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Looking Forward to 2018!

The Historic South Wayne Neighborhood Association officers and board members are excited about the growth in neighborhood involvement over the past year and are looking forward to even more in 2018. Some of the things we've already been working on have been a redesign of this newsletter, a relaunch of our website, and planning for events in the coming year.

But we need your help! And there are at least two ways you can get involved:

1. If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2018, you can **pay your dues** using the form included in this newsletter, or pay online at our website: historicsouthwayne.com/membership. Your dues pay for the newsletters, events, and neighborhood improvement projects.
2. **Help plan or participate in events.** Watch your email, upcoming newsletters, our website or our Facebook page for more information in the coming months.

New Website: historicsouthwayne.com

In the recent weeks, we have launched a newly-designed HSWNA website to showcase our neighborhood and provide contact information, and a way to pay your annual membership dues online!

We hope to expand the site to become a source of current and historical information and photos.



City Opens Homeowner Loan Program for Furnaces and Roofs

The City of Fort Wayne's Office of Housing & Neighborhood Services is opening a Homeowner Repair Loan program to City residents. The Furnace and Roof Replacement Program provides 0% interest seven-year loans for furnace 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 house-

hold 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.

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-serve basis.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Street Parking, Snow Removal and Noisy Vehicles Ordinances

I'd like to bring to your attention city ordinances that involve each of us on a daily basis: street parking and vehicular noise. And in winter, snow removal from sidewalks. Violation of these ordinances can result in a fine.

Parking on a Fort Wayne city street for more than 24 hours, except on weekends [Ordinance § 72.22] is illegal. Keeping streets free from vehicles, when possible, is especially important during fall and winter months when the City removes leaves and snow. Due to the size of street cleaning equipment, for every car left parked by the curb, three parking spaces are left unplowed, leaving residents with no place to park in front of their homes. And no way to remove snow if they're older and/or disabled.

Sidewalks in front of homes and buildings are to be cleared of ice, snow and dirt by "every owner or occupant of any house or other building...." by 9 a.m., and "keep it conveniently free

thereof during the day so as to allow citizens to use the sidewalk in an easy and commodious manner." [Ordinance § 99.047]

Finally, noisy vehicles are considered a public nuisance, whether due to loud radios on cars and motorcycles or through altered or damaged mufflers. Noise pollution is a threat to the environment, a community's ambience and everyone's mental health. In addition, interior auto noise is detrimental to the driver's hearing and can threaten his ability to hear emergency vehicles.

The longstanding Fort Wayne Prohibited Noise Ordinance [§ 96.04], specifically addresses auto and motorcycle radios, "limiting operation between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. and/or from a distance greater than fifty (50) feet from the sound source when it is located in any public street or public place of the city." A March 2017 addendum now allows officers to determine

a vehicle's noise decibel level without use of any electronic device.

If your vehicle can be heard without being seen, neighbors can track your comings and goings by the noise level of your muffler, or your radio can be heard within nearby homes and the bass rattles neighbors' windows, it's too loud!

Please be a good citizen, no matter where you drive in our fair city. Keep your music to yourself and alert your visitors to do likewise. Those of us living in the Historic South Wayne Neighborhood are fortunate to reside in a beautiful place. Let's all help to keep it quiet while also being mindful of those who share our space.

For more information and specific exemptions, please visit library.amlegal.com.

— Submitted by a Concerned Neighbor

Let's Talk

Building Relationships Toward a 'Huemanity' We All Can Live With

Submitted by RootFolks Poets Press

Poet, journalist, musician, director, Fort Wayne resident, and Elder Ketu Oladuwa notes that two crossroads in his life were his experience on Death Row at age 21, and a RootFolks Sojourn 382-day motorcycle tour thru the lower 48 states to challenge fear and discover the soul of America.

Thru **Let's Talk** Ketu shares his life experience that's lead him to dialogue about relationships, race, and community engagement, instead of politics and diversity. The **Let's Talk** forum is a community engagement project that includes music, a Q&A, dialogue, and active-listening.

The ire and dysfunction we see and experience result from an apparent mass hysteria over the nation's governance exactly where we are meant to be at this moment in politics, Ketu said, adding

that this seeming national psychosis is not real! It's manufactured to manipulate. The American people are exactly where we are meant to be at the moment, and no amount of complaining and commiserating will change that.

Ketu has chosen to refocus — not out of frustration, rather clear insight. *I invite you to join me in considering an alternative view,* he said, and thru **Let's Talk** explore dialogue that may result in locating a commonality of interests rather than reason for separation and mistrust.

We make our world with your words is a central theme in Ketu's new book, **bone sutures | unwiring the mathematic of blackbody otherness**. It's a mirror of Afrikan descendants' current state of mind and affairs — a series of questions and images that seek a deeper personal and national introspection. **bone sutures** asks if you are willing to change — right now? **bone sutures** isn't an intellectual read, but a dive into feeling and e-motion. Poring over it, you'll find a resonance that awakens.

Poetry as a meditation, as a Diaspora Afrikan way of seeing the world, is an exercise in healing and energy transference, according to the author. It's a way to know your self that leads to knowledge, and self governance.



Poetry calls the reader to experiential learning, and the active universal principle—change.

So, Let's Talk! Let's explore our common hueman experience. What do we have to lose — fear, misapprehension, negativity, Ketu asks, adding, *the Ancestors are calling us to be locomotives that **unwire the mathematic of blackbody otherness**.*

Here's how it works: invite Ketu to your home. Gather your friends and relatives. He'll read, explore his life, and engage a dialogue about your lives. Reach **Let's Talk** thru the channels below.

Talk soon! Peace & Respect...

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Tree trimming on South Wayne Ave.

Report from HSWNA
Facebook Page

FEB. 22 —You may have noticed some tree trimming on South Wayne Avenue late this afternoon. These crews were hired by I & M to trim the Bradford Pear trees in order to keep the tree growth out of the power lines.

Initially, I & M wanted to take down all of the trees on South Wayne, planted under the power lines, from W. Foster to Creighton

and replace the trees with smaller ornamental trees. Reportedly after much discussion with the City Arborist and neighborhoods impacted, it was decided to take down every other tree on the power line side of South Wayne between W. Rudisill and Creighton.

These trees will be replaced next fall with smaller ornamental trees. The remaining trees in this area will be trimmed to below the power lines.

NEWS TO SHARE?

If you have any news items or ideas for content for the newsletter, please send them to **HSWNA.Newsletter@gmail.com**.

Also, remember to follow **Historic South Wayne Neighborhood Association** on Facebook to read about and share happenings with your neighbors.

