



SOUTHWOOD PARK NEWS

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APRIL 2021



Upcoming Events

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

- May 12
- July 14
- September 8
- November 10

Garage Sales:

- June 5 (change!)
- September 11

Dumpster Day and Pocket Garden Cleanup: April 24

Dirt Day:

- May 1
- May 8, rain date

Block Party, July TBD

Dumpster Day & Pocket Garden Cleanup: April 24

Where is Dumpster Day? Westover & Beaver

When: Saturday April 24, 8-noon

What you need to know about Dumpster Day: The Association and the City partner to provide a dumpster for Historic Southwood Park residents to use. If the dumpster fills before noon, it will be closed. It cannot be hauled away if it is overloaded.



Where is Pocket Garden Cleanup Day?

There are 10 locations in the neighborhood!

When is this volunteer event? Saturday April 24, at 8AM

What you need to know about Pocket Garden Cleanup Day: The Association has 10 "Pocket Gardens" in common areas, bringing color and texture to what would otherwise be open lawn. We are seeking volunteers to help clean up our pocket gardens and get them off to a great start. Interested? Please sign up at this web address: volunteersignup.org/JBMWL

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Matthew Diemer —4722 South Wayne Ave
 Moises Uribe —4707 Old Mill Rd
 Michael J Habeeb —4017 Indiana Ave
 Opal Davis —1001 Prange Drive
 Pedro Garcia Jr., Lori Garcia & Dana Garcia —702 W. Maple Grove Ave
 Brian Woolwine & Marissa Murphy —4612 Arlington Avenue

Traffic Calming Petition Progress

Southwood Park, Foster Park, and Fairmont Associations will submit a Traffic Calming Petition to reduce our neighborhood speed limit from 30MPH to 25MPH. We collected half the needed signatures by mail in January. We are making progress toward our goal. Why are we doing this?

Safety First! The average risk of death for a pedestrian reaches 10% at an impact speed of 23MPH, 25% at 32MPH, and 50% at 42MPH (Source: AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety). Collisions happen and our winding streets belong to all users—walkers at crosswalks, bikers, and joggers—not just cars. Speed kills if you're not in a car.

Perception vs Reality: The City speed limit of 30MPH is a cookie cutter standard. Are we a cookie cutter neighborhood with standard sight-lines and widths? No! Did you know it isn't considered *speeding* until 35MPH? Traffic engineers nationwide calculate a "tolerated speed", adding a cushion of 5MPH. City believes we have a *speed perception* problem rather than an actual speeding problem.

What about enforcement? We purchased a radar sign to prove where speeding happens in the neighborhood. It resulted in more patrols on Fairfield. There are limited police patrols, but lowering our speed limit will increase the consequences for those who do get stopped for speeding.

But I don't see speeding on my street! Some streets are lucky; others are not. Year after year, speeding is a top concern shared by neighbors. Please consider our neighbors who experience this problem daily. Help them out by signing the petition. It's a quality of life issue.

What can I do? If you haven't already, sign the petition on page 2. **Send it to Steve McCord at 4125 Indiana Avenue.** You can also drop it off or email a photo of it to the Association at Southwood_Park@yahoo.com. This will keep a volunteer from knocking on your door this summer as we seek to finish the petition!

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

Dirt Wain. Interested?



“Dirt Wain turns residential and commercial food scraps into nutrient rich dirt. We are committed to community-scale composting—which means finding solutions that meet various communities’ needs. We keep food scraps out of the landfill where they become methane gas—an accelerant contributing to climate breakdown. Composting reclaims nutrients and puts them back in circulation in the communities where food scraps are generated.” Check out **DirtWain.com** for more information.

If you are interested in participating in a “neighborhood subscription” at \$12/month (regularly \$15), email **Southwood_Park@yahoo.com**. If there is sufficient interest, we will share more information.

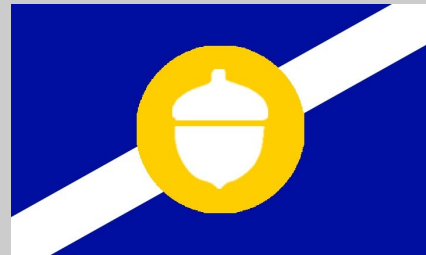
Neighborhood Flag Update

The Beautification Committee is considering a double-sided printing for the second batch to improve color saturation.

If it’s a better product, we will order it.

If you ordered and paid for a flag at the start of the year, we will send you the upgraded flag at the original cost.

If you want to order a flag, but haven’t yet, hang tight. We’ll make them available to order when the decision is made.



You can return the Petition by email, mail, or hand deliver to 4125 Indiana.

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: _____

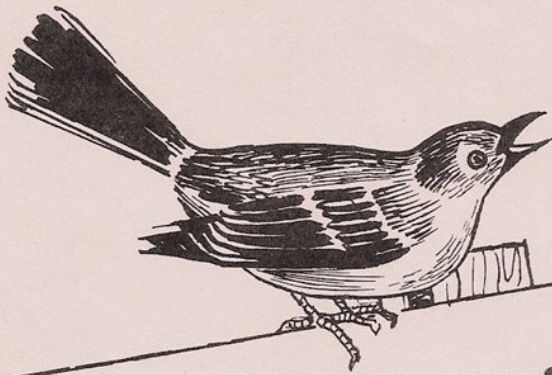
Address: _____, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Return to Petition Contact Person: Stephen McCord (Board President, Historic Southwood Park)
4125 Indiana Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46807
260-745-8070
Email to **Southwood_Park@yahoo.com**

(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.)

SOUTHWOOD PARK

PRESENTS THE 44TH



MAY 1 2021

INDIANA@MAXINE; ARLINGTON ESPLANADE;
SHERWOOD@STRATFORD; BEAVER@WESTOVER

THE ASSOCIATION PURCHASES TRUCKLOADS OF QUALITY PEAT/BLACK SOIL FOR YOUR YARDS AND GARDENS. WE DUMP IT... YOU HAUL IT! RAIN DATE: MAY 8. THIS WILL NOT BE WIDELY ADVERTISED BEYOND THIS NEWSLETTER-----THIS EVENT IS FOR SOUTHWOOD PARK RESIDENTS *ONLY*!

DON'T BE A DIRT HOG! BE CONSIDERATE AND GIVE FELLOW RESIDENTS A FAIR CHANCE. THIS IS THE 44TH YEAR FOR THIS EVENT.

Historic Southwood Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.
c/o Above & Beyond Community Management
507 Airport North Office Park
Fort Wayne, IN 46825



Historic Southwood Park Association

Garage Sales

First Saturdays in June, second Saturdays in September.

Save the dates!

June 5, 2021

September 11, 2021

Crime Prevention Tips

What can you do?

- Keep your windows locked at night.
- Lock your car doors. Remove **all** valuables from your car. Almost all reported thefts from cars were unlocked vehicles.
- **There are many catalytic converter thefts from cars citywide. Report ALL suspicious activity to 911. Better safe than sorry.**
- Garages are especially at risk, keep them locked.
- Keep porch lights on. Install motion detectors.

You can search FWPD activity logs for any neighborhood at: <http://www.fwpd.org/daily/community.html>. Please report all crimes to FWPD, no matter how trivial they seem. Call the police when someone has been in your car, even if nothing was taken. FWPD needs to see patterns to warrant extra patrols.