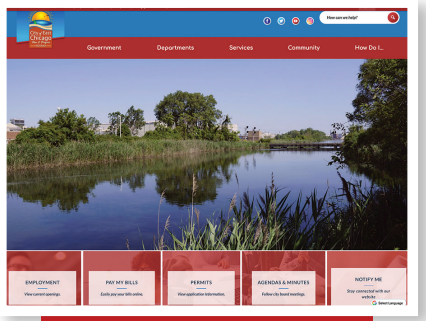
EAST CHICAGO life

YOUR LOCAL SOURCE FOR EAST CHICAGO NEWS AND EVENTS



NEW WEBSITE

East Chicago has launched a new mobile- and user-friendly website that makes staying informed easy.

Check us out at eastchicago.com!

"Our hope is that the new site will help residents stay connected," Mayor Anthony Copeland said. "We recommend that everyone sign up for alerts and get notifications on what is important to you."

"From infrastructure upgrades to capital projects, the City of East Chicago continues to prosper"



I am proud to tell you that after eight years as your mayor, our budget is balanced and we have created avenues of prosperity to continue our work transforming the city.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES: A combination of public and private investments has resulted in $300 million in much-needed infrastructure upgrades. Already, nearly two-thirds of our streets have been repaired or replaced and our aging sewers are being retrofitted.

RAISES: City employees, who received bonuses in past years, got a 2 percent pay raise in 2019 and a $1,800 bonus.

MORE HOMEOWNERS: We have more homeowners than we've had in decades thanks to our Redevelopment Department, which assists with down payments – a significant barrier to home ownership. So far, the city has provided $3 million in public assistance, which is a small price to pay to give East Chicago residents their chance at achieving one of the cornerstones of the American Dream.

And, we're not done.

$30 MILLION SURPLUS: Cutting costs has helped create a $30 million surplus in our operating fund, which is how we pay our bills.

CAPITAL PROJECTS: We are reserving casino proceeds to use on capital projects, like Block Stadium. Not only is this ballfield getting a much-needed facelift, the area under the bleachers will be transformed into the city's third community center.

At the same time, we are adding walking paths at all of our parks and moving toward completion of the North Harbor Development District, a wonderful mix of retail establishments, restaurants, professional offices and new housing.

Stay tuned!

ANTHONY COPELAND
Mayor City of East Chicago

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UNDERSTANDING WATER QUALITY WARNINGS



The East Chicago Water Department monitors and tests water quality to ensure its purity. Because of these safeguards, it is rare that water quality is compromised. Threats include backflow from negative or low system pressure, system interruption, organic or chemical compounds from source waters and tampering. Delivering clean, safe water is our business. The city commits to maintaining high water quality standards, dedicating both human and technological resources to quality assurance programs.

BOIL ADVISORY

A boil water advisory is a precautionary measure alerting customers of a potential for compromised water quality. It is also issued while waiting for samples collected for bacteriological analysis.

Circumstances warranting an advisory include:

- Complications with water treatment.
- Loss of pressure or low pressure events in a significant portion of the distribution system.
- Water main break where the possibility of contamination intrusion exist.

It is recommended customers boil all water used in the preparation of food and beverages for three minutes.

BOIL NOTICE

Boil water notices confirm contamination is present. It is essential customers boil all water used in the preparation of food and beverages for three minutes. This includes:

- All drinking water (for humans and pets)
- Brushing teeth
- Baby formula
- Washing produce
- Preparing food, coffee, tea, etc.
- Ice cubes should be discarded

Water used for laundry, showering/shaving, and watering grass or plants is safe to use without boiling.

Notices are issued when both routine and follow-up testing confirms the presence of disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.

BOIL ORDER

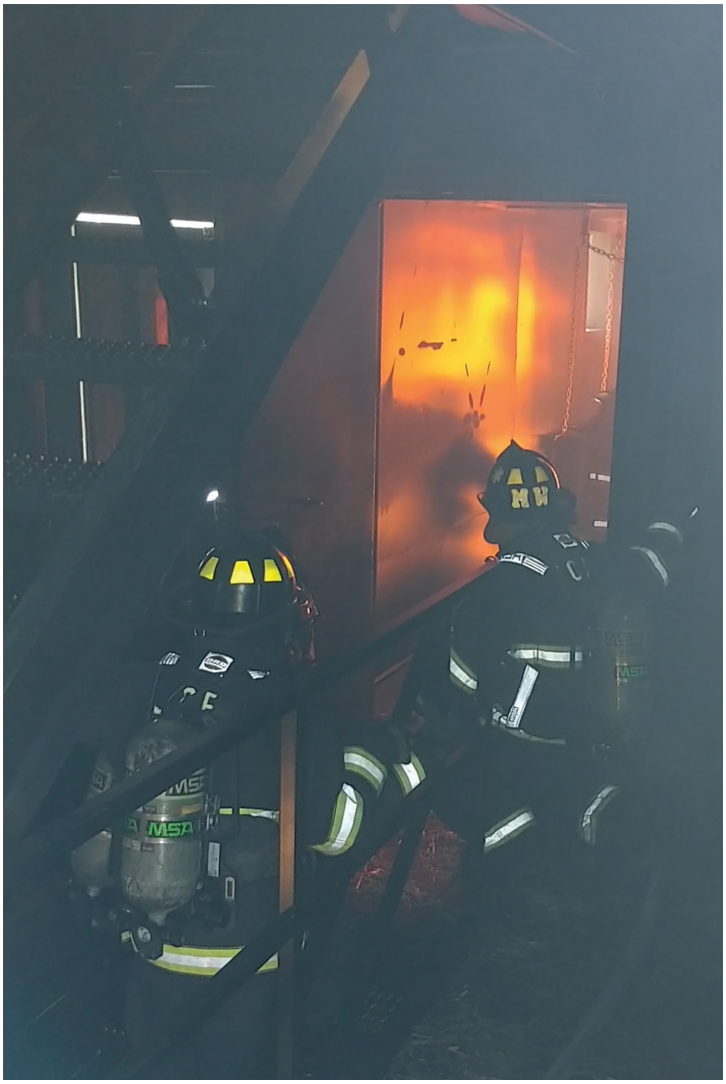
In the worst case scenario, the City of East Chicago Water Department may issue a **DO NOT USE** water order advising customers to not use tap water for any purpose when a threat to the public health has been confirmed or is likely to exist. This would include water for drinking, food prep, personal hygiene (washing hands, brushing teeth, showering), laundry, washing dishes, flushing toilets, outdoor watering, etc. Showering, flushing and watering outdoors may pose a threat from inhalation under certain conditions.

Thanks to the East Chicago Water Department's vigilant commitment to safe and pure water, emergencies are very rare.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please call the East Chicago Water Department at (219) 391-8469.









NEW FIRE TRAINING CENTER

The city's very own Fire Training Facility opened to accolades as firefighters suited up to advance their skills. The clean-burning facility is a $250,000 investment for the city's 76 full-time firefighters.

"We have made public safety one of our top priorities," Mayor Anthony Copeland said. "We used to have a training tower years ago, so we had a void to fill, to ensure the safety of our residents and continue to give the fire department the tools necessary to get the job done safely and efficiently."

"Having this center right behind our Central Fire Station is invaluable," Training Coordinator Patrick Nickos said. "Everybody gets hands-on with hose-line, rope and door-breaching training."



JEORSE PARK BEACH

CITY IMPLEMENTS BEACH PARKING FEES

The city will begin collecting parking fees next year to help defray the day-to-day cost of cleaning and maintaining Jeorse Park.

East Chicago residents have the option of purchasing an annual pass for $5 or paying $5 per day.

"These nominal fees will not fully support the financial needs of maintaining the beach and lakefront, nor is that our intent," Marina and Beach Director Natalie Adams said.

"As a department head and resident, I recognize the phenomenal job Mayor Copeland has done getting this city financially secure. To keep it that way, we need to implement these new fees."

Adams said to keep the beach and park in great shape, the city invests in:

- Staffing dedicated to clean-up
- The purchase of equipment and maintenance of those machines
- Monitoring of bacteria along the shoreline due to birds
- Security to enforce policies and keep guests safe
- The cost of replenishing the fresh-water Splash Pad.

"We love to see our lakefront park and beach full of people having fun," she said. "Keeping it clean takes the work of all of us and we appreciate when our guests that come to the beach help us keep it clean." •

PARKING PASS FEES

Parking Permits may be purchased from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, at the East Chicago Marina.

ANNUAL FEES

RESIDENTS	**$5**
NON-RESIDENTS	**$50**
OUT-OF-STATE	**$100**

DAILY FEES

RESIDENTS	**$5**
NON-RESIDENTS	**$20/day**
	$4/hour

Vehicle registration is required. Permits must be affixed to the vehicle it was issued to.

INFO: Call (219) 391-8482.

SENIOR ART CLASSES

Ready to channel your inner artist? East Chicago residents – ages 55+ – can register now for art classes.

WHEN: 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. **Oct. 29** to **Dec. 10**
WHERE: Unity Center
INFO: Call (219) 391-8474.

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Let us help you navigate the next chapter of your life. Event features wellness vendors, door prizes and refreshments. EC residents only. Must show ID.

WHEN: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Oct. 30**
WHERE: Heritage Hall
INFO: Call (219) 391-8482.

TRICK-OR-TREATING

Trick-or-treat hours for all East Chicago goblins and ghouls are from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, **Oct. 31**

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Join our veterans and the City of East Chicago as we salute those who have served our country.

WHEN: 10 a.m. Friday, **Nov. 8**
WHERE: Veterans Park

ICE SKATING RINK

Grab the famly and head to MacArthur Golf Course for outdoor ice skating.

WHEN: Open **Nov. 15** to **March 10**, weather permitting
WHERE: MacArthur Golf Course, 4000 Indianapolis

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Join us as we kick off the holiday season with a tree lighting ceremony and Santa's workshop.

WHEN: 5-8 p.m. Friday, **Dec. 6**
WHERE: City Hall and Veterans Park

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