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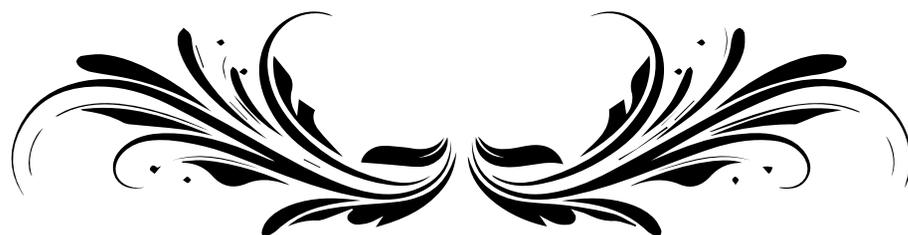


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City of Hammond Awarded EECBG Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The City of Hammond is proud to announce it has been awarded funding through the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program to support the installation of new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at high-traffic city locations.

The grant will fund the deployment of EV charging infrastructure at the Hammond Sportsplex and City Hall, two strategic locations aimed at promoting sustainable transportation and supporting the growing number of electric vehicle users in the community.

"We are excited to take this next step in building a greener future for Hammond," said Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. "This grant allows us to make real progress on sustainability while making EV adoption more accessible for our residents and visitors."

The Hammond Sportsplex, a regional hub for sports and community events, and City

Hall, the administrative heart of the city, were chosen for their visibility and frequent use. The new chargers will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve local air quality, and align with state and federal energy goals. Two rapid chargers will be deployed at the Sportsplex, One Level 2 charger will replaced the existing EV station at City Hall along with one new rapid charger.

The project is part of Hammond's broader commitment to environmental responsibility, clean energy infrastructure, and community well-being.

Installation and completion of the charging stations is expected to be finished by the end of this year.

For more information, contact:

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Website: www.gohammond.com

Source: City of Hammond



Mayor's Night Out 2025

August 27th	4th District	O'Bannon Elementary School Cafeteria 1317 173rd St.
September 17th	5th District	Jean Shepherd Community Center 3031 Mahoney Dr
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Waterliving621@gmail.com

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Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Wednesday Prayer 6:00 p.m.

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City of Hammond Approves Development Agreement between CoreWeave, Inc. and Decennial Group, LLC for New Data Center

At its Monday, June 9, 2025 City Council meeting, the City of Hammond approved with an 8-0 vote a Development Agreement for a multibillion-dollar Data Center investment, the largest economic development project in Hammond's history. CoreWeave, Inc., an AI cloud computing company that specializes in providing graphics processing units (GPU) for AI developers and companies will expand their current presence at Hammond's current Data Center into a new facility at 301 Digital Crossroads Drive, built to their specifications. Decennial Group, LLC, who built and still owns the current 105,000sf data center, will construct and own the new 450,000sf state-of-the-art building on a 25-acre parcel. Dubbed the Data Center Peninsula, this site was the former location of the State Line Energy plant, a legacy coal burning electrical power plant site. The future of this site is to grow and expand with clean, innovative development, thanks to the continued hard work of the Decennial Group.

"This pioneering project will be incredibly impactful for our community and the State of Indiana," stated Hammond's Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. "The Community Impact Payments the city will be receiving from CoreWeave as part of the Development Agreement will not only help with new city-wide infrastructure and quality of life initiatives, but also will help thousands of students in Hammond go to college, through our College Bound program. It can't get more impactful than that."

"Hammond has proven to be a forward-thinking partner, and we're excited to deepen our investment here," said Brian Venturo, Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer of CoreWeave. "We appreciate the City approving the development agreement which will provide CoreWeave with cost certainty over the project term. This state-of-the-art, 180-megawatt facility will not only enable us to deliver next-generation cloud solutions but also

support economic and educational opportunities for the region. We're proud to help drive innovation and sustainable growth in Northwest Indiana."

"This milestone is testament to the steadfast leadership of Mayor McDermott and the incredible partnership from CoreWeave, the world's only AI Hyperscaler," said David Pavlik, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Decennial Group. "Yesterday's unanimous support of the Hammond City Council brings us one step closer to delivering billions of dollars of investment into Northwest Indiana through one of the largest AI infrastructure projects in the United States."

"Our team have been working on this development with CoreWeave and Decennial for a year now and we couldn't be more excited," stated Anne Taylor, Executive Director of Planning and Development.



"The groundbreaking team of CoreWeave and Decennial is capable of so much in Hammond. And, the location couldn't be better. Hammond continues to be poised for great things, as it has been throughout Mayor McDermott's tenure, and this project just solidifies it."

While the City of Hammond is in full support and ready to move forward, the project is contingent upon finalization of a NIPSCO power agreement and the subsequent execution of the lease agreement, between the parties.

For questions please contact Anne Taylor, Director of Planning and Development at (219) 853-6508 x-8.

Source: City of Hammond

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Beatniks On Conkey, presents "The Enchanted Bookshop"



At Beatniks On Conkey, Hammond Community Theatre presents the family play "The Enchanted Bookshop", by Todd Wallinger, directed by Valerie Wotkun.

During the day, "A Likely Story" may look like any other used bookstore. But

at night, it's a place where magic happens. That's when the characters inside the books come alive. These characters long to help Margie, the scatterbrained owner, save her struggling store.

22 Region actors aged 8-14 portray beloved literary



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219-852-0848 for info or reservations email info@hammondcommunitytheatre.org
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Source: Beatniks On Conkey

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The PAV (Festival Main Stage)

Wednesday, July 16th

Senior Day, 10am - 1pm

Pulaski Senior Center @ Pulaski
Park

Friday, July 18th

Golf Scramble

Registration 8am, Shotgun 9am

Where: Lost Marsh Golf Course

Saturday, July 19th

Fishing Derby, 8am - 12pm

Where: FOTL GROUNDS
Along Shore

Kid's Day @ Splash Pad

When: 10am - 3pm

Where: Wolf Lake Aquatic Play Center

Persons with Disabilities Day

When: 10am - 12pm

Where: FOTL CARNIVAL Area

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Source: City of Hammond

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY July 1, 1963

U.S. Post Office introduces zip codes



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The first three digits were invented by Robert Moon, a postal inspector who first introduced his idea in 1944. Another inspector, H. Bentley Hahn, developed the last two digits. The numbers referred to a new and streamlined mail-hub hierarchy, consisting of regions, subregions, post offices and delivery stations.

On July 1, 1963, the United States Postal Service (USPS) introduces the Zone Improvement Plan as part of a plan to improve the speed of mail delivery, inaugurating the use of machine-readable ZIP codes to facilitate the efficient sorting of mail at a national level.

The idea wasn't totally new. In 1943, the Post Office had created numbered zones for more than 100 urban areas around the country. But in the post-WWII boom, that system quickly became inadequate. Between 1943 and 1962, annual mail volume doubled from 33 billion to 66.5 billion pieces, and the average mailed letter passed through an average of 17 sorting stops. Suburbs were sprouting exponentially, and mail transport was shifting from railway to highway and air, making old urban hub systems obsolete.

To automate and streamline this sorting process, the Post Office established the Nationwide Improved Mail Service program, which standardized physical dimensions of the mail and created the five-digit structured code, or ZIP number.

To launch the system, the USPS invested in a massive public relations campaign throughout the 1960s, first targeting bulk mailers like government agencies and magazine publishers, and then individual citizens. Massive advertising campaigns celebrated the new codes in magazines, newspapers, radio, television and public transit. A cartoon mascot named Mr. ZIP popped up on lunch boxes, tin banks and board games. Popular singer Ethel Merman recorded a promotional jingle to the tune of "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah." Even cartoon sleuth Dick Tracy endorsed the system. By the end of the decade, ZIP codes had achieved broad public acceptance.

In 1983, with the complexity and volume of mail increasing exponentially, the USPS introduced an extended code called ZIP+4. And in 2024, the agency announced that it was reviving the Mr. Zip character as a source of licensing revenue, with products including children's books, plush toys, bobbleheads, apparel and smartphone cases.

Source: History.com Staff



The Towle Theater

The Towle Theater is pleased to present their 3rd show of their 2025 Season, Superhero. This production is Directed by TJ Bird, with Music Direction by John Phillips. Funding provided by a grant from the Legacy Foundation Lake County Community Sponsorship fund.

Superhero tells the story of a fractured family—teenager Simon and his mother Charlotte—grappling with loss, isolation, and the struggle to reconnect. When Simon begins to suspect that their mysterious neighbor might actually be a real-life superhero, he sets out to uncover the truth, blurring the lines between fantasy and reality. A poignant exploration of grief, hope, and the extraordinary powers we find in everyday people, Superhero combines an emotionally rich score with a compelling narrative that soars with heart and humanity.

Making their Towle debuts are Katherine Carl (Orland Hills, IL) Olivia Daily-Short (Evanston, IL), Joey Harbert (Chicago, IL), Grayson Kamel (Chicago, IL), Denise Smolarek (Chicago, IL) and Dean Zaverdas Jr (Downers

Grove, IL). Returning to the Towle are Tony Calkins (Chicago, IL), and Lauren Reece (Chicago, IL).

Superhero runs July 18th - 20th, & July 25th - 27th. Friday performances are at 7:30pm, and Saturdays & Sundays are at 2pm. The box office opens 1 hour prior to performance time. Tickets are \$24 in advance and \$28 at the door. Reservations must be paid for in advance. They are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Group rates are available. There is no late seating. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to curtain. If you arrive after curtain, you will not be seated until intermission.

The Towle Theater is located in beautiful downtown Hammond at 5205 Hohman Avenue. Due to major renovations happening in Downtown Hammond, parking is available right in front of the building on Hohman Avenue, street parking along Fayette street, as well as the gravel lot located on Sibley. For more information call 219-937-8780 or visit www.towletheater.org.

Source: The Towle Theater

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest invites nominations for 2025 awards

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest has opened nominations for the 2025 Innovators Awards. In addition to inducting Individual and Team Honorees into the Society, three unique awards will be considered: Richard C. Sussman Prize for Team Innovation, Society of Innovators Fellows and the John H. Davies Lifetime Achievement Award.

Now celebrating its 20th year, the Society of Innovators annual awards focus on the spirit of creativity and ingenuity by discovering, honoring and celebrating innovators from across the seven-county region of Northwest Indiana. Dedicated to the idea that anyone can be an innovator, the Society recognizes that innovation is the key to 21st century competitiveness.

“Recognizing innovators serves three vital purposes—it rewards bold thinking, inspires others to act, and shows the world that Northwest Indiana is a region where innovation thrives,” said Gary Johnson, chairman of the Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest. “The 20th anniversary of these awards reflects both the staying power of the Society and the momentum of innovation across our economy as we transition toward new technologies and emerging industries.”

Individuals and teams are nominated via an online application. Anyone that lives or works in Northwest Indiana is eligible for consideration. All applications must be submitted through the online form on the Society of Innovators’ website at pnw.edu/soi. There is no fee to nominate and self-nominations are encouraged. The deadline to submit nominations is August 15, 2025. More information can be found online at pnw.edu/innovators-awards or by reaching out to societyofinnovators@pnw.edu.

“Marking our 20th year of the Innovators Awards is more than a milestone—it’s a reflection of the bold thinking and enduring creativity rooted in Northwest Indiana,” said Jason Williams, CEO of the Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest. “Each year, these awards highlight the changemakers driving progress in our region. Their ideas—and the impact they create—remind us that innovation isn’t a passing trend, it’s part of who we are.”

The 2025 Society of Innovators Awards Luncheon will take place on Oct. 29, 2025 at the Avalon Manor banquet center in Merrillville, Indiana. Sponsorships are available. Please contact societyofinnovators@pnw.edu for more details.

Individual Honorees

The Society of Innovators recognizes exemplary individuals who have made it through the selection process as Inductees into the Society of Innovators. To be considered, the individual’s innovation must have been developed in the Northwest Indiana region in the last four years.

Team Honorees

The Society of Innovators recognizes exemplary teams and individual team members who have made it through the selection process as Inductees into the Society of Innovators. Teams from an individual company, government unit, not-for-profit agency or a group of organizations from a specific project are eligible. To be considered, the team’s innovation must have been developed in the Northwest Indiana region in the last four years.

Advocate for Innovation Honorees

The Advocate for Innovation inductee category recognizes individuals or teams who embody the mission of the Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest. These leaders contribute to economic and community development throughout the region as they actively drive innovation in Northwest Indiana by connecting people and ideas.

Advocate for Youth Innovation Honorees

The Advocate for Youth Innovation inductee category recognizes individuals who embody the mission of the Society of Innovators



Nominations are open for the Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest’s annual Innovators Awards. The Society is also celebrating its 20th year.

at Purdue Northwest to drive entrepreneurship and innovation in Northwest Indiana. Specifically, these are the educators and community leaders who are teaching and developing our region’s next generation of innovators.

Richard C. Sussman Prize for Team Innovation

One team may be selected annually from among Team Inductees to receive the Richard C. Sussman Prize for Team Innovation. The Sussman Prize is dedicated to promoting 21st century innovation in the private, public, not-for-profit and government sectors.

John H. Davies Lifetime Achievement Award

A Lifetime Achievement Award winner may be selected upon recommendation of the selection committee and at the discretion of the board of directors. Not only must the Lifetime Achievement Award winner demonstrate significant innovation, but that the work was sustained over a significant amount of time and their success was not limited to just one role, company or sector. This award is the Society’s highest honor for an individual leader whose work took place in or significantly impacted the Northwest Indiana region.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE

Beginning on March 28, 2025, several powerful earthquakes struck Myanmar causing widespread destruction. The earthquake's impact extended beyond Myanmar's borders, with tremors felt as far as China, India, Vietnam, and Thailand.

As of April 16, there have been over 3,600 deaths, some 160 missing people, and over 5,000 injuries. Additionally, more than 69,100 people have been displaced. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) estimates that over 17.2 million people have been affected across 57 of the country's 330 townships, with the Mandalay Region being the hardest hit.

Priority needs include food, drinking water, health care, cash assistance and emergency

shelter. Extreme heat affecting most of the country and rains in the most affected areas are compounding hazards for the affected communities.

In Sagaing City and Mingun, over 70% of structures have sustained significant damage, further complicating the humanitarian situation. The existing lack of sanitation and clean water is now increasing the risk of waterborne diseases.

Aid workers and relief supplies have been mobilized. Due to a shortage of skilled rescue teams, operations remain challenging. Despite support from international teams, the scale of devastation is immense. Healthcare facilities are overwhelmed, and many have been damaged and are operating with limited capacity. There is a growing shortage of food, clean water and medicines and shelter is a critical issue, as many people have been left without homes to return to. With the extreme heat in the area, there is also a high risk of heatstroke — particularly among vulnerable groups such as the elderly and children.

The Myanmar Red Cross (MRCS) is providing health and mental health services across the affected regions, along with delivering basic first aid, supporting emergency medical transfers of injured patients to hospitals and clinics, blood services and the distribution of relief supplies such as blankets, tarpaulins, hygiene kits, and other essentials. Additionally, Restoring Family Link services

have been activated to help reconnect separated families.

The American Red Cross is actively coordinating with the global Red Cross Red Crescent network on the overall response strategy.

SOUTH KOREA WILDFIRES

The worst wildfires on record began in South Korea in mid-March, with more than 100,000 acres scorched since the blazes began. Extremely dry conditions and strong winds fueled multiple fires, causing widespread devastation across Gyeongsang, especially in the Gyeongnam, Sancheong, and Gyeongbuk provinces. Early reports indicate that the fires claimed 30 lives and injured nearly 50 people.

More than 27,000 people were affected by the wildfires and experienced evacuation orders. While evacuation orders have since been lifted, more than 4,000 structures were damaged, including homes, businesses, temples, and cultural assets.

Following the fires, the Korean Red Cross mobilized to support those affected by



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providing nearly 116,000 emergency relief items, more than 111,700 meal services, and psychological support for more than 4,500 people. Additionally, the Korean Red Cross provided equipment for the response, including meal service vehicles, recovery vehicles, and shower vehicles.

International assistance has not been requested. However, the American Red Cross is monitoring the response in coordination with its global Red Cross network partners to assist as requested.

Source: American Red Cross

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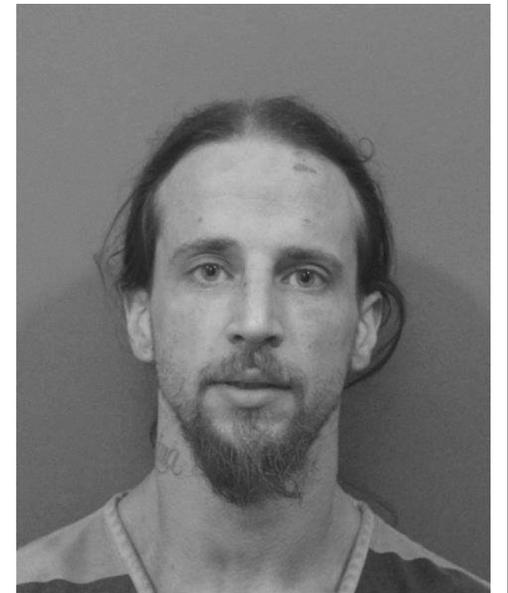
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Height 5'8"

Weight 214 Pounds

Eyes Blue

Hair Blonde

Marks/Scars/Tattoos ..

Wanted For: CHILD MOLESTING

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Name #: 050N01338

Date of Birth 10/11/1982



WANTED

Name: CRIMINAL CONFINEMENT/ BATTERY/ OWI

Alias:

Sex Male

Height 6'

Weight 180 Pounds

Eyes Brown

Hair Brown

Marks/Scars/Tattoos ..

Wanted For: CHILD MOLESTING

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Name #: 020N11041

Date of Birth 7/26/1974



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