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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Pepper Press is back and available online.
- See the Town of Shadeland website and Facebook page.
- Opt In to keep the Pepper Press coming to your mailbox.
- New Town Hall
- Don't burn trash!
- The Little Library
- Crafting Days

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THE PEPPER PRESS IS BACK

It's an exciting time to live in Shadeland, Indiana.

Ground has broken on our new town hall which will feature the fire department, community room, and office space for the management of our town.

Our parks department boasts of our "hidden gem" of a park at the corner of 250 W and 450 S with picnic tables under shelter, pickleball and basketball courts, surrounded with fun, safe playground equipment.

We are protected by our top-notch fire and rescue squad of dedicated volunteers.

Every road is Shadeland is paved with right-of-ways maintained continuously.

With so much going on, communicating with the residents of our town is essential. To answer that need the Pepper Press has been revived to keep you informed on a quarterly basis.

The **first two** issues will go out as a **print edition** but can also be found on the Town of Shadeland **website:**

https://shadeland.in.gov

and the **Shadeland Facebook** page.

To continue to receive issues in your mailbox then you must **"Opt In"** by calling or email with the message to "Opt In".

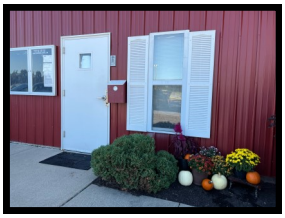
Call: 765-477-0116 and leave a message or Email:

shadelandtownhall@gmail.com

You may also receive the Pepper Press to your email address. In all cases just call or email Town Clerk-Treasurer Char Brown will do her best to match your preference.

Jim Stalker, a 34 year resident of Shadeland, has **volunteered** to compile and write articles for the Pepper Press.

CRAFTING DAYS



Char Brown, our town clerk, hosts monthly crafting days offering a great opportunity to bring us together as a community.

All kinds of crafts are welcome: quilting, crochet & knitting, and occasionally paper crafts.

The meeting room at the Shadeland Fire House is reserved just for this activity.

The next dates scheduled are Saturday, October 22nd and Saturday, November 19th. Both days the room is reserved from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Not into crafting? Then grab a cup of coffee and drop in to say hello and meet your neighbors.

LITTLE LIBRARY BOXES

The Little Library is a nationwide concept where the idea is to take a book, give back a book.

Resident Chelsea Cummings and husband built and donated the boxes. Chelsea continues to supervise them.

The shorter box is for kids' books while the taller box is for older family friendly interest books. Enjoy the playground then grab a couple books to take home.

Anyone may donate books. If you chose to do so, please make the donation a special book that others will enjoy. (Don't just clean out a closet, please.)

If you enjoy visiting garage sales, it's easy to find great books for under a dollar. Consider purchasing a few to donate.

With winter coming soon, now is a great time to become familiar with The Little Library and save yourself a trip into town.

THE NEW TOWN HALL & COMMUNITY CENTER

"The target date for completion of the new town hall is Fall 2023."

-Ken Smith, Project Manager

After many years of planning, ground has been broken on the new town hall & community center.

The town council is excited to offer our residents a building that will offer space where we can come together as a community.

The entrance opens to a short corridor that leads to a commons area featuring display cases of interesting memorabilia from Shadeland's past.

Behind the display case wall and the main feature of this building you'll find the large community room. This is where the town council and its various subcommittees will meet.

This space will also be available to the residents and public for event rentals. With a warming kitchen on the side, it will be the perfect venue for family reunions, wedding receptions, and crafting groups, to name just a few examples.

The most prominent feature on the west side are the bays which hold the fire department's emergency vehicles. Between the bays and the meeting room, the fire crews will enjoy meeting space for training, locker rooms to clean up in after a run, and the chief's office with file storage.

What happens to our current fire house and clerk's office? They will be repurposed. The fire department bays will become equipment storage for our Roads Department.

The Union Township trustee, Jo Ritchie, will move into the clerk's current office space. The meeting room will also be available for rental.

A subcommittee of the town council has been tasked with the detailed planning and oversight. Project manager Ken Smith has been hired to watch out for the town's interests and act as a liaison with the contractor taking this building from foundation to finish. He will work on our behalf to keep the project moving even through the winter months. Mr. Smith told the committee, "The target date for completion … is Fall of 2023."

ORDINANCES REGARDING OPEN BURNING

The season of falling leaves and yard clean up is here.

Our Shadeland firefighters ask you to use great caution and follow the ordinances if you must burn.

Residential open burning is allowed for: leaves, brush, paper, and clean wood waste in a burn barrel at a private residence. (No burning of any kind is allowed in high density locations like apartment complexes or mobile home parks.)

It is against Shadeland ordinance to burn household trash.

Use good sense and caution by never burning in high winds or stagnant air conditions.

Burn only in daylight hours and attend to your fire at all times.

It's recommended to use a container (i.e., burn barrel) with enclosed sides and a bottom that is sufficiently vented to induce adequate combustion.

Adequate firefighting equipment, such as a water hose, buckets of water, fire extinguisher, and/or shovels, must be kept on-site while burning.

The Fire Department will extinguish any fire that does not abide by these rules.

When performing a controlled burn, please notify the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department at 765-423-9321 who will then send a notification to the Fire Department.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE SHADELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Potential applicants must meet the following:

- 18 years or older.
- Have a valid drivers licenses.
- Be willing to complete a background check.
- Live within or 1 mile of Union township.
- Be willing to complete Fire Fighter 1 within 12 months.

If interested or for more information please contact us:

shadelandfire@comcast.net

Or by calling the fire station at 765-474-3710.

NEWS FROM THE STREET DEPARTMENT

By now you've surely noticed the freshly painted center and side lines on our main paved roads. They look great!

The Shadeland Street Department is responsible for over 36 miles of roads, the right-of-ways, and keeping our signage in compliance with Indiana Highway standards.

Town of Shadeland employs only one person to maintain the roadside right-of-ways. All other work is performed by qualified contractors. This arrangement makes the best use of tax dollars.

Winter driving conditions will soon be here. In the next Pepper Press look for information on how the Street Department will handle the snow and ice.

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Shadeland
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The Town of Shadeland (Union Township) is managed by seven elected members called the Town Council. They are assisted by Charlene Brown Clerk-Treasurer, also elected.

The Council meets second Tuesday each month, 7:00 p.m. at the fire station meeting room. Residents are always welcome to attend. The agenda always includes some time for public comments.

You can keep up with town business by visiting the Town of Shadeland website (see below). Click on the “About” tab and scroll to the bottom to find agendas, minutes, and ordinances.

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