



SOUTHWOOD PARK NEWS

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MARCH 2022



Upcoming Events

- Board of Directors Meetings
Shawnee Branch Library
- May 11, 7PM
 - July 13, 7PM
- City Leaf Pickup, call 311
Bagged curbside, 3/28-4/8
- Cleanup Day, April 2, 9AM
at the Roundabout
- Dirt Day, May 7
Rain date, May 14
- Dumpster Day, April 9
- Garage Sales
- June 4
 - Sep 10

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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Old Trees! New Trees!

Spring is here and it is the time of year that the Southwood Park Board treats all of the ash trees in our park strips for Emerald Ash Borers. As you likely know, these pests can kill a tree over time, and we want to protect the mature canopy that makes our neighborhood a great place to live.

If you see our volunteers on your street pouring liquid on the base of street trees, don't be alarmed. Please thank them for their help in maintaining the beautiful trees of Southwood Park.

This year we have procured 100 young Eastern Redbud trees from the Forestry Division of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. These trees are for you to plant any suitable place in your yard! You can reference an infographic on our website to find an appropriate place to plant your tree using the [instructions provided by the Indiana DNR](#). We can't wait until these young trees are mature and blooming all throughout the neighborhood.

These young trees have arrived and are available on a first-come, first served basis.

This year's tree pickup locations are:
4617 Arlington Avenue with Sierah Barnhart,
1125 West Lexington with Erika Stuller, and
4125 Indiana Avenue with Steve McCord.

Advertise Here

We are now accepting ads for future editions of this newsletter. Cost: \$100 for a quarter page, \$200 for a half page, including placement on our website.

Email hello@historicsouthwoodpark.com for more information.

Lights out?

Report burned out streetlights to 311.
Have a pole number and address handy.

Paving in 2022

The City recently released lists containing \$38.5M in infrastructure projects in 2022.

Among those are the following paving projects:
Beaver Ave from Pasadena to Sherwood;
Crestwood Dr from Westover to Sherwood;
Korte Lane from Stratford to Sunset;
Maple Grove Dr from Indiana to Beaver;
Maxine Dr from Beaver to Lexington;
Old Mill Rd Roundabout;
Stratford Rd from Westover to Sherwood;
Westover Rd from Pembroke to Roundabout.

If we receive updates from the City regarding a schedule, we will share the information.

Can You Help?

We can use volunteers to help clear leaves and winter debris from the Roundabout and our 10 pocket gardens in Southwood Park! If you can help, we will supply the paper lawn/leaf bags.

We will meet at the Roundabout at 9AM on Saturday, April 2. If it's raining, we'll try the same time Sunday. If you want to clean a garden nearer your home, stop by the Roundabout for some bags to fill and leave curbside at that location.

Helpful tools to bring: garden gloves, rakes, leafblowers, and bottled water for yourself.

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Suman Panday—1030 Maxine Drive
Sara Mason—4615 Beaver Avenue
Shaun Gray—4120 Tacoma Avenue
Jill Fanger—4401 Pembroke Lane

Lost Pets

Losing a pet is never fun! Now is a great time to make sure your gates, fences and doors are escape proof. Should you lose or find a dog, shoot us a message on Facebook and we'll do our best to help spread the word.

Managing Your Waste

Articles by Sierah Barnhart

As we embark on Spring cleanup this year, it will be more important now more than ever to utilize our resources wisely to maximize our efforts. Because of our current collection issues blowing trash has taken its toll on the neighborhood, so while you're cleaning up your own yards, please check on your nearest storm drain and park strips too! Below are 4 suggestions on how to handle your food, yard, and excess or uncollected waste. Our current situation is far from perfect, but we're hoping these tips can help you make the best of it!

Thanks, neighbors!

Spring Dumpster

Day—April 9

8AM to noon or until dumpster is full

This is the perfect time to get rid of excess trash taking up space in your basement or garage as you do your spring cleaning. It is also a great opportunity to get rid of large or bulky items.

Want to know what not to bring? Chemicals, electronics, tires, concrete, batteries are some just for starters. A comprehensive list of prohibited items is on our website.



Because space is limited we ask no yard waste, except large branches.

This program is free to us, so we need to make sure we're adhering to their guidelines. Please remember that the dumpster is operated on a first-come-first-served basis.

\$300 for Improvements?

Yes, please! Funded by the City of Fort Wayne, the Southwest Area Partnership is making its **Homeowner Improvement Program** available again in 2022.

Half of your "curb appeal" project's cost can be reimbursed through this program, up to a limit of \$300. Examples: painting, concrete work, soffit repair, landscaping. Funds are limited, so apply as soon as possible. More information and the application are available on our website under "We Love This Partnership". Visit www.HistoricSouthwoodPark.com.

Was Your Recycling Missed Again?

We are all fatigued by calling, emailing, and reporting misses using the online form, but it is the only way to get on the City's radar. So please continue to do so! Board president Steve McCord has done neighborhood drives and reported misses directly to City officials. At one point, nearly 60% of our neighborhood was missed all at the same time!

But the good news is that we have a conveniently placed recycling trailer at Southgate Plaza for your missed or overflow recyclables. It is at the rear of the property, behind Kroger. Be prepared to separate your cardboard, plastics, and aluminum. The drop-off location is FREE to use.

Current hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 8-1 & 1:30-4:30. Be sure to check www.acwastewatcher.org for changes in service hours and check out their other locations around the county.

Got Yard Waste?

Yard waste quickly fills dumpsters and leaves are not permitted in curbside bins, so what can you do with it?

The City will conduct CURBSIDE collection of bagged lawn debris from March 28-April 8. Call 311 for pickup. Don't place in alleys. Paper yard bags only!

Afterward, residents can take bagged debris and brush to the Bio-Solids Facility, 6202 Lake Avenue. After April 1: M-S, 8-6, Sun 12-3. Minimal fees apply.

Did you know Dirt Wain offers yard and pet waste pickup options?

Have You Considered Composting?

While we're hoping that our solid waste collection issue will be solved by early summer, many have taken the leap to add paid composting services to their households through Ground Down or Dirt Wain. We understand that not all households can afford an extra bill, but if you can, composting can be the answer to your smelly garbage issues.

Helpful Links:

<https://www.cityoffortwayne.org/utilities/3958-biosolids.html>

www.DirtWain.com

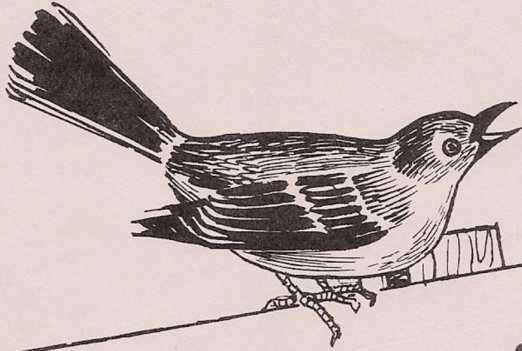
www.GroundDown.org

www.ACWasteWatcher.org

<https://cityoffortwayne.custhelp.com>

SOUTHWOOD PARK

PRESENTS THE 45TH



ANNUAL
**DIRT
DAY**

MAY 7 2022

**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 45TH YEAR FOR THIS EVENT.



**HISTORIC SOUTHWOOD PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**
507 AIRPORT NORTH OFFICE PARK, FORT WAYNE, IN 46825

Board Roster 2022

Name	Committees	Address	Telephone	E-Mail	Serves through
Sierah Barnhart	Beautification, Public Relations	4617 Arlington Avenue		sierah.barnhart@gmail.com	2022
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Nadine Rager	Membership, Public Relations	4128 Tacoma Avenue	241-0827	ndinerae@gmail.com	2023
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Erika Stuller, President	All - ex officio, Beautification	1125 W Lexington	241-4543	elstuller76@gmail.com	2023
Tracey Tiernon	Beautification, Membership	4614 Indiana Avenue	750-9858	tracey.tiernon@yahoo.com	2024
Charlotte Tompkins	Membership	4110 Pembroke Lane			2024
Sam Welch	Membership	4717 Old Mill Road	317-695-4134	samwelch9000@gmail.com	2024



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Association**

Garage Sales

Southwood Park will have sales this year on **June 4** and **September 10**.

The Association will place ads in the Journal-Gazette and post signs around the neighborhood. Place balloons or a sign at your house to let folks know you're taking part. Avoid placing signs in the public right-of-way, especially on major streets outside the neighborhood. Doing so is illegal, and signs are often confiscated by "sign patrol vigilantes".

It's a great way to make space in the garage or basement, earn a little pocket cash, and get out and meet your neighbors!

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