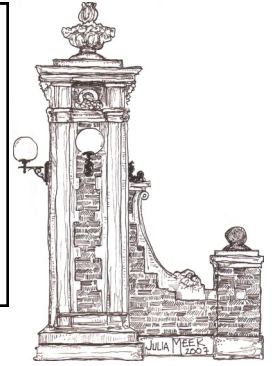


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October 2020

Upcoming Events:

- Until October 30—Fall Décor Contest
- October 24—Fall Cleanup Day; SWP Flag Sales begin, 8-2
- November 1—Board candidate bios needed. Email them to Southwood_Park@yahoo.com.
- November 11—Board of Directors meeting, 7PM, via Zoom
- December—Winter Décor Contest

There are so many ways you can be involved in this massive neighborhood cleanup effort on October 24th. You can sign up to volunteer at one of our pocket gardens or park strips, you can clean up your own property, pick up trash on your block or even go through that deep dark corner of your basement you've been neglecting. We will have a DUMPSTER at the corner of Beaver and Westover at 8:00 AM. This dumpster is to be used on a first come first served basis, by Historic Southwood Park residents only, please. NO LAWN DEBRIS ALLOWED. This bin is being reserved for bulk trash only. All yard waste except leaves is to be disposed of in your normal curbside bin. The City of Fort Wayne will NOT be collecting bags curbside this year. Citywide curbside loose leaf collection will start November 2, 2020. Further details will be mailed to individual households soon by the City.



We will need 16 volunteers to pull off our fall cleanup event! Please sign up if interested in keeping our neighborhood beautiful: volunteersignup.org/JBMWL

**** Important Notes **** Once the dumpster is full it will be closed and then hauled away. If we allow it to become overly full, they will not haul it away. It is very likely it will fill up quickly. ****** A list of prohibited materials is listed on our website and Facebook page.

Important Contacts

Emergencies: 911

FWPD Desk Sergeant (anything not an emergency): 427-1222

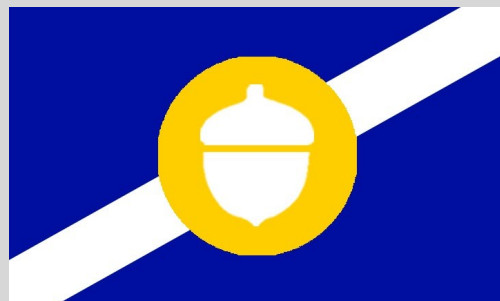
APS Security Patrol for home vacation checks: 747-7700

Dues questions: call Above & Beyond at **490-2226** or cassie_abcm@frontier.com.

City-related questions (code violations, trash and recycling problems, street lights out, potholes): **311**

Nuisance fires: 911

Other questions: e-mail Southwood_Park@yahoo.com



Presenting Our Official Neighborhood Flag!

Your beautification crew has been working hard on creating an official neighborhood flag and we are so excited to reveal it to you all! The blue background of our flag pays homage to our city's flag as well as the bold diagonal stripe representing the St. Mary's river which carves out the shape of our

beloved Foster Park. The acorn represents the sheltering white oaks under which our neighborhood was built and our commitment to keeping our tree canopy alive and well. It is enveloped in a yellow circle to represent our community and the friendliness of our neighbors and friends who reside here. We hope you love it as much as we do and can't wait to see all of your flags flying!

It will be available for \$20 (cash only) on October 24th at Beaver and Westover, 8AM-2PM. Keep your eyes open for information on how you can enter to win your very own flag!

—**Sierah Barnhart, Beautification Chair**

Historic Southwood Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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Board Tackles Speeding

Traffic speed is a problem in neighborhoods. Historic Southwood Park has unique challenges. Our beautiful, winding streets are not suited to the standard 30 MPH Fort Wayne speed limit. Limited sight-lines, narrow lanes, and lots of parked vehicles make legally travelling the speed limit risky. Driving faster than the speed limit is downright dangerous.

The Board of Directors listens to concerns and is tackling speeding. Here are some of the ways we work to reduce speeds: ****Education:** Most speeders inside the neighborhood live in the neighborhood. Newsletter articles and Facebook posts about speeding help educate drivers about the problem. ****Awareness:** The Association purchased "DRIVE LIKE YOUR KIDS (or PETS) LIVE HERE" signs that were in the neighborhood, especially during the Rudisill detour. These signs remind drivers on the road. ****Patrolling:** We have asked FWPD to conduct traffic patrols.

The Association added a new tool recently: a TrafficLogix radar speed sign. Southwood Park is the first association in Fort Wayne to purchase a radar sign. The City owns two data-collecting, battery-powered signs that are moved around Fort Wayne. FWCS also owns a battery powered sign that is moved weekly to various school locations. We will cooperate with City of Fort Wayne Traffic Engineering to move our sign to key points in Southwood Park weekly. Our sign is solar powered to avoid dead-battery downtime. Our model can display more than numbers, so it will display a smiley face as positive reinforcement for cautious drivers – and SLOW DOWN for speeders.

These signs collect traffic counts and speeds. The data will be available to the City and Southwood Park. Having this data will convince officials that there is more than just a perception of speeding.

We think it will have a positive influence on drivers.

But as we mentioned, our beautiful, curving streets are not suited to the standard 30 MPH Fort Wayne speed limit. Therefore, the Board is currently exploring a 25 MPH Neighborhood Speed Limit. This will involve collecting signatures, so if you'd like to help in that effort, send us an email at Southwood_Park@yahoo.com.



Do you go all out with your Halloween decorations, do you have a magazine ready table scape, or a seasonal mantel filled with nostalgia and charm? Show us what you got and you can win one of three prizes!

First prize wins a \$50 Health Hut gift card, second prize wins a \$30 Antonuccio's gift card and third place wins a \$10 Friendly Fox gift card.

The link to submit up to 5 photos was posted on our Facebook page on October 1, 2020. Submissions end on October 30, 2020. Entries will be judged by Historic Southwood Park's Board of Directors and winners will be announced on October 31, 2020.

There will be a Winter Décor Contest in December. Watch for details!