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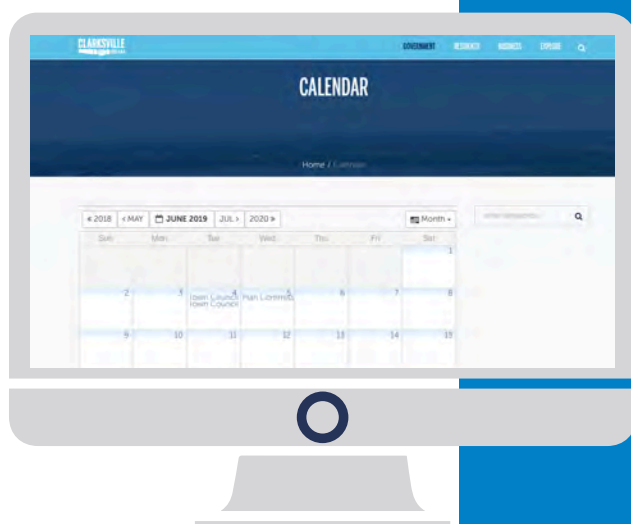
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LETTER FROM RYAN

Dear Clarksville resident,

As I write this letter, we are in the midst of recovering from the COVID-19 crisis. Businesses, schools and even our houses of worship are slowly reopening as we all practice social distancing. My hope is that as you read this, you and your family have remained healthy and are now able to move about more freely as most of our normal activities are beginning to resume. During one of the most challenging periods in our history, Clarksvillians have shown amazing resilience and supported one another in ways seen and unseen. Within these pages you can read just some of the ways that our town has rallied amidst this time of crisis.

It has been inspiring to watch our community come together and practice the various methods of social distancing and caring for one another, all while keeping a positive spirit. Your elected officials and town staff are working diligently with local businesses and nonprofit organizations to return Clarksville to normalcy as quickly as possible. Moving forward, know that every decision made, every project considered and every vote taken by the council will be guided by the realities of a post COVID-19 economy.

Our hearts go out to the families of those we have lost, to those that have been directly affected by the coronavirus and to those who are now facing new tough realities that no one saw coming.

In the words of Mr. Rogers, "Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." As you begin to resume normal activities, I hope you will continue to Think Clarksville as you shop, play and work. We will get through this; we are all in this TOGETHER.

-With Warm Regards,

Ryan Ramsey

Clarksville Town Council President



TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

BRIAN KALUNZY / FORMER SUPERINTENDENT

After 27 years of service, Brian Kalunzy has retired from the Clarksville Parks & Recreation Department as Superintendent. Brian has been a driving force behind many improvements to Clarksville's Parks & Recreation amenities over the past couple of decades.

The revamp of Little League Park, two overhauls of the aquatic center and makeovers of numerous Clarksville parks were all projects completed under Brian's administration. However, most notable to him was the Ohio River Greenway and new trails system.

He leaves behind a legacy fueled by his passion for bettering the communities in Clarksville and Southern Indiana. Now filling his shoes is his former Assistant Superintendent, B.J. Nelson Lynton, who has 30 years of experience in the Parks Department.

"The final connection of the trails was a big win for the towns of Clarksville and New Albany," Brian said. "We worked on that for nearly 13 years. It's great to see it wrapped up, bridging the two communities together."

Brian grew up in Tarentum, Pennsylvania near a park where his love of the outdoors began. At first, his goal was to work with larger state parks, but soon realized his passion was in community parks.

Brian now enjoys his days as he did growing up — fishing, golfing and leisurely enjoying some of the parks and facilities he has helped develop over the years.





B.J. NELSON LYNTON / SUPERINTENDENT

B.J. Nelson Lynton became the new Superintendent of the Clarksville Parks & Recreation Department on April 17, 2020, following in the footsteps of her mentor and predecessor, Brian Kaluzny.

She has 30 years of experience working for the Parks Department. B.J. began her career as a lifeguard for the Clarksville Pool in 1990 and then served as the department's first intern shortly after. She was hired full time as the Recreation Director in 1998 and ultimately promoted as the Assistant Superintendent in 2008.

B.J. graduated from Jeffersonville High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in communication and an Associate degree in recreation leadership from Indiana University Southeast. Her extensive experience in the Parks Department will provide a unique outlook and approach to this position.

"My goal is to continue working with the great community of Clarksville while enriching the lives of the young and young at heart."

When she's not devoting her time to the Parks Department, she loves to spend time with her husband, James, and her two stepchildren. She and James also enjoy traveling and are looking forward to planning their next vacation together when safe to do so.

"I'm excited to begin this new role and honored to lead the Parks & Recreation Department," B.J. said. "I know I have big shoes to fill; however, I have learned a great deal from Brian, and I am eager to continue the wonderful work he has put forward."

KEEPING CLARKSVILLE SAFE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In response to the COVID pandemic, the Town of Clarksville began taking measures to keep its employees and the community safe by restricting public access to Town Hall and all Town facilities.

"The core function of government is to protect the health and safety of its residents and visitors. We are embracing this and taking the necessary measures to help curb the spread of COVID-19," said Council President Ryan Ramsey.

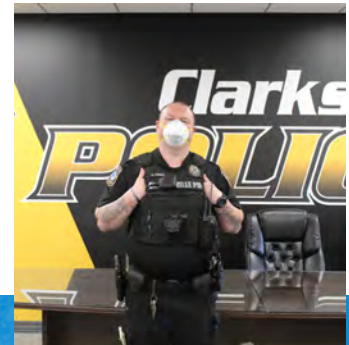
Keeping in step with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's statewide guidance during the COVID-19 crisis, the Town of Clarksville executed the following safety measures while keeping its services available to the public:

Town of Clarksville Public Building / Offices / New Procedures:

- Closed all buildings to the public on Thursday, March 19
- All normal Town Hall operations conducted utilizing drive-thru window at Town Hall
- All Town meetings conducted using the GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public have access to the audio portion of the meeting, while Council/Board members have access to video and audio. The public is still allowed to attend the meetings in person/seating is limited to first come, first seated/social distancing is required
- All internal meetings are being conducted through GoToMeeting or through conference calling
- All employees were outfitted/provided with proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) based on their work assignments
- Extra bottles of hand sanitizer were obtained and passed out to all employees
- No reduction in 'normal' services provided to the public; only modification of the manner in which these services are provided

Police Department:

- Divided Investigations Unit into two teams working alternating hours
- Modified shift changes to utilize radio roll call versus in-station, in-person meetings
- Utilized modified emergency response protocols through Central Dispatch to gain additional information before sending several officers into a situation of potential exposure





Fire Department:

- Firefighters work 24 hour shifts and family members sometimes visit the fire houses to see their parents/ spouses. The fire houses went on lock down to prevent the potential of family members becoming exposed or bringing anything into the fire house
- Encouraged to frequently change uniforms while on duty to prevent/reduce the opportunity of cross contamination
- Utilized modified emergency response protocols through Central Dispatch to gain additional information before sending an entire shift into a situation of potential exposure

Public Works Department:

- Designated teams for dedicated work duties with minimal employee rotation to prevent exposure
- Modified shift start times by 15 and 30 minutes to prevent large groups of employees from congregating pre- and post-work.

Human Resources Department:

- Divided staff and implemented work from home options while maintaining one HR staff member in the office at all times

Court

- In-person court appearances suspended and all probation appointments moved to electronic communications
- Court appearances for incarcerated persons moved to Clark County jail
- Staff divided and working alternating days in office and from home

Redevelopment Department:

- Staff working primarily from home with some alternating days in office

Planning Department:

- Staff working primarily from home with some alternating days in office

Building Commissioner and Code Enforcement

- Implemented SmartGov online permitting/contractor licensing on Monday, March 30
- Staff working primarily from municipal vehicles; limited office presence
- Code Enforcement staff still conducting inspections. Violating properties are being tagged with violation notice without direct contact with residents; follow up communications via phone, letter, email.
- Construction inspections still being completed using best available social distancing practices

Clerk/Treasurer

- Divided staff and implemented work from home options while maintaining two staff members in the office at all times. All security measures related to the handling of claims, payments, banking and payroll were maintained.

Wastewater Department:

- Staff were divided to maintain best available social distancing practices while in the treatment plant, working on sewer collection lines and pump stations. Only one person per day is working in the testing lab.



Clarksville Receives \$250K from OCRA to Help Struggling Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

The Town of Clarksville has received a \$250,000.00 grant from Indiana's Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) to issue forgivable loans to struggling Clarksville businesses that are committed to retaining their low-to-moderate income (LMI) employees. Mr. Ryan Ramsey, Town Council President, submitted a Letter of Need to OCRA requesting these funds on April 3rd. Ramsey stated:

"The Town of Clarksville would like to thank the State of Indiana, OCRA, and the OCRA staff members that worked diligently to convert these CDBG funds into emergency pandemic response grants. We will be diligent in our review process to ensure that these funds are dispersed responsibly to qualifying businesses that employ Clarksville and Southern Indiana residents. These funds were sought to assist ongoing efforts to deploy proactive programs for stabilizing the local economy during and after the COVID-19 crisis. We believe these funds will greatly help our community."

Interested Clarksville businesses with low-to-moderate income employees may apply by visiting the Town's website or by sending an email to the program's manager, Redevelopment Associate Nic Langford, at redvelopment@townofclarksville.com.

COVID-19 Indoor Testing Site Available to Clarksville Residents

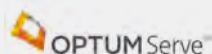
Residents who are symptomatic, have been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual or must work with the at risk population are able to receive a free COVID-19 test thanks to an OptumServe and Indiana State Department of Health partnership.

Testing Site Location:

Clarksville Community Center
2311 Sam Gwin Drive, Clarksville IN

Testing hours:

5/13/20 - 6/5/20 (Mon-Fri)
8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.



Online registration for patients is the preferred method for making an appointment. **To make an appointment, visit <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>.**

Phone-based registration for persons without internet access, or to register minors for testing, dial **(888) 634-1116**.

Insurance information will be collected, if available.

STAYING #CLARKSVILLESTRONG

How have you been staying Clarksville Strong? Share on social media by using the hashtag #ClarksvilleStrong

Starlight Distillery donates hand sanitizer and firefighters set up an assembly line to fill bottles for frontline workers.



Scout Troop 10 hosts a PPE drive for first responders.



Parks & Recreation Hosts Drive Thru Easter Egg Hunt



Ken Conklin, Parks & Recreation Communications Director, passing out Easter Eggs.

Children eagerly await Easter eggs to fill their baskets.





TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

How the Town of Clarksville's Redevelopment Commission
is advancing Clarksville's economic future in 2020 in the
classroom, along Eastern Boulevard and more.

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EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

In 2015, the Clarksville Redevelopment Commission launched an ambitious program to grant a significant portion of proceeds to Clarksville's students. This program included both Parkwood Elementary (Greater Clark Comm. Schools) and Clarksville Community Schools. In February 2018, the Redevelopment Commission renewed this unique program. As a result, for nearly six years, this program has provided these schools with \$400,000 a year, totaling \$2.4 million for the community and economy. This summer, the Redevelopment Commission looks to review and renew a similar commitment through 2023.



Under the current administration, led by President Ryan Ramsey, the Commission is charged with the task of expanding this vision. Construction of our Discovery Trails has begun, and the Commission will be discussing further expansion of the trail in order to connect all districts of Clarksville to both Eastern Boulevard and the waterfront. The former site of America's Best Inn, which was originally intended to become a sports complex, will undergo further market research. The Commission wants to ensure that taxpayers make back the investment made to acquire the property. The Commission is confident that the future looks bright for this site. Very soon, Eastern Boulevard's glory will be fully enhanced as a true "gateway" to Clarksville's parks, schools, restaurants and businesses.



We were scheduled to have a face-to-face open house to review the two vision concepts developed by our consultant team in mid-March. We have had to shift to a virtual open house that is held entirely online because of COVID-19. For this reason, we are asking for you to take what time you can give us to review the information online and participate in our survey to provide feedback regarding the future direction of Central Clarksville. **Visit www.3cmasterplan.com and complete the survey to give your opinion on the plan.**



REDEVELOPMENT IN THE PIPELINE

MAKING BLACKISTON MILL ROAD SAFE

The primary need for this project is based on the number of documented accidents and increased wait times at various commercial driveways and intersections along this segment of the road. The secondary needs are based on the deteriorating condition of the existing pavement, poor roadside drainage and lack of pedestrian facilities.



Phase 1 construction began May 4th and will continue until November. Phases 2 and 3 are not scheduled for construction at this time. They will be constructed in future years, once funding has been made available for the projects.

AVANT-GARDE EXPANDS TO CLARKSVILLE



Avant-Garde, a company specializing in secured building entry systems, is expanding to Clarksville. The new Sales and Design Center will be the first of its kind in the world to focus exclusively on secured building entry.

The new location will include a complete renovation to the post WWII era firehouse on Stansifer Avenue. The project will not only breathe new life along the Stansifer corridor but will also bring high paying job opportunities to the Town of Clarksville and Southern Indiana.

Avant-Garde is a family-owned, American company with roots in the Southern Indiana community and has worked on projects for notable companies including Amazon, FedEx, Walmart, Nike and LG&E.

The projected opening date for the new Sales and Design Center is set for early 2021.

ADDRESSING SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CONCERNS ALONG VETERANS PARKWAY

Indiana Department of Transportation Safety Upgrades

The Indiana Department of Transportation began work in late April to implement safety upgrades in the form of lane re-alignments and delineators on three sections of Veteran's Parkway near I-65 in Clarksville. INDOT partnered with the Town of Clarksville and City of Jeffersonville to provide solutions to alleviate concerns in the area such as traffic back-ups, right-angle and rear-end crashes.

Crews started work at two locations east of I-65, where existing travel lanes were re-aligned. Both now have one right-turn only lane and two thru lanes. Traffic signals were shifted at Armed Forces Drive and signal loops were adjusted at both locations to match the new lane alignments.



*Veteran's Parkway (WB) at
Armed Forces Drive (to U.S. 31)*



*Veteran's Parkway (WB)
at I-65 (NB ramp)*



On May 6, crews planned to begin work west of I-65 near Wal-Mart. Delineators were installed to allow only right-turns onto Veteran's Parkway. Pavement markings were also replaced to reflect left-turn only and thru lanes in the area.

I-65 Alternative Route Project

The Redevelopment Commission hired HMB Engineers to develop an 'I-65 Alternate Route' from Veterans Parkway in 2019. The project was initiated to reduce traffic congestion and travel delays along Clarksville's portion of the commercial corridor. The Commission hired Peyton's Barricade and Sign Company to implement HMB Engineers' professional recommendations in April. Peyton's will fabricate and install 'I-65 Alternate Route' directional signage along Veterans Parkway, Broadway St., Sam Gwin Dr., and Progress Way in the coming month. Drivers that opt for the 'I-65 Alternate Route' can reduce their overall travel time, by using U.S. 31 to access I-65 at Exit 3 (Lewis and Clark Pkwy.) or Exit 7 (S.R. 60).

TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM EXTENDED

The Town of Clarksville is pleased to announce the Property Improvement Program. The aim of this program is to make aesthetic enhancements to the Town by improving residential and commercial properties.

The Town of Clarksville will annually dedicate \$100,000 for this project through the Town's Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) fund. Half of the grant funding will be allocated for residential projects and half will be allocated for commercial projects.

Funds will be approved for qualifying projects on a first come, first serve basis until depleted. Owner-Occupied residential properties may be eligible to receive \$500 to \$5,000 for qualifying projects. Businesses can apply for up to \$15,000 in matching funds.

For more information and to apply please contact program manager, Redevelopment Associate Nic Langford, at nlangford@townofclarksville.com or visit www.townofclarksville.com/project/property-improvement-program.

SUMMER SPRINKLING SEWER USE DISCOUNT PROGRAM EXTENDED

The Town Council voted to extend the discount program into 2020 and 2021. Owner-occupied, single-family homes connected to the Town's sanitary sewer collection system prior to March 1, 2020, shall be eligible for the discount. The Wastewater Billing Office will calculate the customer's average monthly usage during the period March through June 2020 based on the water usage reported for each eligible residential customer. This usage will become the baseline.

If an eligible residential customer's usage exceeds the baseline usage during the months of July, August, and September 2020, the customer's bills during the months of September, October and November will be calculated based on the baseline usage. If an eligible residential customer's usage is less than the baseline usage, the customer's bills during those months shall be calculated based on their actual usage.

USAGE MONTH

BILL MONTH

July	→	September
August	→	October
September	→	November

PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS GOES DIGITAL

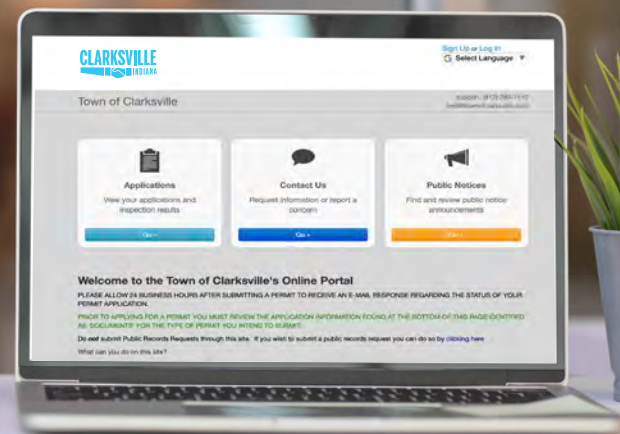
You can now apply for permits online!

The Town of Clarksville's permit application process is now all online. Residents can apply for permits and licenses, pay fees and interact with Town staff via the new SmartGov Permit Portal on the Town of Clarksville's website at www.townofclarksville.com/smartgov-permit-portal.

Accepting online payments such as credit cards, debit cards and electronic checks. Cash or check payments can be made at the Town of Clarksville Planning Office. Applicants who do not have internet access, or are uncomfortable with submitting an online application, can visit the Town of Clarksville's office to access the SmartGov Permit Portal at one of the selected stations. Staff members on-site will assist applicants through the application process.

With the New SmartGov Permit Portal, You Can:

- Apply for certain zoning approvals
- Submit drawings and other documents for review
- Request an inspection
- Look up pending applications, issued permits, & inspection results
- Review parcel information
- Access zoning petitions, building permits, trade and business licensing and code enforcement



SmartGov FAQs:

Q: I am trying to apply for a permit, however, the system is not accepting the address I am using.

A: Addresses should be submitted as house number, direction, street name, and street type. For example, 757 E Lewis & Clark Pkwy or 900 W Carter Ave. If your address does not have a direction (e.g. N, S, E, or W) then use the house number, street name, and street type only.

Q: I applied for a permit and the application fee is showing a low amount? (\$0-\$5)

A: In some instances, permit and application fees are based on a calculation such as the amount of square feet, number of signs, or number of variances requested. These fees generally require that staff input information into the permit system and calculate the fee. Once that fee has been calculated, you will see the appropriate amount reflected in the permit portal. Some permits allow payment as soon as the application is submitted, while others restrict payment until the permit is ready to be issued. In all the situations above, if your fee does not appear correct or is \$0, please check back at a later date.

Q: I submitted the application and paid the fee. Why is the permit not being issued?

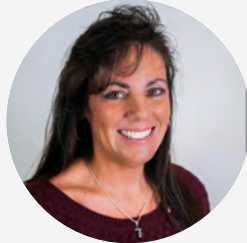
A: For most permit types we require supporting documents to be supplied as submittals. This may include construction plans, a site plan, or a legal notice. Once the application has been submitted, you will be able to see a submittal section on the portal permit. If you have any submittals listed, you will need to supply these before the application can be processed. This can be done by selecting the blue "0 files" button and uploading the necessary documents.

MEET YOUR TOWN COUNCIL



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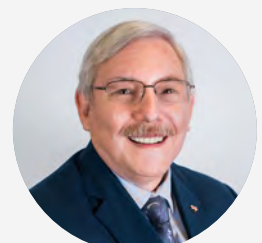
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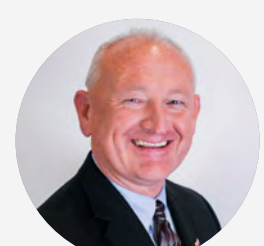
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What does the town council do? The Town Council provides ongoing oversight to the town, sets policies, approves budgets, conducts annual planning and establishes strategic direction.

Want to attend a council meeting? We hold Town Council meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7pm at Town Hall Chambers, located at 2000 Broadway Street, Clarksville.

For more information and updates, visit townofclarksville.com

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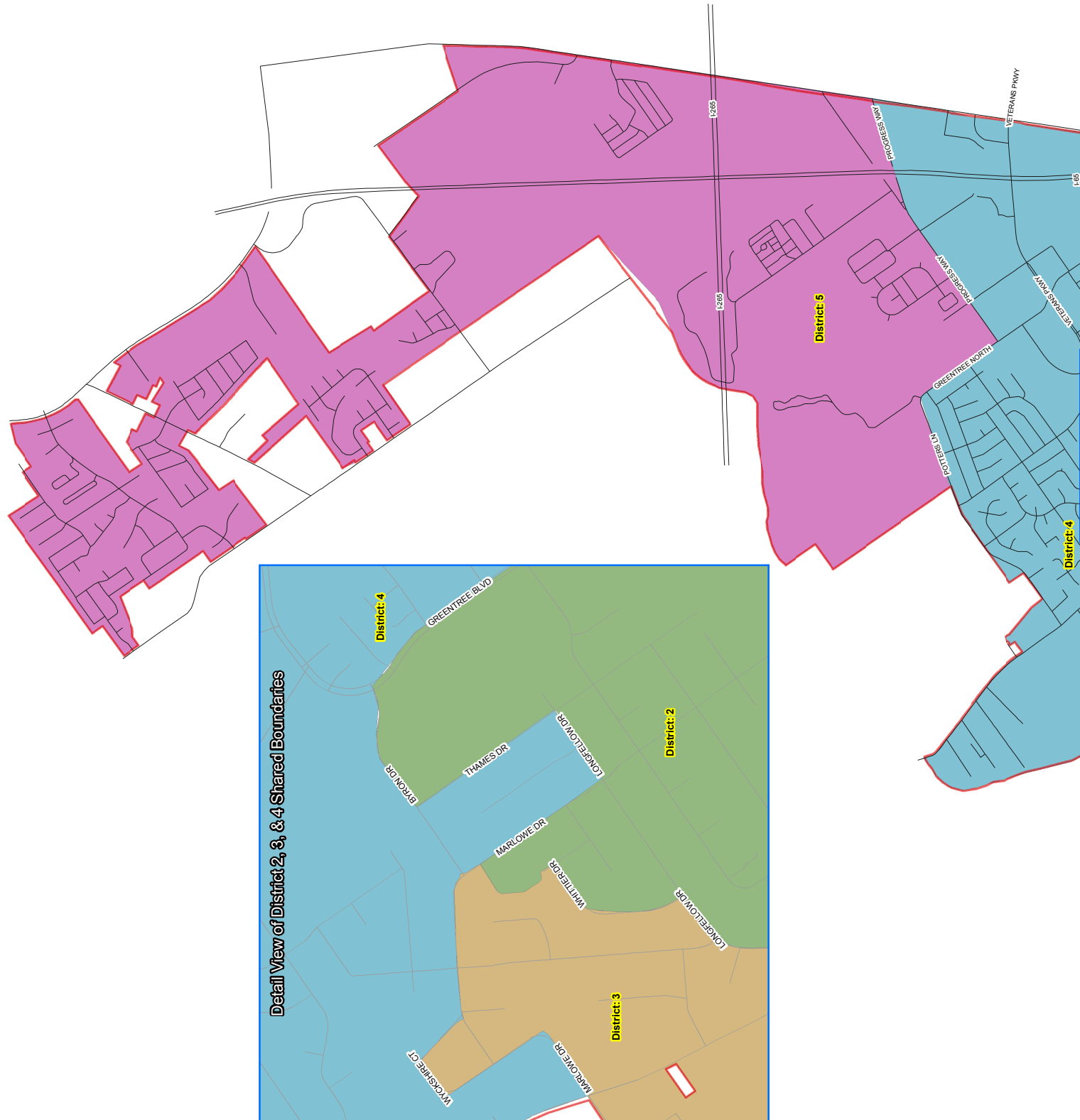
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