



SOUTHWOOD PARK NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meetings, 7PM. Zoom or in-person TBA on website and Facebook.

- January 13
- March 10
- May 12
- July 14
- September 8
- November 10

Garage Sales:

- June 10
- September, date TBD.

Dirt Day:

- May 1
- May 8, rain date

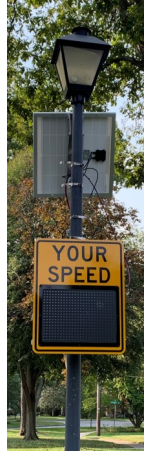
Dumpster Days, TBD

Block Party, July TBD

Sign the Petition to Reduce Neighborhood Speeds

Did you know 30MPH is the standard speed limit in Fort Wayne?

The petition will lower the neighborhood speed limit to 25MPH for greater safety throughout Historic Southwood Park, Historic Fairmont, and Historic Foster Park neighborhood associations. The boundaries will be easy to understand through our shared streets. All association streets will be 25MPH except Fairfield and Pettit Avenues. Those two are arterial and collector streets. Southwood Park purchased a radar speed sign, allowing Traffic Engineering to include Old Mill Road, a collector street, in our petition. City traffic engineers are allowing us to pursue this petition by mail. We appreciate their flexibility.



Please sign the petition! It is an easy way to help make our streets safer for pedestrians, children, pets, cyclists, and parked vehicles. When 51% of residents sign the petition, it will go to the Board of Works. Signs will follow their final approval.

Speeding is a perennial concern residents share with the board. The Association has raised speed awareness with residents, posted safety signage, requested increased traffic enforcement, and purchased a radar speed sign in our strategy to make our streets safer. This petition is the next step, and you get to help!

Please fill out and return the Petition Form on page 4 with your yearly dues statement.

Important Contacts

Emergencies: 911

FWPD Desk Sergeant
(non-emergency number):
427-1222

APS Security Patrol for
home vacation checks:
747-7700

Dues questions: Above &
Beyond Community Mgmt.
at **490-2226** or e-mail at
office@abcmanagement.org

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

Historic Southwood Park Resident Offers

Sidewalks: Do you need a square (or ten) of your sidewalk replaced? When you pay the City to replace your sidewalk, they pay 50% of the cost. The Association will pay another 25%, up to \$500 per home. **You pay only 25%!**
Answer survey question #12 for more information.

Street Trees: Trees are the only infrastructure that appreciate in value over time. The City will plant a large street tree in its right-of-way between sidewalk and curb for \$50. Historic Southwood Park is willing to pay that cost if you volunteer your park strip and commit to watering and caring for the tree when planted.
If you're interested in a street tree, answer question #10 in our survey.

Social Events: Hopefully 2021 will let us get back to holding safe gatherings. If you're interested in hosting a "Flamingo Friday" mixer at your house or helping with the summer block party, let us know by filling out question #13 in our survey.

Neighborhood Flag: Do you want SWP swag in the form of a flag? See page 4.

Welcome, New Neighbors!

52 sets of new neighbors in 2020. We hope to see you around in the new year! :-)

Valerie Meyers	4202 Tacoma
Nicholas Hankoff & Alice Affonso	4601 Tacoma
Benjamin Ahlersmeyer	4605 Tacoma
Benjamin Schneider	4010 Indiana
Logan Reimer & Nicole Mehr	4114 Indiana
Janelle Pulczynski	815 Lexington
Adam & Laura Monnier	4801 Tacoma
Dylan Jacquay	902 Maxine
Jacob & Ashley Kuhn	1210 Korte
Eric & Heather Lorber	4822 Beaver
Cooper Green & Christopher Norman	4101 Indiana
Jeremy Beck	4029 Indiana
Mitchell & Emily Fraizer	4818 South Wayne
Samuel & Emily Baker	4730 Beaver
Karah Kiefer	4720 Beaver
Logan Ankney	3935 Indiana
Eric Shilling	4710 South Wayne
Caleb & Marianna Smith	4616 South Wayne
Cameron Messman & Lauren Bierbaum	4526 Beaver
Jared & Julia Paden	4014 Tacoma
Audrey Roth & Adam Miller	921 Lexington
Christopher & Kelly Lillpop	4020 Tacoma
Andrea & Benjamin Gibson	4709 Beaver
Ronald & Whitney Odom	4715 South Wayne
Jordan May & Alyn Clark	1021 Maxine
Christian Booth	4814 Arlington
Tracey Tiernon	4614 Indiana
Samuel Mimms	901 Prange
Rachel Batdorff	4718 Arlington
John & Kaylan Buteyn	4706 Arlington
Joel Keirns	1309 Sunset
Autumn Knott	4605 Arlington
Kai & Lauren Blakeborough	1321 Sunset
Ryan McLaughlin	4615 Indiana
Andrew & Chelsea Schulenburg	1250 Sherwood
Matthew Choka	4818 Tacoma
Kyle Thele & Marita Rondot	4810 Tacoma
Zachary Steury	1115 Westover
Thomas & Sarah GiaQuinta	4629 Stratford
Marks Everetts	4429 Pembroke
Saw Thay Htoo	4614 Fairfield
Jeffrey & Tonya Kuhn	4801 Hartman
Sally Officer	4327 Indiana
Justin Uhrick	1301 Sherwood
Randy & Rebecca Betton	4902 Stratford
Teresa Calhoun & Keegan Musselman-Geiger	4336 Tacoma
Logan Gallaway	4332 Tacoma
Steven Voderman	817 Pasadena
Jessica Torres	915 Pasadena
Antonia Burd & Zachary Wilson	927 Pasadena
Tyler & Desirae Dworak	4426 Beaver
Christina Benvenuto & Kathleen Green	4222 Beaver

Southwood Park Board

Remains Active in Pandemic

Social distancing changed how the Board met in 2020. Some meetings were held in front yards, some were on Zoom, and one was at the Main Library with everyone spread far, far apart... But the Board still found ways to get things done! Here are some highlights:

- Radar speed sign purchased—new
- Neighborhood Flag debut—new
- Dumpster Day—new program x 2!
- TV and Tire Amnesty Day—new
- Tree Seedling giveaway—new
- Winter “Night of Lights”—new
- 38 City Street Trees purchased by Southwood Park
- Roundabout and Westover rewired for electricity
- Roundabout lighted again for holidays
- Pocket Gardens kept healthy and happy
- We worked to keep contractors accountable on water line construction.
- Association was an active member of the Packard Area Planning Alliance (PAPA) and the Southwest Area Partnership (SWAP) partnering with other associations near us, and throughout the southwest quadrant.

It takes a team to make these things happen, and I'd like to thank all the board members and volunteers for their dedication, in keeping Historic Southwood Park a great place to live. Scott Marker is leaving the board, and we can all thank him for great work with social events. During his time on the board, we began having “Flamingo Friday” gatherings and reinvented the Summer Block Party. We'll miss his sense of fun and can-do attitude.

Thank you, Scott!

The Board will welcome two new board member volunteers next year: Karen Bailey on Beaver Avenue and Sam Welch on Old Mill Road. We have a lot in store for 2021, but there is plenty of room for more helpers. [Let us know how you can help in survey question #13.](#)

2021 will be another great year in Southwood Park!

Steve McCord, Board President

Simply return this WHOLE PAGE with your 2021 Dues Statement. Thank you!

Association Survey for 2021—

Please let the Board know what is going well or what needs improvement.
Just return this survey with your dues!

1. How many of the neighbors on your block do you know? Circle one answer.
All of them Most of them Half of them Some of them None of them
 2. How strong is Historic Southwood Park's "sense of community"? Circle one answer.
Extremely strong Very strong Somewhat strong Not so strong Not at all strong
How can we build our sense of community to be stronger? _____
 3. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood? Circle one answer.
Extremely safe Very safe Somewhat safe Not so safe Not at all safe
 4. What are Historic Southwood Park's greatest assets? Name three.
a) _____ b) _____ c) _____
 5. What are Historic Southwood Park's biggest challenges? Name three.
a) _____ b) _____ c) _____
 6. How do you prefer to get Association news? Circle all that apply.
Facebook SouthwoodPark.org website Paper newsletters Other: _____
How can we better communicate with you? _____
 7. What association programs do you value? Circle all that apply.
Summer picnic Dirt Day Flamingo Fridays Pocket gardens Security patrol
Sidewalk reimbursement Weed control on esplanades Emerald Ash Borer treatments
Dumpster Day Winter Night of Lights Street tree requests Seedling tree offers
Association Garage Sales Neighborhood Flag
How would you improve any of them? _____
 8. What should the Association offer, but doesn't? _____
 9. What street, alley, or sidewalk most needs repair? _____
 10. I have room for, want, and would water a City street tree paid by the Association. _____
 11. What public spot needs a bench, a pocket garden, or some other improvement? _____
 12. Contact me about the Association's Sidewalk Reimbursement Program. _____
 13. I am interested in volunteering! Circle any that apply.
Running for the Board of Directors Helping with the picnic Hosting a Flamingo Friday
Opening my house for a future Home and Garden Tour Beautification Committee
Other: _____
- Other thoughts or comments? Just add a page and mail it with your dues payment. **Thanks!**

Name _____ Address _____ E-Mail: _____

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PETITION FOR TRAFFIC CALMING

We, the undersigned residents of the City of Fort Wayne, do hereby petition the Board of Public Works (and the Board of Public Safety where applicable) of the City of Fort Wayne, to make the following change in traffic control:

**Lower the residential speed limit in
Historic Southwood Park, Historic Foster Park, and Historic Fairmont
to 25 MPH from 30 MPH.**

By signing this petition, the signatory affirms that she/he is authorized to do so and thereby bind the owner(s) of the respective parcel to the effect of this petition.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

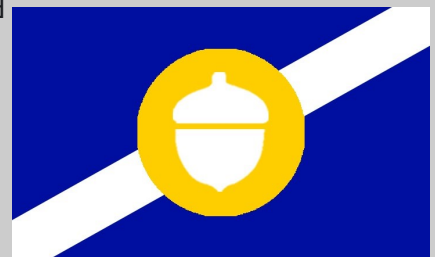
Address: _____, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Petition Contact Person: Stephen McCord (Board President, Historic Southwood Park)
4125 Indiana Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46807
260-745-8070

(This petition must be signed by at least 51% of affected residents as determined by Traffic Engineering and returned for review and acceptance. The Board of Works (and the Board of Public Safety where applicable) approves projects upon the recommendation of the Traffic Engineering Department.)

Pre-Order the Next Batch of 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! — **Sierah Barnhart, Beautification Chair**



We have nearly sold out the first production of 50 flags! Use the form below to pre-order a flag for the next batch! Just return this form with your dues payment.

Flags are \$20 each. Payment by check written to Historic Southwood Park. Please write **FLAG in the notes field of the check. The next batch of flags will be available about March 1, 2021.**

Name _____

Address _____

Number of Flags ordered _____

Check Number _____