



The River Park News

A publication of the River Park Neighborhood Association

“NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS”

Food Drive for River Park
September 25th to December 15th 2021

The “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” Food and Hygiene Drive was such a huge success last year that we are going to try to make this an annual event.

We are collecting non-perishable, non-expired food and hygiene items in hopes of having 2 distribution dates – one before Thanksgiving and one before Christmas.

Would you like to help? Are you having a party – birthday, anniversary, baseball or football party? Ask your guests to bring a canned good item.

I have 4 businesses that have volunteered to be Drop Off Locations on Mishawaka Avenue (please check their hours).

- Halt Healthier Alternatives (34th Street)
- Avenue Auto (30th Street)

- Franky’s Tacos (28th Street)
- Make South Bend (23rd Street)

I am very excited to see this community, our neighbors, and our families lift each other up to be the best we can be.

Please Like and Follow the River Park Neighborhood Association Facebook page for additional information – including distribution dates and locations and special food collection days at Martins.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please reach out to me.

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Calendar Dates In Brief:
Aug. 5 RPNA Safety Picnic
Aug. 12 RPNA Monthly meeting at RP library
Aug. 14 River Park Clean Up
Sep. 9 RPNA Monthly Meeting



August 2021

River Park Neighborhood Association

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The River Park Neighborhood

Association meets the 2nd

Thursday of each month at the

River Park Branch Library at 7PM.

The meetings are open to all.



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@ Gospel Center

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on the 1st and 3rd tuesday
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@ Gospel Center
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River Park Business Association

You can contact us through the following:

Facebook:

<www.facebook.com/riverparkbusinessassociation>
Email: <riverparkbusinessassociation@gmail.com>
regular mail: P. O. Box 6482, South Bend, IN 46660

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.

Michiana Christian Community

Michiana Christian Community is a loving, friendly church in the River Park area. We have been in River Park for well over 50 years.

The church started as River Park Tabernacle, and the name was changed in 1999 when River Park Tabernacle and Freedom Tabernacle joined together as one church to form Michiana Christian Community. We are located at 1217 S. Logan, South Bend, IN.

Pastor Terry Parker and his wife Rebecca have been married for 41 years. They have been pastoring for 32 years. They have four children, and six grandchildren. Pastor Terry and his wife have a heart for the River Park Community and the church has recently started a food pantry, clothes pantry, and counseling services.

We do also offer emergency food, clothing, and counseling services as needed. Our arms are open wide for any and all to come and visit us at Michiana Christian Community. We are also currently gathering winter coats, hats, and gloves to give away in early October. We are planning a job fair on September 29th at 6:30 p.m. to offer to those who are looking for employment.

Pastor Terry 574-210-8836 Rebecca Parker 574-876-0063
Please feel free to call us for prayer requests as well!

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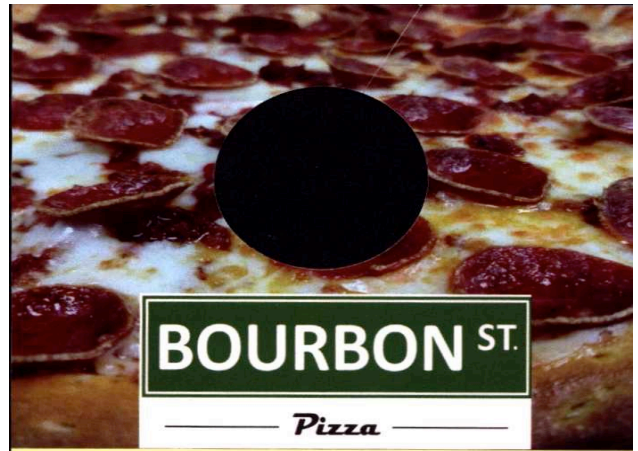
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Franky's Tacos By Pam Claeys

Franky Macias has always wanted to cook! For about 10 years, he helped Our Lady of Hungary Church get back on good financial footing by cooking and selling food every Sunday. He specialized in Mexican cooking but learned Hungarian food from other parishioners and even learned how to make Hungarian kolacz.

After taking 'technical production' courses at IUSB, he became a factory production supervisor, and would make and sell tacos at the factory to raise money to help his co-workers. The pandemic hit in March 2020, but he was not laid off until May. It seemed like the right time for him to pursue his dream -- and he began to look at properties. The huge picture windows with lots of natural light at 2720 Mishawaka Avenue caught his attention.

To help make his decision, he sat outside the building and counted traffic. He ate at all the restaurants along Mishawaka Avenue. He realized something was missing. There was no Mexican restaurant. But the building needed much repair. It took 3 months to make repairs, which Franky mostly did himself.

He tries to buy local as much as he can – he gets his tomatoes and jalapenos from a local farm - and he found used equipment and furniture. He opened on August 24, 2020 with


himself, 2 cooks and 2 waitresses. The line was out to the street most of the day. He had to hire more help and quick!

Franky's Tacos continues to grow. A concrete pad will soon be installed, and he will get a walk-in cooler and freezer, which will help greatly in food preparation.

He is working with a grant from the City of South Bend, and has plans to build a brick patio in front, new front windows, new landscaping, patio chairs and tables with umbrellas, and even a beautiful mural in front. The little shop next door, formerly a sharpening business, will become **Dulce**, an ice cream shop, where he will sell ice cream made by **La Rosita** on Western Avenue. River Park will soon have an ice cream shop!

His mission is to be a neighborhood place where everyone is welcome and feels at home. He wants to be an involved member of the community. He is a member of the River Park Business Association and has made many business and neighborhood friends. He offers 50% off to all police and firefighters and 20% off to IUSB students and faculty.

Franky's Tacos will celebrate their one-year anniversary on Tuesday, August 24th. Plans are being made with tacos and **La Rosita** ice cream so mark your calendar. Keep up with anniversary plans on Facebook (Franky's Tacos) and Instagram (Frankystacos2720).



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Our Vision: The RiverRail Modern Streetcar will be the single greatest driver of investment in South Bend and Mishawaka over the next generation. As such it will bring jobs, the full spectrum of housing opportunities, and continued cultural enrichment.

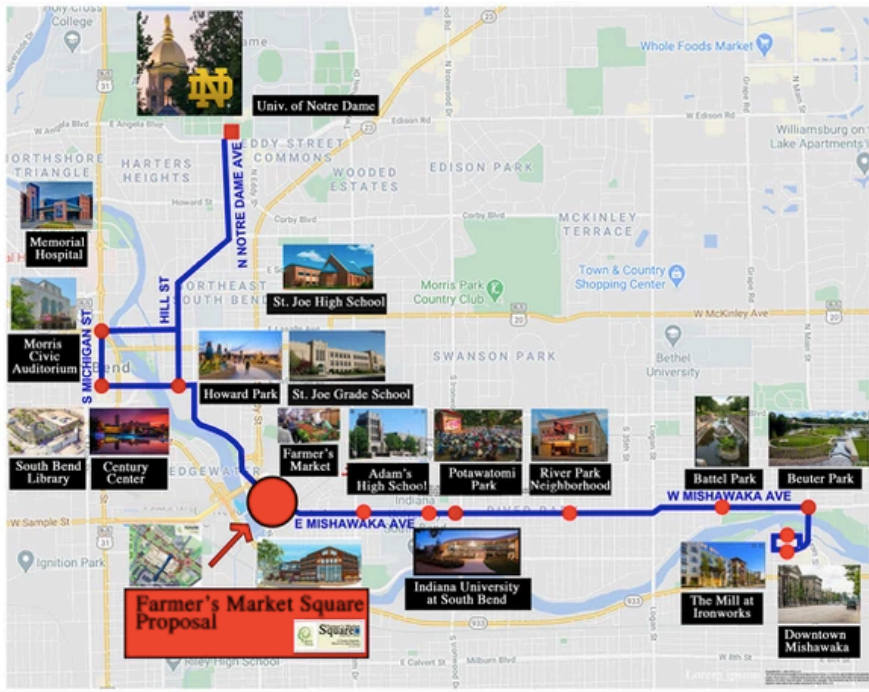
Task Force Team - Doug Hunt (raised in River Park), Jan Cervelli, Chuck Lehman, and Lou Pierce

Not only does a modern streetcar serve ridership by connecting major existing employment and cultural centers, services, and institutions, the streetcar also attracts along its route investment in new businesses, retail shops, restaurants, services, and residential development. The modern streetcar is the kind of tool our municipalities need now to accelerate current redevelopment of our

community and sustain it over the long run. And the benefits of a streetcar extend well beyond its immediate route.

The proposed streetcar line connects numerous diverse neighborhoods (River Park - 3,104 population; Sunnymede - 2,323 population), community assets (Morris Civic, Century Center, St Joseph County Public Library, Howard Park, Farmer's Market, Potawatomi Park, Beutter Park), and employment centers (University of Notre Dame, Memorial Hospital, Downtown South Bend and Mishawaka).

<https://www.theriverrail.com/> and Like and Follow The RiverRail on Facebook.



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River Park Branch Library News

Programming at River Park this fall. Assuming no new virus lockdowns, in-person **preschool storytimes** will return to River Park Branch Library at 10:30 on Wednesdays, starting on September 8th. Look for **Lego Night** on the first Tuesday of each month from 4-6, starting on September 7th. **Teen Gaming** will return to a regular every other Saturday rotation from 3-5, starting on September 18th.

We're going to host a **Genealogy Question and Answer** period. Experts from the South Bend Area Genealogy Society (SBAGS) will answer questions and demonstrate the most popular Genealogy databases. Look for it on Tuesday, November 16th at 6 p.m. We'll adapt the program on the fly to give you what you need to begin your research.

Triple Jeopardy! We're going to host an all-ages **Jeopardy** game at 6:30 on Tuesday October 26th. You supply the questions for the answers we're giving, of course, and we'll supply the fun, competition, and modest prizes.

Note that we are checking out museum passes and Internet hot spots. Ask us for information on these.

River Park Clean Up Day

Saturday, August 14th
8 a.m. - Noon

The River Park Neighborhood Association and The River Park Business Association invite all neighbors and business owners to join us on Saturday August 14th and help beautify River Park.

We will be working with Code Enforcement from the City of South Bend as well as Tend the Bend Trailer and AmeriCorps (with some lawn tools available). You can meet at Fast Signs on Mishawaka Avenue at 8am and team up or team up on your block with your neighbors.

We are looking to collect and pick up any loose trash, garbage and street sewer debris. This is not a day to toss your large or unwanted items outside. We are also not allowed to be on the railroad tracks or the property adjacent to it. Code Enforcement has been in contact with them regarding the trash on or next to the tracks.

Like and Follow the River Park Neighborhood Association Facebook page for additional information, including the possibility of an after party with Boomer the Jukebox.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you have a group or organization that would like to clean up in a certain area.

Thank you, Cheryl Walsh - President RPNA cwlshc@gmail.com

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tacos!

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EVENT CATERING AVAILABLE

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Monday to Sunday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

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RPNA News:

Thank you for those who have donated their used ink jet printer cartridges in our collection box at the *River Park Library*. The RPNA has earned over \$400 over the past three years. At this time, for even cartridges that are too old to be refilled we will still receive 25 cents to help save the planet via *Planet Green*.



Picnic: The 10th Annual Safety Committee and *Neighborhood Crime Watch* will hold a potluck for captains on Thursday August 5th at 741 S. 30th St., 6-9 PM. **There will be signs and flags in front.**

We would like to honor all those who donated their time and/or resources to help make River Park a better place, and can discuss safety and captain issues. RSVP (helpful) Phil: 287-2270

Parking is available in the back driveway for those not wanting to use the front steps.

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The River Park Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a T-Shirt Designing Contest. The contest will begin on Sunday, August 15th. The deadline to submit designs at the River Park Library on Mishawaka Avenue is 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 18th.

All residents of River Park are eligible to submit one design. It must be your own design and depict the sights and sounds of River Park. Attendees of the October 14th River Park Neighborhood Association meeting will vote from the designs that make the final selection list.

The winning design will be printed on the back of a short-sleeved t-shirt in one color. The winning artist will pick the t-shirt color (based on availability) and also win one T-shirt and a gift card.

We will offer for sale T-shirts with the winning design to the entire River Park Community no later than the November 11th RPNA meeting.

Thank you and Good Luck!!
Cheryl Walsh, President of RPNA
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CALLING ALL ARTISTS

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Entry Form: RPNA T-Shirt Designing Contest 2021

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone Number: _____

Full Address: _____

I certify that the artwork submitted was created and drawn by myself and I am a current resident of River Park, South Bend, Indiana. I also acknowledge that this design will become the property of the River Park Neighborhood Association and duplicated for the sale of RPNA T-Shirts.

Signature: _____ Parent's Permission (if under 18): _____

Date: _____ Received by: _____ On _____