

City of South Bend

October–November 2020



Hello Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are well.

It's now been more than half a year since COVID-19 upended 2020 and changed life for all of us. In these months, I have been proud of the way we've stayed resilient and come together to address this pandemic.

Perseverance isn't easy when it comes to this virus, and sometimes it's tempting to let our guard down when it comes to wearing face coverings and maintaining appropriate distancing. But we've got to stay committed to keeping this virus under control, so our kids can get back in school and we can get our economy back on track.

As we transition from summer into fall and leaves begin to accumulate, I encourage you to take advantage of our 2020 Fall ReLeaf program to pickup leaves. The map of the program's pickup zones and dates are on the back of this letter. If you have questions about the ReLeaf program, please call 311.

The utilities bill will soon be getting a new look in the coming months, as South Bend Municipal Utilities begins rolling out a new utility billing system that will improve the overall customer experience.

Every customer will have a new account number, and every current customer who pays their utility bill online via Click2Gov or Automatic Bank Draft payments will have to register on the new site with your new account number. Also, your next bill will not be taken from your account automatically. More information will be provided to these customers via email as the launch date gets closer.

This new software will be South Bend's first new billing system in more than 20 years.

Recently the Office of Community Initiatives opened the application period for the new South Bend Alive Grant Program, which will provide funding for community initiatives and organizations working to reduce and prevent violence in our community. It takes all of us working together to reverse the cycle of violence that has taken away too many lives, particularly among our youth, in South Bend.

I'm proud of the team that put this program together and their focus on empowering our community to make a difference for our young people. If you're interested in learning more about the program or applying for the grant, please visit southbendin.gov/alive.

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Mueller

Clerk's Corner

Greetings, South Bend!

The City of South Bend launched the South Bend Alive grant program to award grant funding for organizations that work to reduce instances of violence in the community.

The new grant program, managed by the Office of Community Initiatives, will focus on funding initiatives that provide mentorship for young people, help connect youth with employment training and opportunities, and conduct community outreach and youth engagement activities.

The grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000, will support new or existing programs that are proven to help prevent or reduce gun violence among youth and young adults. Applications for the program are being accepted today through November 16, 2020.

Applicants must complete the grant application found at www.southbendin.gov/alive and email proposals to alive@southbendin.gov. Final grant awards will be reviewed and announced before the end of the year.

Best,

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

Dawn M. Jones
City Clerk



2020 FALL RELEAF PROGRAM

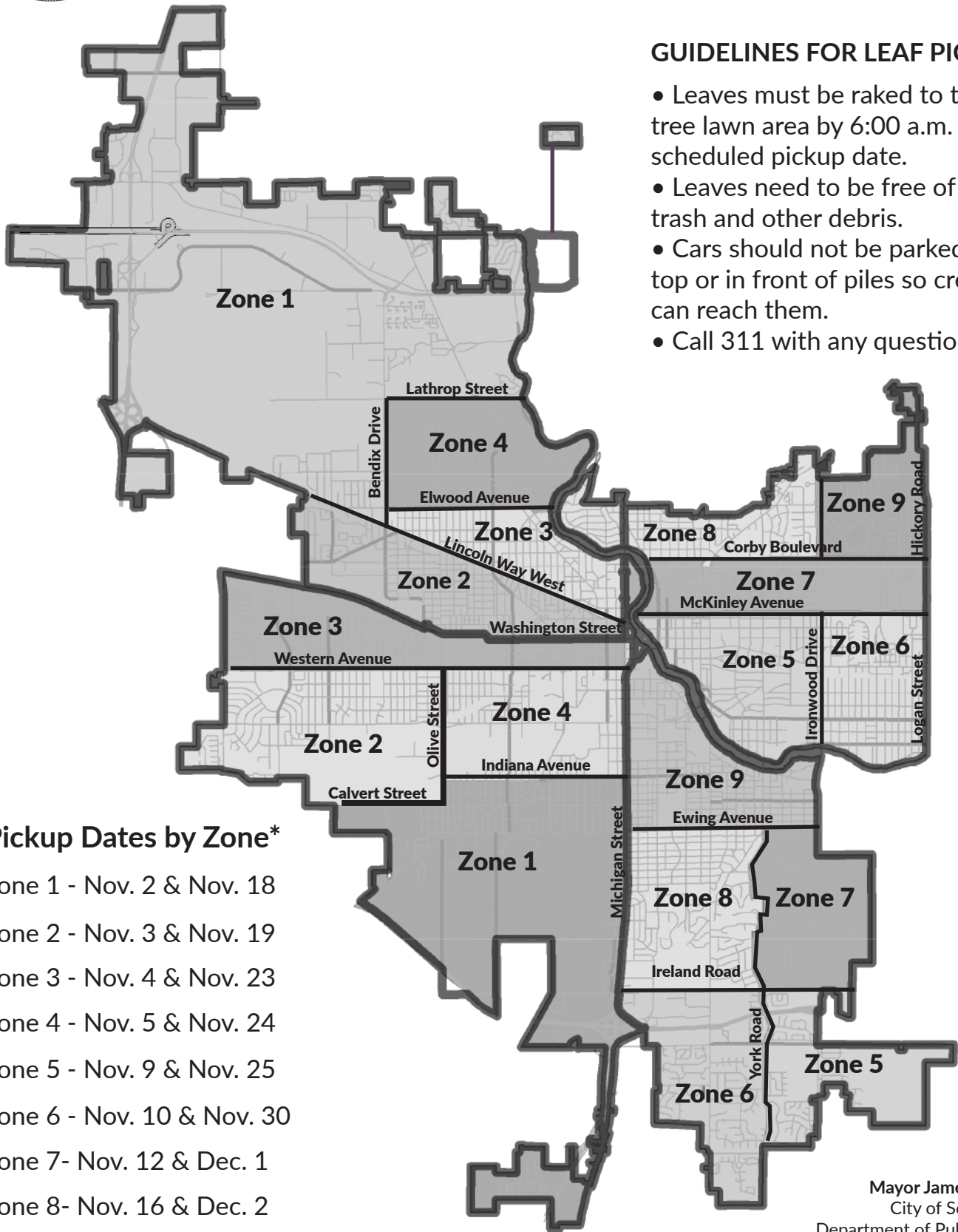
November 2 - December 3*

*All dates are weather permitting and subject to change.

Visit southbendin.gov/fallreleaf for most up-to-date schedule.

GUIDELINES FOR LEAF PICKUP

- Leaves must be raked to the tree lawn area by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled pickup date.
- Leaves need to be free of sticks, trash and other debris.
- Cars should not be parked on top or in front of piles so crews can reach them.
- Call 311 with any questions



Pickup Dates by Zone*

- Zone 1 - Nov. 2 & Nov. 18
- Zone 2 - Nov. 3 & Nov. 19
- Zone 3 - Nov. 4 & Nov. 23
- Zone 4 - Nov. 5 & Nov. 24
- Zone 5 - Nov. 9 & Nov. 25
- Zone 6 - Nov. 10 & Nov. 30
- Zone 7- Nov. 12 & Dec. 1
- Zone 8- Nov. 16 & Dec. 2
- Zone 9- Nov. 17 & Dec. 3

Mayor James Mueller
City of South Bend
Department of Public Works
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