



Insider Newsletter

People and Places

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MAYOR DAVE WOOD ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF ELECTRIC DIVISION MANAGER/MISHAWAKA UTILITIES

Mayor Dave Wood announces that Kevin Wasmer has been promoted to Electric Division Manager for the Mishawaka Utilities Electric Division. Wasmer replaces Sedric Springman who retired in May of 2021 after serving the Electric Division for 21 years and as the Electric Division Manager since 2015.

The Electric Division Manager serves under Mayor Dave Wood and reports to the Board of Public Works and Safety. This position is responsible for managing, directing, planning and administrating the efficient distribution of electricity in the utility franchise boundary. This includes managing and directing the engineering and technical support for electric distribution and all maintenance, construction and repair of electric distribution.

"I feel that Kevin brings the knowledge, experience and familiarity with our electric division necessary to be successful in this position," comments Mayor Dave Wood. "He has spent 23 years in this department, and I am sure that we can expect a seamless transition of Kevin into his new position as Electric Division Manager."

Kevin joined the Mishawaka Utilities Electric Division in 1998 as a Project Coordinator, became an Engineering Assistant in 2000, a Senior Engineering Assistant in 2003 and has served as a Project Manager since 2007. During his career he has implemented the first major substation upgrade in nearly two decades by converting the Union Street Substation from a 4kv to 12kv distribution



Kevin Wasmer, Electric Division Manager / Mishawaka Utilities

He led a \$1.1 million, 13-month primary electric service project for the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, designed and managed primary electric layout of two large shopping malls, Toscana Park & Heritage Square, lead multiple city road widening projects and city redevelopment projects and coordinated and managed a \$2 million, 12-month fiber optic project for the City of Mishawaka. He has a strong dedication and commitment to the Mishawaka Electric Division with experience in process flow while serving in a leadership role that includes quick and solid decision making.

"Kevin understands the importance of providing the world-class service to the citizens of Mishawaka that they have come to know and deserve," comments Mayor Wood. "He has already proven his dedication to the Electric Department and City, and I look forward to working with him."

Mishawaka Utilities

Mishawaka Utilities was founded in 1903 as the Mishawaka Public Utilities Company and consisted of a Water Works and Electric Light Plant. Wastewater treatment was added to the Utilities in 1952. From humble beginnings, long ago, Mishawaka Utilities has grown into a world class municipal utility that provides reliable electric service, clean and safe water, and effective wastewater treatment. The Sewer Maintenance Department is funded by Wastewater Division revenue; however the department is under the guidance of the City's Engineering Department. The Utility's employees are dedicated to keeping the utility infrastructure reliable and up to date, with capacity to attract growth and development, helping to shape Mishawaka's future and keeping Mishawaka Strong. The Utility Business Office provides customer service as well as support services to the three operating divisions. Hometown services provided by Mishawaka Utilities means that residents and businesses can count on reliable, efficient, and affordable water, electric, and wastewater treatment.

Mishawaka Utilities is committed to providing the community with the best products and services in electric, water and wastewater treatment.

The Utility's offices and crews are local personnel and can be dispatched quickly to respond to problems and emergencies. When customer contact with the Utilities is required, a friendly human being is ready to take your call. The Business Office is conveniently located in downtown. The employees of Mishawaka Utilities are its customers too.



Mission

Mishawaka Utilities is committed to providing the community with the best products and services in electric, water and wastewater treatment.

Mishawaka Utilities strives to:

- Provide reliable service at competitive rates,
- Maintain high professional and ethical standards in a courteous atmosphere,
- Promote continuing education for a safety-conscious and well-trained staff,
- Cooperate with and promote our community, and
- Provide products and services that far exceed the expectations of our owners, our customers.

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Mid-America Science Park (Scottsburg, IN.)

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Noblesville, IN.

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