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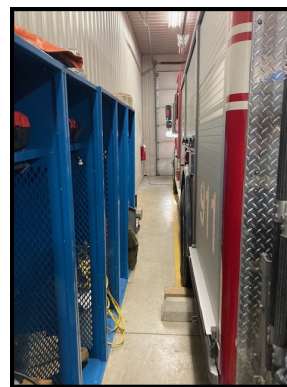
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This issue of the Pepper Press features an extended article on the Shadeland Fire Department. Chief Allen Bol has provided a look into the fire department bays and offers an overview of the equipment and expertise of the volunteer force.

Shadeland residents can rest easy knowing that Shadeland Fire Department stands ready to respond to nearly any emergency with well-trained fire fighters, emergency medical responders, and emergency medical technicians.

The tour begins with a visit to the garage that houses the five trucks necessary to respond to Shadeland's fire and various emergency needs.

The space is tight, demonstrating the need for more spacious quarters that the new town hall building will provide.



The department owns two engines, a tanker, a truck equipped to fight grass fires and the unit most often called for, medical truck.

To better explain how the volunteers with their equipment respond to an emergency, Chief Bol describes the process beginning with a 911 phone that is handled by the

Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center.

When someone calls 911, the operator discerns the type of emergency, fire or medical, and the location notifying the corresponding fire department. Each of Shadeland Fire volunteers carry a pager at all times and the mobile phone app called Active911. The app will provide the nature of the call: fire, traffic accident, or medical with driving directions to the scene of the emergency. Responders go immediately to the fire station, suit up, and roll out in the truck(s) needed to match the emergency.



**Chief Allen Bol** displays the operation center of the tanker.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

On medical runs the 911 dispatcher will also send an ambulance.

A structure fire call will require one or both of the engines and the 3500 gallon tanker to respond. Once on scene of a structure fire, the engines increase the water pressure sufficient for connected hoses to shoot water at a high volume for a long distance. Of course there are low pressure options for small fires as well. Additionally, attached to the side of the tanker, is a vinyl trough that can be filled with even more water. If more manpower or water is needed a call goes out for mutual aid from West Point or Wea Township. These extra hands make it possible to keep the water supply constant, rotating tanker runs to the nearest hydrant and keeping the trough filled.



Likewise, Shadeland Fire fighters offer mutual aid when called for by our neighbors.

In the event of a farm equipment or grass fire off the road, the department deploys the smaller truck referred to as the "grass rig". This unit carries its own water and is capable of off-road operation. Sprayers attached to the front allow it to

### **Shadeland Fire Department welcomes new volunteers.**

Anyone interested in joining the volunteer force, please call the fire department at **765-474-3710**.

Planning a **controlled burn** of a large amount of brush? First call the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office **(765) 423-9321**. They will then inform the fire department.

douse a field fire straight on or flank it by dousing its fuel. A hose reel is on the back so fire fighters can suppress flames in places the truck cannot reach.

"75% of our calls are for medical runs," says Chief Bol as he opens the numerous compartments that hold an amazing amount of life-saving equipment like the Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D.), back boards, bandages, and so much more. In addition the many compartments are filled with special rescue equipment like the "jaws of life" that can pry open doors of a wrecked automobile or shear the roof posts, whichever is needed to give EMT's space to treat and rescue the occupants.



The most recent addition to the tool chest is a device that can cut hardened steel bars like a steering wheel and brake pedals that trap the driver. Thinking beyond auto crashes, the tools might be used in a rescue at a construction site or farming accident. The truck even carries air bags that can be inserted under, say, a piece of heavy equipment, then inflated, lifting it so the trapped victim can be rescued.



Shadeland Fire Department also serves the community in non-emergency needs. They are present at Southwestern Middle School football games, the Tippecanoe County 4-H fair, and conduct presentations at Mintonye Elementary for fire prevention and safety. Additional volunteers are always welcome.

As a community we wish to extend our appreciation to the risk and sacrifice of time the members of the Shadeland Fire Department provide to our community.

**COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY PASSES RESOLUTION**

**Town of Shadeland**

Resolution No. 2023-04

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE TO DIVERT WATER FROM THE WABASH RIVER AQUIFER TO LEAP INNOVATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Council believes IEDC is exploring options of transporting millions of gallons of water daily from a Wabash River aquifer in Tippecanoe County through a pipeline to the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County; and

WHEREAS, the council believes there are both negative ecological and economic development consequences for the Town of Shadeland, and Tippecanoe County, because of the proposed diversion of large amounts of water through the pipeline for the LEAP project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Shadeland Town Council that we express our firm opposition to the construction of the pipeline and the diversion of water from the Wabash River aquifer in Tippecanoe County to the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County.

This resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Shadeland in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, this 10th day of October, 2023.

\*This resolution bears the signatures of ALL members of the Town Council.

**CRAFTING DAYS**

Char Brown announces crafting days will be **moving to the new town hall meeting room**. Bring your favorite craft to work on and join in community with other residents. Not into crafting? Bring a cup of coffee and enjoy the new building.  
**Saturday, Oct. 21st (Fire Station)**  
**Saturday, Nov. 18th (Town Hall)**  
**Saturday, December: TBA**

**Harvest Season**  
Harvest season is a very busy and critical time for our town's farmers. Please be aware of the slow moving and often wide farm equipment as these industrious people gather their crops from these fertile fields. It requires only a minute of your time to steer your vehicle safely to the shoulder of the road until they pass.



**Grant writers Needed**  
Friends of Shadeland Parks is in need of someone with grant writing skills. There are opportunities that would allow the town to seek and secure funding for many projects. If you have good writing skills, or know of someone, please email the town.



## Progress On the New Town Hall



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3209 S 250 W  
Lafayette, IN 47909

**New Town Hall Address:**  
**2584 SR 25 West**  
**Lafayette, IN 47909**

**Town Hall Clerk** staffed hours:  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** 765-477-0116  
**Fax:** 765-477-0927  
**E-mail:**  
shadelandtownhall@gmail.com  
**Town Website:**  
<https://shadeland.in.gov>  
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After several years in planning and development the new town hall construction is nearly complete. The latest estimate calls for a mid-October completion. This date can shift because of last minute details requiring completion before an occupancy permit is given.

The last phase wrapping up includes the finish trim details as well as installation of furniture: desks, folding tables, chairs, and carts. The process of moving all of the fire equipment, tools, the clerk's files, will take place in the weeks that follow.

The rental policy, including pricing, is currently being studied by the Parks Committee. The committee is planning to offer a reduced rental price to Shadeland residents. Committee members hope to have the policies and rates announced soon.

Since the Pepper Press is published quarterly, watch Shadeland's Facebook page for the latest announcements regarding a dedication and open house.

**The November Town Council meeting we hope will be in this building.**

### Street Department Report

The Shadeland Street Department is supervised by town councilman David Downey who has been very busy managing the maintenance of our excellent roads.

With the summer season wrapping up, David reports that crack sealing and line freshening are now finished. A new guardrail has been installed on county road 200 S. These road projects and others are funded by a state grant titled "Community Crossing" in amount of \$300,000 These funds cover 75% of the cost of our road projects. It is a good deal for Shadeland's tax payers.

With an eye toward the winter of 2023-2024, the town council has renewed the contract for snow and ice removal. Something new this year is that the town can purchase 150 tons of road salt and store it in the soon-to-be vacant annex building. Having our own road salt supply on hand will increase the efficiency in the treatment of ice and snow removal.

The road maintenance operation and equipment will be moved to the now "old" Shadeland fire station garages after the fire department has moved their equipment to the new station in the town hall building.

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