

Elected and Appointed Officials Panel



Eva Bates North, Town Council President of Corydon

After attending Ball State for one year to study education, Eva Bates North enlisted in the US Army and spent three years as a military police officer. She received a BA in Psychology from IUPUI and worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs as the Chief of Environmental Management Service, retiring with 37 years of service. Eva also continued to serve in the US Army Reserve, retiring as a Sergeant Major, E-9 after 32 years of service. In 2015, Eva ran for town council and was elected to serve as president. She led the town to a successful Stellar Community designation in 2016. In addition to the town council, Eva serves on the Habitat for Harrison County Board, Impact 100 for Women, the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, Corydon Historic Preservation and Redevelopment Commissions, Corydon Planning and Zoning Board, and Main Street Corydon.



John “JD” England, Jr., Mayor of Mitchell

Mayor John “JD” England, Jr. is a Mitchell native who attended the Mitchell schools and now trains athletes year-round. He has coached football for 10 years all together, has coached JV/Varsity for 3 years, and leads the Strength and Conditioning Program for the Mitchell Bluejackets. His passion for health and fitness is demonstrated through the state records he holds in Powerlifting Platforms, his past profession as a Mitchell Police Officer, his membership in the Lawrence County Drug Taskforce, and his dedication to making Mitchell, Indiana, a healthier, safer, and more attractive community in which to live and work. He is a family man who has been married to Cassie England for 21 years and has three sons: Austin, 23, Myca, 20, and Zander, 17. He is a member of the Spring Mill Fraternal Order of Police and a member of the Masonic Lodge. His goal is to encourage youth to stop playing video games and be active outdoors.



April Fisher, Town Manager of Cumberland

April Fisher has served as the Town Manager of Cumberland since December of 2015. April studied political science and communications studies at Butler University and completed a law degree from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis. She worked for ten years as a deputy prosecutor for Marion County, working directly with the community on outreach, crime prevention programs, and problem solving. Since taking her current position with Cumberland, April and staff have supervised the construction of the Buck Creek Trail, the Town’s third trail. She has enjoyed seeing the positive ways a well-planned trail system can bring a community together.



Bruce Kimball, Councilor in Carmel

A first term Carmel City Councilor in the city’s Central District, Bruce Kimball has been a big advocate for walkability and being bike-friendly. Both attributes contribute to strong neighborhoods and long-term sustainability. Building on years of earlier leadership in creating bike infrastructure, Bruce’s focus is on building bicycle culture for daily living. Bruce has served as a volunteer throughout the community and presently he serves on the Governor’s Indiana Bicycle Trail and Safety Task Force.



Craig Luedeman, Mayor of Seymour

Craig Luedeman was first elected Mayor in November 2007. He was the first Republican to be elected as Mayor since 1976 and was re-elected to his third term in November of 2015. Craig is a graduate of Immanuel Lutheran School and a 1994 graduate of Seymour High School. After high school, he attended Marian College earning a B.S. degree in Business Administration. In the community, Mayor Luedeman is an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, serving as a member of their Board of Elders, and has been Seymour Chamber member, United Way Government Representative for Drive Team, and a member of Indiana Assessors Association. He is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Jackson County.

