

## Coffee with the Mayor

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The coffee this past week was the pretty normal Keurig type at home. I did enjoy a cup of Chai Tea Latte from the local coffee shop! It's nice to change it up once in a while.

The blog regarding the pool has been published in the local paper, on Facebook and even made the news on WTHI Channel 10. With that coverage I've received several phone calls and emails on the subject. It's good to have community involvement on a topic! Too early to address the input here but collecting the information and will discuss the input with the Pool Committee. I was also provided background on the engineering analysis completed last year regarding the pool and potential plans and estimates for updating. Just beginning to look at that analysis. For now, the pool is in the budget for 2025. As previously stated, stay tuned!

This coffee will be more of an update on a couple of projects in the city. The Evan Witty memorial park is taking shape, albeit slowly. The shelter house, or pavilion, was completed this past week and looks good. It is located next to the water spigot. The photo below shows the result.



The next step is to fill the base with gravel and place a couple of park benches underneath. The next step is to install the fence! At this point it seems to be a mystery when that will happen. The company installing the fence is to also install the fence around the Firefighter's Training Facility and the promises never line up with actual dates. For that we will keep pressing. The Department of Natural Resources notified City Hall they will be working to fill in the near future to fill the sink hole located nearby. A sign to be mounted at the entrance has been selected and working to provide other signage appropriate to a dog park. It's been a struggle but finally coming together!

The next update is Community Crossings! As you probably have noticed there have been several trucks and paving equipment around Green Acres and city streets! As of this time, Oak St in Green Acres is complete with Chris Schenkel coming along! It was determined that Chris Schenkel would need additional work in preparation for paving. Digging out the weak spots and preparing to resurface the street was the best approach to making the

street better. D St NE and 7<sup>th</sup> St NE have been milled and will be repaved by the end of the week. Repaving is a major frustration for the people who live along the street but will enjoy the efforts when it's all complete!

The last update is for my personal project, the Veterans Hall of Honor! The progress of displaying the photos at the William Murphy Community Center at Glenburn is coming along nicely. The Twin Rivers students have built and mounted several display cases along the walls. Many of the photos have been mounted with several more to go, leaving room for additional photos as they are received. There was one minor glitch during the process. Jim Shields hand made the majority of the frames for each photo. The display cases were built to those dimensions. After his passing, frames were procured to complete the display of the stockpile of photos. These frames, it turned out, were slightly larger than Jim's frames. Adjustments had to be made and these frames will be displayed on moveable walls. There are two photos of the display.



A display case will also be added. Rick Crynes came across in Dugger, a scrapbook containing articles of personal interest related to local residents serving in World War II. In perusing this information, I noticed a small clip talking about PFC Howard Colvin sending his wife a gift. Howard was my wife's uncle! I'm sure there many names people will recognize as well. The hope is to have the official opening on 11 Nov, Veterans Day!