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**March**

**12** RPNA Meeting 7pm River Park Library  
Speaker: Todd Cummings,  
Superintendent, SBCSC  
**14** South Bend St. Patrick's Day Parade  
**18** RPBA Meeting 8am Allie's

**April**

**9** RPNA Social Networking Night 7pm  
The Well Coffee House Speaker:  
South Bend Mayor, James Mueller  
**15** RPBA Meeting 8am Allie's

**May**

**14** RPNA Meeting 7pm River Park Library  
**16** River Park Clean-Up Day  
**20** RPBA Meeting 8am Allie's

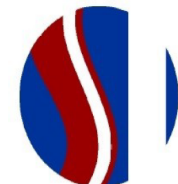
**June**

**11** RPNA Social Networking Night 7pm  
The Well Coffee House  
**17** RPBA Meeting 8am Allie's  
**19-21** River Park Neighborhood Yard Sales

**Join us!** The River Park Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of each month, rotating between the River Park Library and The Well Coffee House. Check the calendar for details! Everyone is welcome!

**River Park Neighborhood Association Vision and Mission**

Our vision is a safe, attractive community where residents feel proud, are connected to one another, and engage to better the neighborhood. To bring our vision to reality, the River Park Neighborhood Association cultivates relationships to secure and develop our River Park assets.



**River Park Business Association**

The RPBA meets the third Wednesday of every month, 8am at Allie's Cafe. Meetings do not run past 9am. Our meetings are open to all River Park business owners and other persons with an interest in the River Park business community. Each meeting provides an opportunity to share news of your business and to network with other persons active in the community.

You can contact us through the following:

Facebook:

<[www.facebook.com/riverparkbusinessassociation](http://www.facebook.com/riverparkbusinessassociation)>

Email: <[riverparkbusinessassociation@gmail.com](mailto:riverparkbusinessassociation@gmail.com)>

regular mail: P. O. Box 6482, South Bend, IN 46660



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Find us on the web!

sbriverpark.wixsite.com/RPNA

**Celebrate Irish Heritage in The Bend**



**THE PARADE**

Celebrate Irish heritage in The Bend at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 14. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. on East Jefferson Blvd. in the East Bank—not far from River Park! You'll be able to find the parade route easy enough. Just follow the sound of bagpipes in the air.

**THE GREENING OF THE EAST RACE**

Immediately following the parade, the East Race Waterway turns green to celebrate the occasion. People will line the race for a look at the river as it turns green before their eyes.



Saturday, April 4 DTSB Egg-Stravaganza  
[www.downtownsouthbend.com/egg-stravaganza](http://www.downtownsouthbend.com/egg-stravaganza)

Saturday, April 4 3-5pm Labor of Love FREE!  
For children up to age 5. More info & register:  
[LaborOfLoveChildcare.weebly.com](http://LaborOfLoveChildcare.weebly.com)

Saturday, April 11 12:30pm SB Farmer's Market  
1105 Northside Blvd. It's inside—Bring your basket!



Saturday • April 11 • 11:30-1:30  
**Potawatomi Conservatories**

Enjoy a delicious brunch & visit with the Easter Bunny. There will be live bunnies, an egg hunt, face painting and a craft project for all of the children. Bring the family! Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Please call 574-235-9442  
Children 2 and under are free • \$8/Ages 3-13 • \$10/Ages 14 & up

**Meet Carrie Marks**

Our new River Park Neighborhood Association President!



Hi neighbors! I am so excited to serve the River Park community as the president of our association! I am looking forward to working together with all of you to make positive changes and improvements such as neighborhood safety, beautification and social activities. We will be reinforcing rules and regulations through education and looking out for each other. My mission is to promote a strong active community where residents feel safe and proud. In this hurried society, having neighbors as friends and part of your support system is not as common as it

used to be. Our neighborhood is fortunate to have an active and informative social network. By organizing events and having ongoing neighborhood competitions, we will be interacting face-to-face more than ever! I encourage you to attend the Social Networking Nights and Spotlight Speaker Nights. During these events, community members and leaders share information to promote growth. In order to grow the River Park Neighborhood Association, we need your participation. Plan to get involved this year! Attend a meeting or event, and check out our volunteer opportunities. Or become a RPNA Partner and make a donation using the form on the back cover of this newsletter. I look forward to meeting you all!

On behalf of the RPNA Officers and Board of Directors, I would like to thank our Past President, Phil Niswonger, for his years of service and never-ending commitment to our neighborhood. Phil's dedication to our community is immeasurable, and his continuation as a board member is greatly appreciated.

**River Park Neighborhood Association Partner Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Level:  \$5  \$10  Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

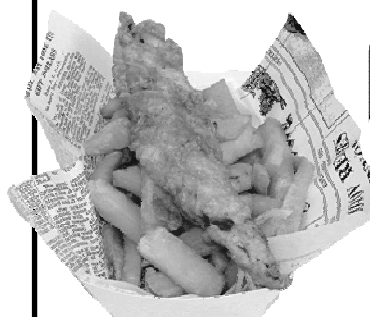
Would you like to be involved with the RPNA?

Send completed form and check to:

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Serve on a Committee  Neighborhood Crime Watch



**Lenten Specials**

**Fish Fry!**

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**2020 NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING CLEANUP**

David Harbaugh,  
Housing & Asset Preservation

The 2020 Spring Cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 16, from 9am – noon. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to pitch in. Meet in the parking lot of the Family Pet Health Center, 2910 E. Mishawaka Ave, for instructions and materials. Refreshments will be served. Please arrive on-time. With everyone working together our neighborhood can be the cleanest in the city!

In 2019, South Bend neighborhood volunteers picked up 60,000 pounds of trash throughout the city. Last year we had wonderful participation in our neighborhood cleanup event. In 2 hours we were able to pick up over 4,000 pounds of trash from the streets and tree rows of River Park! That is almost 7% of all the garbage picked up by South Bend residents in 2019, and we are hoping to do even better this year!



# The Barber Shop

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## Deb Fleming

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

- Lifelong resident of St. Joseph County
- Mishawaka High School graduate and member of Athletic Hall of Fame
- Mishawaka dentist and business owner for 25 years
- Married with four children, involved in the community through church and other civic organizations

**The Right Direction**

- ✓ Improve Efficiency
- ✓ Increase Transparency
- ✓ Incorporate Financial Responsibility

Friends of Deb Fleming  
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deb@drdebflaming.com  
www.drdebflaming.com

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Larry Garatoni, Treasurer



## Library Events

**River Park Branch**  
2022 E. Mishawaka Ave.  
New Hours: Mon - Thurs 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri & Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Book Chat discussion group meets the first Monday of each month at 10:30am.

Storytime—every Wednesday at 10:30am.

Kids can hang out for gaming on Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 - 8 p.m.  
Teen Gaming is every other Saturday, starting on March 14 at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17 at 4:30pm—TKKG Detective Agency, children's film from Germany. At an elite boarding school, Tim, Kookie, Karl and Gaby take on a case and find true friendship along the way. This screening is presented in partnership with the Coastline Children's Film Festival.

Saturdays, March 21 & April 18 & May 16 at 2 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons Club for Teens, Rouge, bard, ranger, paladin: join a roving band of adventurers in a mini-game of Dungeons & Dragons. Drop in to learn or play along. For Ages 12-17, but families are welcome.

Our One Book, One Michiana selection this year is True Grit by Charles Portis. If you've seen either film, the book has more of an impact. This is a Western revenge tale told with humor, righteousness, intelligence, and true grit. During April SJCP and our community partners will have programming inspired by the novel, and we'll have plenty of copies for check out.

Saturday, April 25—Oregon Trail Escape Room. Gather your team and travel west on the Oregon Trail. Answer questions and reason your way through obstacles. Will you survive to reach Oregon Territory? Preregister in person or call 282-4635 for your start time.

Tales from American Folklore, Tuesday April 28 @ 6:30. Celebrate the American west with readings of folklore and tall tales, including local legends and tales from the Life Treasury of American Folklore. Enjoy some trail grub and coffee.



Look for Summer Reading Challenge programming in our upcoming June Unfold newsletter.

*In River Park on The Avenue!*

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### Kelly's Pub

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## 2019 HOLIDAY SPIRIT COMPETITION

- David Harbaugh, Housing & Asset Preservation

Last year's Holiday Spirit Competition was excellent! Neighbors put up more decorations, making the neighborhood much more Merry & Bright. The competition was also more social this year as the nominated houses were posted on the River Park Neighborhood Association Facebook page and voted on by the neighbors themselves. There were many great displays and the competition was voted on by many but ultimately only three houses could be awarded certificates and prizes to recognize their hard work and creativity. For the second year in a row, we had prizes provided by Cheryl Walsh, owner of Chalk Creations by Cheryl. She is a long time resident of River Park. Also, one of our prizes was provided by one of last year's winners Ben Eichorst. Many thanks to both of our prize donors for making this year even better for the winners!

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 1101 S. 26<sup>th</sup> Street    2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 842 S. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street    3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 737 S. 36<sup>th</sup> Street

Thaddius & Amanda Johnson won 1<sup>st</sup> place in this year's competition. They have been living in River Park 21 years and are not first-timers to this award. The couple won 1<sup>st</sup> place years ago, shortly after moving into the neighborhood. They were very appreciative and excited to win the award and recognition of the neighborhood.

Thank you to all of the residents who participated in this year's competition. I can't wait to see what next year has in store for our wonderful neighborhood.

## Lawn & Garden: 2020 Golden Rake Awards


David Harbaugh, Housing & Asset Preservation

**Before we know it, it will be lawn & garden season!** With that comes lawn mowing, gardening, and flower-planting. To encourage top-notch lawns and landscaping, the annual Golden Rake Awards will recognize the best of the best in River Park! These awards help to create a sense of pride in our neighborhood, block and your home. It also helps to keep house values going up, which is great for everyone. Last year we engaged River Park residents on Facebook, and we enjoyed more community involvement than ever!

Once again, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning houses will receive a customized award certificate from the RPNA and will be recognized in an upcoming newsletter as being one of the best landscaped homes in our wonderful neighborhood. Additionally, 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive a prize pack sponsored by the Potawatomi Park Conservatory. We are looking for sponsors for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place so if you are interested please reach out to us.

Good luck to all residents! Now Ready. Set. Grow!

## Did you know that River Park has a food pantry?



The pantry was started by church members, and has been operated for more than 20 years at River Park United Methodist Church, 920 S. 23rd Street. The pantry, which relies on volunteers and donations, is inspected by the St. Joe County Health Department and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana at least once every year to insure compliance.

In order to qualify to use the food pantry, certain eligibility requirements must be met by the recipient:

1. Must be at or below the income level set by the state of Indiana.
2. Must live in the 46615 zip code.
3. Must show proof of residence and have a state approved I.D.
4. Each recipient may use the pantry one time each calendar month

Donate Food • Volunteer • Donate Financially

Financial donations are accepted to purchase food items for the pantry. While food donations are also accepted, they must be non-perishable and not past dates of expiration. You may also donate all types of supermarket-type shopping bags, paper and plastic! Volunteers are always needed to help on occasion or on a regular basis.

The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday and Saturday 10am-Noon. Enter at the South-East corner of the church.

For more info, call 574-288-6243.

## LUNAFEST<sup>®</sup>

short films *by, for, about Women<sup>®</sup>*

**Saturday, April 4 • 1-4pm Screening • Doors open at Noon**  
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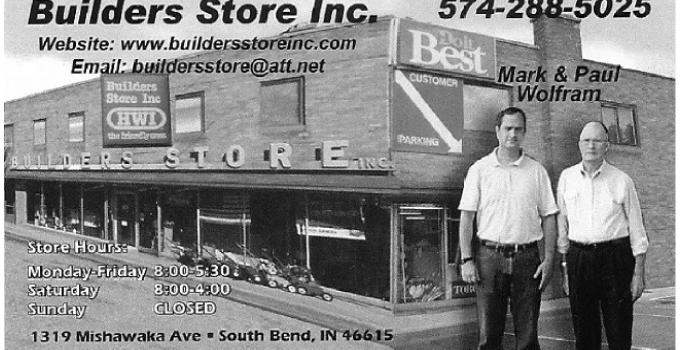
Tickets: Advance: \$20/General \$5/Students At door: \$25/\$10  
For tickets, call the IUSB Box Office at 574-520-4203  
or online: www.go.iu.edu/2i0n

LUNAFEST Michiana is a traveling film festival of amazing short films by, for and about women to catalyze social change. It raises funds to mentor women film makers so that they can lead change efforts through the power of their films. Funds raised also benefit local nonprofit organizations.

Beneficiaries: YWCA of Northcentral Indiana,  
Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County, Chicken and Egg Pictures

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Store Hours:  
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# SATURDAY July 25 2020 River Park Block Party VENDORS WANTED!

**Businesses • Food Trucks & Vendors • Talent**

The 2nd Annual River Park Block Party will be held Saturday, July 25 from 12-4pm. In 2019, an estimated 500 adults and children attended the first-ever River Park Block Party and we expect to double or triple the number of attendees this year! Our goal is to promote all the amazing opportunities our neighborhood has to offer. All area businesses and organizations are encouraged to attend. This year is FREE space for your booth! For more information, call RPNA President, Carrie Marks at 404-429-0268 or email cmarks@sb.school

## Neighborhood Yard Sales are June 19, 20 & 21



### Hello, neighbor!

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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
805 S. 29th St. • South Bend

**This program is free!**

Books, refreshments and childcare will be provided.  
Register by calling 574-288-8288



No, really. Go hide. I'll come find you.



### Your VOTE is Your Voice

By Pam Claeys

Tuesday, May 5 is Primary Election Day. We vote for federal, state and county offices including President, Congress and Governor, among many others. The selected candidates of each party will then compete in the General Election, Tuesday, November 3.

\*\*Please check your voter registration and PLEASE VOTE.

\*\*If there is **any** chance you will not be able to vote on Election Day, VOTE EARLY.

#### Important Dates

Monday, April 6:	Deadline to register to vote
Tuesday, April 7:	Early/Absentee voting begins
Thursday, April 23:	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests to be received
Mon, May 4, 12 noon:	Early voting ends. Deadline to receive completed Absentee Ballots
Tuesday, May 5:	Primary Election Day, 6am to 6pm
Tuesday, May 19:	Voter Registration begins

#### Register to Vote OR Check Your Voter Registration:

- In person: Voter Registration (VR), 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, County-City Building; 235-9521; call with questions
- Online: [indianavoters.com](http://indianavoters.com)
- Check your registration to ensure you have not been purged from the voter rolls

#### Vote early:

Tuesday April 7—Monday May 4 @ 12 noon:  
2 Locations: County City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd, So Bend, or County Services Annex, 219 Lincolnway West, Mishawaka  
Monday – Friday 8am - 4:30pm

Two Saturdays before election from 8am to 4pm and the Sunday before the election 12 noon to 4pm

#### Vote absentee:

Print an Absentee Ballot Request ([indianavoters.com](http://indianavoters.com)) or call VR to have one mailed to you.

Complete and return in the envelope provided. Your ballot will then be mailed to you.

\*\*Be sure to complete and return your completed ballot so it is received by Tuesday, May 5 at 12 noon.

#### Request a visit from the Travel Board:

If you are a voter who is confined or you care for a confined person, call 574-235-9101 or 574-235-9105 to request the Travel Board come to your home.

#### Vote in person Tuesday, May 5

between 6am and 6pm. Vote at any polling location in the county. Bring your valid ID.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** For your convenience, you will now be able to vote at ANY polling place in the county.



Help us Raise Funds by Recycling

Help support your neighborhood association by donating your empty ink cartridges! There is a collection box at the River Park Library, bring your cartridges to the next association meeting or for more information, call Phil at 574-287-2270.

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United States Census 2020

#### Census2020 is almost here!

Around mid-March everyone will be getting a post card in the mail inviting them to participate in the Census. Your response is critical, safe, secure and this time easier than ever. You can respond online, by phone or by mail. Visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) for how the Census works and how important it is to our everyday lives.

Like us on Facebook @RiverParkSouthBend

# Neighborhood Initiatives



## A Message From Third District Councilwoman Sharon McBride

Spring is coming! I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the projects that will continue into this year. Light up South Bend, addressing lighting in neighborhoods, the Sidewalk Improvement program, and the Corridor Project, focusing on

Mishawaka Ave. will be back and active!

If you have questions about these programs or if you have any other concerns, please email me at [smcbride@southbendin.gov](mailto:smcbride@southbendin.gov)

Need help with...  
**YARD WORK?**  
 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in conjunction with Woodford Home would like to help the elderly and those who have physical limitations with more physically taxing yard work. In particular we are looking to help edge lawns, remove brush and cut out scrubby trees that don't belong in the fences or right next to the foundation. This would be a free service just as we have been doing with snow removal. For more info, call 574-288-8288

South Bend Green Corps is an AmeriCorps program operated through the Sustainability Office of South Bend with the goal of reducing home energy & water costs. We offer South Bend residents **FREE** home energy assessments, education, and installation of free energy interventions.

**Services Provided:**

- Door Weatherstripping
- Window Weatherization
- Doorsweep Installation
- Water Heater Pipe
- Furnace Filter Replacement
- Insulation
- Aerator Replacement

**SOUTH BEND GREEN CORPS**

**Qualifying Income for Household Size**

1: \$30,150  
 2: \$40,600  
 3: \$51,050  
 4: \$61,500  
 5: \$64,500  
 6: \$71,950  
 7: \$92,850  
 8: \$103,300

For More Information Contact or Visit us at:  
 (574)235-5905  
[sbgreencorps@southbendin.gov](mailto:sbgreencorps@southbendin.gov)  
 321 E. Walter St.  
 South Bend, IN 46614  
 O'Brien Center

## TRANSFORMING River Park homes One repair at a time



### Is your home in need of repairs or accessibility modifications?

You may qualify for a grant of up to \$7,500/home to help with home repairs including new windows, furnaces, roofs, siding and more. Accessibility modifications up to \$11,000/home include ramps, grab bars, roll-in showers, widened doorways and more. If you are a **homeowner** with an income at or below 80% of area median income, you should seek additional information. To first find out if you meet the income qualification, log onto <https://bit.ly/396EIZL> and scroll down to find the AMI Lookup.

Once you have determined that you meet the income requirement, certain other simple eligibility guidelines must also be met. To find out more, call Mike Schaffer at Builders of Hope at 574-596-1541 or email [buildersofhope@outlook.com](mailto:buildersofhope@outlook.com).

## RENTERS AND LANDLORDS

Whether you are a renter or a landlord, you should know that there are certain rights and responsibilities each party must follow in order to successfully work together to rent, manage and maintain rental properties. The City of South Bend offers a couple of resources for all tenants and landlords when navigating operational issues.

The Rental Safety Verification Program is one program overseen by Code Enforcement that seeks to promote the health and safety of rental homes in South Bend by requiring rental properties meet minimum standards of property maintenance. When seeking rental housing, ask your Landlord to provide an Inspection Certificate. If you are a Landlord, call 574-235-9586 to schedule your inspection. Let your renter(s) feel confident choosing your rental properties because they are compliant with basic maintenance, health and safety requirements.

**LANDLORDS:**  
 For questions or assistance, please contact:

- Real Estate Investors' Association-North Central Indiana at [reia-nci.org](http://reia-nci.org) or call 574-742-2456.
- The Greater South Bend-Mishawaka Association of REALTORS, at 574-289-6378.

**TENANTS:**  
 For questions regarding housing conditions:

- Call 311 or
- Code Enforcement at 574-233-0311 to report unaddressed health and safety conditions.



## River Park Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear in neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Watch is the cornerstone of SBPD's crime prevention strategy because it enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement. The program calls upon residents to step forward and assist the police in organizing the community into a cohesive unit working toward the goal of building a safer, crime-free neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch groups discuss neighborhood crime problems with the objective of developing solutions to local problems. South Bend Police Officers supply crime information to neighborhood watch organizations and instruct these groups in various crime prevention techniques.

The continuity and success of the Neighborhood Watch program hinges on the person referred to as the Block Captain. The "Block Captain" is a community member who acts as a liaison between those who work and/or live in a particular area, and the officers assigned to that area. Through the Block Captain and neighborhood meetings, officers share crime prevention tips and information.

River Park has the only Neighborhood Crime Watch Captain Network in South Bend, and we are now accepting applications for Neighborhood Watch Captains throughout River Park. All you need is a phone and a willingness to let your close neighbors know about any crime in your neighborhood that is passed on by phone from the SBPD. For more information and to apply, contact Phil Niswonger at 574-287-2270.



**The South Bend Police Department holds a Crime Watch meeting** at the Police Department auditorium located at 701 W. Sample Street at 6:45pm on the first Thursday of every month. They provide crime maps for the city, suggestions and tips for safety, information on their programs offered within the community, and discussion on concerns in a specific area. These meetings include but are not restricted to the Captains in the Neighborhood Watch programs. These meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Robbie Dunn, 31st Street

### SOUTH BEND CRIME WATCH MEETING 2-6-2020 RECAP

By Robbie Dunn, 31st St.—

This is the third month in a row that River Park has shown very little reported crime. Please remember that, in order for the SBPD to take action in our neighborhood, we must report all incidents of crime. It is not always necessary to have an officer come to the scene to take a report. You may report crimes via telephone to a dispatcher, or online at the SBPD website, [www.police.southbendin.gov](http://www.police.southbendin.gov). Be sure to note the case number for follow-up purposes.

Although winter is almost over, here are some reminders:

- **DO NOT** leave valuables in your vehicle and always lock your vehicle.
- **DO NOT** leave your vehicle running to warm it up in the morning, or while you run into the store. That is how cars get stolen!
- **CLEAN ALL THE SNOW** off of your vehicle before driving it. The snow blowing off your car can be blinding to other vehicles.
- **USE YOUR HEADLIGHTS**, especially if you drive a gray, white or silver car. Your vehicle may blend in with the snowy background and is not visible to oncoming traffic.

To find out more about crime in our area, log onto [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com).

To find out if you have a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain in your area, or for more information about the program, email Officer Jim Burns at [jburns@southbendin.gov](mailto:jburns@southbendin.gov) or call 574-235-5941.

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## South Bend Police Department

### Quick Reference Guide

Noise ordinance violation	235-9201
See an unknown/suspicious person or vehicle	235-9201
Crime in progress	911

Phone the police shift commander to report an ongoing problem:

Day Shift Captain	235-5565
Afternoon Shift Captain	235-9301
Midnights Shift Captain	235-7684

Miscellaneous Units:

Traffic and parking related issues	235-9201
General police info/reports/non-emergency	235-9201
To report crime anonymously call Crime Stoppers	288-STOP
Neighborhood Watch/Crime Meetings/Gun Permits	235-9401
Nuisance Abatement Officer	235-5941

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