# South Wayne Neighborhood Neighborhood



ach year, ARCH (Fort Wayne's Architecture & Community Heritage organization) features one of Fort Wayne's and Northeast Indiana's historic neighborhoods on a home and garden tour. As described on their website, "These help to galvanize and strengthen neighborhoods by bringing neighbors together and giving them a chance to show off

their homes and neigh-

borhoods."

In some exciting news, Historic South Wayne has tentatively been chosen to be the featured neighborhood in its Summer 2020 home tour. We will join a list of other neighborhoods that have partnered with ARCH on these tours, including Forest Park Boulevard, West Main Street and most recently, Illsley Place.

To move forward, we need to confirm that there is indeed enough interest among our neighbors to volunteer to help plan and put on the tour, as well as enough people willing to have their

the tour. If you are interested in either volunteering for a home tour committee or having your house be on the tour, please contact us at hswna.newsletter@gmail. com. Please note that vol-

unteering your home as a tour stop does not guarantee it will be chosen. We will work with ARCH to have a formal selection process when the time comes, but for now we need to at least confirm that we have a necessary number of homes interested.

This will be one of the biggest projects our neighborhood has undertaken recently, and we need your help. With all the exciting changes happening in our part of town, putting on a great home tour will be a way to highlight the reasons why Historic South Wayne is such a great place to live.

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## **Recap of January Annual Meeting**

Our first general meeting of 2019 of the Historic South Wayne Neighborhood Association was held on Monday, January 21st at LifeWay Bible Fellowship Church. Officers for this year were elected (see the list on page 4), and reports on the progress of our association and reports by our various officers and committees were made. City Councilman Geoff Paddock was also in attendance and gave an update on garbage collection issues with Red River, discussed plans for more possible public infrastructure projects in 2019, and requested an opportunity for a "neighborhood walk" with him and other city officials in Historic South Wayne sometime this spring (see below).

Here are some of the other highlights of the meeting:

- Annual Report for 2018 was given by President Nate Hubartt
- New Marketing Committee initia-

tives were discussed

- Discussion around planned neighborhood events for the year
- Plans starting to form for a possible ARCH home tour in Historic South Wayne in 2020
- HSWNA meeting schedule was set for 2019 (see events calendar on page 4)

## **Neighborhood Walk with Geoff Paddock**

City Councilman Geoff Paddock, our 5th District representative, has invited us to participate in a neighborhood walk once the weather improves. The purpose is to take a tour of our neighborhood with him and talk about what City Council has been working on and let him know what is important to us.

From Councilman Paddock: "The last few years have been exciting in Fort Wayne, and especially in the 5th

District. From redevelopment projects downtown to unprecedented investment in the 5th District neighborhoods, which are the backbone of everything we do, our community is moving forward improving and evolving at a rapid pace.

"Even with these investments and improvements, there always is and always will be more to be done. There are sidewalks to be replaced, roads to be fixed, curbs to be painted – one of my responsibilities is to advocate for you, for your neighborhood. I would like to spend some time exploring your neighborhood with you and your neighbors."

HSWNA will let you know when our walk is scheduled, but it will most likely be a Saturday in May or June starting at 10:30 a.m.

### **Homeowner Repair Loan Program**

The City of Fort Wayne's Office of Housing & Neighborhood Services Homeowner Repair Loan program is now open.

The Roof and Heating & Air Conditioning Replacement Program provides o% interest seven-year loans for heating, air conditioning or roof replacement. Following are a few of the criteria needed to qualify for the program:

 Applicants must own their home and it must be their primary residence.

- The home must be located within the City limits.
- Homes being purchased on land contract are not eligible for this program.
- Applicants must have a household income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.
- Applicants must have homeowner's insurance.
- Applicant must be up-to-date on mortgage payments.
- Applicants must not be involved in a pending bankruptcy or have liens placed against their home.

Further qualification information is included in the program guidelines, which can be found at:

fwcommunitydevelopment.org/housing/homeowner-repair

Residents may call 260-427-8585 to leave their information on a voice mail system. Someone from the Office of Housing & Neighborhood Services will then call them back to determine their eligibility. As always, funding is limited for this program, so qualified homeowners are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Continued Trash Problems in Our Neighborhood**

While missed trash pick-ups have gone down recently, Historic South Wayne is among several neighborhoods in our area that is frequently missed. When collection does happen, often trash is being left in containers, or even worse, being left on the street or in the alleys. If your garbage or recycling is not picked up or is not done correctly, please log a report each time by calling 311 or by submitting a report online at **cityoffortwayne.custhelp**. com, or by using the City of Fort Wayne 311 mobile app. Don't count on your neighbors to do it for you. The City needs to record each official miss to accurately fine Red River.

Tip: the website and app are relatively easy to use and help avoid having to wait on hold.

Keeping trash picked up in our neighborhood is not just the responsibility of the City of Fort Wayne or Red River, however. We have a litter problem. And whether it's non-residents passing through our neighborhood and tossing their trash, or whether it's happening from within, it's detrimental to the experience of living in a beautiful neighborhood like ours.

Studies show that people are more likely to litter in an already littered or unkempt location. So, one way to combat this problem is to pick up the litter that is there, even if it's not yours. No, we shouldn't have to pick up after others, but it's one way you can show you care about the place you live and possibly prevent more litter from happening. Put on some gloves, grab a plastic grocery bag, and take a walk around the block. It is almost guaranteed that you'll fill at least one bag with litter than you come across. The walk will do you good (see below left), your street will be cleaner, and the neighborhood will benefit.

See the back page for info about the upcoming Great American Cleanup.

#### How walking affects the body



**POTHOLES?** If you notice a pothole on any of our streets, call or submit a report online with 311 and the City will come out and fill it.

## City Council Approves \$2 Million in Roads and Utility Projects

Historic South Wayne Alley to Receive Funds

In one of its first acts of business in this new year, the Fort Wayne City Council approved by unanimous vote more than \$2 million in roads and utility improvement projects expected to begin this year. One of the projects approved includes \$222,629 for brick alley reconstruction on Beaver, Indiana, West Wildwood and Kinnaird avenues.

Construction on the alley is set to begin this spring, and while it will take a bit longer than the alleys we had reconstructed in 2018, this is a significant investment by the City to our neighborhood and the results should be well worth the wait.

#### **City to Host Neighborhood Conference**

The City of Fort Wayne is hosting the 2019 Regional Neighborhood Network Conference September 19 – 21 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center and you're invited to attend! The early bird fee will only be \$125 for the three days. Launched in 1986 by the City of Louisville, the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference is a three-day event hosted each year by one of 20+ Midwestern cities in five states: Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee. The theme this year is "Play in the Fort," with an emphasis on how recreation and social interaction can help transform neighborhoods.

Keep watching this newsletter for more information and don't forget to follow @FWNeighborhoods on Facebook. You can also visit https://rnnconference.com to find out details.

## Neighborhood Calendar

- Monday, March 18, 7 p.m.
   HSWNA Board Meeting
   LifeWay Bible Fellowship 3000 S. Wayne Ave. (Across from Lutheran Park)
- Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. Noon Great American Cleanup
   © South Wayne Elementary Parking Lot
- Monday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.
   HSWNA General Meeting

   @ LifeWay Bible Fellowship
- Monday, July 15, 7:00 p.m.
   HSWNA Board Meeting
   LifeWay Bible Fellowship
- Monday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.
   HSWNA General Meeting
   LifeWay Bible Fellowship
- Monday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.
   HSWNA Board Meeting
   LifeWay Bible Fellowship

**Upcoming Recycling Collection Dates**March 15, 29 • April 12, 26

#### Great American Cleanup on May 4

Historic South Wayne will be once again be participating in Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program. The City will provide gloves, garbage bags and a large dumpster to collect and dispose of litter and debris in our neighborhood. Mark your calendar for Saturday morning, May 4th, and come out and help keep Historic South Wayne beautiful!

## Free Futsal Clinics

Come and experience the game of futsal, a 5-on-5 soccer variant played on a hard surface. Dress for the weather, bring tennis shoes and water.

The clinics will be held on Mondays, 3:30 to 5 p.m., from April 15 through May 20. Courts are also available anytime the park is open.

# **P** Futsal

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#### **Reminder to Submit Your 2019 Dues**

Membership in the Historic South Wayne Neighborhood Association is a great way to become involved, to help our neighborhood improve, to know about what's going on, and best of all, to get to know your neighbors!

Paying your \$25 annual household dues can be done easily and securely on our website at **historicsouthwayne.com/membership** or fill out the **form below.** 

Tip: You can now set up an annual donation via the website and never have to remember to pay your dues each year!



Membership Dues: \$25/year • Business Membership: \$50/year

Make checks payable to HSWNA & mail or hand deliver to: Kristen Emick • 909 Kinnaird Ave. • Ft. Wayne, IN 46807

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