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## Message from the Mayor

Hello all!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather we've been having!

Thank you for taking the time to read our first quarterly newsletter. It's our hope and purpose to inform you – the residents (and non-residents if you happen upon it) of changes, upcoming events, as well as provide information on things you may see occurring around town. We know social media has taken over so much of our lives today, but we wanted an old-school positive way of reaching out.

Let me introduce myself as some of you may or may not know - I'm Darin Hayzlett and I'm your mayor. My parents moved to Hazleton in 1972, I attended elementary school here until 6th grade and then graduated from Oelwein High School in 1986. I then focused on my post graduate work at Hawkeye Community College for autobody. After graduation, I worked for J&D Body Shop for eight years and Hilltop Motors for another five.

From 1999-2001 – I served on the Hawkeye Community College Advisory Board and worked as a night class instructor in their Autobody Department. I began working for Clark Supply in the late 1990s which is now known as Keystone LKQ. I've held various positions in sales, management and currently serve as a paint technician, where I travel to 13 surrounding counties providing service and support to multiple body shops. In addition to my full-time day job, I opened HotRods by Hayzlett in 2009, specializing in car repair and restoration. Since 2019, I've also been working with the University of Northern Iowa as an outside contract instructor to help train at military bases and other industrial business, such as Winnebago. Most recently, in 2023, I founded Hayzlett Towing and Recovery with my son. We saw a need to serve our county for towing services mainly after-hours and weekends.

On a more personal level, I decided in 2012 to move back to Hazleton to be closer to my family. I started serving as a city council member in 2019 and was written in to serve as Mayor in 2022. I am fully invested in our small town. I grew up here and my family and friends are here. I believe this city is worth the hard work it takes to make positive changes and continue Hazleton's growth for future generations. My phone is always on, so please contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

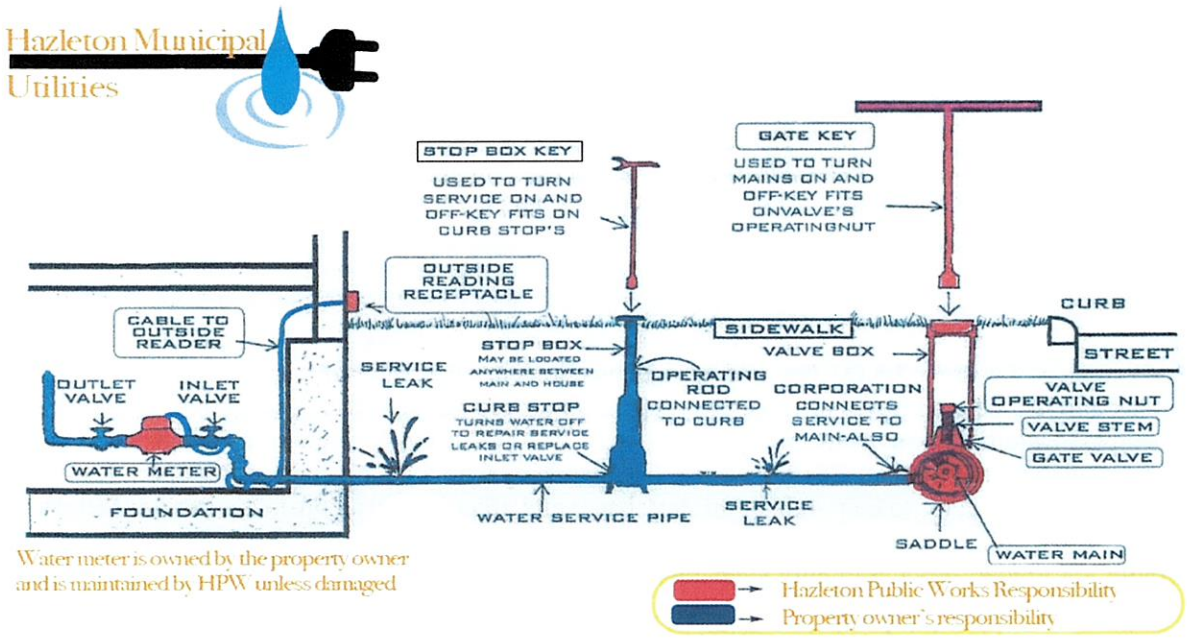
Darin Hayzlett – Mayor
319-239-3681

## What's been happening?

Several different companies have been working around the city over the past few months. While you may not be able to see anything different, it makes a huge difference in maintaining the city's infrastructure.

In August, Municipal Pipe Tool cleaned sewers. This consists of large vac trucks that use high-pressure nozzles to clean the sewer lines. At the lift stations, the trucks can collect waste that should not be found in the lines. This year, the entire West side of town, which is about 12,000 feet of sewer line, was cleaned. The city is on a rotation, so each section will be done based on the yearly maintenance plan.

MJ Electric constructs and maintains overhead and underground distribution systems for electric utilities, municipalities, and cooperatives. They have been around town boring for power distribution for Alliant Energy. The need for fewer interruptions in service requires specialized equipment and innovative techniques. You may also see several individuals painting lines in your yard. This is to help locate and identify underground pipes, wires, and gas lines. Please do not remove stakes and flags in your yards.




This diagram showcases what the city is looking for when finding water lines, what the homeowner is responsible for, and what the city is responsible for (Chapter 90, Water Service System). Before any dig, place a One Call (811).

If you have any questions or concerns with water, sewer, or streets, please reach out to the Director of Public Works

**319-283-8393**
**Publicworks@hazletonia.com**

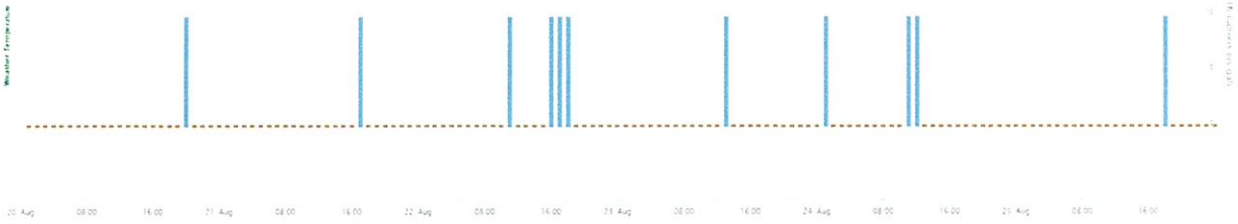
Starting in October, the city will issue delinquency notices for utility billing. This has not been done for several months, but we will start monitoring accounts. Ordinance 92.04 states bills are due on the 15th of the month. Bills not paid by the due date will be considered delinquent and have a one-time late payment penalty of 10% added to the bill. Anyone needing assistance with their bill must fill out a reasonable agreement to pay form at City Hall.

The new water meters installed in January have been working well. Alerts are sent to the latest online system, and we have been able to notify several citizens of water leaks within 72 hours of the alert. If you believe your water usage is high, we can pinpoint it and print graphs showing usage on the property. The graph below is an example from the city shop that shows usage per hour and how many gallons were used during that timeframe.

Ordinance 92.05 states delinquency notices will be sent to residents by regular mail to the name listed on the account.

This notice will inform the resident of the delinquency and give them the opportunity for a hearing prior to a shut off.

In the case of water shut offs, a $25.00 fee will be charged for disconnection of service due to delinquent bills. An additional $25.00 will be charged to have the service reconnected.



Fire Hydrant flushing will happen in October. This is a routine, semi-annual procedure to help maintain and clean the rust from water lines. If you notice discoloration, let the water run for a few minutes, and you should see it run clear again. If you notice a decrease in pressure, check the screen on your faucet. If you have any questions, please reach out to Public Works.

The lagoon discharge will take place in October. This method releases wastewater in controlled amounts (usually twice per year). Lagoons are a natural and effective way to break down wastewater from residential areas. We are regulated by the DNR and do routine bacteria testing before discharge.

**From the Fire Chief**:

In August, the Hazleton Amish Community held its First Annual Benefit Supper to support area firefighters and EMS. The funds raised were split between the Fairbank, Independence, Jesup, and Hazleton Fire Departments for equipment and training. They supplied all the food for approximately 1,000 people and held a live auction after the meal. We were also able to take two of our trucks to the supper to let everyone see them up close.

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12. This year's campaign is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" Some ways to do this would be to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, hallway, and level of your home, test them at least once a month by pushing the test button, and replace smoke alarms when they are ten years old or stop responding when tested.

Did you know Fire Prevention Week, started in 1925 by President Coolidge, is the longest-running public health observance in the country? It is always held during the week of October 9th in honor of the Great Chicago Fire, which started on October 8, 1871.

The Hazleton Fire Fighters Association will host a potato bar and gun raffle fundraiser on October 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. Gun raffle tickets are available at Fat Boy's Saloon that night or by calling 319-283-0518. The drawing will be held the same night at 7 p.m.

Shawn Streittmatter, Fire Chief
319-283-0173

The Hazleton Fire Association continues to take cans and bottles for donation through the end of October. Please place donations in the wagon located by the Fire Station. We appreciate your continued support!

# Hazleton committees, groups, and news

A former resident of Hazleton made it into Wartburg's 2024 Hall of Fame. Tashina Steggall, who graduated in 2014, competed in the track and field program for four years. She won the 2014 national championship in the 60m hurdles, she was named the 2013 outdoor conference MVP, and 2014 USTFCCCA Outdoor Regional Athlete of the year. She finished her college career as a 14-time All-American hurdler and relay team member. She still holds the school's record in four events.

The **Hazleton Trinity Church** will show the movie "The Chosen" every Sunday at 2:00 pm through December. There is no charge; and popcorn and water will be served. Everyone is welcome.

The **Hazleton Quilters** meet at the Hazleton Trinity Church every Tuesday morning from 8:00-12. Everyone is welcome to join.

The **Hazleton Commercial Club** hosts Bingo every Thursday night at the Legion Hall. Doors open at 4:30 pm with early birds starting at 6:30 pm.

There will be a **Halloween Party** for kids at the Hazleton Fire Station on Saturday, October 26th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The **Children's Christmas Shoppe** will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00 to1:00 pm at the Hazleton Fire Station.

The **Parent Christmas Shoppe** will be held on Sunday, December 8th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Hazleton Fire Station.

We are currently accepting donations of brand-new or gently used items for the Christmas Shoppes. Items needed would be tools, fishing gear, hats, candles, lotions, purses, toy trucks, baby items, dolls, board games, and puzzles. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall during regular hours.

Amy Ekstrand 319-240-4704

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**Hazleton Commercial Club**

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United Neighbors will partner with the Hazleton Commercial Club for a **Halloween Party** at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 26th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Every child will receive a free book.

In November, we will host our annual **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**. The meal will be served at noon on Thanksgiving Day (November 28th) at the Fire Station. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, milk, lemonade, and coffee will be provided. Please feel free to bring a dish to share if you would like. There is a free-will offering at the door. Many prizes will be donated, and books will be available for anyone who would like to receive one.

On Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 to 1:00 pm we will work with the Hazleton Commercial Club to help at the **Children's Christmas Shoppe**, setting up, wrapping gifts, and cleaning up afterwards.

If you would like to add news or information for the next newsletter, please contact the city clerk at **319-636-2559 or cityclerk@hazletonia.com**.

# 2024 Calendar of Events

Oct 3. Bingo at the Legion Hall doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Oct 5. Potato Bar and gun raffle held at the Hazleton Fire Station from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Oct 10. Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Oct 16. Council meeting at 6:00 pm - held at the city shop

Oct 17. Bingo at the Legion Hall doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Oct 24. Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Oct 26. Halloween Event at the Hazleton Fire Station from 1:00-3:00 pm

Oct 31. Trick or Treating will be city-wide from 5:00-7:00 pm

Oct 31. Bingo At the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Nov 7. Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Nov 14. Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Nov 20. Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

Nov 21. Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Nov 28. Thanksgiving Meal at Noon provided by United Neighbors at the Fire Station

Dec 5. Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Dec 7. Children's Christmas Shoppe at the Hazleton Fire Station from 10:00-1:00 pm

Dec 8. Parent Christmas Shoppe at the Hazleton Fire Station from 1:00-3:00 pm

Dec 12. Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

Dec 18. Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

Dec 19. Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm