

PRESSRELEASE

Mayor's Office • 100 East Michigan Blvd. • Michigan City, IN 46360 • (219) 873-1400 • Fax: (219) 873-1515
www.emichigancity.com

For Immediate Release

Date: February 4, 2008

Phone: (219) 873-1400

Fax: (219) 873-1515

Contact: Cindi Gonzalez-Walus

Pothole Driving Alert

“The recent wet weather and repeated freeze/thaw cycles have led to the creation of many potholes on local streets,” Michigan City Mayor Chuck Oberlie said. “Our Michigan City Street Department has been dispatching crews to fix potholes on the city’s roads and streets. To assist in this effort, citizens can report locations of potholes to the Central Services Department at 873-1500.”

AAA, the nation's largest organization for motorists, offers these tips for drivers:

- Maintain full air pressure in all tires to provide as much cushion as possible between the pothole and the rim of the tire. Consult the vehicle owner's manual for the correct pressure.
- Watch for potholes by leaving plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Before swerving around a pothole, be sure to check surrounding traffic.
- If a pothole cannot be avoided, slow down. Hitting a pothole at high speed increases the chance of damage to tires, wheels, shocks, struts or springs.
- When driving over a pothole-filled road, hold the steering wheel firmly to avoid losing control.
- Do not brake when directly over a pothole. Applying the brakes causes the car's weight to shift to the front of the wheel and can increase damage from the impact.
- Beware of water that may be concealing a deep pothole.