



SOUTHWOOD PARK NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Garage Sales

- June 1
- September 7

Flamingo Friday social mixers:

- June 7 at 4233 Indiana Ave., JoHannah Greene and Logan Anderson, hosts

Board of Directors Meetings at

- Peace Lutheran Church meeting room
- May 9, 7PM
- July 11, 7PM
- September 12, 7PM
- November 14, 7PM

Dumpster Day, April 22 8AM until filled

Dirt Day, May 4 Rain date, May 11

Fort4Fitness Marathon, Sept 28 Plan ahead on travel and parking!

Important Contacts

Emergencies: 911

FSPD 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

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Roundabout News

As the first traffic circle in Fort Wayne, the Old Mill-Westover intersection has been plagued by trucks driving over the lawn, damaging concrete and gardens. It's hard to keep plants that get hit by vehicles looking their best!

City Right-of-Way Manager Nick Jerrell found funding to repair the Roundabout. Safety will be enhanced by building a concrete apron around the circle and updating the traffic signage.

Plans for a central lighted pillar will be based on the 1917 Indiana Avenue entrance pillars. New plantings with multi-season interest will beautify the project. Check out our website story from February for the full list of plant candidates.

We're excited!



Spring Dumpster Day Saturday April 27, 8-11 Westover Rd at Beaver Ave

Please, no yard waste – it fills the bin quickly. Please fill from back to front, maximizing space, to let more people participate.

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.

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

Survey Responses

If you filled out a Year End Survey, thanks! In a nutshell, what did we learn from respondents?

3 of 4 know at least half their block neighbors. Even more feel safe in Southwood Park. :-)

These two results are related! Make time to meet your neighbors, and look out for one another! The Board is working on events to help folks get to know one another.

Tree canopy is VERY important to you! ***The Association applied for a grant to plant 150 more street trees. We still treat surviving Ash trees against the Emerald Ash Borer, and we encourage you to plant a tree in your yard.***

Nature, Neighborliness, Historic Architecture, and Sidewalks/Walkability are our assets. Biggest challenges? Speeding & Sidewalk repair. ***We are finalizing our Speed Petition to be submitted. We are surveying our sidewalk conditions and asking the City to continue replacements. We also encourage you to apply for the Barrett 50/50 Cost Sharing program for your block or house.***

Neighbors like newsletters and would like emails. ***Here's one newsletter! More will be coming, so be sure to read them. We put a lot of content online and now have a way to send all that to you in email digests. But we need your email address to do so. Subscribe by sending us a request at hello@historicsouthwoodpark.com.***

You have lots of good ideas! Snow removal. ***We provided this more than 20 years ago. We stopped because we actually went into the RED after a heavy snow year. Poor sidewalk conditions and confusing paths made work hard for the contractor. But we'll look at it again. Neighborhood signage. We're working on some unique ideas. More block parties and Flamingo Fridays. We're on it. Flamingo Friday: June 7, 4233 Indiana Ave with JoHannah Greene and Logan Anderson. Watch for details. And we're looking at revamping the Summer Block Party to reach more parts of SWP.***

Respondents favor becoming a Local Historic District more than 2 to 1, but many want to know more.

You can read the full results and all the suggestions on our website. We always appreciate your input, even if we aren't able to take action on every suggestion.

Want to get more involved? Contact us at **hello@historicsouthwoodpark.com** to volunteer for a committee or the Board of Directors.

Steve McCord, Board President

What's In Your Garden?

Why does it matter what kind of plant we grow in our gardens?

Simply put, to support “the little things that run the world” and which keep our world alive through their ability to disperse seeds and pollinate plants, feed wildlife (like the offspring of the vast majority of birds), and decompose materials, all of which are critical to the survival of life on our planet.

And what might those “little things” be? Invertebrates – insects, caterpillars, and all of their kind. In order for invertebrates to survive they need food and not just any food – 90% of invertebrates are plant specialists, only eating or laying eggs on specific plants with which they have evolved. An example of this are monarchs and milkweed (a misnomer for sure – they should be called “Monarchs’ Delight.”) No milkweed, no monarchs.

What can a gardener do to support our native species – plant and invertebrate? Remove invasives like Buckthorn and Burning Bush that crowd out natives and replace them with beneficial plants, especially those that support multiple species. Refrain from using insecticides – a fan will blow those mosquitoes away from you. Reduce the size of your yard, making room for those natives, inviting nature to thrive in your yard and neighborhood.

By making these, as well as other changes, we can promote and protect biodiversity. You are nature’s best hope!

— **Guest article by Pamela Martin Diaz**

Additional resources are available on our website in this article.

Visit “Engage Fort Wayne”

Thanks to Dan Baisden, City Planner and Community Development Coordinator, the City has a new portal to track projects: engage.cityoffortwayne.org.

Go to the site to search projects and sign up for email updates. Here's some highlights:

Curb Appeal Grant Program

Homeowners can apply for 80% reimbursement (up to \$2500) of project costs to repair and/or enhance the exterior of their home! Southwood Park is eligible. Project examples include painting, tree maintenance or installation, landscape beds, masonry repair, porch or deck repair. Visit the site for more details. Apply soon!

Foster Park Playground Replacement

More than \$250K of equipment is to be installed by mid-May.

Road resurfacing in the neighborhood includes:

- all of Lexington Avenue
- Tacoma Avenue from Pettit to Rudisill
- South Wayne Avenue from Pettit to Lexington
- Maxine Drive from Buell to Indiana

New sidewalk along Lexington woods.

Bluffton Road Bridge Updates.

Construction may begin winter 2024 and be complete summer 2026. Additional to a new bridge structure, sidewalks will be widened to provide safer bike and pedestrian travel. Car lanes and crosswalks at the stoplight will change slightly.

Barrett 50/50 Sidewalk Cost Share Program.

We know that sidewalk safety is a big concern. The City has stepped up recent efforts at sidewalk replacement and trip hazard reduction. But if you want to give sidewalk replacement a boost on your block or in front of your house, check out this cost sharing program where you pay half the cost and get work done more quickly.

Paulding Road Improvements.

The City is planning to rebuild Paulding Road between the Foellinger Bridge and Calhoun Street in 2026. It will reduce traffic speeds by removing traffic lanes, adding bike lanes and pedestrian crosswalks. New landscaping, public art, and new traffic signals are included in the effort.

Get Some SWP Swag.

Visit the “merch” section of our website:

- *NEW* Southwood Park pennants collab with The Hedge.
- Southwood Park flags
- Southwood Park garden flags
- “Keep the Wood in Southwood Park” tees (now also in women’s sizes).



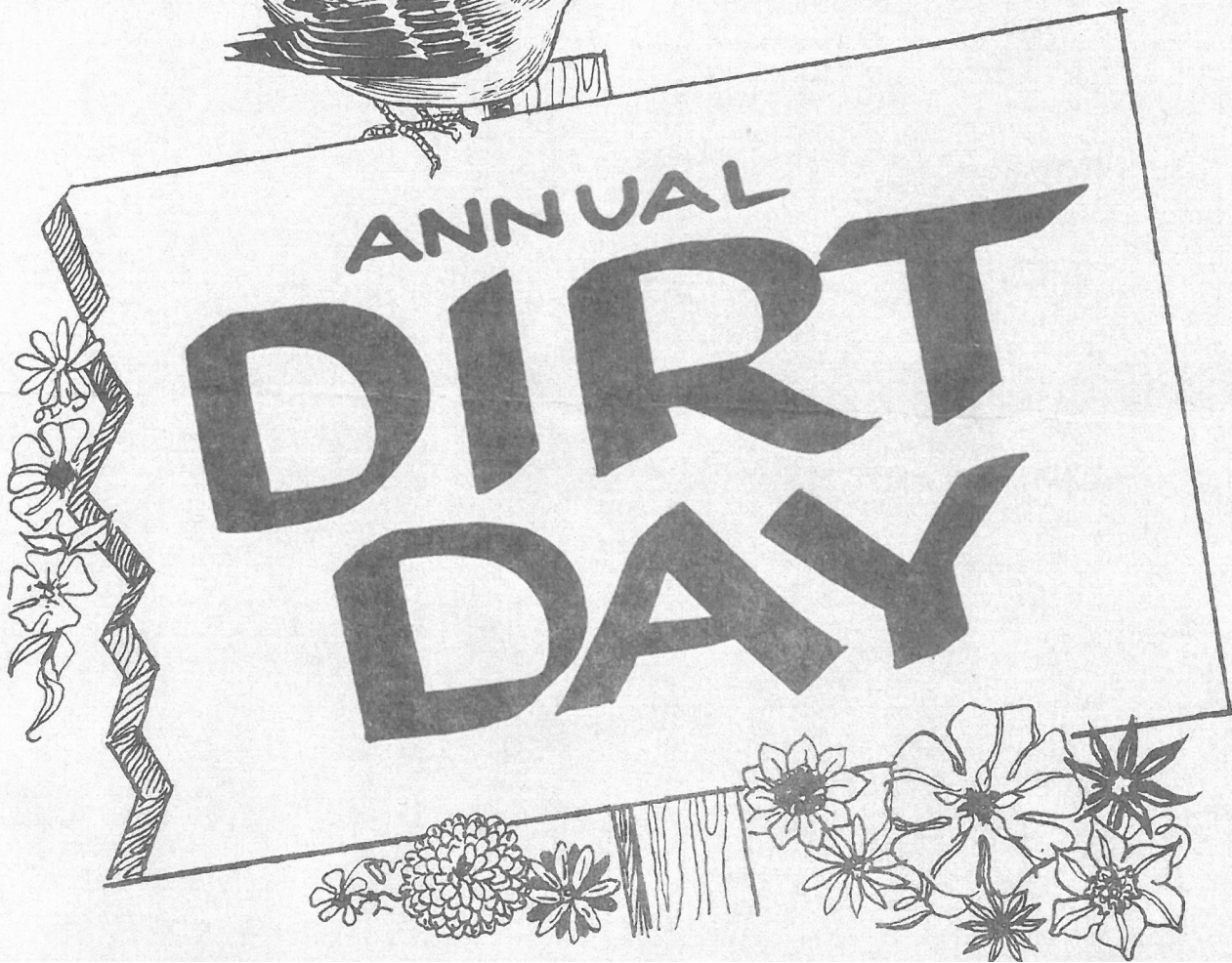
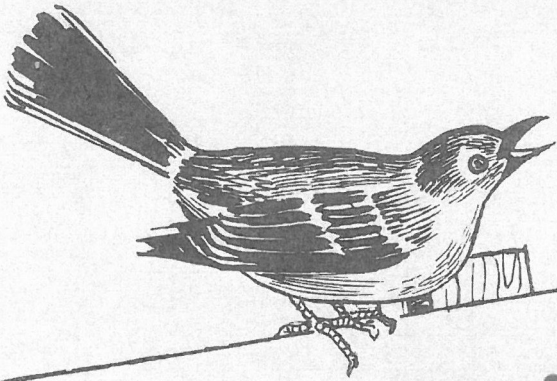
Flamingo Fridays

What are they? A way to meet neighbors! They are social mixers, family friendlies at a neighbor’s house. Want to host one? Contact Nadine Rager at nadinerage@gmail.com.

June 7, 4233 Indiana Avenue. Hosts: Johannah Greene and Logan Anderson.

SOUTHWOOD PARK

PRESENTS THE



MAY 4, 2024

INDIANA@MAXINE; SUNSET@CRESTWOOD

BEAVER@WESTOVER; SOUTH WAYNE@MAPLE GROVE

YEAR 47 FOR THIS EVENT! THE ASSOCIATION PURCHASES TRUCKLOADS OF
QUALITY PEAT/BLACK/BROWN MIX FOR YOUR YARDS AND GARDENS.

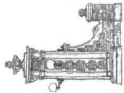
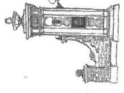
WE DUMP IT... YOU HAUL IT! RAIN DATE: MAY 11.

THIS EVENT IS FOR HISTORIC SOUTHWOOD PARK MEMBERS *ONLY*!

DON'T BE A "DIRT HOG!" BE CONSIDERATE. GIVE FELLOW RESIDENTS A FAIR CHANCE.

*PLEASE KEEP SITES TIDY. *NO DUMPING. *PLEASE DON'T DRIVE THROUGH OR PLAY ON SITES.

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**Historic
Southwood Park
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Garage Sales

Southwood Park sales are the Saturdays following Memorial Day and Labor Day. In 2024: **June 1 and September 7.**

The Association will 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 like Rudisill. 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!

Historic Southwood Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

c/o Above & Beyond Community Management

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