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I am proud to have the honor to serve as the President of the Clarksville Town Council.

There was a time, not too long ago, when we were considering governing Clarksville as a City versus a Town.

We were operating as a "council-only" form of government, with each council-member serving as a liaison to the Clarksville public works department heads.

We knew there was a better way to govern Clarksville.

In late 2012, we established a twelve-member bi-partisan public committee and began a six-month public process to explore best practices of civic governance. After an exhaustive process of research, deliberation and presentations from governance subject matter experts, we determined that Clarksville should remain a Town and change to a "council manager" form of government. We found no distinct advantage in becoming a City with an elected mayor.

Today, the Town of Clarksville is a "council-manager" government comprised of seven members: two elected at-large and five elected from our five districts. The Town Manager is a full-time professional who reports to the council and oversees the day-to-day operations of our Town.

After conducting an extensive nation-wide search, we are proud to have hired Clarksville's first professional Town Manager, Kevin Baity.

And just in time, as we are currently experiencing record growth with much more to come!

- Paul Fetter
Clarksville Town Council President

It is my honor to present the first in a series of columns about our home, Clarksville.

As your Town Manager, I have overseen several development initiatives and projects that have led to the benefit of our citizens and businesses. These initiatives include the Veteran's Parkway development, reconstruction of the Gateway Park area and new construction projects in the Broadway District.

All of these projects involve millions of dollars of infrastructure and construction revenue to our community, along with new employment opportunities to Clarksville. We have also built a supportive Clarksville government infrastructure that includes improvements services involving Police and Public Safety, Fire, Redevelopment, Town Administration, Planning/Zoning, Parks, Building Commission, Town Court, Utilities and the Clerk/Treasurer.

As you can see, we have a lot going on in our great community of Clarksville! It's all made possible by the incredible citizens of our Town. I encourage you to get involved. Volunteer. Make a difference. Share a smile or a helping hand to your neighbor. Help make Clarksville a great place to work and raise our families. Until next time....

- Kevin Baity
Clarksville Town Manager

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Town of Clarksville TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Q: What does the Town Council do?

A: The Town Council provides ongoing oversight to the town, sets policies, approves budgets, conducts annual planning, and establishes strategic direction.



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Town of Clarksville

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Baity Town Manager

Kevin Baity was born and raised on a farm in South Central Illinois. Kevin played four years of football, basketball and baseball in high school. Along with sports, he also played trumpet for 10 years. He later taught his daughter, Lauren to play when she was in middle school. Kevin graduated from Lincoln Trail College with an Associate of Science in Petroleum Engineering and Bachelor of Arts in Geology from Southern Illinois University where he is completing his Masters in Public Administration. Kevin began his career working for UPS in southern Illinois. After 8 years, he changed paths and started working in the Municipal/County government area. He has served there for 23 years. Kevin now resides in Clarksville, IN with his wife of 28 years, Penny. They have four children, Danielle, Jerrica, Kyle and Lauren. When he is not working, Kevin loves any outdoor activity such as boating, hiking and hunting. He also enjoys woodworking and construction.

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"Kevin Baity has helped bring a new perspective in tackling some of the current issues facing the Clarksville Police Department. His previous experience in dealing with contracting outside companies has helped to shape the current third party towing agreement used by our department. He has the ability to look outside the box, which has been a benefit when dealing with closed end issues."

- Colonel Mark R. Palmer, Chief of Police

"Kevin makes himself available 24/7. Anytime I have a personnel issue or an active emergency, he's my first call and helps to keep the council updated. His help eliminates my need to contact every council member or wait until the next council meeting to get approval for a project; he takes responsibility off my shoulder so I can be Fire Chief. He's like my one stop shop. He's been a great asset to me."

- Brandon Skaggs, Fire Chief

"Kevin's previous experience in planning and community development has been a great asset for my department. He understands the complexities of balancing competing interests while searching for common ground that can benefit the community as a whole. I feel more confident in my position knowing Kevin is always there to discuss options, ideas, or potential conflicts regarding new projects."

- Jacob D. Arbibal, Planning Director

"Kevin has been a huge asset to Clarksville Wastewater and Utilities. Kevin led the effort to bring the billing office back under the purview of the Town Council. This has led to streamlined billing and collection efforts. He has also mentored me as a new department head, by giving guidance and advice, while also supporting the decisions I have made."

- Brittany Montgomery, Utility Director

"Equip, Leadership and Vision are just a few things that come to mind when I am asked my opinion about Mr. Baity. Through leadership, he has equipped myself, as well as others with the vision of what a responsible, functional and transparent local government is."

Many challenges that my department once faced, no longer exist. Having professional leadership from someone who is readily available, helpful and experienced in dealing with these challenges is what I have received through Mr. Baity. His ability to lead all the while with teaching and equipping those around him has improved my Department by leaps and bounds."

- Brad Cummings, Street Commissioner

Town of Clarksville YEAR IN REVIEW

Check out some of the featured events that took place in 2018.

2018

January



Family Bingo Night



Clarksville Generals and Providence play in the Town Championship Game.

March



Clarksville Parks Easter Egg Hunt

April



Thunder Over Louisville at Ashland Park

May



Memorial Day Ceremony



Clarksville Baseball Under the Lights



Cruise in and Concert



Junior Police Academy

June



Comedy in the Park



Independence Day Concert



Back to School Beach Bash

August



20th Annual Clarksville Community Yard Sale



Touch-A-Truck at Gateway Park



September



Junior Firefighter Academy



Silver Creek Primary Walk-A-Thon!

October



Residential Trick-Or-Treating



ClarkFEST



November



Veterans Day Ceremony



Fall Harvest Hayride

December



Free Carriage Rides



Annual Little Elves Workshop

THANKS FOR ATTENDING OUR EVENTS IN 2018!

Stay tuned to see what's in store for 2019.

Town of Clarksville ECONOMIC GROWTH

Dylan Fisher, Redevelopment



Dylan's tasks include coordinating public investment to attract new businesses and residents to the Town of Clarksville. He is responsible for working with our current stakeholders to identify immediate and long-term public projects that will result in them continuing to invest in our community. This is a vital role for the Town as it results in the retention of existing jobs, creation of new jobs, and sets the stage for continued economic growth and prosperity over the next 25-30 years.

The following are just a few of the public and private projects supported by the Town of Clarksville in 2018. They range from the announcement of a new manufacturing company on Eastern Boulevard to the construction of a new fire station on Stansifer Avenue.



450+

New Jobs Committed

(Medical, Sales, Manufacturing, Hospitality, Retail, Food and Beverage)



\$115,000,000+

New Private Investments



Mobile Initiative Opens in Clarksville

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A team of dedicated technicians discovered a void in the marketplace for unique and tailored mobile devices and plans to open their manufacturing facility in the heart of Clarksville. The 35,000 square foot space is part of a \$150,000 agreement with the Town of Clarksville and Mobile Initiative hopes to hire 45 full-time employees by the end of 2021. Making \$400,000 in revenue in its inaugural year, the company projects that number to rise to around \$7 million by the end of the year. Mobile Initiative aims to bring new opportunities to people all over the state and is excited for the future for the Town of Clarksville.

Xtremenasium – A Gym for Everyone

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From ninjafit classes to dodgeball leagues and specific ninja courses, newly opened Xtremenasium has something exciting for everyone in Clarksville. The gym offers 60-minute strength building and cardio classes as well as a cliffhanger rock wall, open jump area, and more! Each amenity ensures a fun and dynamic workout for all. The facility also offers party bookings! For weekday or weekend reservations book now at www.xtremenasium.com.



Big Tex Trailer World Opens in Clarksville

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The recently opened Big Tex Trailers in Clarksville is the perfect place to purchase and rent various enclosed trailers. This prime location is perfect for the business, enabling Big Tex Trailers to provide assistance to other local surrounding communities including Jeffersonville, Louisville and Lyndon.



A New Look for Veteran's Crossing

A new runway for businesses in Clarksville has arrived. Veterans Crossing recently welcomed a dozen casual restaurants for locals to enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner. The buzzing street includes a First Watch, Blaze Pizza, Mission BBQ, Starbucks and a Chillburger. Other crowd favorites such as Outback Steakhouse and CoreLife Eatery are the most recent additions. The redevelopment has 100% occupancy and has become the perfect place to socialize with friends and family!



Town of Clarksville ECONOMIC GROWTH

Development and Planning of the CSX Trail

Two-mile stretch of pathway to run on the former CSX Transportation Rail with a segment running along Lincoln Drive

This year, The Town of Clarksville purchased a railway property in hopes of transforming the site into an urban trail. The implementation of a walking and biking path from Silver Creek to Applegate Lane will provide greater connectivity for everyone in Clarksville and encourage the entire community to get outside and explore! Redevelopment Director, Dylan Fisher hopes to have the trail open by the end of 2019. Redevelopment Commission President A.D. Stonecipher stated, "The long-term vision is that we hope one day we can have this trail run all the way from the north end and Silver Creek Township all the way to the riverfront. That's a huge quality of life project that is accessible to everyone."



\$75K to Update the Clarksville Library

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This year, Clarksville Library received \$75k from the Town of Clarksville in order to update its technology to benefit local students and the community. The donation has provided new laptops and computers and funded the development of a brand-new study room.



Finishing Touches of The Ohio River Greenway

The final piece of a seven-mile trail to connect Jeffersonville, Clarksville and New Albany was installed this year. The final part of the project added 4,000 feet of trail as well as a bridge and parking lot. The finished project will connect all three towns and provide access to the Big Four Bridge that leads directly to the city of Louisville. The Ohio River Greenway is a marvelous recreational addition to Clarksville for all to enjoy.



New Stansifer Avenue Fire Station

Stansifer Avenue, Clarksville, IN 47129

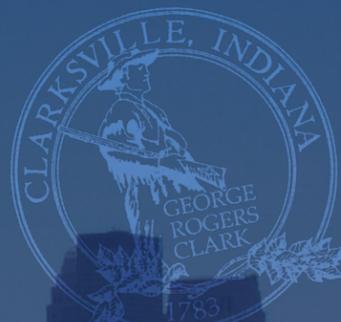
100 years after the first fire station opened in Clarksville, the town has decided to develop a brand-new facility at Stansifer and Sherwood avenue, directly opposite the original station. The build will provide firefighters with a modern interior while the exterior design will uphold the architectural history of the original 1920s station. The new development will support the needs of fire protection in Clarksville and is an integral aspect of the South Clarksville Redevelopment Plan.

Approval of the South Clarksville Mixed-Use Zoning Code

The Town of Clarksville is getting ready to pass the South Clarksville Mixed-Use Zoning Code, which will set standards for future development in South Clarksville, one of the Town's most valuable assets. The Code was developed via Clarksville's Planning Department and its consultant, Codametrics and should prove extremely conducive to the Town by ensuring this area is both functional and aesthetically pleasing.



Town of Clarksville IT BEGAN HERE...



The coming together of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on the banks of the Ohio River in October of 1803 has long been overlooked. A simple handshake between these two gentlemen on the Ohio marked the beginning of the entire expansion of the Midwest. This monumental event speaks volumes of the historic importance of Clarksville, Indiana and continues to lead us into the future.

A New Town Structure

Clarksville follows a "council-manager" form. A Council-manager form is a system of local government that combines the strong political leadership of elected officials in the form of a council along with the strong managerial experience of an appointed local government manager.

Directly following the 2015 election, Town President Paul Fetter along with the Clarksville Search Committee began a national search to find the right candidate to represent the Town of Clarksville as Town Manager. By June of 2016, the Clarksville Town Council voted to hire Kevin Baity as Town Manager. Kevin came to Clarksville with almost three decades of municipal experience and glowing recommendations.

Importance of Having a Town Manager

Here are a few benefits to Clarksville's government structure and balanced power:

Shared Power

With this system, seven elected officials share equal power in policy development and administrative oversight.

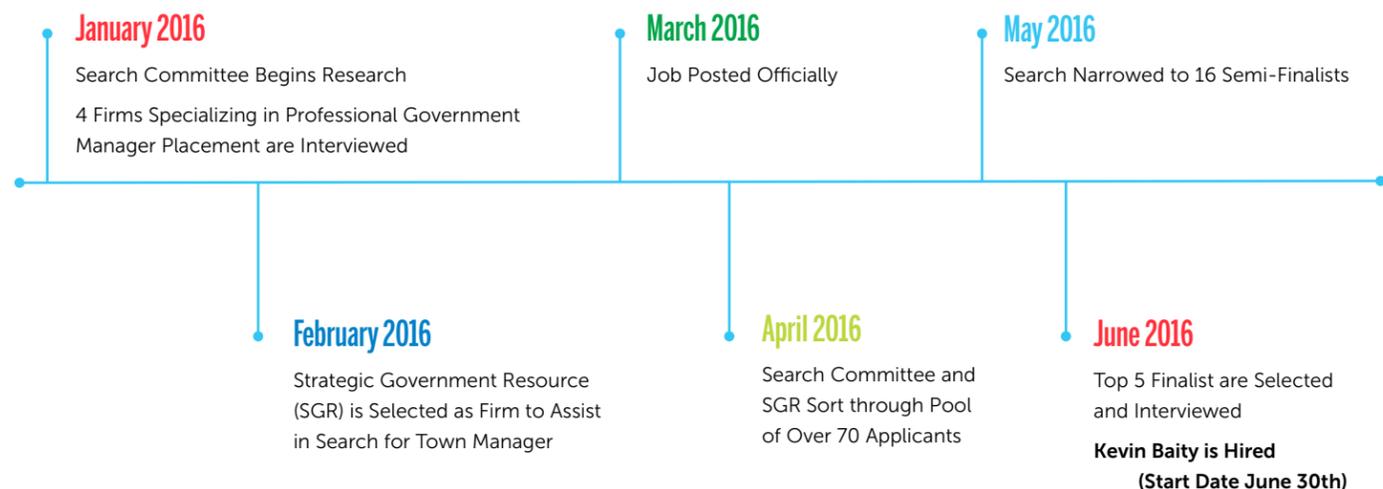
Town Decisions are Based on Merit

Rather than having the majority of power concentrated into one official, a Town Manager is professionally trained and better positioned to make recommendations to the Council that are merit based versus politically based.

Ability to Remove a Poor Leader

An appointed Town Manager has no guaranteed term. A manager either performs well or they can be dismissed. There is no wait for a political term to finish.

Town Manager Hiring Timeline



Town of Clarksville MAKING STRIDES

The Town of Clarksville, which bills itself as the "Oldest American Town in the Northwest Territory," was chartered in 1783 by the Virginia legislature. The original town was composed of 1,000 acres set aside from the grant of 150,000 acres the legislature donated to George Rogers Clark and his men.

Now, with a population of over 21,000 residents, the Town of Clarksville has transformed into a destination where residents, businesses, developers and visitors alike can immerse themselves into top retail, dining, and leisure activities while exploring rich tradition along the Clarksville trails and parks system. Over the past few years, our town government has worked diligently to improve all aspects of Clarksville and increase economic development within the town.

In order to support the growth of our city, departmental support has played a crucial role in ensuring the safety of our residents and encouraging open communication along the way.

Check out some of the great strides towards growth below:

Clarksville Police Department

Provided by Mark R. Palmer,
Chief of Police

Cracking Down on Crime

Total Arrest Record Pattern Changes:

2007: 1,428
2012: 2,270
2016: 2,533

Other Improvements:

- Department Wide Drug Testing
- Improved Policies and Procedures
- Funding by Federal and State Grants Doubled
- Police Officer and Street Presence Increased
- Increased Department Training
- Increased Information Sharing with the Public
- Created a Narcotics Division
- Started Participation in the DEA's Drug Takeback Program
- Record Numbers in Crime Enforcement
- Received Statewide Recognition for the Clarksville Police Department

Wastewater & Utility Department

Provided by Brittany Montgomery,
Utility Director

Improving Wastewater and Utility Department

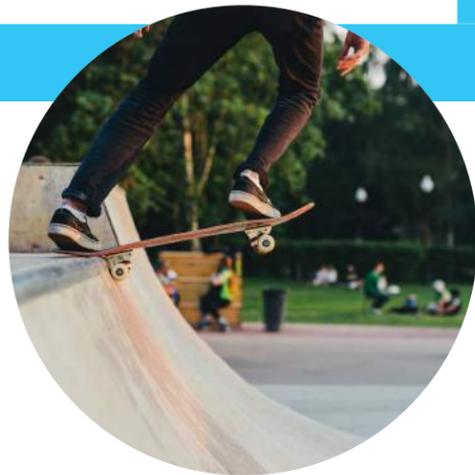
- Increased revenues by over 22%, with only a 3% annual increase in rates (Wastewater & Sewer Water).
- Completed the construction a new pump station to serve all residents and businesses south of Brown's Station Way. This increased capacity to help with storm events.
- Completed the installation of a force main under Blackiston Mill Road in the Summer of 2017. The main replaces an old main that was at risk of failure. The project came under budget and on time.
- Allotted \$5 million in debt to install new lines along South Clark, Montgomery and Woerner Avenue to prepare for future growth in the area. The Town saw an increase in our bond rating and a lower interest cost because of good fiscal management. The bonds will be paid back using existing revenues and new tap fees, not through rate increases over the existing 3% cost of living increase.

Fire Department

Provided by Brandon Skaggs,
Clarksville Fire Chief

A New Look for Clarksville Fire

- Purchased a new fire engine for District 1. This new engine replaces a much older model and will provide the long-overdue safety updates to both our firefighters and the community.
- Currently, we are in construction to complete a new fire station located on Stansifer Ave. This new 10,000 sq. ft facility will include a safer work place equipped with diesel exhaust systems, gear room, decontamination room and firefighter protective equipment washers. This also provides a more organized living and work space for our firefighters.
- The 6-week Fire Prevention and Safe Living Program was implemented for local students which offers classroom and hands-on instructions to increase fire safety.
- The Clarksville Fire Department has partnered with the Pulse Point Responder Mobile Application. This new app will provide a real-time alert system for rescue, in return saving lives.
- Increased CPR training for Clarksville residents.



Action Sports Park

The Clarksville Redevelopment Commission hired Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to develop conceptual and schematic designs for a 3.5 acre action sports complex in Colgate Park in late 2017. The year-long design process included two public workshops at Renaissance Academy and an online survey open to the public. Stantec presented a final schematic design to the Clarksville Redevelopment Commission in November of 2018. Stantec's design reflected the public comments obtained at the two public workshops and the 100+ online survey responses. Their design offers walking, biking, skating, sitting, and viewing areas. The action sports complex would include an active playground area, public art installations, and a large pavilion with public restrooms.

The Redevelopment Commission has hired Stantec to complete a construction funding sources analysis for the project. Stantec's upcoming report will identify potential Federal, State, Local, and not-for-profit funding sources. Funding could be secured in 2019 and construction could commence as early as 2020.

South Clarksville

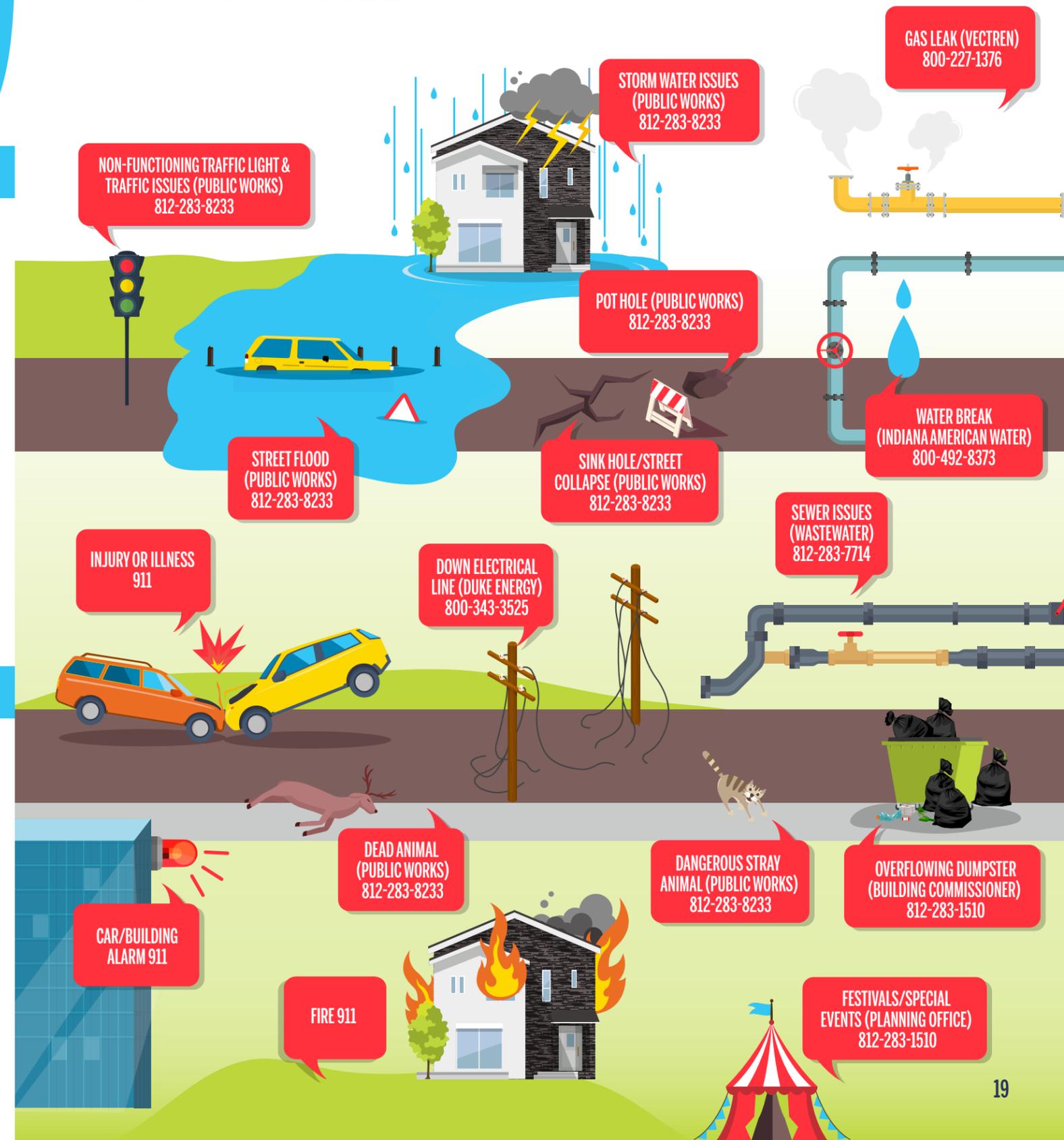
The Town has been working diligently with professional consultants and stakeholders to implement the goals and objectives of the South Clarksville Redevelopment Plan since 2015. There are four major infrastructure construction projects planned for 2019.

1. **South Clark Blvd. and Newman Ave. Drainage Improvements**
– Public Works Department
2. **South Clarksville Sanitary Sewer Improvements**
– Wastewater Department
3. **Woerner Avenue Reconstruction**
– Redevelopment Department
4. **2018 Community Crossings Repaving Project**
– Public Works Department



Town of Clarksville **WHO TO CALL**

When there is a problem, you want a phone number - fast! Here is your go-to list of numbers to help. **For life threatening emergencies that require immediate attention, call 911.**





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