



*Insider Newsletter*

## *Welcome to New Carlisle*

### *The History of New Carlisle*

New Carlisle Indiana has been a quiet but significant center of trade and commerce for nearly 200 years. An Indian trading post was established within the current town boundaries (although it was then called Bourissa Hills) around 1830. In 1852, the South Shore Railroad came through the community, establishing it as an important commercial node on what became two railroads -today's continuation of the South Shore, which is now a commuter railroad, and a main line along a route of the New York Central. Flour mills and saw-mills were among the early industries in the community. Today, twentieth century industry has replaced those early plants, and that industry continues to provide jobs for many people and tax base to the town. Boasting several restaurants, gift shops, antique stores, the Black Cat Bowling Lanes, and Town Hall, downtown New Carlisle continues to be a trading center that serves residents of the town, and residents of surrounding areas, including Hudson Lake and rural subdivisions scattered in Olive Township and parts of LaPorte County. In addition to downtown, there is new commercial development in the triangle around the Ambrosia Banquet Facility and a significant commercial node growing at County Line Road and U.S. 20.

New Carlisle today is a community of approximately 1,600 residents, with an effective service area with at least three times that many people. Its residents are justifiably passionate about its small-town charm, but they clearly enjoy such modern additions as the public library and the local elementary school.

The town is located in St. Joseph County, Indiana, approximately 20 miles from downtown South Bend. New Carlisle occupies a strategic location situated within close proximity to railway lines, US Highway 20, major electric lines, and near a major water source, the Kankakee Aquifer System. Its location has been a major factor in the Town's past growth and development, particularly in the area of industrial development.

New Carlisle's historic downtown area gives the community a quaint atmosphere and serves as the hub of commercial business. Located along U.S. 20-known locally as Michigan Street-are several historic buildings and historic homes that lie generally west of the downtown. The architectural styles and periods of construction vary adding to the historic character of the community. New Carlisle also enjoys a rich tradition of hosting festivals and parades, culminating each year with the annual Christmas in New Carlisle Holiday Celebration. These community activities, stimulate civic pride and contribute considerably to the town's cozy and friendly atmosphere. (Continued, Page2).

To learn more about the history of New Carlisle please go to:  
[www.townofnewcarlisle.com](http://www.townofnewcarlisle.com).



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New Carlisle's residential population is over 1,866 with 992 residential meters. The system was established in 1905.

***2020 Projects***

Multiple electrical projects are underway to include transformer and metering upgrades, Capital improvement projects, and system improvements. HVAC updates and structural improvements have been made to Town Hall, Police Garage, and Cemetery buildings. Other updates are the Zigler Street Project, including relocation of electric infrastructure, storm water, wastewater and water main /service lateral replacements, curbing, sidewalks, and asphalt replacement within the Town of New Carlisle.

***New Carlisle : Small Utility Safety Award of Excellence***

Electrical Superintendent, Jason Quirk and Crew Supervisor, Perry Hinton along with the Clerk Treasurer and staff of New Carlisle were presented with the Safety of Excellence Award, recognizing them for their best safety practices and overall safety culture. Jason makes every effort to mentor and guide the staff to work safely daily and provides detailed safety tailgates to crews working under his direction.

Relying heavily on contract staffing, Jason is well versed in the OSHA requirements for "Host Employers" and communicates, coordinates Job Safety Analysis' (JSA) for every project and ensures everything is documented before any onsite work begins. Jason believes his team works hard and takes pride in the work they perform in their day-to-day operations supporting the community.

Jason is proud to be an IMEA member and takes full advantage of all the programs and services offered and honored to accept the award on behalf of The Town of New Carlisle.

**Holiday Monster Cookies!!****Great Recipe for Family Baking...**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 3 cup granulated sugar
- 4 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs plus 2 egg yolks
- 2 cups mixed red and green candy-coated chocolates, (M&M's)
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 2 cups roughly chopped pretzel rods
- 1 1/3 cups chopped peppermint puffs
- 1 1/3 cups white chocolate chips

Preheat to 350 degrees. Whisk together all ingredients provided. Roll into 1/3 cup portions of dough into little balls and place on no stick cookie sheet, placing them 2" apart. Bake for 18—20 minutes until cookies are a golden brown and then replace one cookie sheet to the bottom rack if not completely finished baking with the new cookie dough on the top rack. Once baked, let cookies cool to touch and should be ready to enjoy!



## EVENT CALENDAR

**November 24, 2020**

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Human Dynamics (Virtual) Series: Session 6

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**December 10, 2020**


Human Dynamics (Virtual) Series: Session 7

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