

# City of South Bend

June—July 2020



## Hello Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are well and healthy. I want to thank you for your work to slow the spread of COVID-19 locally and encourage you to remain vigilant as we adjust to a new normal, mitigating the virus while working to get our economy back on track.

I know many families in our community are dealing with the impacts of this pandemic. Unemployment rates have skyrocketed, and many families throughout our community are dealing with an uncertain future.

My administration continues to do what we can to help. For those who've lost work, I encourage you to visit [www.jobsprogress.com](http://www.jobsprogress.com), a new website developed to help connect people with employers who are hiring locally.

Additionally, I'm excited share with you the launch of Bendable, South Bend's lifelong learning system. Developed by the Drucker Institute, in partnership with the St. Joseph County Public Library and the City of South Bend, Bendable enables residents to acquire new knowledge and skills through online courses as well as in-person learning opportunities.

Two and half years in the making—and designed with input from thousands of local residents—Bendable is easy to access, easy to use and full of free learning resources. I encourage you to check it out and sign up at [www.bendable.com](http://www.bendable.com).

Like I mentioned in my last letter, the 2020 Census is still ongoing, and it's critical for our community that you fill it out for your household. We need an accurate count of our population to receive our fair share of funds from the federal government. Please take a few moments to fill it out online at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) or over the phone by calling 844-330-2020.

As we adjust to a reality where the virus remains a threat in our community but our economy is open for business, I encourage you to use good judgement when leaving your home and interactive with others. The face covering order issued by the St. Joseph County Health Department is still in effect and is an important step to keep the virus under control while we open our economy.

During these challenging times, you can still access many city services by visiting [www.southbendin.gov/covid19cityservices](http://www.southbendin.gov/covid19cityservices) or calling 311.

Thank you for everything you've done. I am proud of how our City has navigated this crisis together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James".

Mayor Mueller

## Clerk's Corner

Greetings, South Bend!

Summer is here and while I hope you'll celebrate safely, please stay informed with current updates regarding how our City is responding to COVID-19. You can visit <https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/>

The Office of the City Clerk and Ordinance Violation Bureau is available via phone and email Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.

Please contact us at (574)-235-9221 or [sbcityclerk@southbendin.gov](mailto:sbcityclerk@southbendin.gov). To maintain the safety of our residents and members of the public, our office is closed to walk-ins at this time.

Let us continue to be mindful of social distancing. Continue to stay connected virtually via phone, text, video chats, zoom, email, house party, and much more along with washing our hands and wearing our mask until we have beat this pandemic.

Let's help keep each other safe as we work together to design our new normal.

For comments or concerns, you may contact The Office of the City Clerk at 574-235-9221 or [sbcityclerk@southbendin.gov](mailto:sbcityclerk@southbendin.gov).

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn M. Jones".

Dawn M. Jones  
City Clerk

## COVID-19 RESOURCES & SUPPORT

### At-Home Activities & Education

#### South Bend Venues Parks & Arts

Hosting a Virtual Experience on Facebook Every weekday at 12pm. Check it out!

#### St. Joseph County Public Library

574-282-4646 | [sjcpl.org](http://sjcpl.org) | [library@sjcpl.org](mailto:library@sjcpl.org)  
The St. Joseph County Public Library is here to help. Although all library locations are closed, librarians are available by phone to help you fill out government forms, like unemployment, SNAP, TANF, and HIP. If you have limited data, WiFi access, or don't

have access to a computer, call our virtual reference desk to get one-on-one support. Call 574-282-4646. Librarians are available to assist you Monday-Saturday from 10am-6pm. If you do not have a library card, sign up for a digital SJCP card by calling 574-282-4646. Free WiFi is available to the public at all SJCP branch parking lots (except Main Library and Keller Park Branch).

### Community Health Support

If you are suffering from symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath,

please contact your primary care provider.

**Beacon Health System Hotline:** 855-523-2225

**Saint Joseph Health System:** 574-335-8650

**South Bend Clinic:** 574-307-6870

If you do not have a primary care provider, call the central 211 hotline to be connected with a provider.

#### Health safety tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

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### Food Support

#### Grab and Go Meals for SBSC Students

Food pick up available at rotating sites throughout the school district from 11am-1pm every week day. Find out each location by visiting [sb.school](http://sb.school)

#### Catholic Charities Food Pantry

1817 Miami Street | 574-234-3111  
Pick up every Wednesday, 10am-12pm and 5-7pm

#### Food Bank of Northern Indiana

702 Chapin St.  
Drive-through distribution Mon & Fri, 9am-2pm and Wed, 11am-5pm

#### Purple Porch Co-op At Risk Shopping

123 N Hill St.  
Wed, 8am-10am, only customers over 65 years

#### Kroc Center Food Boxes

900 W Western Ave | 574-233-9471 x 2206  
Pick up Monday and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

#### La Casa de Amistad

746 Meade St. | [lacasadeamistad.org](http://lacasadeamistad.org)  
Pick up on Wednesdays from 2pm-4:45pm

#### St. Vincent de Paul Food Boxes

[svdpsb.org](http://svdpsb.org) | 520 Crescent Ave  
Drive Through every Tuesday & Thursday from 10am-12pm. Must bring a picture ID.

#### Youth Services Bureau

574-235-5517 | 1330 Lincoln Way E  
To-go lunches and hygiene supplies. Drop-in Center  
Hours 12pm-6pm, Mon-Sat

#### St. Margaret's House

117 N Lafayette  
Pick up Mon through Fri from 12pm-1:30pm

#### Wings Over South Bend

1124 E Angela Blvd  
Free kids meals to any child grades K-12

#### Real Services

574-256-1649 | [realservices.org](http://realservices.org)  
Call for information on Meals on Wheels services

#### Success Academy Students Under 18

3408 Ardmore Trail  
Tues & Thurs from 11am-12pm

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### Small Business & Workforce Support

#### Small Business Emergency Assistance Funding

The City is working with community development financial institutions (CDFIs) and local financial institutions to develop resources that will prioritize helping smaller, local businesses, who have not been the main target of other aid packages at the State or Federal level. Learn more at <https://southbendin.gov/initiative/emergency-assistance-funding/>

#### Local Takeout Options

Visit [www.takeoutcovid19.com](http://www.takeoutcovid19.com) to see a list of restaurants serving take-out and delivery.

#### Bartender Emergency Assistance Program

The United States Bartenders Guild is providing emergency assistance grants for bartenders who face severe hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and closure of bars and restaurants. Click here to find out more and apply.

#### Emergency Tipped and Service Worker Support Fund

One Fair Wage, a campaign to raise the minimum wage, has established a relief fund for Tipped and Service Workers. Click here to find out more.

#### Indiana Small Business Development Center

[www.SBA.gov/disaster](http://www.SBA.gov/disaster)  
Currently accepting applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) assistance.

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### Donations & Volunteer Opportunities

#### United Way Response Fund | [uwsjc.org](http://uwsjc.org)

The COVID-19 Response Fund is designed to meet short term, immediate needs, of individuals and families that will be impacted by COVID-19 as well as the long term impacts that have yet to be seen.

United Way will look to a broad network of direct service organizations as well as Indiana 211 to identify critical needs and resource gaps. The fund will be designed to be flexible and get resources to organizations with minimal bureaucracy and appropriate sense of urgency. 501c3 Organizations in St. Joseph County will be eligible to apply.

#### La Casa de Amistad Volunteers

[lacasadeamistad.org](http://lacasadeamistad.org)  
Looking for adult volunteers who are local, healthy, and not part of an at-risk population. Contact Nancy Diaz at [Nancy@lacasadeamistad.org](mailto:Nancy@lacasadeamistad.org). For community volunteers, willing to help with the food pantry, contact Jurek at [jurek@lacasadeamistad.org](mailto:jurek@lacasadeamistad.org).

#### Real Services Volunteer & Donation

[realservices.org](http://realservices.org)  
Real Services is currently accepting new volunteers and donations. Volunteers must undergo a screening process to protect vulnerable clients .

#### Hope Ministries Food Donation

574-235-4150 x 222 | [asilverraven@hopesb.org](mailto:asilverraven@hopesb.org)  
Facebook: @HopeMinistriesSB  
Hope Ministries is accepting food donations and monetary donations to buy food. Donors may also contact Hope staff got a shopping list of needed items.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County

[svdpsb.org](http://svdpsb.org) | 520 Crescent Ave  
Donations of food can be made from 10am-2 pm, Tuesday through Thursday at 520 Crescent Avenue.

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### Housing & Utility Support

#### Utility shutoffs

The City of South Bend announced Immediate Suspension of Water shutoffs on Monday, March 16. American Electric Power announced suspension of all electric shutoffs on Friday, March 13. NIPSCO announced suspension of all gas shutoffs on Friday, March 13.

#### Evictions

Consumer Protection Division | 1-800-382-5516  
Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb ordered on March 19 that evictions and foreclosures may not be initiated until Indiana's State of Emergency has terminated.

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill has asked Hoosiers to file complaints if evictions or foreclosure proceedings occur during the COVID-19 crisis. Anyone who is unlawfully subjected to such a proceedings should contact the Attorney General's Office's Consumer Protection Division.

#### Catholic Charities Resource & Referral Program

574-234-3111 x 60  
Provides limited financial assistance to help meet basic needs including utility assistance or rental assistance as well as material assistance based upon availability. Assistance by appointment only.

#### Township Assistance

[sjcindiana.com/1615/Townships](http://sjcindiana.com/1615/Townships)  
Township Trustees provide emergency assistance to individuals and families in need who qualify. This can include payment of rent, mortgage, or utilities, as well as burial or funeral costs.