

## 2015: MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR



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### Spotlight on Evansville, IN

This year's Mayoral race in Evansville features incumbent Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and challenger, State Representative Gail Riecken. Mayor Winnecke is the Republican standard bearer while Riecken is the Democratic nominee. Both candidates have had long and successful political careers.

#### Mayor Winnecke

Lloyd Winnecke has continuously held public office since 1999 when he was selected by a GOP caucus to the Vanderburgh County Council to succeed newly elected Mayor Russ Lloyd Jr. He was reelected in 2002 and 2006. Winnecke was elected Vanderburgh County Commissioner in 2008 and became President of the three member body. He was elected Mayor in 2011 succeeding Jonathan Weinzapfel who did not seek reelection. Prior to his election as Mayor, Winnecke worked as a banker and earlier in television news.

#### State Representative Riecken

Gail Riecken has served in the Indiana General Assembly since her election to that body in 2008. She was first elected to the Evansville City Council in 1989 and won reelection in 1991 and 1995. She ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Congress in 1998. She sought the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1999 but was not successful. Prior to her time in electoral politics, Riecken worked as a real estate broker, in corporate relations, and as a riverboat captain. She has also served as an Economic Development specialist with the Indian Department of Workforce Development. In 2004, Mayor Weinzapfel appointed Riecken as Director of Parks and Recreation where she served until 2007.

#### Issues

Mayor Winnecke is only the third Republican Mayor in Evansville since 1955. If he is reelected this year he will become only the second Republican to do so. The Mayor has spearheaded a number of new downtown development projects in his first term. On this front, Riecken has raised concerns about city spending. Who is right? This is a high profile race in one of Indiana's more populous cities and will be interesting to watch. For more information on Lloyd Winnecke and Gail Riecken log onto:

www.winneckeformayor.com  
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### 2015市政选举年 聚焦Evansville

今年 Evansville 的市长角逐是在现任市长 Lloyd Winnecke 和 Gail Riecken 间进行的。前者是共和党，后者是民主党代表。两位的政治生涯都很丰富，也很成功。Winnecke 市长

Winnecke 1999 年由共和党党团选举加入 Vanderburgh 县议会，接任当时的市长 Russ Lloyd Jr. 在议会中的位置，自此之后连续在 2002 和 2006 年连任。Winnecke 在 2008 年被选举成为 Vanderburgh 县长。2011 年当时的市长没有寻求连任，Winnecke 竞选成功，当选为市长。在此之前，他曾作为一个银行家和更早期的电视新闻工作者。

#### Gail Riecken

Riecken 自 2008 年起在印第安纳州议会工作。1989 年被选举加入 Evansville 市议会，并在 1991 和 1995 年连任两次。1998 年她竞选加入美国国会失败。1999 年尝试代表民主党竞选市长，但未能成功。她在开始政治生涯前，曾是名房地产经纪，担任过企业关系和船长等。2004 年，市长 Weinzapfel 被任命为 Riecken 公园和休闲部门的总监，她担任一直到 2007 年。

#### 值得注意的地方

Winnecke 市长是 Evansville 自 1955 年一路来的第三位共和党市长。如果他此次连任成功，他将是第二位连任成功的共和党市长。他在任时为市中心的发展做了很多项目，但同时也被对手借此指责花钱太多大手笔。孰是孰非？在 Evansville 这样一个人口众多的地方，此次竞选结果还是很值得期待的。



Representative Riecken



Mayor Winnecke

## INDY SISTER CITIES RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD

Indianapolis Sister Cities, an organization dedicated to enhancing global connections, has received the 2014 Innovation in Arts and Culture award for a city with a population over 500,000 from Sister Cities International (SCI). The Annual Awards Program, established in 1962, showcases the achievements of standout sister city programs and brings international recognition to communities' contribution to citizen diplomacy. The award was presented at SCI's 59th Annual Conference on July 18th in Minneapolis.

Kanfing Camara, of Ben Davis High School and Tial Ku, of Perry Meridian High School, were awarded scholarships by the Indianapolis Sister City program to attend the international Youth Summit.

The Youth Summit, held in conjunction with the SCI Conference, is designed to expose youth to important international challenges. This year's theme focused on issues related to worldwide refugee resettlement.



Una Hartzell-Baird (L) and Jane Gehlhausen accept the award with Mary Kane, SCI President (R)



Tial Ku (L) and Kanfing Camara received scholarships from Indy Sister Cities



Mayor Fadness of the City of Fishers in his office



Mayor Fadness of the City of Fishers attends the ribbon cutting event of The Depot

## Life

James 4:14: "You do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." 人生如朝露!



Shakespeare wrote in his play, "All the world's stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts." The world is metaphorically comparable to a theatrical stage 人生如舞台 where we are actors going through various phrases in life. At the moment when we were born, we make entrance to the stage. We live a predetermined, destined life with a list of main acts at different times during our entire life. We are perfunctorily playing a role; the role of a newborn, infant, adolescent, young man, middle age man, ageing man and finally death which is designated as the final scene of the play. Living in such a multifaceted society, we have to earn our self-esteem based on our own values, virtues and merits as we play our role.

The trajectory of life can be divided into four stages analogous to the four seasons 人生如四季. We go through all phases, the innocence and happiness of childhood -- spring; the passion, liveliness and romance of youth -- summer, the maturity and mellowness of middle age -- autumn, and finally, the tranquility and wisdom of old age -- winter. Life is filled with joy, sorrow, successes and failures; it is full of opportunities and difficulties. We learn to cope with adverse weather conditions of the seasons. Though we cannot change the seasons (circumstances), we can change ourselves. If we change our attitudes, outlooks, and responses to hardships, and decisively take a drastic action to overcome them, we will achieve successes. We always thrive to grow, succeed, and find happiness and enjoyment in every season of life.

Someone said that life is like a journey on a train 人生如列車; we are all transients. We board the train at birth and encounter our parents. At some stations, they will separately disembark the train. In the passage of time, other passengers, namely, our siblings, relatives, friends, lovers, spouses and offspring as well as strangers will get on the train. At times, some individuals will depart and leave an eternal vacuum; while others will exist seemingly unnoticed 死或重於泰山，或輕於鴻毛。

The journey is full of happiness, sadness, love, hatred, greetings and farewells. To be successful in life is to try our best to develop and foster a genuinely



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good relationship with the passengers we ride together. It is beyond our control at which time we step off the train; thus we should lead our life superlatively. And when the time arrives for us to detrain, we should leave behind beautiful memories for our fellow passengers. 人過留名，雁過留聲。

From the Internet: "...What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave. What will matter is not your success, but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example. What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what. Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters."

George Bernard Shaw once said, "Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations." Nevertheless, during our life time, if we cannot be the pillar, we can be a tree by the roadside providing shade for the pedestrians. If we cannot be the ocean, we can be a drop of water nourishing the seedlings.

孔子：芝蘭生於森林，不以無人知曉而不芳。 Nikolai Ostrovsky wrote, "Man's dearest possession is life. It is given to him but once, and he must live it so as to feel no torturing regrets for wasted years, never know the burning shame of a mean and petty past." 李白：人生得意須盡歡，莫使金樽空對月。天生我材必有用，千金散盡還復來。

## FISHERS, INDIANA'S NEWEST CITY



Echo Lu

Fishers is a city located in Hamilton County, Indiana, with a population of 76,794, according to the 2010 census which now increased to about 88,000, according to Mayor Fadness. Fishers has grown rapidly in recent decades: about 300 people lived there in the 1960s and 7,000 people in the 1990s.

In December 2010, the Fishers Town Council approved two referendum questions: whether or not to become a city, and whether or not to become a traditional city with an elected mayor and traditional city council or a modified city with a mayor elected by and from the expanded nine-member city council. The latter would have also merged the governments of Fishers and Fall Creek Township.

In the referendum held November 6, 2012, voters rejected the merger with Fall Creek Township to become a modified city with an appointed mayor 62% to 37%, while approving a change to a traditional "second-class city", with an elected mayor 55% to 44%.

Scott Fadness is the current and first mayor in the history of Fishers. Fadness became Mayor of the City of Fishers on December 22, 2014 as Fishers transitioned from a town to a second-class city on January 1, 2015. Prior to his election as Fishers' first mayor, Fadness served as Fishers' Town Manager from 2011 to 2014 and Deputy Town Manager of Operations from 2009 to 2011. He earned the Government Finance Officers' Association "Distinguished Budget Award" three years in a row.

According to Indianapolis Business Journal, CloudOne announced on July 22 it is moving its headquarters from northern Indianapolis to downtown Fishers. CloudOne is known for helping businesses manage the "Internet of Things," will lease the 11,518-square-foot third floor at The Switch development, located at 8626 E. 116<sup>th</sup> St. All CloudOne employees will be relocated to Fishers by the fall, and the company intends to hire 64 additional full-time employees by 2019.

"We are pretty excited for CloudOne to coming to Fishers." Said Mayor Fadness to IAAT.

Following is an excerpt from an interview with Scott Fadness:

Q: How long have you been here, live in the city?

A: I moved here in 2007. So I've been here 8 years. I started here as an intern. In 2006 when I was in graduate school as part of my requirement for my master degree program at IU. I traveled back and forth between Fishers and Bloomington. After I graduated, I was hired as the budget manager. I had several other positions and ended up as the town manager.

Q: Congratulations on your new baby. How are you going to swing that (between job and family)?

A: Thank you. It's been a busy year, with becoming mayor and becoming dad for the first time. I try to prioritize the best I can. It's all been wonderful. He was a wonderful addition to the family. And this is been a wonderful opportunity in my career. I really feel very lucky over the last 24 months for the experience I had in my life. And being able to be a mayor where I think it is a really great city, and the experience having my first child. It is a lot to take in but also really wonderful.

Q: Where did you get your undergraduate degree?

A: University of North Dakota. I grow up in North Dakota. I was majoring in Political Science.

Q: Why did you decide to come to Indiana to get your Master's degree?

A: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs is a well-ranked and well-established program in government and public affairs. I did some research and found that. Came down here having never been to Indiana before and have been here ever since.

Q: Are you the first member in your family involved in the political field?

A: No. My grandfather was a county commissioner and a state legislator; my father was the president of the school board of several years. So we have been involved in community and government for at least 3 generations with different roles.

Q: Being such a young mayor, are you facing some challenges? How do you feel in this position?

A: I don't believe that my age is really a challenge for most part. I have been very fortunate that's never been an issue. Maybe because of my hairline that people think I am 40 to 45. The biggest challenge is making sure that Fishers grows in a very meaningful and thoughtful way, because Fishers is going to grow no matter what. But making sure that it grows to be sustainable and thoughtful and really a creative and interesting place to live, that's probably the challenge I face everyday here in one-way or another. And fortunately I have got a really good team, when I need inspiration of doing things. I enjoy working with them and when I am doing the wrong thing they are never afraid to let me know.

Q: I heard you have added new staffs to your development team?

A: Yes. I had a guy named Tom and he was my community involvement director. He left for the private sector. When he left, I decided to restructure things so I brought in a deputy mayor. And also I have an economic development director. So there is been some changes in the city hall. We have a new team in place now.

Q: What is your current plan for Fisher's city development?

A: We are trying to create The "Entrepreneurial City" here we are really excited about the "Launch Fishers" expansion. "Launch Fishers" is to move out of the library and move into a new facility so you are going to see further entrepreneurial activity occurring. And I think you are going to see us trying to recruit and develop a lot more companies in downtown Fishers, and along with that I think you are going to see some really exciting things along the I-69 corridor as well. Awards Fishers has earned:

2012:

--Top 100 Best Places to Live in America (#12)-Money Magazine

--America's Friendliest Towns (#3) - Forbes

--10 Best Towns for Families (#5) - Family Circle

--"Playful City USA" Community - KaBOOM!

--Safest City in the Nation - CQ Press (City Crime Rankings 2011-2012: Crime in Metropolitan America Reports)

2011:

--Green Community - Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT)

--Top 10 Cities for Families in U.S. - The Learning Channel (TLC)

--Safest City in the Nation - CQ Press (City Crime Rankings 2011-2012: Crime in Metropolitan America Reports)