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Spring Events in River Park

Housing and Asset Preservation Committee:

River Park Clean Up Saturday, April 28th 10 AM to Noon

The **RPNA** will cover all of Ironwood from the river to the RR tracks.

Residents will gather at the corner of **Ironwood and Pleasant Streets**.

The **RPBA** will cover **Mishawaka Avenue** starting at Ironwood and Mishawaka Ave. One crew will head west and the second crew east. Nuner and Adams' students will also assist the *Business Association*.

The *City of South Bend* will provide gloves, trash bags, and trucks. They will also set up marked collection sites along both routes. Please help River Park be the best it can be one block at a time.

The Lavish Lawn Award
for December 2017



1003 30th Street

Children's Holiday Christmas Party

December 3rd



Santa arrives by Fire Truck

The Well and the RPNA hosted this annual party. There were many games and crafts for the 45 children and their parents. They received gifts and photos with Santa. The following were lead by RPNA's Housing Chair: Howard Berberick: April Bell, Angel Murphy, Diana & Larry Snyder, Janet Maciulski, Pam Claeys, Margaret Whitmer, Carol Shumaker & sons, Maxine Frank, Linda Yoder, Carrie Marks, Laci Crawford, Becky Welch, Jess Winkfine, and Mandi Quigley.

Thanks to all these servants from River Park.

Trash & Recycling Bins: The RPNA and the City encourages everyone to place their bins out on the curb no earlier than 24 hours and take them back to one's home by nightfall the day of pick up.

Call 311 if you have concerns.

We encourage everyone to keep them out of view in between pick ups so as to keep River Park looking beautiful.

Fund Raising Committee Jan Maciulski

April 23rd, Monday – Mark your calendars for the **RPNA fund raiser** at **Chipotle's** near Notre Dame on 1251 N. Eddy Street. Between 4 – 8 PM. 1/2 of the cost of your meal will be donated to the *Neighborhood Association*. Just mention that you are supporting the River Park Neighborhood Association. This helps us much as we receive no grants or other funds.

More Spring Events:

March 8th **RPNA Monthly Meeting**, *River Park Public Library*, 7 PM. All are welcome.

Come and welcome our new city council woman: **Sharon McBride**.

March 12th Right of Passage's *Woodford Home* proposal to occupy the former nursing home near the corner of 27th and Mishawaka Ave. to offer extended support for youth who have graduated from the excellent national ROP character development program and most are graduates of *DePaul* or *Hill Crest Academies*, and who will be attending up to two years in college. The City Council will review and vote on their proposal. ROP hopes to begin May 1st upon completion of upgrades. There will be a dozen youth with three counselors & psychologist. ROP has over 40 locations nation wide and has had a presence in South Bend for over 20 years. Their record of success is phenomenal and a welcomed service for our area youth, many of whom have no affective family life to return to. RPNA's Phil Niswonger, as one of the first 50 *State of Indiana Youth Investment* recognized youth ministers, *St. Joseph County Court* investigator, and 60-yr scouter, has witnessed their successes both at their founding base in Nevada as well as here.

March 13th State of the City Address, *Adams H.S. Auditorium*, 6PM. Enter door #20@ Wall St.

March 17th St. Patrick Day, 9 AM Mass; Parade 11 AM; Irish meal & free music Noon-4 PM.

March 21st RPBA Monthly Meeting, *Allies Restaurant*, 8 AM.

March 29th Passover begins.

March 30th Potawatomi Zoo opens.

March 31st Easter Bunny Brunch @ *Potawatomi Conservatories*, Sat. 11 AM-2PM, Adults \$10, Kids 3-14 \$6.

Call 235-9442 for a reservation. *A Thyme of Grace* will cater, live bunnies to pet and Easter Egg hunt.

April 1st Easter.

April 7th Annual River Clean Up, 9 AM – Noon. Meet at Memorial Park pavilion, ½ block west of IUSB on Northside Blvd. Sponsored by the *Friends of the St. Joseph River* and life long River Parker and US Marine Veteran of the Korean War, Bob Owens.

April 9th Voter Registration deadline for Primary Election occurring on May 8th, 2018.

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April 28th River Park Clean Up, 10 AM-Noon, Ironwood and Mishawaka Avenues.

May 10th Monthly Meeting, *River Park Public Library*, 7 PM. All welcome.

May 16th Ramadan begins.

May 19th River Park Day and Parade, 10 AM, sponsored by the *R.P. Business Assoc.*

Come to the **RPNA Booth** on 30th and the Avenue for our new "T" shirts, and an opportunity to find out how to be a part of the RPNA's programs and services as well as sign up for being a Neighborhood Watch Captain.



Adams H.S. Band 2017 Photo by Deb Flemming

May 29th Best Picnic Ever, *Potawatomi Park*, sponsored by the *R.P. Business Assoc.*



River Park's new fire station.

This is the northwest view as you would be standing on the NE corner of the *River Park Library*.

VOTE ! It is part of basic citizenship to know what's going on and VOTE. If you have moved or haven't voted in two national elections, you need to re-register. Better check and be sure on the 4th Floor of the County-City Bldg. or online @ indianavoters.com. Register by Monday, April 9th if you want to vote in the Primary election.

HAVE YOU BEEN PURGED FROM THE INDIANA VOTER ROLLS?

by Pam Claeys

DID YOU KNOW THAT NEARLY 500,000 HOOSIERS WERE REMOVED FROM THE VOTER REGISTRATION ROLLS IN 2017 BY THE INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE? IN ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, 28,000 VOTERS WERE PURGED. IN OUR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 ALONE, 1,915 VOTERS WERE PURGED.

This voter purge targeted those who had not responded to postcards and had not voted in the last two general elections.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Please be sure you are registered to vote! Your vote is very important! Our next election is the Primary Election on May 8th and your vote is your voice.

The deadline to register to vote for the May 8th primary is Monday, April 9, 2018. Make sure you are registered to vote. You don't want to go to your polling place on election day to find out your name is not on the rolls. It is better to check your voter registration status NOW than to risk your name having been removed without your knowledge and being unable to cast a vote.

CHECK YOUR VOTER STATUS!

You can easily check your voter registration status by going to the following website: www.Indianavoters.com.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please share this 'voter purge' information with as many Indiana folks as possible and help them check their voter registration status. Load the app on your phone and you can help someone at any time.

Via Smartphone: Download the Indiana Voters app to your phone and help make sure all your family and friends are registered to vote and have not been purged.

Via Computer: Bookmark this website to your computer and ensure your family and friends are registered, as above.


NOT REGISTERED OR KNOW SOMEONE NOT REGISTERED?

You can register or help someone online at indianavoters.com. You can also register to vote in person at the St. Joseph County Voter Registration Office, 4th Floor, County City Building. Their phone is 574-235-9521; hours are 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Please call them if you have any questions!

In addition to registering to vote online, you can [confirm and update your voter registration](#) information, print an "Application for Absentee Ballot Request," find your polling place, see who your elected officials are, review candidates on your ballot, find out how to be a paid poll worker, and much more.

I can help you register to vote. I will be at the next RPNA meeting, March 8th, and can assist you before or after the meeting. It is a short form to complete and will only take a minute. Be sure to bring your driver's license number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. Please contact me at 574-288-5951 if you need a special time to register.

The **River Park Neighborhood Association** serves all of River Park and its surrounding neighborhoods and businesses. It is all volunteer and receives no operating funds. Our RPNA News is available for e-mail, listed on [Facebook](#) (see letterhead), or our website. Yet, we can mail issues at a subscription of \$5.00 per year. To help us provide additional services; such as, our annual picnic and *Children's Christmas Holiday Party* and general operation costs, we appreciate donations and "partnerships". Below is our RPNA Partnership Application and Newsletter Subscription whether by mail or e-mail:

 River Park Neighborhood Association
Partnership Application

Please Print

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Received by RPNA Date _____ Suggested Amount \$5.00 per person

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The RPNA also seek volunteers and leaders to serve on the following committees:

Communications, which includes our Facebook, Website, and newsletter.

Housing and Asset Preservation, chaired by Howard Berberick, which includes our *Lavish Lawn* recognition and other programs; such as liaison with Code Enforcement, NIP, and Rebuilding Together. Check out our [Facebook](#) page.

Safety, chaired by Phil Niswonger, which includes our *Neighborhood Crime Watch* Captain Network and affiliation with the *South Bend Police Dept.* Safety can also sign up new NCW Captains. Call 287-2270.

River Park West, chaired by Pam Claeys, which works with IUSB.

Fundraising: Chaired by Jan Maciulski, (we aim for at least quarterly promotions. Call @ 282-1787).

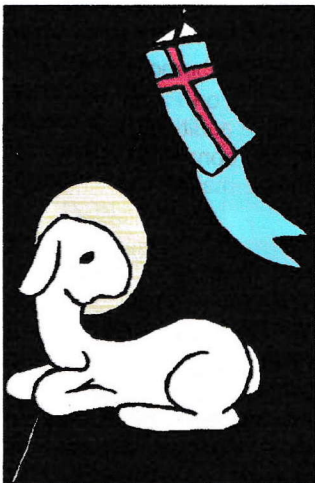
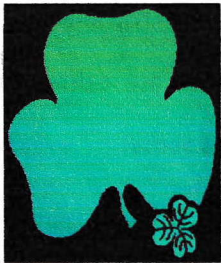
Events: Children's Christmas - Holiday Party, summer Picnic, River Park Day, and others.

Board Members: VP: Phil Niswonger, Secretary: Jan Maciulski, Treasurer: Kevin Strebinger, SAG: Mike Maciulski, At Large: Jean Perrin, Lisa Shaw, Honorary: Bev Steele, Sharon Jojo, Suzanne Rickey, Margaret Whitmer.

The RPNA meets monthly at the *River Park Public Library* on the **second Thursday** of the Month at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. We usually have speakers or presenters.

Sponsor of this issue.

Start your celebration with a 9 AM Celtic Mass at *St. Patrick's*, followed by free coffee and donuts, and then view the nearby 11 AM Downtown Parade, and afterwards have an Irish Meal and free Celtic Music at the *St. Patrick Center* Noon to 4 PM.




 Happy
Saint
Patrick's
Day

Come join the celebrations
 on Saturday, March 17th
 Starting with a 9:00 am Mass
 at St. Patrick Church
(Located at 309 S. Taylor Street)
 Dinner and Entertainment follows the Parade
 at St. Patrick Church Hall
(Located 308 S. Scott Street behind the church)
 12 Noon—4:00 pm
 Menu consists of Traditional Corned Beef or Chicken Meal \$12.00
 Hot Dog and Chips \$4.00, Potato Soup and Soda Bread \$6.00
 Adult Beverages and Pop also available for purchase
 For more information call Karen Horvath 574 339-2375 or the Parish Office at 574 287-8932

