

WINONA HARMONY

Fall 2009

The Fine Art of
Lorenzo Ghiglieri

The artist's notable commissions include pieces presented to President Reagan, King Juan Carlos I, Pope John Paul II, Luciano Pavarotti, President Gorbachev and Michael Jackson.



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Timeline of Liberty A Legacy for Winona Lake

By Council Member Joy Lohse

The impact that outdoor sculpture makes on Winona Lake is apparent daily. Outdoor art adds elements of intrigue, culture and whimsical surprise for visitors as well as residents. Art provokes one to think and feel beyond one's self and describes what words can not. The works are valuable additions to the Heritage Trail Greenway that welcomes thousands of travelers young and old to get outside and enjoy life. Gratitude is given to all donors who have sponsored artwork and benches in memory of their loved ones.

Dane and Mary Louise Miller have recently given a most thought provoking outdoor sculpture display called the *Timeline of Liberty*. The series of bronze art pieces are seen in front of the Winona Lake Town Hall.

Created by artist Lorenzo Ghiglieri, this bas relief depicts 58 great thinkers who developed today's definition of 'liberty.' The piece depicts men and women living between 500 BC and the 19th century, appearing in their environment and holding historical

documents. This is a multicultural piece showing that the American definition of liberty was developed with the help of international leaders: Greeks, Romans, Italians, Germans, French, English, Irish and Americans. This art piece reminds viewers that liberty spans beyond iconic 1776 Philadelphia. Liberty is globally defined.

Another piece also donated by the Millers is a bronze eagle that sits above the *Timeline of Liberty*. The Bald Eagle, the symbol of our nation, is



Bronze Eagle
Sculpture in front of Town Hall, Winona Lake
Artist Lorenzo Ghiglieri
Lorenzo creates images that seem to capture a moment in time.
Art donated by Dane and Mary Louise Miller

typically depicted as a proud, almost haughty symbol. When looking closely at this eagle perched above the *Timeline of Liberty*, viewers will notice that the life-like depiction is active, not passive, taking flight and taking action.

After a dedication on July 4, Dane was asked why he chose to donate the artwork to Winona Lake. He responded, “Mary Louise and I have always held a special place in our hearts for Winona Lake. This seemed like a perfect opportunity to give this art that reminds us of our many freedoms.”

The bronze eagle is a daily symbol for Winona Lake. We as a community can take action and make positive changes in our town versus passively sitting idle. On behalf of Winona Lake, thank you Dane and Mary Louise for your generous spirit and kindness.

2009 IACT Community Achievement Award

Indiana Association of Cities and Towns annually awards communities for outstanding achievement, successful innovation and steady leadership in municipal government. The annual awards program provides IACT members the opportunity to receive well-deserved recognition for their work and also provides templates for projects of leadership for other communities.

Winona Lake will be presented a community achievement award at the October 5 conference. Retha Hicks, Winona Lake Town Clerk, brought the idea of outdoor artwork to Winona Lake. Craig Allebach, Town Manager, has provided oversight to the Heritage Trail Greenway development in Winona Lake. The Millers

allow all to travel through their urban forest as a most remarkable section of the Greenway and bike trails. Many generous donors have gifted artwork that graces the trail. Numerous people will be thanked as Winona Lake receives this award.

250 East: Open Or Broken

By Council President Terry Howie

In 2001, the Winona Lake Town Council and Kosciusko County Commissioners entered into an agreement to improve County Road 250 East from the old Pennsylvania railroad tracks south to Pierceton Road. Obtaining all necessary easements and right-of-ways occurred over several years. Construction began in August 2007. On September 10, 2008 the roadway was opened to vehicular traffic and the following day a ribbon cutting took place including state, county and town officials.

Within weeks, the road surface between the railroad tracks and Wooster Road showed signs of cracking. The project engineering firm was contacted to analyze the situation. It was determined that the roadway was built as engineered with information provided by the soil engineers. Nevertheless, the roadwork was failing.

A fix has been proposed at a cost of approximately \$300,000. The Town would pay 20% or \$60,000. As this fix has been discussed by all involved parties, 250 East closed to vehicular traffic. During this time, NIPSCO relocated a gas line. At the end of the repair, road work repair was to begin. On September 3, 2009 a meeting chaired by State Representative David Wolkins was held in Winona Lake Town Hall. Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) representatives agreed to hold the project open for another six to nine months so that funding could be extended.

A decision was made to temporarily reopen the road until the Argonne Road project is completed. At that time, 250 East will again be closed for approximately two weeks, allowing for a temporary fix. The road will be reopened to traffic through the winter months and monitored through next spring. In the spring, a final decision as to the scope of repairs will be ascertained and undertaken.

Just as each citizen is concerned about paying for a household project and learning that the fix was not what was anticipated, Council is quite concerned about having to spent tax dollars for a project that wasn't anticipated. The Council will be pursuing all avenues available to protect taxpayers' financial interest in this project and to have the road repaired and opened as soon as possible. We are actively pursuing every option.

Clean Waste Water Treatment Plant a vision for our community

By Winona Lake Town Council and Administration

The Town of Winona Lake has had a long-term contract with the City of Warsaw Sewer Utility for wastewater treatment. Winona Lake believes that the relationship that existed over many years has been mutually beneficial. Winona Lake desired that this relationship continue.

Since the inception of the wastewater treatment contract with Warsaw, Winona Lake has been charged for treatment, capital and additional costs attributed to required contracted services by the Town of Winona Lake. Collection system, administrative & general costs incurred by Warsaw to provide services to Warsaw's residential, commercial and industrial customers historically were not paid by Winona Lake. Winona Lake has always been responsible for collection and delivery of its wastewater flow to Warsaw and administrative costs necessary for safe operation of the current Winona Lake waste water system. Warsaw has never provided nor has been asked to provide Winona Lake flow maintenance.

Council and Administration for Winona Lake are concluding that treatment fees no longer represent a fair and equitable charge for treatment services. Winona Lake is treated as if it were similar to the many individual residential, commercial and industrial customers that reside within the city limits of Warsaw when it clearly is not. A 60% increase in Winona Lake wastewater rates in 2007 didn't appear reasonable as rates for residential, commercial and industrial customers of Warsaw increased 10% to 30%. Less than four years before the 2007 increase, Warsaw's sewer rate study indicated that Winona's treatment rate of \$2.08 per 1,000 gallons generated revenues to Warsaw that slightly exceeded the costs they incurred for the treatment of the Winona Lake flow. In calculating the 2007 treatment rate, instead of removing excess costs, additional costs were included. The resulting treatment rate increase to \$3.48 per 1,000 gallons is viewed as subsidizing Warsaw costs.

A series of meetings occurred with the Mayor of Warsaw and City Council members to discuss the cost subsidization issue. Warsaw has not negotiated regarding concerns expressed during these meetings. The Winona Lake Council believes the risk of future unlimited rate increases is unacceptable. The Council is exploring the development of an environmentally friendly clean water plant for the following reasons:

1. User fees will be based on Town of Winona Lake cost to serve only.
2. The Town's clean water plant will be energy and process efficient and will not allow combined sewer releases to the Tippecanoe River.
3. Community-wide, home and business values will elevate, bringing increased revenue to the local tax base and an improved local economy.
4. Potential for new development that can bring employment opportunities, improved services, and varied housing and business opportunities.
5. Overall reduced risk to health and human welfare. Waste borne pathogens are eliminated and wastewater is recycled to the highest degree possible and released back to the environment with no negative impact to surface or ground water resources.

Winona Lake Clean Water Plant Overview, Design and Function

To serve the Town's current customers, the clean water plant would be designed for 500,000 gallons per day average flow. The project would be constructed on Town property east of the Town's existing maintenance facility. The site would be accessed from Pierceton Road.

Project cost is estimated at \$4.9 million with impact to existing customers not expected to be more than \$5 per month. The treatment facility will result in no adverse noise, odor or traffic and will be screened from view by utilizing the existing heavily wooded site.

The facility would employ state of the art processes that allows clean water production 24 hours a day, every day. Discharge would be near drinking water standard and far cleaner than the receiving stream (Wyland Ditch). Work could start in Spring of 2010.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why should our community consider a new Clean Water Plant?

A: Currently the Town's wastewater is treated at the City of Warsaw's wastewater facility. The Town officials have done their best to arrive at an equitable and long-term agreement with the City. After several months of discussions, the Town officials have decided to move forward with construction of a new clean water plant. Ownership of the new facility will allow the Town to:

- encourage diversified land uses in growth areas
 - Be proactive in controlling future utility rates
 - encourage economic growth
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Waste Water Treatment Plant continued...

- Provide service to extra-territorial customers
- Provide more equitable rates for all Town customers

Q: How is the project cost estimated?

A: Through a detailed study and preliminary design completed by the selected engineer. Preliminary estimates are based on the study's information. Many factors can affect final costs, including final design, routing, construction market conditions and changing material costs.

Q: How will the project be funded?

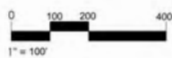
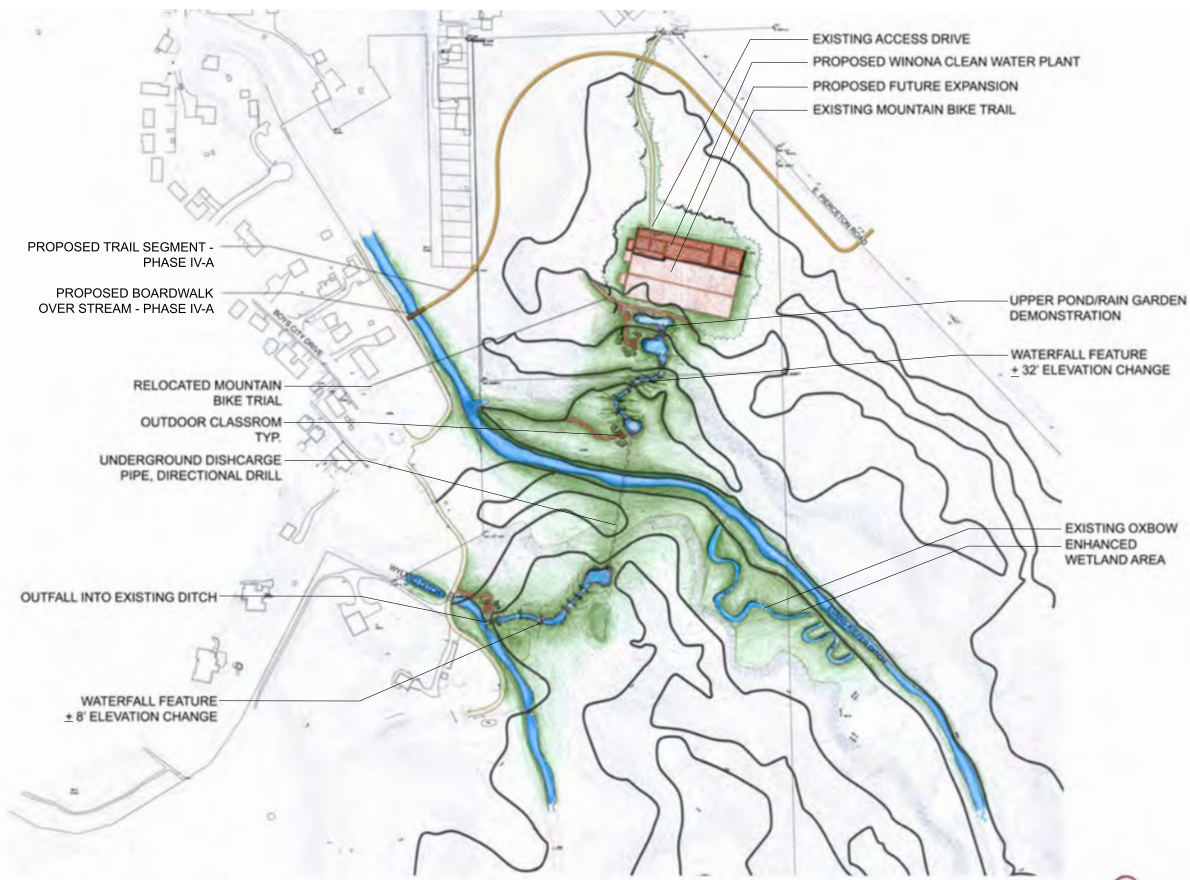
A: The bulk of funding will likely be from a Sewer Utility Revenue Bond and existing Town funds.

Q: How will the bond be repaid?

A: Through rates paid by the sewer system's customers. No landowners or residents beyond the area currently served by the system will be affected.

Q: How will the Clean Water Plant function, are there environmental benefits to this project?

A: The system will employ an extended aeration concept that continuously recycles wastewater to near drinking water standards. Treated and disinfected clean water will be discharged to Wyland Ditch. The discharge will include a series of gravity aeration basins that will be constructed as natural landscape features. The result will be highly oxygenated water being returned to the environment. These features will compliment the Town's mountain bike network and will also serve as an outdoor classroom managed in partnership with Grace College. The facility will incorporate energy saving components at all levels. Designs will incorporate green building practices reducing construction waste in all areas. Site work will incorporate the natural features with tree removal reduced to minimal levels. The Town is analyzing the feasibility of wind and bio-energy components as well.



WINONA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER



To learn more about a possible wastewater treatment plant in Winona Lake, please come to the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm to voice opinion and to ask questions.

Welcome New Businesses!

A grand opening was held for Cranberry Cottage and SACS & Co. on September 19. Both businesses are located on corners of East Canal and Administration in the Village at Winona.

Cranberry Cottage is an antiques and primitives gift store. SACS & Co. invites you to 'Live Luxuriously' and enjoy their bath and body products.

Accent in Interior Design is located along East Canal Street. Accent offers interior design, custom designed furniture, flooring, home staging and home accessories.

Village Calendar of Events

- September 24: Light the Night Walk for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- October 3: Huzzah Hoosier Pennant Vintage Base Ball Tournament
- October 3: Village at Winona Fall Festival
- November 6: Blue Heron "Art in Miniature"
- November 18: Winona Lake Community Dinner
- November 21: Santa Celebration
- December 5: Holiday Festival

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town: November 21

On Saturday, November 21, 2009 the Town of Winona Lake Parks Department will host Winona Lake Santa Celebration. Last year, over 1,000 people including children and their family members participated in a holiday program in Winona Lake. This year's venue will be held at the Senior Community Center and Rodeheaver Auditorium.

We ask for your partnership through sponsorship of our Santa Celebration children's events. The event welcomes individuals throughout Kosciusko County. A holiday breakfast with

Santa, Santa March, train rides for youth, children's singing and dance performances, a visit with Santa and craft making are planned. To create an outstanding event of substance for children and their family's enjoyment, we ask for your support.

All sponsors will be mentioned in a special thank you in both the Times Union and the Spring Winona Harmony community newsletter. Sponsorship levels:

- Santa's Helper: \$50.00**
- Santa's Elf: \$100.00**
- Santa's Reindeer: \$250.00**
- Santa Claus: \$500.00**
- Santa Friend: \$ any gift**

The programs to be offered provide many opportunities for recreation, learning and a lot of Christmas fun. Every dollar given returns to our community.

The Town thanks you for the continued support you've given to our community. Thank you for considering our request and making this season a bright one for others. Donations are tax deductible and checks can be made out to Town of Winona Lake and sent to PO Box 338, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Child Car Seat Safety

The Winona Lake Police Department is a Permanent Fitting Station for Child Seats. Seat checks are offered to assure proper installation and fit for the child. A limited number of car seats are provided free of charge throughout the year for families that qualify. Donations are accepted to help offset the cost of seats.

WLPD on US30 Beat?

Officers of the Winona Lake Police Department are participating in *Aggressive Driving Enforcement* on US 30 joining several other area police departments. Officers are paid by grant money and are not on duty for

Winona Lake during this time. Be assured that an officer is protecting the town at the same time. Officers are allowed this opportunity to help support their families and assist in protecting all citizens. A concerned citizen came to the station inquiring about seeing Winona Lake cars on US 30. If you have questions about the program, please call Chief Paul Schmitt at 267.8622.

Fire Prevention Tip

The Winona Lake Volunteer Fire Department offers the following tip.

Chimney maintenance is vital to your family's safety. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned on a regular basis. When possible, burn seasoned woods (dryness of the wood is more important than hard wood versus soft wood). Smaller, hotter fires will burn more completely and produce less smoke than larger fires. Do not burn cardboard boxes or trash, as they can spark a chimney fire. Install stovepipe thermometers, which help monitor flue temperatures where wood stoves are in use, then adjust burning practices as needed.



Well, Here I Am In Winona Lake... Postcard Est. early 1900's

2009 Community Dinner Set

**“Gather To Give Thanks”
Friday, November 20 ~ 6:30pm
Winona Lake Community Center**

Plan now to attend the annual community dinner that starts at 6:30 pm at the Rodeheaver Auditorium. A special program is planned for you.

Because of Bruce Shaffner, talented performers from The Sound of Music will give their gift of music during the dinner. The Sound of Music is playing during this week at the Wagon Wheel.

The 2009 Bill Reneker Memorial Award will be presented to a 2009 outstanding community member of Winona Lake.

Home improvement awards, town highlights and future plans for the town will be shared. Purchase your tickets early at Winona Lake Town Hall.

WLF D Purchases Ladder Truck

To improve service to our community, the decision was made to purchase a ladder truck that can reach lofty heights. This truck is necessary to protect residents and students living in multi-story homes and dormitories. While the truck is a 1984, the fire department adheres to strict annual safety inspections. The American LaFrance 75 foot ladder, 1500 GPM pump, 300 gallon tanker is pictured below. The truck has been painted red and striped.

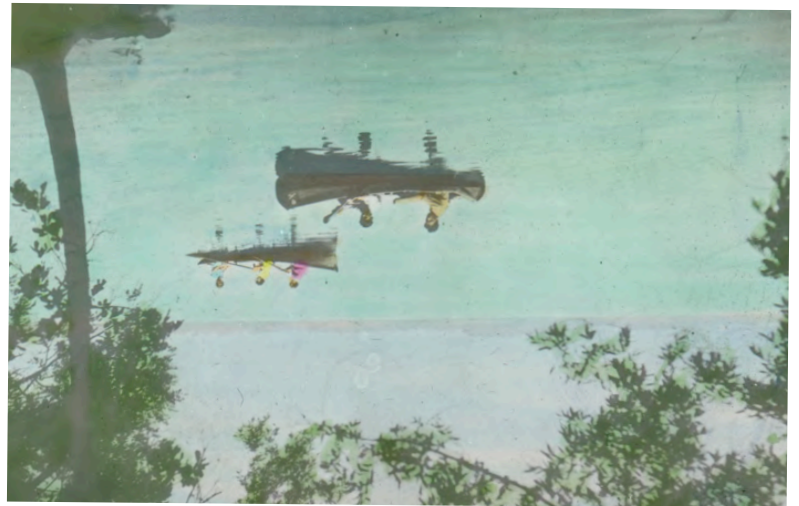


The Lodge Rental

Rent a beautifully renovated lake cottage for all seasons. Rental rates are reasonable. Meeting rooms can be rented overlooking the lake. Call 267-5783.

Kayak & Canoe Rental

Grab the family or a friend and head out to the Winona Lake beach for a trip around the lake.



Canoes & Kayaks Are Available to Rent. Call 267.7581.

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