

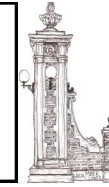


SOUTHWOOD PARK NEWS

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DECEMBER 2021



Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting, Main Library Meeting Room AB

- January 12, 6PM

City Leaf Pickup, call 311

- Bagged, until Dec. 31 (weather permitting)
- Bagged, March 2022 (2 weeks, TBA)

2022 Association Dues

- January 31

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 hello@historicsouthwoodpark.com

City Council Contacts
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260-427-1445

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Board Changes

Ellen Simmons, Chris Cooper, Karen Bailey, and Bruce Geoffrion are retiring from the Board. Whether serving as an officer, drawing up designs for the neighborhood flag, or playing a crucial part of neighborhood events, we thank them for their time and energy!

We have great candidates who have stepped forward. You can read the candidate statements on the next page, and fill out the ballot by voting for 5 of them. The top five will be elected to three-year terms. The sixth candidate will be elected to a two-year term, and the seventh to a one-year term.

Just cut out and mail in the ballot to the address listed. Ballots must be received by January 6 to be counted.

On the reverse side of the ballot is the 2022 Resident Survey. That is the place to let the Board know your priorities, your concerns, **and your solutions** to issues we face as a neighborhood. This year's survey is open ended. We look forward to reading your responses!

Dues and Donations

Dues will be \$49.50 for 2022. This is the first increase in over five years.

There aren't quite as many budget dollars as there are worthy investments in Southwood Park's future. If you want to make an additional donation to programs like street trees, gardening, Roundabout redesign, or social events to increase their impact, you can do that.

Check out the form on page 4 for details.

What Do Our Dues Provide?

It's the time of year for dues. If you're new to Southwood Park, you'll want to know what your dues are used for:

- Nightly Security Patrols from Allen Protection Services
- Professional bookkeeping and handling of HOA letters by Above & Beyond Community Management
- Community-building social events like our Annual Block Party
- Plants and materials for more than a **dozen** gardens in public areas **and** a gardener to care for them
- City street trees are cost-shared—making them “free” upon request
- Legal advice for the Association to resolve property disputes
- Dedicated radar speed sign
- Website and social media
- Neighborhood “Welcome Wagon”
- Fertilization and weed control on esplanades
- Entrance pillars maintained & insured
- Garage sale signs, banners, and ads
- Printing and mailing newsletters

What dues are NOT used for:

- Hundreds of volunteer hours organizing, advocating, and maintaining Southwood Park and the Association by our volunteers and volunteer board.

Our Association budget, agendas, and meeting minutes are available on our website, www.HistoricSouthwoodPark.com, under the “documents” tab.

Board of Directors Election

The Board is comprised of fifteen members. Each year, five Directors are elected to three-year terms.

Please review the following Board Candidate statements that are in alphabetical order. Vote for 5 using the ballot on the following page. Fill out the ballot, cut the last page from the newsletter, and mail it to Above and Beyond Community Management. Ballots must be received by January 6, 2022 to be counted.

You may include your ballot in the same envelope you use for paying your dues. The dues deadline is a different date, January 31, 2022.

Kai Blakeborough—1321 Sunset Dr

In 2020, my family relocated to Fort Wayne from Olathe, Kansas during the pandemic. We did not know much about the city or the neighborhood when we made an offer on a home on Sunset Drive. It turns out we made an incredible choice. Our neighbors have been welcoming, supportive, and community-oriented. I'd like to do my part to add to that hospitable spirit and make Southwood Park a wonderful place to call home for all residents. I have experience with communications, graphic design, planning, and project management. I also have an interest in outreach and making new residents feel welcome.

Nick Hankoff—4601 Tacoma Ave

I hope to serve as your next board member and assist in innovative projects that make our neighborhood even better. My experience in communications and cryptocurrency would be put to work organizing charitable activities and promotion of our great piece of the 07. I'm a husband and father of four kids aged 4 and under. Since moving my family to Southwood Park in January 2020, I've thanked God that my children are growing up in such a beautiful, friendly place. What if one day my grandkids are being raised here too? That's a dream worth building toward, so let's go!

Jim Joost—4701 South Wayne Ave

Husband and father hobbies include gardening, exercise and fitness and other social activities with friends and family. I want to improve the community for a better future for our children and their children.

Susan Mallernee—4256 Beaver Ave

Susan has been on the Board of Directors for three terms.

Steve McCord—4125 Indiana Ave

Collaborating with people to make our neighborhood a great place to live has been an honor. I've called this place home since 1996 and been on the Board since 2004, including terms as secretary, vice president, and president.

During that time, a lot has changed. Southwood Park revised its covenants, held two ARCH Home and Garden Tours, joined the internet and social media, added a dozen pocket gardens, and transitioned from volunteers handling paper spreadsheets to professional management of our dues and HOA information requests. The association offers more programs and opportunities than ever. We are able to do this because neighbors in Southwood Park are ready and willing to make our neighborhood better. We have great volunteers! I've worked with many super board members and learned a lot from them.

Your vote would certainly be appreciated. We have challenges ahead that I want to continue to work on: improving our sidewalks and tree canopy; planning attractive and sustainable future redesigns for our pocket gardens and Roundabout; keeping an eye toward the future and staying engaged with VIA Developments, owners of the Summit and North Campus; ensuring both new neighbors and long-time residents feel welcome and engaged; and working in partnership with the City and other neighborhoods in the area, encouraging responsible preservation and development in the '07.

Tiffany Spearman—4401 Indiana Ave

I would like to start a teenage work program for the children in the neighborhood to help them earn money. Raking up leaves, cutting grass, shoveling snow etc. This would get the kids more engaged with their community.

My next mission would be to community competitions. Having "blocks" engage with bake-offs and seasonal home decor. I would like to compile a list of homeowners who are willing to provide free services to other residents including tutoring, home improvement, and childcare.

I would appreciate your vote.

Tracey Tiernon—4614 Indiana Ave

I am running for the Associate Board of Directors because I bring a lot to the table! I am currently working as a full-time nurse, volunteer at the SPCA, doggo mom to the cutest pup ever, Summit, and I'm on the beautification volunteer team for Southwood Park. I've always been extremely involved in my community and love devoting my time to enriching others lives, now as well as in high school I was on student council, in National Honors Society, and I was class Treasurer all four years. My fiancé and I grew up around Southwood Park (I grew up on Oakdale) and we always wanted to live here, so, in 2020 our dreams came true and we bought 4614 Indiana! If selected, I will bring creativity, yard/gardening skills, community outreach skills, energy, ideas, and time. Community has always been very important to me and my family. My family (who also lives in 46807)

just recently opened Ophelia's Restaurant in Wells Corridor as part of the Fort Wayne Downtown Improvement Project! I also volunteer many hours there as well. Also, I am already working on ideas how to raise money for our upcoming Roundabout Landscaping Redesign! I love to be outside any chance I get; running, hiking, biking, working out, and playing soccer. I also have a huge passion for travel. I love all of the Fort Wayne improvement projects; it makes me proud to call Fort Wayne home. If you see myself, my fiancé, or pup running around in the neighborhood say hi!

Charlotte Tompkins—4410 Pembroke Ln

I live at 4410 Pembroke Lane along with my husband, Jed, two daughters, Amelia and Roya, and our dog, Gus. You will often times see a gang of elementary aged kids swinging in the tree swing out front, neighbors gathered in the front yard, or our family enjoying a walk through Southwood Park. I adore living on Pembroke Lane and consider each resident like family.

My professional life is as the Marketing Director for Xplor Commercial Real Estate, dance instructor at the Fort Wayne Dance Collective, trainer at Pure Barre, and Master Trainer with GROOV3. I have lots of passions and am blessed to be able to explore them all.

We moved to our house in 2014 and after a year Jed's parents bought the house across the street; all transplants from Nebraska (Go Big Red!). I am so passionate about our neighborhood and the '07 because of the people who make this community the greatest place in Fort Wayne to live. The friendly neighbors, gorgeous homes that keep improving year-after-year, and unique architectural esteem are just a few points I love discussing with others about our slice of the city.

The position on the board would be an honor to represent neighbors. I believe I will bring a fresh pair of eyes and an open, creative mind to the board. I have lots of ideas for continued improvement, but also for improving neighborly relations. I love talking with neighbors and would hope this position will deepen the connection to our community. An open mind, openness to innovation, empathy for all people/creatures, and dedication to the preservation of our centennial neighborhood are just a few sentiments I will bring to the board.

Sam Welch—4717 Old Mill Road

I have lived in Fort Wayne since the summer of 2019. My wife and I made the move to her hometown and fell in love with the Southwood Park neighborhood and the Foster Park area right away. We were lucky enough to find a home and have been very happy here. I first became involved with the neighborhood volunteering for clean up days. I then continued to help out over the past year as a volunteer assisting where I could. I really appreciate all that our neighborhood board does to organize community events and maintain Southwood Park's beautiful streets. Outside of the neighborhood association I am a high school art teacher and love to run and ride my bike in the neighborhood. I look forward to being as helpful as possible for the years to come.

2022 Board Ballot

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please vote for five (5). Cut **this** ballot from newsletter and mail to Above & Beyond. You may include it with your dues. Ballots must be received by January 6, 2022.

Mail ballot to:

*Historic Southwood Park
c/o Above & Beyond Community Management
507 Airport North Office Park
Fort Wayne, IN 46825-6705*

_____ **Kai Blakeborough**

_____ **Nick Hankoff**

_____ **Jim Joost**

_____ **Susan Mallernee**

_____ **Steve McCord**

_____ **Tiffany Spearman**

_____ **Tracey Tiernon**

_____ **Charlotte Tompkins**

_____ **Sam Welch**

2022 Survey

Let the Board know your priorities, concerns, and solutions to neighborhood issues:

What does the Association do well?

What does the Association need to do better?

What program or service should the Association offer?

I want to volunteer to collect signatures from neighbors on my block for the Speed Petition. _____

I have room for and would water a free street tree. _____

I want to volunteer in our pocket gardens. _____

I would gather signatures for the speed petition. _____

I want to serve on a committee. _____

What street/alley most needs repaved? _____

Your name _____

Address _____

Email _____

**So far, votes on this petition have been 305 YES to 5 NO.
Let's get this over the finish line.
If you haven't mailed yours yet, please send it in now.**

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 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.)

Southwood Park Donations

You can make a donation to the Association for any of the following programs to increase their impact. You can include a donation as an extra amount in your dues check of \$49.50, or you could write a separate check. Mail this form with donation checks to Above & Beyond along with your ballot or dues.

Roundabout Redesign \$ _____

General Beautification \$ _____

Street Trees \$ _____

Welcome Wagon \$ _____

Social Events \$ _____

Other: _____ \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Check No. _____ **Thanks!**