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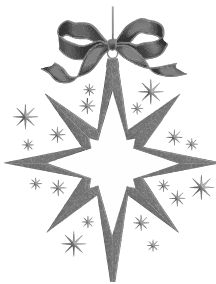


Hammond Mayor, Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. and his staff welcomed residents to Hammond City Hall, officially kicking off the holiday season in Hammond. With many festivities, including children's crafts, music and dance, pictures with Santa Claus, and some real live reindeers. The event has grown tremendously over the years. What started out as a simple speech and flip of the switch is now a night packed full of festivities and fun..

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[www.newziontemple.org](http://www.newziontemple.org)

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# College Bound Scholarship Program Extended

Popular Award Winning College Scholarship Program Renewed for Another Ten Years:

Mayor Thomas M McDermott, Jr. announced that he and the Hammond City Council recently extended the College Bound Scholarship Program for another ten years. The extension ensures that the program will be in place through the 2035-36 school year. This means that a student currently in fifth grade is eligible for four years of college tuition assistance through the scholarship provided all program requirements are met. "The renewal of College Bound will continue to encourage home ownership in Hammond while giving a tremendous opportunity to our children who benefit from this highly successful scholarship program," said Mayor McDermott.

The Common Council considered and passed the renewal at a recent City Council meeting. Mayor McDermott stated, "The City Council unanimously approved the ordinance, and I am more than happy to sign it. We all recognize the importance of this

program and the benefits that it has for the City of Hammond." The College Bound Scholarship program was initiated to focus on three key principals: increase home ownership, make education a priority, and improve the overall quality of life in Hammond. Mayor McDermott commented "I strongly believe that this program has stabilized the population in Hammond and helped to make Hammond the largest city in Lake County and the eighth largest city in Indiana."

Since 2006 over 8,800 scholarship awards have been given to children of Hammond homeowners. There have been 1,680 awards that have been for all four years of college, helping many students achieve the goal of a college degree that may have otherwise been financially out of reach. College Bound recipients have attended 50 colleges and universities throughout Indiana. These recipients have completed more than 350,000 hours of community service to the City of Hammond as part of the requirements of the College Bound program. The College Bound program has been

awarded two United States Conference of Mayors awards.

Applications for the scholarship are made available in January of each year in the College Bound Office or online at <https://collegebound.gohammond.com/>. The deadline for the applications and required documentation is July 3rd of each scholarship year. Students that will graduate high school in the spring of 2025 must meet all academic requirements and are required to provide official high school transcripts, proof of home ownership (through a county homestead exemption), proof of purchase date of the home in Hammond, proof of applying for federal and state financial aid (FAFSA), and an acceptance letter to an Indiana

college or university. Returning college students are required to provide official college transcripts, continued proof of home ownership and proof of applying for federal and state financial aid.

"College Bound continues to be one of the most positive programs enacted since I have been mayor. I enjoy seeing our young people go to college, become college graduates, and show their leadership and commitment to education throughout our city," said Mayor McDermott.

For more information or for interview requests contact Sharon Daniels College Bound Coordinator at [danielss@gohammond.com](mailto:danielss@gohammond.com) or 219-853-6501.

Source: City of Hammond

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# Happy Holidays

from  
*Councilman at Large*

## Dan Spitale

## How do Hoosiers Apply for the Energy Assistance Program?



The State of Indiana's Energy Assistance Program (EAP) provides a one-time annual benefit to assist with home energy costs. These benefits are typically paid directly to the utility vendor, but if your utilities are included in rent, you may still qualify for EAP.

EAP also provides participants the protection of the Winter Utility Shutoff Moratorium so that they don't see a disruption in service

during the designated period. Households that are not eligible for and/or have not applied for EAP may be at risk of being disconnected from their electric or natural gas service. Moratorium protection lasts from December 1 until March 15. It cannot restore someone's power, but it can potentially prevent service from being disconnected.

Applicants can apply by mail, in person, or by calling 2-1-1. Contact your Local Service Provider (LSP) with questions, to apply in person or to request a paper application.

The current EAP application period closes April 14, 2025

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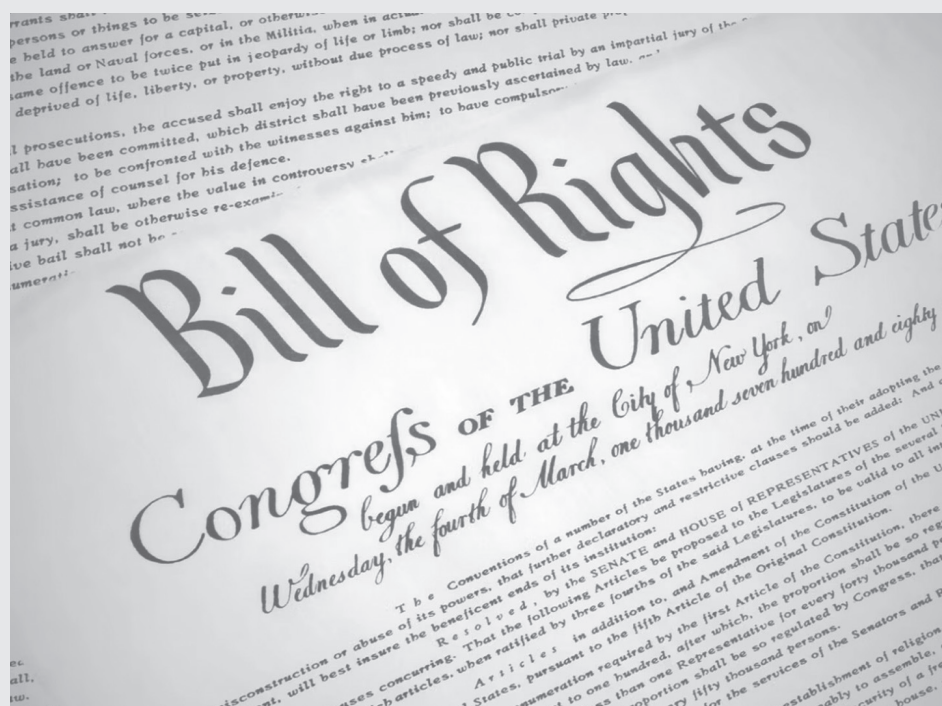
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## Bill of Rights is finally ratified



Following ratification by the state of Virginia, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, become the law of the land.

In September 1789, the first Congress of the United States approved 12 amendments to the U.S. Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. The amendments were designed to protect the basic rights of U.S. citizens, guaranteeing the freedom of speech, press, assembly, and exercise of religion; the right to fair legal procedure and to bear arms; and that powers not delegated to the federal government would be reserved for the states and the people.

Influenced by the English Bill of Rights of 1689, the Bill of Rights was also drawn from Virginia's Declaration of Rights, drafted by George Mason in 1776. Mason, a native Virginian, was a lifelong champion of individual

liberties, and in 1787 he attended the Constitutional Convention and criticized the final document for lacking constitutional protection of basic political rights. In the ratification struggle that followed, Mason and other critics agreed to support the Constitution in exchange for the assurance that amendments would be passed immediately.

On December 15, 1791, Virginia became the 10th of 14 states to approve 10 of the 12 amendments, thus giving the Bill of Rights the majority of state ratification necessary to make it legal. Of the two amendments not ratified, the first concerned the population system of representation, while the second prohibited laws varying the payment of congressional members from taking effect until an election intervened. The first of these two amendments was never ratified, while the second was finally ratified more than 200 years later, in 1992..

*Source: History.com Staff*

## Creating Integrated Communities Through Supportive Housing

Scarcity of housing is one of the most acute problems facing our state and nation. Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) are not immune to housing struggles; indeed, many face a severe shortage of safe, affordable and accessible housing. Even where housing is available to people with I/DD, there is a significant lack of community integration and these individuals can be isolated and face housing discrimination. IHCD recognizes the need to provide supportive housing to I/DD individuals and their families, and is dedicated to growing the amount of permanent, affordable housing paired with services that help people live more stable, productive lives.

Providing housing for I/DD individuals is essential to their physical and mental well-being. Access to safe and supportive environments reduces stress, anxiety, and the risk of exploitation or abuse. Housing options tailored to the needs of individuals with I/DD empower them to live independently and make choices about their living arrangements. Supported living arrangements offer help with regular tasks while respecting the individual's autonomy.

Furthermore, tying housing to supportive services gives these residents the opportunity not only to integrate with their neighbors, but their communities at large.

*Source: City of Hammond*



# Happy Holidays

**Dave Woerpel**  
**Hammond 5th District Councilman**



# Flood Safety

*Learn how to keep your family safe during a flood, and how to clean up a flooded home.*

Flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is normally dry. Floods can result from rain, snow, coastal storms, storm surges, overflows of rivers, and dam failure. Floods can be dangerous. People die by drowning when they don't evacuate before floodwaters come or when they enter floodwaters. Floods can damage buildings and roads, cause power outages, and create landslides.

Floodwaters carry waste and pollute drinking water. Flooding can develop slowly or quickly. Flash floods can be sudden and violent. Climate change increases our risk of many types of flooding. But we can take action to prepare. Prepare now to protect yourself and your loved ones.

## ***Understand Your Flood Risk***

- Learn about the types of flooding that can impact your home and community. Types of flooding include flash floods, river floods, storm surges, coastal floods, burn scars, debris flows, ice/debris jams, snowmelt, dry wash, dam breaks, and levee failures.
- Reach out to your local office of emergency management for advice.
- Know your home and community's flood risk. Visit the FEMA Flood Map Service Center and search for your home using your address.

## ***Make Plans to Stay Safe***

- Flash floods can be sudden and violent. You may have

little to no warning. Designate a place on higher ground that you can get to quickly. Plan to move to higher ground before flooding begins.

- River floods: Know if you are in an area that is prone to river floods. Review your evacuation plan so that you can leave quickly if officials advise you to evacuate.
- Storm surge: Be prepared to evacuate immediately if local officials advise. A storm surge can cause water levels to rise quickly and flood large areas in just minutes.
- Coastal flooding: Be prepared to evacuate immediately if local officials advise. Move inland before flooding begins.

## ***What Should You Do During a Flood?***

- Never walk, swim, or drive through floodwater. Just 6 in (15 cm) of fast-moving floodwater can knock you over, and 12 in (30 cm) can carry your vehicle away.

## ***Prevent Injuries***

- Understand the dangers you may face and keep your loved ones safe.
- If you evacuated, wait for officials to say it is safe before going home.
- Avoid fallen power lines, poles, and wires. They can electrocute you.
- Watch out for falling trees and other debris.
- Use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns, rather than candles, to reduce fire risk.
- Many injuries happen during cleanup. Wear protective equipment, like boots, long

pants, work gloves, eyewear, and an N95 respirator to protect your lungs. Follow the advice of local public health officials.

- Learn how to use equipment safely. Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water because you could get electrocuted.
- Cleaning up is a big job. Take care of yourself. Work with a partner and take frequent breaks.

## ***Protect Your Health***

- Flooding can contaminate drinking water. Check with your local public health department about drinking water safety.
- Don't get sick from eating spoiled food. Throw out food that got wet or warm. When in doubt, throw it out!
- Stay away from floodwaters. They may contain sewage, sharp items, and chemicals that can make you ill.
- If your home was flooded:

If possible, dry your home and everything in it as quickly as you can within 24 to 48 hours.

If you cannot return to dry your home within 24 to 48 hours, you should assume you have mold growth. When it is safe to return home, completely dry everything, clean up the mold and make sure you don't still have a moisture problem.



Keep wet areas well-ventilated. Throw away wet materials that can't be repaired or dried.

- Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Gasoline, propane, natural gas, or charcoal-burning devices should never be used inside a home, basement, garage, tent, or camper – or even outside near an open window. Carbon monoxide can't be seen or smelled, but it can kill you fast. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak, get to fresh air right away – do not delay.

## ***Take Care of Yourself***

- It's normal to have a lot of bad feelings, stress, or anxiety.
- Eat healthy food and get enough sleep to help you deal with stress.
- You can contact the Disaster Distress Helpline for free if you need to talk to someone. Call or text 1-800-985-5990.

*Source: American Red Cross*





# Purdue University Northwest Physics professor earns prestigious American Physical Society fellowship



*Neeti Parashar, Professor of Physics at PNW, was elected as a 2024 Fellow of the American Physical Society*

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) Professor of Physics Neeti Parashar has been elected as a 2024 Fellow of the American Physical Society (APS).

Parashar is recognized with the prestigious distinction from APS “for outstanding mentorship, teaching and leadership over two decades by creating and providing groundbreaking research and educational opportunities for minority students and young physicists from many nations, and for wide ranging contributions to the Compact Muon Solenoid program and its pixel detector at the Large Hadron Collider.”

“This is one of the highest honors a U.S. physicist can earn, so it’s very gratifying to know that I am recognized for my work, and included in the top tier group of physicists worldwide,” said Parashar. “Professionally, I have done everything possible in my capacity to support undergraduate students, graduate students, postdocs, high school teachers, high school

students and fellow colleagues. Personally, it’s the human values that surpass all else. I am very grateful for the love, respect and support from my PNW family. PNW is home.”

“I am proud to join others as we celebrate this momentous achievement of Dr. Parashar,” said PNW Chancellor Kenneth C. Holford. “She is an accomplished researcher and passionate educator that has dedicated her career to advancing science and serving our community. We are fortunate to have Dr. Parashar as one of our esteemed faculty members who is elevating the impact of our scholarly contributions at PNW.”

“We are delighted and proud that Dr. Parashar has been elected to the APS Fellows,” said Marie T. Mora, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at PNW. “With Dr. Parashar’s outstanding research, leadership, teaching and mentoring – including providing educational opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students in STEM – this recognition is well deserved. It is always exciting when professional societies and associations like APS recognize the importance of mentoring in addition to research. As Purdue Northwest continues to build our research and scholarly activities, we expect that our faculty will continue to remain firmly committed to the success of our students, as Dr. Parashar has been doing throughout her career.”

APS recognizes society members who have made advances in the field of physics through original research and publication, made significant innovative contributions in the application of physics to

science and technology, made remarkable advancements in the teaching of physics, or displayed exemplary service and participation in APS activities. Each year, no more than half of a percent of the society’s membership are elected as fellows.

At PNW, Parashar facilitates learning and research opportunities for postdocs, undergraduate students and Northwest Indiana school students as the director of the university’s Center for High Energy Physics and PNW QuarkNet Center on education and outreach.

Parashar, as a scholar specializing in high energy physics, provides students opportunities to observe and contribute to National Science Foundation-funded research performed at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) in Batavia, Ill. and the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland. Parashar and students collaborate on and present research focused on new particles in proton-proton collisions at the Large Hadron Collider and the silicon pixel detector in use at the Compact Muon Solenoid experiment, which are housed at CERN. Parashar has also mentored postdoctoral fellows that have transitioned into research roles in labs and academic settings as faculties.

“At PNW, I take great pride in leading our discovery-driven research endeavors,” said Parashar. “I provide all members of my research team with the needed resources and guidance. But more importantly, I give them the freedom to ask questions, experiment and

discover, because that is when you do science the best.”

“Recognition as a ‘fellow’ by the professional society that you are part of is something the professorate strives for throughout academia in the sciences and engineering,” said Bruce Berdanier, dean of the College of Engineering and Sciences at PNW. “This recognition really is considered one of the pinnacles of a career in teaching, research and service, and Dr. Parashar has greatly accomplished that in her work in high energy physics throughout the world and with students here at PNW.”

Parashar was part of the research team, comprised of several thousand scientists, who in 2012 discovered the Higgs boson particle at CERN. The Higgs boson responsible for the origin of mass is dubbed as “the God particle” in an attempt to explain the genesis of life’s existence. The scientists’ discovery helped Peter Higgs and Francois Englert earn the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics for their predictions of the existence of the Higgs boson particle.

Parashar has been a faculty member at PNW since 2005. She earned her Ph.D. in High Energy Physics from the University of Delhi. She has authored or co-authored over 1,900 research articles published in peer-reviewed international journals.

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For Lake County of Indiana.



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Weight ..... 170 Pounds

Eyes ..... Brown

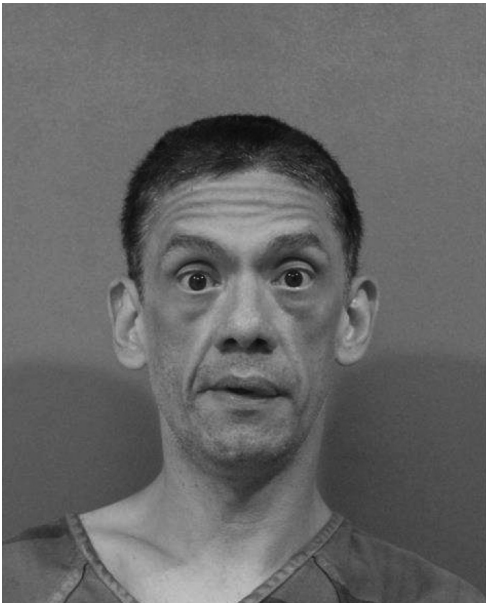
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Marks/Scars/Tattoos ..

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Date of Birth ..... 12/2/1978



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Hair ..... Blonde

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Hair ..... Black

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Alias:

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Hair ..... Black

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