



# Neighborhood Association Monthly Newsletter

City of South Bend  
*August/September 2023*

*"Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one."*

**-Nikolai Berdyaev**

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Neighborhood Association Updates

What happened in August and what's happening in September?



**Kennedy Park**

Did not meet.



**River Park**

Neighborhood newsletter is now digital, please let them know on Facebook if you want to receive emails.  
Kicking off River Park and Potawatomi planning sessions.  
Working on signal box wrap project - coming soon!



**Miami Village**

Applying for Ignite Grant application.  
Held Cleanup September 9th.



**Far West Side**



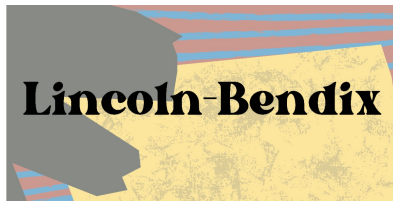
**Near West Side**



**Monroe Park**

## Far Northwest

Continued work on IGNITE Grant. Working on Signage quotes. Working with Kingdom Impact Church.



### Lincoln-Bendix

Working on IGNITE Grant projects.



### NNN

Raised \$1500 on GoFundMe with Transformation Ministries. CCI Interns presented about progress on neighborhood Ignite Grant.



### Lincolnway Neighbors for Change

Movie Night Postponed - TBA



### Edgewater

Working on neighborhood plan with Planning Dept.

## Near West Side

Presentation by Javier Bourne from the SPBD on safety. Robust conversation around environmental concerns on western edge of neighborhood.



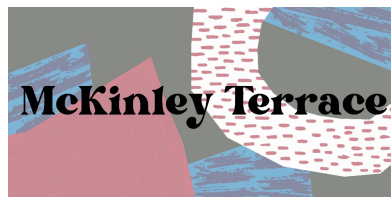
### NENC

Working on 2023 IGNITE grant application.



### SOAR

Neighborhood signed letter of support for 466 works. Annual Picnic to be rescheduled.



### McKinley Terrace

Planning next neighborhood meeting. Officially organized.



### Twyckenham Hills

Elected officers, Applied for IGNITE Grant. In the process of formalizing meeting dates.

## Monroe Park

IGNITE grant tool library trailer buildout underway.



### Rum Village

Applied for IGNITE grant signage project. Planning for Block Party.



### Lasalle Park

Working on location for IGNITE Grant funded permanent neighborhood signage near Meade St. at rail crossing. Neighborhood planning process kicking off soon.



### North Shore Triangle

Planning new dates for Unity Garden. Volunteers needed.



### Chapin Park

Seven homes on Forest Avenue received exterior renovations this year. This was made possible by Historic District designation received in 2005.



### Howard Park

Did not meet in August.



### Erskine Park

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood. Contact [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) for more information.



### River West Friendly Neighbors

No updates at this time



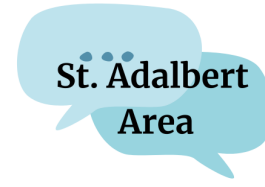
### Council Oak

Held Inaugural meeting. Elected officers. Planning for future meetings.



### Keller Park

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood. Contact [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) for more information.



### St Adalbert Area

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood. Contact [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) for more information.

**Fall 2023!**

## Linden Avenue Markets

*Fresh food in the neighborhood*



# LINDEN AVENUE FALL MARKET

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Charles Black Community Center  
3419 W Washington Street, South Bend

COME ENJOY FALL FUN +  
VENDORS + FOOD +  
ACTIVITIES

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



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Check out this recent article in Strong Towns featuring South Bend about building strong, inclusive and vibrant neighborhoods!

## Can American Cities Save Themselves? South Bend Thinks So.

[Click here for new movie!](#)

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## Neighborhoods Consortium

The third quarterly meeting was held on July 12, 2023. Representatives from **14** different neighborhoods attended along with the Mayor. See



the **Consortium** page for more information. Next meeting will be on October 4.

For questions or more information contact [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov).

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## South Bend Neighborhood Plan Updates

**Monroe Park/Edgewater - [Download the Draft Plan Here](#)**

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### **River Park Neighborhood and Potawatomi Park Priorities Workshop**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the River Park & Potawatomi Park planning workshops.

We are working on creating a draft plan and we update participates of the next steps in the process.

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### **Linden Avenue Streetscape Improvements**

As part of its implementation of the Kennedy Park Neighborhood Plan, the City of South Bend will be making streetscape improvements to Linden Avenue in coordination with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center project. The project aims to encourage commercial and residential investment, promote safety, and calm traffic.

#### **Project Scope**

Improvements are planned to Linden Avenue between College and Birdsell Streets. Planned work includes

- Replacement of curbs and sidewalks,
  - Raised intersections with pedestrian safety bumpouts,
  - Street paving,
  - Decorative street lighting, and
  - Street trees.
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### **Lasalle Park Neighborhood - coming soon!**

For more information, email [planning@southbendin.gov](mailto:planning@southbendin.gov) or [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) or click the link below!

[www.together.southbendin.gov](http://www.together.southbendin.gov)

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## Free Eviction Clinics



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ADVICE REGARDING  
EVICITIONS, INCLUDING:

- > RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS
- > TENANTS' RIGHTS
- > RENTAL & HOUSING RESOURCES
- > DAMAGES HEARINGS
- > SEALING EVICTIONS

FIRST AND THIRD  
FRIDAY OF  
EACH MONTH

CONSULTATIONS BY ZOOM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 881 6720 9757

PHONE: (312) 626-6799

PHONE LINE OPEN FOR CLINIC HOURS ONLY

10:00AM  
TO  
2:00PM  
E.T.

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://CALENDLY.COM/PBI-EVICTIONS/EDC](https://calendly.com/pbi-evictions/edc)



## Public Safety

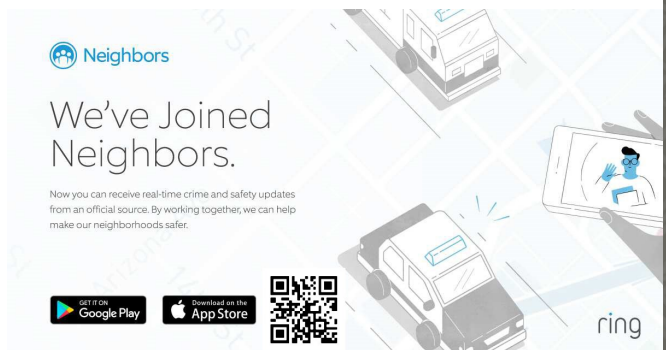
The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Police, [Scott Ruskowski](#)

or Community Liaison Officer, **Jarveair Bourn** at [jbourn@southbendin.gov](mailto:jbourn@southbendin.gov).

You can now also join the Sync South Bend Camera Registry Program.

By registering the cameras at your home or business, you are helping South Bend Police officers and detectives quickly determine where cameras are located and who they need to contact to access them. This information will help expedite investigations and will eliminate the need for an officer or detective to physically visit your home or business to review relevant footage – all clips can be shared and submitted via a secure link.

This is a FREE app.



[Learn More](#)

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## Business Security Grant



# South Bend Business Security Grant

## Help keep South Bend safe

Free business  
security needs  
assessment

Grants up to \$5,000  
for security  
equipment

### Eligible expenses

- Fusus core and subscription
- External Cameras
- Lighting
- Cloud services
- Internet Upgrades
- Video Management Systems
- Technical help/assistance
- Installation needs

Purchases made for eligible expenses on or after 01/01/2023 qualify.

### Learn more at:

<https://southbendin.gov/business-security-program/>

**Deadline: October 13, 2023**



Contact us  
[bizsecurityprogram@southbendin.gov](mailto:bizsecurityprogram@southbendin.gov)  
311

Sync South Bend  
<https://syncsouthbend.org/>

## SOUTH BEND VACANT BUILDING CREDIT ENHANCEMENT FUND

The Vacant Building Enhancement Fund is a focused revolving loan fund that offers additional financing tools in the rehabilitation of vacant or partially vacant commercial buildings.



The City seeks to support the redevelopment of vacant and underutilized commercial structures throughout South Bend by providing targeted loans to promote commercial real estate projects. Through the program, loans of up to \$500,000 can be extended for qualified redevelopments.



[Learn More](#)

## Help Build The Budget With The City Of South Bend



# YOUR VOICE MATTERS



[Take The Survey](#)

[Leave 311 a voicemail](#)

[Attend Budget Hearings & Events](#)



## City Awarded Bloomberg Philanthropies WHAT WORKS CITIES CERTIFICATION

The City of South Bend is proud to announce that it has been awarded the Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Certification at the Gold Level for exceptional use of data to inform policy decisions, allocate funding, improve services, evaluate program effectiveness, and engage residents. South Bend is the only city in the state of Indiana to achieve this certification.

# Neighborhood IGNITE Grant

The City of South Bend's Engagement and Economic Empowerment team will be offering a 2nd round of grants to neighborhood associations to create and expand ways for residents to engage, connect, and grow. IGNITE Grants provide funding for small neighborhood placemaking and placekeeping projects with community-wide benefit. Sample projects include *neighborhood signage, expanded tree coverage, park enhancements* or *public art*.

**Applications have Closed.**

**Awards announced early December.**

**Contact [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) for further questions.**

## 2022 Grant Awardees:

### **LaSalle Park Neighborhood Association** - *Neighborhood Signage*

Installation of permanent signage identifying and welcoming residents and visitors to the neighborhood

### **Lincoln-Bendix Neighborhood Association** – *Banners and Beautification*

Installation of welcoming banners along neighborhood boundary at Lincolnway West, Olive Street, and Meade/Bendix and the beautification of the median along Meade and Bendix Drive

### **Miami Village** - *Neighborhood Signage*

Installation of new permanent signage welcoming residents and visitors to the neighborhood

### **Monroe Park Neighborhood Association** - *Neighborhood Tool Trailer*

Development of a neighborhood tool trailer and lending program for residents

### **Near Northwest Neighborhood** – *“Tot Lot” and Community Greenspace*

Near Northwest Neighborhood partnership with St. Paul Bethel Church to revitalize and reopen a greenspace play area for small children and community members

### **Northshore Triangle** – *“Grow and Know”*

“Know & Grow” envisions the relocation and expansion of the neighborhood’s Unity Garden (ensuring the 12th consecutive season of operations) and the installation of an “iHub” sign, which will centralize neighborhood news, opportunities for engagement, and its history.

### **Near West Side Neighborhood Organization**- *Banners and Benches*

Banner signage designed by residents identifying neighborhood along Chapin, Charles Martin and Colfax, and park benches for two local greenspaces.

### **River Park Neighborhood Association** – *Signal Box Murals*

A series of signal box artwork installations designed by residents along Mishawaka Ave

For questions or to receive future emails about the 2023 Ignite Grant email [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) or go to

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**South Bend Technology Resource Center (TRC)**



Stay tuned to TRC Eventbrite & **Facebook** pages for more info!

[Sign Up Here](#)

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# RESOURCES

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## Supporting South Bend

Did you know the City of South Bend has a website dedicated to helping the community locate important resources? Everything from assistance for childcare, rent and utilities to free WIFI and free golf.

You can find it by searching "Supporting South Bend" in your web browser, typing [www.southbendin.gov/support](http://www.southbendin.gov/support), or clicking the button below.

[Click For Supporting South Bend](#)

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## Upskill South Bend



*A worker-oriented program focused on creating a high-skill workforce and retaining talent within South Bend.*

Summer cohort applications are now open for the City's workforce development program, Upskill SB! Upskill SB targets job-seeking professionals and recent graduates to earn certifications in technical and traditional fields. By subsidizing at least 50% of course fees and all exam fees for South Bend residents and workers.

**Still Accepting Applications for Upskill Climate Action.**

## EASSI

The Energy Assistance and Solar Savings Initiative (EASSI) provides subsidized energy assessments, grants, and low-interest loans to community organizations.

### EASSI Webinar Series for Businesses & Nonprofits

Webinar Topic	Date	Link to Join
Electric Utility Rebates & Incentives for Nonprofits & Businesses	April 18, 10-11am	<a href="https://bit.ly/3zgvBVj">https://bit.ly/3zgvBVj</a>
Solar 101 for Nonprofits	April 20, 11am-12pm	<a href="https://bit.ly/3zfl3K">https://bit.ly/3zfl3K</a>
Financing Energy Savings Projects for Nonprofits & Businesses	April 27, 10-11am	<a href="https://bit.ly/42KSnSJ">https://bit.ly/42KSnSJ</a>

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Save \$\$\$ ✓

Reinvest in Your  
Organization ✓

Protect the Environment ✓

## VIBRANT PLACES!





## BETTER VIBES | BETTER BUSINESS

**VIBRANT PLACES** is a matching grant program for qualifying exterior enhancements to commercial, mixed-use, & industrial buildings.

Up to **\$112,000 matching funds** available for projects!

Qualifying projects for up to **70% matching grant funds** include:



...and more! **50% Standard Grant + 20% Sustainable Bonus**



**SUNPOWERED GRANT**

Your business may **additionally** apply for 15% or 25% matching funds for **solar** projects.

[www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces](http://www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces)



**SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS**

# VIBRANT PLACES


## SUNPOWERED GRANT

### A GRANT FOR SOLAR

Receive funding for your business to install solar panels & battery storage systems!

Grants for solar panels are in addition to the standard grant and sustainability bonus available through Vibrant Places. **A single business could be eligible for all three grants.**

	Matching Grant %	Max Grant Amount \$
<b>CITY-WIDE (INCLUDING DOWNTOWN)</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>\$20,000</b> (15% of a \$133,333+ project)
<b>PRIORITY CORRIDOR</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>\$30,000</b> (25% of a \$120,000+ project)

A project in partnership with  **SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS**

## WHY GO SOLAR?



### ENERGY COST CONTROL

A solution to ever varying and increasing energy costs



### LOW MAINTENANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY

No required operations & maintenance spend



### ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT

Internal rate of return >15% with federal incentives



### POWER YOUR COMPANY WITH CLEAN ENERGY

Solar panels generate electricity without burning fossil fuels or contributing to climate change



### SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF BACKUP POWER

With battery storage, you can prepare for energy interruptions without relying on a generator

Learn more and apply:



[www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces](http://www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces)



# VIBRANT PLACES

## SUSTAINABILITY BONUS



### TAKE YOUR PROJECT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

**STANDARD**  
50% Matching



**SUSTAINABLE!**  
70% Matching

### GET AN EXTRA 20% MATCHING FUNDS FOR...

**Energy-Efficient**  
doors & windows



**No VOC** paint



**Permeable**  
surfaces



**30% Recycled-**  
content Materials



**Rain gardens**



**Drought-tolerant**  
landscaping



Learn more and apply:



[www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces](http://www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces)

## South Bend Career Pathways

The City of South Bend has announced a new round of workforce development training courses provided by Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership. The Pathways program assists workers from South Bend manufacturing companies with career training, improving employees' skills and providing them with advancement opportunities with local manufacturers.

[Learn More](#)

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## High Skill Immigration Fund

Gaps in high-skilled talent have become challenges for the growth of businesses in the South Bend region. To fill critical gaps in high-demand jobs locally and to boost the regional economy. The City of South Bend has announced a new program: The **High Skill Immigration Fund** To attract and retain high skilled talent in the South Bend region and To educate and build capacity of local businesses to enable international talent sourcing

[Learn more](#)

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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BUILD SOUTH BEND

A Three Part Series

# THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Save the Dates!



**JAN  
21**

## FARMING & SUSTAINABILITY

9 AM-12:30 PM

Learn the fundamentals of dealmaking, development and more, with a special focus on sustainability.

## FINANCE

9 AM-12 PM

This hands-on session will teach acquisitions, finance, using proformas, interviewing banks, and more.

**MAY  
06**



**SEP  
30**

## FORM

9 AM-12 PM

Form will teach zoning, how and who to hire, designing for tenants, and much more.

For More Information, Please Visit

[www.southbendin.gov/bsb](http://www.southbendin.gov/bsb)



## WORKSHOP SERIES 2023



Join us in person on Sept 30th for **Building South Bend: Form**

[Sign Up Here](#)



*The Near Northwest Neighborhood*

# Arts Cafe

presented by  NOTRE DAME  
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

SUNDAY, OCT 1, 2023 12-6 PM



*1007 Portage Avenue, South Bend*  
[www.nearnorthwest.org](http://www.nearnorthwest.org)



**BOTANY**  
ERAMUS BOOKS



**BEACON**  
HEALTH SYSTEM

**BRAIN**  
FAIR  
BOOKS

**ALDRIDGE**  
INSURANCE

## Sewer/Water Reconnect

A new Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will offer a reimbursement up to \$20,000 for qualified costs of connecting the sewer lateral to new low-and moderate-income homes. This funding may be used to cover the cost of the entire sewer lateral from the main line to the residential structure. Qualifying costs for reimbursement include labor, materials, traffic control, and restoration of pavement, curbs and sidewalks related to the sewer lateral work. Subject to the respective approvals by the Common Council and Board of Public Works, both the revised System Development Charges and the Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will be active by mid-July.

[Learn more](#)

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# Downtown South Bend

Back To School Season is here and DTSB is ready to celebrate ! Visit DTSB's [website](#) for a complete list of all the activities planned .



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## Legal Self Help Clinic

Facing eviction? Need to find legal help? Come visit the Indiana Legal Help Kiosk at the Charles Black Center in South Bend! The kiosk will be available. Through the kiosk, you can connect with legal aid organizations, find free housing-focused legal clinics, and access housing legal information and forms. For housing and other legal needs, you can always check out the legal resources available at [IndianaLegalHelp.org](http://IndianaLegalHelp.org).



[Learn More](#)

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## Climate Action Ambassador Program

The Office of Sustainability is recruiting 15 local leaders to serve as Climate Action Ambassadors for the City of South Bend.

Climate Action Ambassadors will facilitate conversations with the community to help prepare for climate change and contribute to the next update of South Bend's Climate Action Plan. Ambassadors will receive a \$250 stipend for their time and participation in the program, which, in addition to leading a Climate Action Survey Session, will require attending:

1. An introductory Zoom call

2. A two-hour environmental justice training
3. One debrief session with other Climate Action Ambassadors.

## Meet the 2023 Climate Action Ambassadors

# South Bend Smart Business Recycle

The Smart Businesses Recycle is a pilot program to assist businesses and nonprofits to start a single-stream recycling service, improve their recycling capabilities, and reduce waste through targeted incentives.

[Learn more](#)

[Apply Now](#)

Join South Bend's Commercial Recycling Pilot Program!

**SMART  
BUSINESSES  
RECYCLE**



Now  
Accepting  
Nonprofits!



## Participate and...

- Receive incentives \$\$\$ for
  - Starting a single-stream recycling service
  - Reducing waste
  - Removing barriers to recycling
- Save money by assessing and minimizing your waste
- Reduce your impact on the environment
- Lead the way in sustainability in South Bend



Learn more and apply here:  
[www.southbendin.gov/commercialrecycling](http://www.southbendin.gov/commercialrecycling)

## Lead Safe South Bend

The City of South Bend has grants available to assist making your home lead safe. Eligible households can apply to have lead safe repairs completed, up to \$20,000, by qualified contractors at no cost to you!

[Click For Lead Safe South Bend Information](#)



## Community Canopy Tree Program

Help beautify your neighborhood with this free





program from SBVPA. South Bend is excited to make it easier on individuals to give back to the environment and create a healthier city. The program only allows trees to be planted on city public right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk (tree lawn). The tree may be up to 10 feet from the curb if no sidewalk exists.

[Click for more information about the Canopy Tree program](#)

Additional questions about the program? Please contact our Forester at 574-299-4766.

The banner features the Naxos OD logo on the left, which includes the text "Naxos OD" in a large, blue, sans-serif font, with "Making Connections, Saving Lives" in a smaller font below it. To the right of the text is a circular icon with a stylized human figure in blue and red. On the far right, a smartphone is shown displaying the app's interface. The screen shows a "Welcome to Naxos OD" message, a "HOW IT WORKS" button, and a prominent red "HELP SOMEONE IS OVERDOSEING" button. The background of the banner is light blue with a pattern of white hexagons.

Naxos Neighbors provides opioid overdose bystanders with an anonymous, one-button press to connect with trained neighbor responders, ready to administer naloxone and provide immediate connections to harm reduction and treatment resources. They are now piloting in the South Bend, IN area.

[Download Now](#)

[More Info](#)

Near Northwest Community Fridge



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## Yard Waste

### Yard Waste

Yard waste season runs April 1 to November 30. Weekly pickup of yard waste, such as grass clippings, brush and leaves, is available to city residents for a fee of \$4.50 per month (\$36 per year) during the season. The monthly fee is applied to the utility bill. A 48-or 96-gallon bin is provided with collection taking place on the same day as trash pickup. **Sign up for the program online** or call 311.

[Sign up Now](#)

[Yard Waste Removal Info](#)

[Schedule an Extra Pickup](#)



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## Stay Connected to your Elected Officials





**Mayor James Mueller**  
mayormueller@southbendin.gov  
311 (Within city limits)  
574.233.0311 (Outside city  
limits)

# South Bend Elected Officials

227 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
South Bend, IN 46601

Mayor's Office: Suite 1400 N  
Council: Suite 455



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