

The River Park News

A publication of the River Park Neighborhood Association

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1st Annual

River Park Neighborhood Association

Rock The Block Party!

The River Park Neighborhood Association and The Well are hosting a Block Party for the neighbors of River Park and their friends.

Come out and meet your neighbors, enjoy live music, dancing, live wrestling sponsored by EHF Entertainment, Kids Games and Craftivities, Live Animals sponsored by The Potawatomi Zoo, Fire Truck appearance from our very own Station #9, Balloon Artists, Face Painting, Henna Tattoos, yummy food and many local businesses who are coming to show appreciation. This event is free and everyone is welcome!



Saturday, July 27

11am-5pm

25th Street

Between

Mishawaka Ave. & Pleasant

Family Fun

Live Music

Zoo Animals

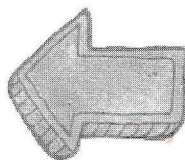
Games • Food

& More Surprises!

WHY ARE WE HAVING A BLOCK PARTY? To have fun – no excuses or reasons are needed to celebrate. • To provide an opportunity to know your neighbors and where they live. • To establish friendships. • To increase that sense of belonging to a community. • To learn a little about each other and know who might need a little extra help from time to time. • To meet neighbors on your block that might be able to help you with a gardening problem, or lend you that needed ingredient for your recipe. • To encourage neighbors to look after the neighborhood. • To help with safety/crime prevention by knowing who lives where and who does not. • To increase security by knowing each other's schedules. • To develop an opportunity to meet some of the old time neighbors and learn about your community history.



WE HAVE A NEW LOOK!



We would like to thank Michelle FitzGerald for her brilliant design and offering of our new logo. Michelle is the founder of Make South Bend, which is located at 2228 Mishawaka Ave. We are lucky to have her amazing makerspace in

River Park. It is a shared creative space with a gift shop of curated local goods, a gallery, classes by various artists, co-working space, studios, tools and more. Stop in and tell Michelle how much you like our new logo or go online and sign up for one of her many creative classes. www.makesouthbend.com





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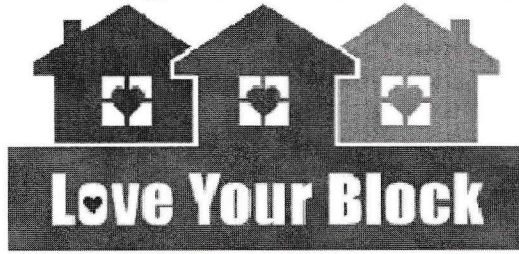
Phone the police shift commander to report an ongoing problem:

Day Shift Captain	235-5565
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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

Neighborhood Initiatives



Love Your Block brings city leaders together with citizens to revitalize their neighborhoods, one block at a time. From painting over graffiti with colorful murals to banish-

ing trash from playgrounds, citizen volunteers are combating urban blight and making their blocks better places to live.

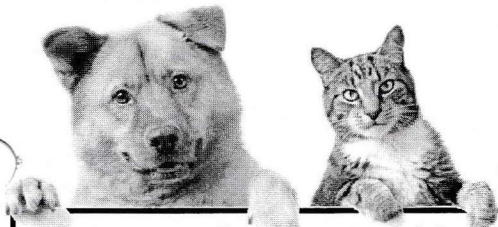
In 2018, South Bend was named one of only 10 winners of the Cities of Service City Hall AmeriCorps VISTA Love Your Block competition. South Bend was awarded \$25,000 to be used for mini-grants and ongoing technical assistance and resources to support the efforts of citizen groups and local nonprofits to fight property blight through home repairs, lot transformations, and community cleanups.

Through an application process, seven homes in River Park were selected for improvements totaling \$2,490.00. The selected homes are located in clusters in and around the 700-800 blocks of Ironwood, 23rd and 24th Streets, and also in the 800 block of 28th Street. Repairs include new doorbells and gutter repairs to new doors, windows, and toilets. In addition to these repairs all people living on the same block as the Love Your Block recipient will be offered limited time free yard services such as lawn mowing, tree trimming and hedge clipping.

SPARK the PARK!

Thanks to all the folks from the River Park neighborhood for attending the Spark the Park events on April 11 and May 9. Spark the Park I and II provided opportunities for River Park residents and business owners to come together to discuss the future of the neighborhood through various messaging methods developed by the Indiana Communities Institute (ICI). The ICI was hired by the Leighton School of Business and Economics at IU South Bend to conduct the meetings, facilitate the discussions, and interpret the findings. The information shared at these meetings will be very helpful in shaping the direction of future efforts to enhance the River Park neighborhood. We learned that there are quite a few things that residents love and like about the neighborhood. Further, we have a good sense of the things people would like to see changed. We will be meeting with the people from the Indiana Communities Institute to discuss their conclusions about the input received from everyone who attended the two events. The neighborhood already has tremendous assets upon which to build. The Spark the Park meetings built energy for new and innovative plans for River Park. We look forward to undertaking the appropriate next steps with an emphasis on hearing from larger numbers of residents and business owners. Every journey starts with the first step, and we have taken that first step successfully. Thanks for your time and willing involvement.

Rick Kolbe
Dean, Judd Leighton School of Business and Economics
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River Park is Now Over 4000 Pounds Lighter!

River Park Clean-Up Day was a huge success On May 11, over fifty neighbors and friends came together to clean up River Park! The clean up effort was supported by the City of South Bend Code Enforcement along with other groups from the community. Represented were the River Park Neighborhood Association, River Park Business Association, Indiana University Alumni Association, Family Pet Health Center, the Woodford Home, and DuComb Center, along with other neighbors that showed up to volunteer and help make our neighborhood cleaner. The weather was fantastic, and over 4000 pounds of trash was collected! We certainly plan to do this event again next year, and hopefully continue to grow the participation numbers.



Enjoy Sunday evenings with a variety of bands and musicians all summer long at the Chris Wilson Pavilion at Potawatomi Park. All concerts are free!

- July 28 – Twin Cities Concert Band
- August 4 – PT and the Cruisers
- August 11 – Los Hermanos
- August 18 – Van Dyke Revue
- August 25 – Steve Forseman



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This first ever neighborhood-focused, neighbor-led gathering is for you, South Bend neighbors and neighborhood associations.


Join us for a day filled with fun, good neighbors, and helpful information to help you grow your neighborhood associations and energize your neighbors as you unite to build stronger, healthier South Bend neighborhoods!

For more info, or if you would like to volunteer or share any ideas, contact:



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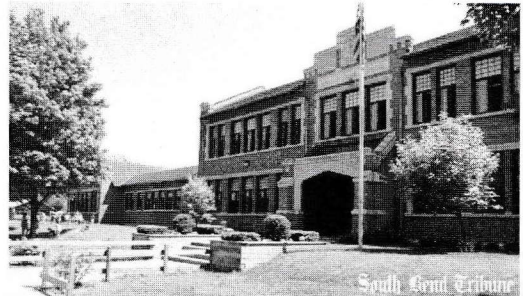


An Adventure Awaits!

POTAWATOMI ZOO

March 29 - Dec. 1
 10 am - 5 pm
potawatomizoo.org

7th Annual Nuner Knights REUNITE



Reconnect with fellow classmates, family & friends!

All classes are invited!

Friday, November 8, 2019 • 7-11 p.m.
 Potawatomi Conservatories
 2105 Mishawaka Ave.
 Dress - Casual
 \$15/person or \$25/couple
 Reservations are appreciated but not required. Call 282-1787

The evening includes:
 Live entertainment by Bryan Barr on the piano
 Raffle • Cake/Wine Walk
 Adult beverages and pulled pork sandwiches will be available for purchase.

All proceeds will benefit DJ's Sensory Garden outside of the Potawatomi Conservatories.

By Pam Claeys



If you didn't know, there are 2 brand new businesses on The Avenue. They are next door to each other, so when you visit one, you can easily visit the other.

Snacks on the Ave, opened April 22 at 1508 Mishawaka Avenue, right across from Adams High School by owners Shawn Sanders and his wife Rakea. Sean has been chasing things his whole life and is always in the "proving wrong business." After 9/11, and working in the automotive field 35 years, he wanted a different direction for his life. He began rehabbing and renting homes - which keeps him quite busy. But he still had spare time and wanted his hands into something new. So he bought and rehabbed the building, and opened an old fashioned mom and pop store, a place where you can quickly pick up that last minute household item and almost any snack your heart desires. And he will try to stock an item if someone requests. This has already happened and it is part of his customer service approach to running his business.

Their specialty is "SNACKS." Walking tacos, nachos loaded or with cheese, slushies, pop, coffee, all kinds of candies and candy bars are ready for you. Household items include toilet paper, soap, detergent, foil, canned and boxed goods, BBQ charcoal, lighter fluid, and much more. Automotive supplies include oil and transmission fluid. He even stocks 100% cotton T-shirts for \$5. What a deal! You will find almost everything here except bread and dairy products.

Find them at 574-387-4099

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8am to 8pm; Saturday 9am to 6pm; Sunday: Closed

Bourbon Street Pizza, right around the corner at 902 S. Twyckenham, opened May 31. Owner Ryan Hall always wanted to own a pizza place since he was 10 years old. He figured if he owned the place, he could eat pizza whenever he wanted. Since moving to Mishawaka after high school, he worked for Papa John's for 28 years. Then this opportunity became available.

His goal is to make a great pizza and deliver great service. He is passionate that service must be #1 for all employees. In honor of his brother who was in the military, they have a Military Discount of 25% off the total order. They also have a 25% Senior Discount (55+.)

He is proud to say he uses the #1 mozzarella cheese, Grande, because it tastes great and has no fillers or preservatives. He uses Ezzo Pepperoni, also a #1 product. They make their own hand tossed dough which is 90% of sales. They also offer an already-prepared thin crust dough. The sauce uses another #1 brand, Stanislaus tomatoes combined with their own special spice mix. Your pizza is cooked in 7 to 8 minutes, courtesy of their oven which cooks pizza in 5½ minutes.

Find them at 574-335-3534, info@bourbonstizzasb.com, and on Facebook

Hours of Operation: Sunday through Thursday, 11am to 10pm; Friday and Saturday 11am to 11pm

2019 Golden Rake Kickoff

It is finally starting to warm up outside and with that comes lawn mowing, gardening, and flowers! June kicked off this year's Golden Rake awards and it looks like there is going to be some fierce competition this summer. The competition will continue through September so if you don't win one month keep trying!

As in years past, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place houses will receive an award certificate from the RPNA and recognition in the next newsletter. Additionally, 1st place will receive a prize pack sponsored by the Potawatomi Park Conservatory. We are still looking for sponsors for 2nd and 3rd place so if you are interested please reach out to us.

At the time of this writing, the judging is still ongoing for the June winners so keep your eyes out for more as the summer progresses.

Good luck to all of this year's participants! Now Ready. Set. Grow!

- David Harbaugh, Housing & Asset Preservation

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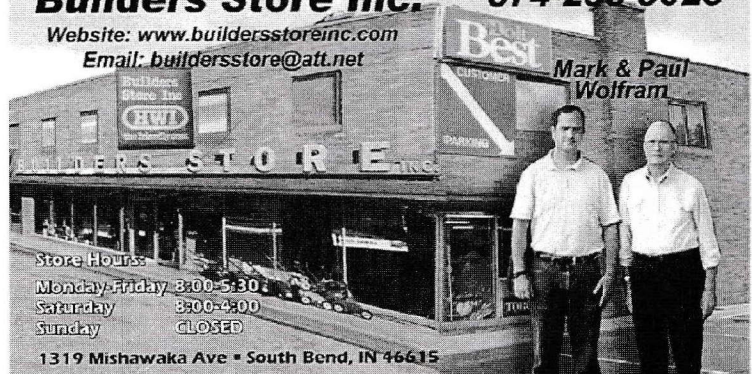
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

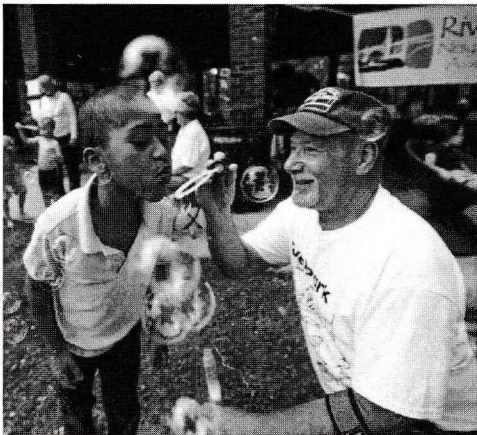
River Park Fire Station #9 Celebration Party will be held Monday, August 5 from 5:30-7:30. Meet Fire Pup and go on a Firefighter Obstacle Course. Tour the new River Park Fire Station, explore the Quint Truck and learn about Fire Safety. The Library branch will be open late! Balloons by the Yard will be twisting balloons from 6-7pm.

National Night Out Against Crime will take place on Tuesday, August 6 from 5:30-7:30pm at the South Bend Police Department, 701 W. Sample Street. Members of the community will have the opportunity to see squad cars, various emergency response vehicles and a MedFlight helicopter. You will also have an opportunity to learn a wide variety of safety topics and participate in numerous interactive family friendly activities. There will be free food, a dunk tank, bounce house, climbing wall & more fun for the entire family! National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings.

Sing Along Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 805 S. 29th St., is hosting a Sing Along with both classic and contemporary Christian Songs. It will be Sunday, September 15th at 2:00 p.m., on the lawn if it's sunny, under the circle drive canopy if it's rainy. We'll be serving SnoCones and popcorn for free. Come join the fun! If you have any questions, phone Pastor Steve Latzke at 574 288-8288.

Best. Week. Ever.

June 2 was the kick-off day for Best.Week.Ever.2019 in River Park's Potawatomi Park. The River Park Business Association hosted it's third consecutive Best.Week.Ever. activity as part of the 2019 Rebel Art Fest. This year the RPBA organized a Kids Fun Zone from noon to 3 pm. The fun included a climbing wall, a bounce house, archery, the RPNA bubble activity and more.



Blowing bubbles at the RPNA Bubble Table

Thanks to the RPNA, Potawatomi Zoo, the YMCA of Michiana, Active Health and Wellness, the City of South Bend Venues, Parks and Arts, 1st Source Bank, Make South Bend and JNK, INC.

RPBA is already looking forward to the Best.Week.Ever.2020!

Need help with...

YARD WORK?

Our Redeemer 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 edge lawns, remove brush and cut out scrubby trees that don't belong, fences or right next to the foundation. This would be a free service just as we have been doing with snow removal.

Contact Pastor Latzke Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 574-288-8288

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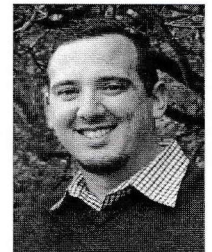
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A Message From Third District Councilwoman Sharon McBride

Greetings River Park Constituents!

I am pleased to report that our neighborhood continues to move in a positive direction, and we have so many projects going on around us now. I would like to provide you with a brief update on current and future action items in which I partnered with the community.

There were several exciting events that occurred throughout the community of which we should be proud. The recent Grand Opening at our new Fire Station #9 was a huge success. Thanks to everyone

that was able to attend. The station's location and new structure will allow firefighters to serve the community more efficiently and effectively as first responders.

The Mishawaka Avenue Corridor is one of the locations added to the TIF (Tax Incremental Finance) expansion that will assist with the beautification of Mishawaka Avenue.

I am encouraging conversation with residents for your input and suggestions to help find ways to build trust between the community and the South Bend Police Department including the increased gun violence throughout the city. Our City is hurting and I am seeking community support and engagement.

If you are in need of curb and sidewalk repairs, please contact me so that an assessment can be done to determine if you are eligible to be added to the list for 2020. Traffic Calming, such as parking, speed humps, school zones, trash pickup, and alley concerns, have been and will continue to be priorities. Progress has been made, and I will continue to work with you for its continued improvement.

Please stop by the two new businesses that opened on Mishawaka Avenue 1. Bourbon Street Pizza and 2. Snacks on the Avenue

I am always available to connect with the Third District as we continue to enhance our community together. smcbride@southbendin.gov

Let's continue to pray for our City! Councilwoman Sharon McBride

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Your VOTE is Your Voice

By Pam Claeys

On Tuesday, November 5, we will vote for municipal offices of Mayor, Clerk, and City Council 3rd District and At Large

Important Dates

Monday, October 7:

Deadline to register to vote

Tuesday, October 8:

Early voting begins

Monday, October 28:

Deadline for Absentee Ballot Request to be received

Monday, November 4:

12 noon: Early voting ends; deadline for receipt of completed Absentee Ballot

Tuesday, November 5:

Election Day: Every vote counts!

Monday, December 2:

Voter Registration begins

Register to vote at St. Joseph County Voter Registration, 4th Floor, County-City Building.

OR register to vote online at indianavoters.com. Call Voter Registration, 235-9521 with any questions.

Check to ensure you are not purged from the voter rolls. If you moved, changed your name since the last election, if you didn't vote in the last 2 national elections, OR if your name has been purged, you must re-register.

- **Vote absentee:** Print an Absentee Ballot Request (indianavoters.com) or call Voter Registration for one to be mailed to you. Complete and return it in the envelope provided. Your ballot will then be mailed to you. ****Be sure to complete and return your completed ballot in plenty of time to meet the deadline.**
- **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.
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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