWNSBURG POLICE UNDERGOES LEADERSHIP CHANGES



The principle theme of the Brownsburg Police Department in 2016 was personnel change. As reported in the 2015 Annual Report, the town is growing residentially and commercially and the department's response was a recruitment that commenced in February in addition to the hiring of three experienced officers to the Reserve Division. At the conclusion of 2016, the department had expanded by three full-time officers, replaced two and re-staffed the Reserve Division to a more suitable manpower of 11 officers.

On December 27, members of the Board of Police Commission recognized and awarded Michael Dove a badge of retirement as Chief of Police. While Chief Dove's retirement is not official until February 2017, he will be utilizing the remainder of his leave benefits until then. The Police Commission then announced the appointment of Major Joseph Grimes as Chief of Police. At the same meeting Executive Staff appointments were announced which included Sergeant (now Major) Andy Watts as the Chief of Support Services and Sergeant (now Major) Bryan Fultz as the Chief of Operations. Division Captains (Captain Ben Pyatt and Captain Jennifer Barrett) over Enforcement and Investigations remained the same. The beginning of 2017 will be a time for adjustment to new roles and devising an overall vision for the future of the department under new leadership.

Crime trends remained steady in comparison to 2015 and Brownsburg continues to be considered a low-crime community. The Town remained in good hands throughout 2016 as it was once again competitively ranked on the "Safest Places in Indiana" list among other cities and towns (www.valuepenguin.com utilizing FBI crime statistics). Brownsburg is 8th among mid-sized cities and 24th among all cities or towns in the state.

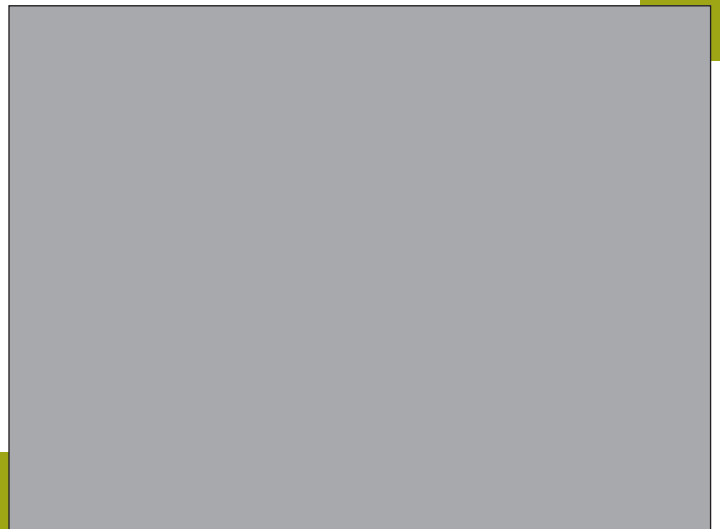
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NEW OFFICE, TECH & AMENITIES FOR BROWNSBURG PARKS



New for Brownsburg Parks in 2016 included a move to 402 E. Main Street. The location has more space for the team and customers and storage for recreation supplies. The property was purchased without property tax dollars.

A streamlined and mobile-friendly activity website was launched for online registration. Some new features include: interactive facility maps to locate where a shelter is in relation to other park features and amenities, flexible registration options for B.A.S.E. and camp participants, the ability to schedule auto payments for select activities, and quicker access to forms and applications.

A new playground was built by the Watermill in Williams Park. The playground increases play opportunities for kids toddler age and up and adds value to the park system without the use of property tax dollars.

Brownsburg Parks worked with the Brownsburg Lions Club to install a new building exterior, improved signage, and lighting at Bundy Lodge in Arbuckle Acres.

Thanks to a partnership with Google and the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association, the trails in Arbuckle Acres, Williams Park and the B&O Trail are now viewable on Google Maps street view. The Google Trekker took panorama photos every few feet, putting together the entire walk of the trails from every viewable angle. This data will help Google map users with a virtual experience of the trails!

Trail expansion projects continued with the design of the B&O Trail gap that will connect the existing section to the Ronald Reagan Parkway and the Bicentennial Trail to Avon. Construction began in late 2016 and will add almost 2.5 miles, spanning Brownsburg east to west.

TOWN EVENTS AND OUTREACH KEEP RESIDENTS ENGAGED

The Town continues to put an emphasis on community engagement, which includes using the Town Hall Green as a gathering place for events. One of the most popular is the Brownsburg Farmers Market presented by IU Health West Hospital. The market brings fresh produce, artisan baked goods, and handcrafts to local shoppers on the Green all summer. For the fourth consecutive year it was voted as the "Best in Hendricks County."

The Town partnered with Lucas Oil Raceway and the NHRA on the Rev Rally and the Big Go Block Party motorsports fanfests and Brownsburg Police hosted its annual Night Out Against Crime on the Green.

Music lovers enjoyed Brownsburg Parks Summer Concert Series and Food Truck Festival at Arbuckle Acres. Christmas Under the Stars brought crowds of families to downtown Brownsburg to enjoy the parade, tree lighting ceremony, and holiday entertainment.

The Town sponsored the One Stop Drop Off recycling event, community blood drives, a Small Business Saturday promotion, and helped lead the Indiana 2016 bicentennial celebration in Hendricks County.

The community donated more than 7,200 nonperishables to the Town's annual "Let's Give" food drive to help Messiah Lutheran stock its pantry for the holidays.

Communication is key to keeping residents engaged. More and more, residents rely on the Town's Facebook and Twitter pages for timely information. E-mail subscribers have grown to nearly 3,000 with 5 percent of recipients who click to the website for more information.

The Town continues to mail a bi-annual newsletter to more than 15,000 households and use fresh website content as well as traditional media outlets to help keep



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