

## Neighborhood Grant Awarded!

**F**or the second year in a row, Historic South Wayne Neighborhood has been awarded a grant from the City of Fort Wayne. Earlier this year, our 2018 grant was used for the installation of ten new HSWN street signs. Our 2019 grant application was for a public beautification project featuring a large mural and public gathering space at the Growing

Minds building at 3320 Fairfield Ave. The Planning & Policy Department's Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program provides funding assistance for projects that create and beautify public spaces and strengthen community involvement. The City is awarding \$50,000 in grants to neighborhoods throughout Fort Wayne in 2019.

The proposed mural will be the first in

our neighborhood. We were inspired by the murals covering the walls of Wunderkammer Company, just across Kinsmoor from our neighborhood. The public art that is popping up in surrounding neighborhoods on the south side is enhancing our streets, and we will be using the creativity and talent of our own residents to add to the beauty. We are hoping to start on this project in the spring of 2020.



# Rockin' the Block

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On September 28, HSWN cheered on thousands of Fort4Fitness participants and welcomed them with a banner and pennants at the neighborhood 'entrance' on Indiana Ave. (above) and a block party featuring bucket drumming and noisemakers in front of Lifeway church on S. Wayne Ave. (below). Following the race, the party continued with a pitch-in cookout for lunch.



Ryan Schmurr

# City Launches Free Lead Paint Remediation Program

The City of Fort Wayne's Office of Housing & Neighborhood Services is now offering a Lead Paint Remediation Program to help protect children from the dangers of lead poisoning.

Currently in the United States, there are more than one million children who have been poisoned by lead from old paint. Chipping and peeling paint, or home repairs that create even a small amount of lead dust, are enough to poison a child. Exposure to the paint can damage a child's brain, slow their growth, cause learning and behavior problems, and cause speech and hearing

problems.

Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development will allow Housing & Neighborhood Services to remediate lead paint in approximately 140 Fort Wayne homes. Property owners may qualify for the program if:

- The home was built prior to 1978 (the year lead paint was banned for use in homes);
- A child or children under the age of six lives in the home;
- The parent or guardian is willing to have the child's blood tested for lead; and

- The household income of the occupants is less than \$52,500 for a family of four or \$42,000 for a family of two.

To apply for the program property owners should call 260-427-8585 to answer a few questions and leave their information on a voice mail system. Someone from Housing & Neighborhood Services will then call them back to determine their eligibility. As always, funding is limited for this program, so qualified property owners are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Learn more at [fwcommunitydevelopment.org/leadprogram](http://fwcommunitydevelopment.org/leadprogram).

## Historic Preservation Series

*Editor's Note: this is the third installment in a series of articles about historic preservation which have been provided by the Historic Preservation Committee of the Packard Area Planning Alliance (PAPA) and Fort Wayne's ARCH, Inc. Historic South Wayne will be partnering with ARCH to host a home tour in our neighborhood in June 2020.*



### Architecture Styles in Packard Area Planning Alliance Neighborhoods

Architecture styles in the PAPA area have a lot of variety. These styles include: Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Craftsman, Tudor Revival, American Foursquare, Richardsonian Romanesque, Neoclassical, Mission, Prairie, Spanish Eclectic, French Eclectic, and Art Moderne. Do you know what style your home is? What about the styles of the homes on your street? Do you know how to find out the style of your home? You can call ARCH, Inc. for help in determining the architectural style of your property at (260)-426-5117.

### National Register of Historic Places — Did You Know?

The National Register of Historic Places is the National Park Service's official list of important historic places. Do you

know how many buildings or places in the Packard Area are listed on the National Register of Historic Places? The answer is seven. There are six multi-property historic districts and one individual listing. These National Register listings are:

- **Fairfield Manor**
- **Fort Wayne Park and Boulevard System Historic District**
- **Illsley Place - West Rudisill Historic District**
- **Oakdale Historic District**
- **South Wayne Historic District**
- **Williams Woodland Park Historic District**
- **Southwood Park Historic District** (includes the entire Fairmont Neighborhood Association area)

### Eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places

For a property to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, it must meet one of four criteria. The four criteria are:

1. An important event— or events— took place on site

2. An important person lived or spent time on site
3. The architecture is historically important
4. Important artifacts were— or may be— found on site

### What is Your Home's Story?

Each home has a story to share. Do you know who lived in your home before you or when your home was built? Do you know how many owners your home has had? Was your home the first on your block? Historic Preservation can help you to learn these fascinating facts. Fort Wayne's ARCH, Inc. and The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library can assist you in finding such information about your property. The National Trust for Historic Preservation also has an online guide to researching your home's history. Are you interested? Check out these resources:

**ARCH, Inc.:** (260)-426-5117

**Genealogy Center:** (260)-421-1225

**The National Trust for Historic Preservation's guide:** [savingplaces.org/stories/preservation-tips-toolshomep-10-ways-research-homes-history](http://savingplaces.org/stories/preservation-tips-toolshomep-10-ways-research-homes-history)

# Historic South Wayne-ARCH Home Tour Update

We had a great turnout at our association general meeting in September where we started planning our 2020 ARCH Home Tour (scheduled for 6/27/20). We have a strong slate of neighborhood homes on the list to

participate, and we will be looking to formalize commitments from them by the end of this year.

If you are still interested in having your home on the tour, it's not too late! Or, if you aren't interested in hav-

ing your home on the tour, but would like to volunteer in another way, we need you! Send us an email at [hswna.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:hswna.newsletter@gmail.com) and let us know how you would like to be



## 'Christmas on Broadway' Planned for Nov. 22

Fort Wayne's holiday season gets into full swing when the 15th Annual "Christmas On Broadway" takes place on Friday, November 22, at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Shine & Hardin building on the Broadway Plaza (Beaver Ave. at Broadway). United States Senator Todd Young will light 40,000 colorful lights on a spectacular 40-foot Colorado Blue Spruce, along with a brilliant fireworks display. This year's tree has been donated by the Evan and Sonja Grotemat family of Fort Wayne.

"We are so proud of this family-oriented event which, 15 years ago, started off as a neighborhood gathering with a mere 150 attendees, to what has now become a

symbol of the beginning of Fort Wayne's holiday season, with thousands of people gathering on the Broadway Plaza and thousands more watching on television," said law partners Steve Shine and Tom Hardin of Shine & Hardin, LLP, the organizers of the event since its inception. This year's tree lighting and fireworks display will be telecast live on ABC21, beginning at 5:00 p.m. from the Broadway Plaza.

Attendees will be treated to cookies from Ellison Bakery, as well as holiday beverages provided by Prairie Farms, which will include hot chocolate and eggnog. In addition to the lighting of the tree, visitors will be able to take part in

other family friendly activities, all free of charge, including a visit and photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus, refreshments, rides on the Polar Express train and the chance to see and pet a live reindeer.

The Christmas tree will remain illuminated on the Broadway Plaza nightly from Friday, November 22nd through the first week of January. Clips of the tree lighting ceremony will be included as part of the telecast of Steve Shine's Annual Holiday Movie Marathon, to be broadcast on Christmas Day from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on MyTV Fort Wayne, Channel 21.3 (over-the-air).

## Neighborhood Code Reminds Residents to Clean Gutters

As winter approaches and leaves fall, City of Fort Wayne Neighborhood Code officers are reminding residents to clear out gutters so water can drain property away from their homes. By clearing gutters of bee hives, leaves, bird nests and more, residents can help prevent structural damage such as foundation failure and basement flooding.

With a stable ladder, gloves, and a plastic scoop, most homeowners can, relatively quickly, tend to their gutters.

Why bother? First, neglected gutters can become a resting place for unwanted pests and bees. Further, by keeping well-maintained gutters, homeowners can prevent extensive staining, paint damage, mildew, and mold growth to the exterior of the home.

In addition to mitigating such visible exterior damage to homes, properly maintained gutters also protect against expensive structural damage, such as foundation failure and basement flood-

ing. Gutters control the water flow on (and off) a house and thus are integral to maintaining a strong foundation, roof, and walls. Faulty or clogged gutters allow water to reach the foundation itself rather than directing rain water away from the home. Just by quickly tending to gutters, homeowners can avoid many costly house repairs.

By dedicating a couple hours this fall to gutter cleaning, residents can ensure peace of mind in the following seasons.

