

History of Mishawaka

- 1679** First white man, LaSalle, arrived in area
- 1800** Indian wars involving the Shawnees, Potawatomi, and Ottawa Tribes; Princess Mishawaka involved in war
- 1820** Indian village Mish-a-wa-ka at the rapids
- 1833** Saint Joseph Iron Works incorporated as a village
- 1838** The Indiana General Assembly combines all four plats/villages under the name of MISHAWAKA (February 7)
- 1839** First brewery opens. In 1887, becomes the Kamm & Schellinger Brewery
- 1859** Great Mishawaka Train Wreck Thirty-two people were killed near the present day intersection of Ironwood and Lincoln Way West. (June 27)
- 1872** Mishawaka Fire. The fire destroyed forty-two buildings between First and Third Streets and Spring and Race Streets.
- 1878** William and Wallace Dodge formed the "Magic Jack Company" which later evolved into the Dodge Manufacturing Company, a maker of power transmissions.
- 1878** All-knit woolen boot created by Adolphus Eberhart and Martin Van Beiger causing the growth of the Mishawaka Woolen Company, which later became Ball Band.
- 1880** Battell Park given to the City by the Battell family. Battell Park is the city's oldest park.
- 1884** Civil War statue dedicated in Battell Park.
- 1890** This house was built
- 1899** The village of Mishawaka votes to incorporate into a city; Manuel M. Fisher elected the first mayor.
- 1903** Mishawaka Public Utilities Company organized
- 1904** Simplex Motor Car Company was incorporated. In 1909, the name was changed to Amplex Motor Car Company. In 1911, two Amplex autos were entered into the first Indianapolis 500. One car crashed, killing its driver and causing the first race fatality, and the other car finished seventh and the driver won \$800.00.
- 1928** World War I Memorial Band Shelter dedicated in Battell Park on Memorial Day
- 1930** Eberhart Golf Course opens. Petro Park added included into the golf course in 1949
- 1947** Normain Heights, a subdivision for WW II veterans, begins development north of McKinley Avenue
- 1952** City's first Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) begins operation, treating sewage before returning it to the river.
- 1972** Sister City Declaration with Shiojiri, Japan
- 1979** University Park Mall opens
- 1993** Main Street Bridge over I-80/90 opens connecting Main Street from downtown to State Road #23
- 1987** Shiojiri Garden dedicated
- 1999** Mishawaka begins development of the Mishawaka River Center, the former site of the Uniroyal complex in downtown Mishawaka
- 2005** Robert C. Beutter Riverfront Park opens at River Center
- 2008** Saint Joseph Health Systems opened a \$355 million dollar, 658,000 square foot hospital on Holy Cross Parkway
- 2015** City of Mishawaka becomes debt free