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the River Park Neighborhood Association



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“Beautification through Art Signal Boxes”

We are pleased to announce that The City of South Bend through its Department of Community Investment awarded the River Park Neighborhood Association a Neighborhood IGNITE Grant.

This award will be used to beatify River Park by vinyl wrapping five signal boxes. Their exact location will be approved by Public Works.

The River Park Neighborhood Association IGNITE Grant Committee is currently researching historic photos of River Park. If anyone has any photos or knows of anyone that does, please reach out to us.

The RPNA is also looking for volunteers to help plan a fun family friendly event (September?) to unveil the signal boxes.

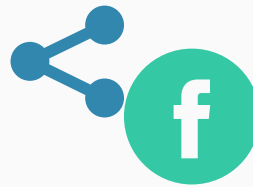
We are hoping this is the first phase of many projects beautifying River Park. If you have ideas for future projects, please reach out to us.

Our email is sbriverpark@gmail.com. Thank you, Cheryl Walsh RPNA President

Neighborhood Clean-up

On Saturday, May 6, 2023 volunteers cleaned sidewalks, streets, and street corners throughout River Park. About 40 volunteers came from River Park, IU South Bend, The Gospel Center, Right of Passage’s Woodford Home, The River Park West Committee, the River Park Business Association, and the River Park Neighborhood Association. The City of South Bend Neighborhood Health and Housing’s personnel joined in the effort and their trucks came by to pick up trash bags and other debris.

This was a fine opportunity to make a difference in our neighborhood. Phil Niswonger



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River Park Residents – Planning Our Future

I would like to encourage all residents of River Park help us plan River Park's Future.

Christopher D Dressel, AICP, Senior Planner, Department of Community Investment stated:

“In partnership with neighborhood residents, businesses, institutions, and other stakeholders, the City of South Bend is creating a River Park Neighborhood Plan. The plan will be a guide for making decisions about what kind of is appropriate, how resources should be allocated, and how issues residents, business and property owners are concerned about should be addressed and a statement of what a neighborhood wants to achieve, and it provides a strategy to reach those goals.

- Neighborhood residents and businesses will use the plan to gain an understanding of planning initiatives in the short, medium, and long terms.
- Public officials and community leaders will use the plan to direct funding and to make decisions on zoning and land use issues.
- Planners and City staff will use the plan to understand key issues important to the area and as a guide to implementing priority projects and initiatives.

The process will be fully underway this Summer. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working together to create the River Park Neighborhood Plan.”

This plan is more than stop signs and street signs. This plan is the foundation for long term initiatives that will be the foundation for the next generation. No idea is too small or not important. Housing, education, recreation, businesses, programs, crime, neighborhood watch teams, entertainment, attracting new money, tourism, etc.

We need everyone to step off their front porch and attend planning meetings, honestly complete surveys, volunteer with the River Park Neighborhood Association and attend events.

Thank you for being a River Park Neighbor,
Cheryl Walsh
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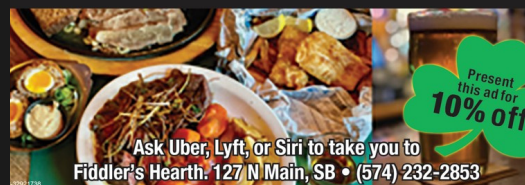


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River Park Branch Library Updates

Storytime, every Thursday 10:30-11:30 AM

Enjoy books, rhymes, and songs which build on practices that prepare children to learn to read. Recommended for ages 3 - 5. Families are welcome.

**South Bend Illustrated – an Evening with Stephen Barany
Monday, June 5, 6-7 PM**

Local artist Stephen Barany reveals the design process for his map of South Bend, his prize-winning painting of River Park, & his upcoming entry in the South Bend: Next 100 Years Poster Contest.

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic - Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network-Thursday, June 8, 1-4 PM
Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

STEAM Lab - Tuesday, June 13, 4-5 PM

Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each week. Recommended for ages 6-11.

Playtime - Wednesday, June 21, 10:30-11:30 PM

Help your child develop skills to learn to read through free and guided play using our collection of toys and early literacy materials. Recommended for ages 0-5.

Adventures in Bad Cinema

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30-8 PM

We again gather to mock, cringe and enjoy terrible filmmaking. Failed by unskilled writing, directing or acting. Unmitigated audacity. Inexcusable craft. No budget. Cheap thrills. Consolation snacks.

Adventures of a Butterfly

Monday, July 10, 4-5 PM

Join Jessica Filer, Interpretive Naturalist, to discover how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly and to explore the migration of the Monarch butterfly. Activities include a craft and game. Ages 6-12.

CALLING ALL CITIZENS!

If you are not a Neighborhood Crime Watch Captain, now is your chance!

You are invited to River Park's Neighborhood Crime Watch Network and Safety Committee's 12th Annual Picnic and Pot Luck on Thursday, August 3th at 741 S. 30th St., 6-9 PM. Look for signs and flags at the house.

We would like to honor all those who donated their time and/or resources to help make River Park a better place We can sign up new Watch Captains and discuss safety and captain issues.

RSVP Phil 287-2270 Additional parking available in back drive way.