



Neighborhood Association Monthly Newsletter

City of South Bend
December 2023/January 2024

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

-Martin Luther King Jr

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Neighborhood Association Updates

What happened in December and what's happening in January?



Kennedy Park

Kennedy Park

Did not meet.



River Park

River Park

Finalizing IGNITE grant project.
Presentation from City planning dept in
January.



Miami Village

Miami Village

Finalized date submitted for spring
cleanup. 2023 ignite grant applicant.



Far West Side

Far Northwest

Did not meet in December.



Near West Side

Near West Side

Neighbors participated in walk to



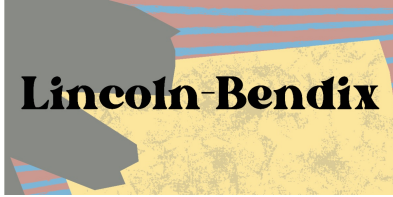
Monroe Park

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Christmas caroling held in December.

unveil new pole banner project designed by neighborhood residents. Presented *IGNITE Pole-Banner & Pearl Park Bench Project* to E3 Team on Friday, October 28th.

SBPD introduced police department neighborhood liaison to MPNA



Lincoln-Bendix

Did not meet in december.



NENC

2023 Ignite Grant applicant.



Rum Village

Work Continues on Ignite Grant project. Council women Niezgodski spoke at January meeting.



NNN

Did not meet in December. 2023 ignite grant applicant.



SOAR

Spring Cleanup dates confirmed. Work continues on ignite grant project



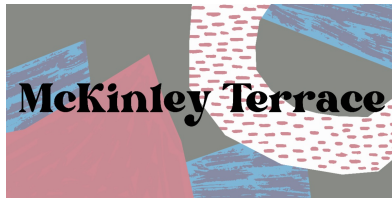
Lasalle Park

Neighborhood plan underway. Applicant for 2023 ignite grant



Lincolnway Neighbors for Change

Did not meet in December



McKinley Terrace

Did not meet in December



North Shore Triangle

Did not meet in December



Edgewater

Held 1st meeting in November at Howard Park Lodge. Neighbors discussed how to revitalize the association.



Twyckenham Hills

4th official meeting to be held in January. Created social media accounts



Chapin Park

Partnering with NNN. No updates at this time.



Howard Park



River West Freindly Neighbors



Howard Park

Did not meet.

Erskine Park

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood. Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

River West Friendly Neighbors

Did not meet.



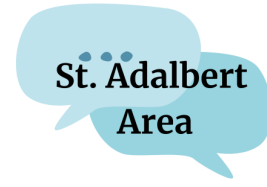
Council Oak

Bylaws Finalized.
Changed regular meeting to 4th Thursday of every month.



Keller Park

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood. Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.



St Adalbert Area

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood. eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

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!](#)

Neighborhoods Consortium



The third quarterly meeting was held on January 4th, 2023. Representatives from **10** different neighborhoods attended along with the Mayor. See the **Consortium** page for more information.

For questions or more information contact eee@southbendin.gov.



Check Here

What Neighborhood Do You Belong To?

Scan the QR code & enter your address to find out which neighborhood association you belong to!

www.southbendin.gov/namap

South Bend Neighborhood Plan Updates

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

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.

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.

Lasalle Park Neighborhood - coming soon!

For more information, email planning@southbendin.gov or eee@southbendin.gov or click the link below!

www.together.southbendin.gov

Free Eviction Clinics

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**EVICITION
& HOUSING**

ADVICE!

GET STATEWIDE VIRTUAL
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)



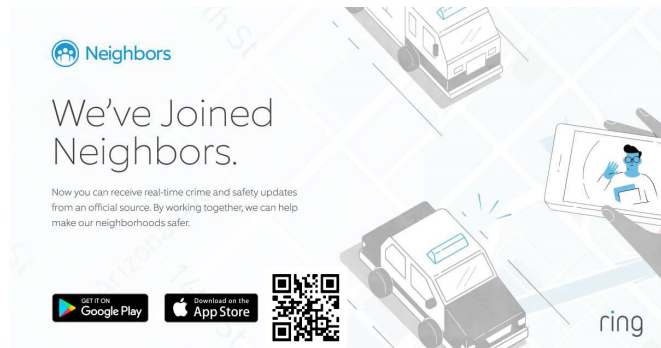
The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Police, **Scott Ruskowski** or Community Liaison Officer, **Jarveair Bourn** at jbourn@southbendin.gov.



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](#)

Monthly Crime Stat Meeting

The SBPD is holding its monthly crime stat update **January 17th 6:30pm** in the South Bend Police Department's auditorium, located at 701 W. Sample Street.

The meeting will cover crime trends from last month. There will also be time allotted for community questions and input. South Bend residents also have access to a transparency hub in which citizens can review crime statistics. [Click here](#) to view the transparency hub.

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](#)



City Announces Downtown Plan

The City, along with community and business partners, announced its commitment to create a formal Downtown Plan, which will set a vision for the future of our downtown and outline concrete steps to get there.

In addition to new jobs and record private investment, more than 500 new housing units are already in development in the downtown area, and the City also plans major investments at the Morris, Four Winds Field, Century Center, and the Housing Authority.

Join us on February 22nd 12-6pm. St. Joseph County Main Library in Beutter-Kernan Hall.

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 coming soon!

Contact eee@southbendin.gov for further questions.

2023 Grant Applicants:

Twyckenham Hills Neighborhood Association - *Neighborhood Signage*

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

NENC – Neighborhood Signage

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

Miami Village - Neighborhood Beautification

Help improve the appeal and overall charm of an area through efforts in the neighborhood.

Near Westside - Neighborhood Signage

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

Near Northwest Neighborhood – Pocket Park

Near Northwest Neighborhood work on Booker T West Pocket Park .

Rum Village – Neighborhood Signage

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

LaSalle Park- Neighborhood Tool Library

Development of a neighborhood tool Library and lending program for residents

SOAR – Neighborhood Signage

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

For questions or to receive future emails about the 2023 Ignite Grant email eee@southbendin.gov or go to

South Bend Technology Resource Center (TRC)



Help members of the South Bend community access technology to collaborate and learn together! You can help us achieve that goal by providing your feedback in our survey. Submit your thoughts by January 26th to influence our priorities.

[Take The Survey](#)

RESOURCES

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, or clicking the button below.

[Click For Supporting South Bend](#)

Upskill South Bend



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

LEAD INDIANA TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE



JOIN UPSKILL SB

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
NOV 6TH - JAN 5TH

ABOUT UPSKILL SB

Upskill SB targets job-seeking professionals and recent graduates to earn technology and climate industry-accredited certifications.

By offering online and self-paced specialized training options, and reimbursing certification costs, Upskill SB will add to the effort of developing and retaining tech and climate-specialized talent within the South Bend region.

LEARN MORE



APPLY TODAY



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TECHNOLOGY

- **IT Certifications**
CompTIA
CISCO
- **Cloud Certifications**
AWS
Google
Microsoft
- **Project Management**
PMI

CLIMATE

- **Solar**
NABCEP Certification
- **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)**
LEED Green Associate
- **Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)**
Certified Energy Manager (CEM)
- **National Association of Realtors (NAR)**
Green Designation

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.

[Learn more](#)

Weather Amnesty



WEATHER AMNESTY IS ALMOST HERE!!!

Here's what you need to know:

- Amnesty starts on **November 1st, 2023** no matter the temperature. If it goes below 32° before then, Center for the Homeless might decide to open up early.
 - CFH serves 50 men, 16 women, and 2 families (female headed households). You will need ID – they can't take anyone with sex offense or arson charges.
- **Amnesty ends on April 30th 2024.** Again, if temps drop below 32° after then, CFH might stay open later.
- **Amnesty starts at 8pm, and ends at 8am.** Please show up on time. If you aren't in line on time, we can't promise you a spot.
- **No drugs, paraphernalia, alcohol, or weapons can come in with you, and staff reserves the right to search you and your stuff.** Safety is our first priority. You could be barred for the rest of the season if you try to sneak anything in.
- **You are expected to follow the all basic rules and respect the staff of the place you are staying.** You could be barred from that place if you aren't able to do so.
- **We may ask for some information about you, even if we are full.** This is because we need to know how many people we are turning away each night, and your name will help us figure out if we are all turning away the same person, or if multiple people were turned away. We need this number to prove we need more shelter options in the community.
Thanks for your cooperation.

Please take care of yourselves, and please think about coming inside and staying in one of our long term programs.

Have a safe and warm winter.

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



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 \$
CITY-WIDE (INCLUDING DOWNTOWN)	15%	\$20,000 (15% of a \$133,333+ project)
PRIORITY CORRIDOR	25%	\$30,000 (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



POWER YOUR COMPANY WITH CLEAN ENERGY

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



ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT

Internal rate of return >15% with federal incentives



SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF BACKUP POWER

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

Learn more and apply:



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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:



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EASSI

The Energy Assistance and Solar Savings Initiative (EASSI – “Easy”) is a program managed by the City of South Bend to help non-profits and, newly, local businesses with their buildings. EASSI provides access to energy assessments, grants, and low-interest loans to complete energy efficiency and solar projects. Past participants are saving hundreds of dollars a month on their energy bills!



ENERGY ASSISTANCE SOLAR SAVINGS (EASSI)

EASSI (pronounced "easy") provides building energy assessments and matching grants to complete energy efficiency and solar projects.

EASSI connects community organizations with diverse and additive financing options including low-interest loans, rebates, and federal incentives.

BENEFITS

1. Understand & address your building's energy needs

You will work with a certified architect to develop a roadmap to energy efficiency and/or solar energy. Choose high-impact project(s) for a % matching grant up to \$30k.

2. Up-front financing, long-term savings

Energy efficiency and solar projects could save your organization thousands of dollars a year. Investing now will save you money long into the future!

3. Build community resilience

By investing in energy solutions, you not only saving money, you are also helping our community address the climate emergency.

southbendin.gov/EASSI



NOW ACCEPTING BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS

Businesses have two options:
Apply for *just* a **solar matching grant** (no on-site energy assessment)

OR join the **EASSI cohort**.



Program brought to you by the

CITY OF SOUTH BEND

EASSI is a collaboration between the City of South Bend's Office of Sustainability, mission-driven lender and real estate consultant IFF, and CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) Friendly South Bend.



Asistencia Energética Ahorro Solar (EASSI)

EASSI ("fácil" en Inglés) proporciona evaluaciones energéticas de edificios y subvenciones equivalentes para completar proyectos de eficiencia energética y solares.

EASSI conecta a las organizaciones comunitarias con opciones de financiamiento diversas y aditivas, incluidos préstamos a bajo interés, reembolsos e incentivos federales.

BENEFICIOS

1. Comprenda y aborde las necesidades energéticas de su edificio

Trabajarás con un arquitecto certificado para desarrollar una hoja de ruta hacia la eficiencia energética y/o la energía solar. Elija proyectos de alto impacto para obtener una subvención de hasta \$ 30k.

2. Financiación inicial, ahorros a largo plazo

Los proyectos de eficiencia energética y energía solar podrían ahorrarle a su organización miles de dólares al año. ¡Invertir ahora le ahorrará dinero en el futuro!

3. Desarrollar la resiliencia de la comunidad

Al invertir en soluciones energéticas, no solo ahorra dinero, sino que también ayuda a nuestra comunidad a abordar la emergencia climática.

southbendin.gov/EASSI

AHORA ACEPTANDO Y EMPRESAS SIN ORGANIZACIONES FINES DE LUCRO

Las empresas tienen dos opciones: Solicitar *solo* una **subvención de contrapartida solar** (sin evaluación energética in situ)

O únase a la cohorte EASSI.



Programa presentado por el

CIUDAD DE SOUTH BEND

EASSI es una colaboración entre la Oficina de Sostenibilidad de la Ciudad de South Bend, el prestamista impulsado por la misión y consultor inmobiliario IFF, y CDFI (Institución Financiera de Desarrollo Comunitario) Friendly South Bend.

[Learn More](#)

[Video](#)

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](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Get ACP Internet Savings In South Bend



The **Affordable Connectivity Program** is accepting new enrollments through **February 7th, 2024**. Learn to find out if you're eligible to receive this \$30/month discount on your internet bill! With this discount, some providers may offer internet plans at no cost. Benefits are available through April 2024.

The **City of South Bend, Citywide Classroom**, and the **St. Joe County Public Library** are offering one-on-one assistance to help you sign up. To apply or learn more, **call/text 574-318-9018**. Se habla español.

[Learn More](#)

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](#)

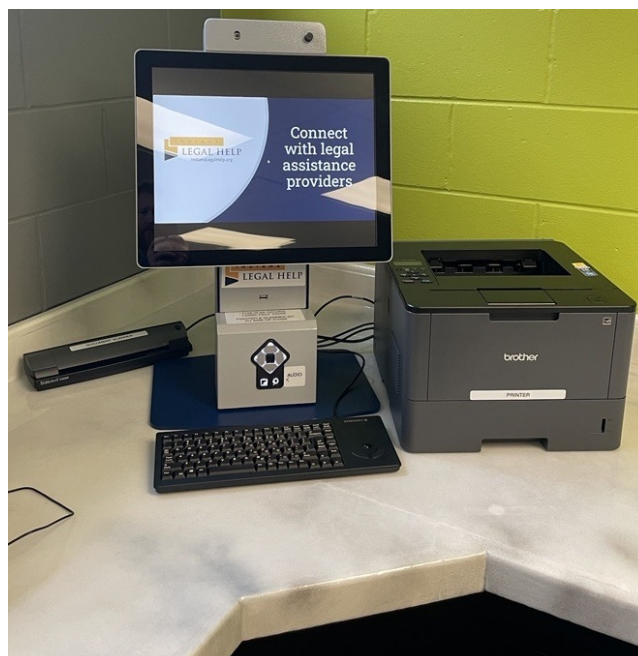
Downtown South Bend

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



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.



[Learn More](#)

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[Learn More](#)

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](#)

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 image features the Naxos OD logo in blue and red, with the tagline "Making Connections, Saving Lives" below it. To the right is a circular icon with a stylized human figure. A smartphone is shown on the right, displaying the app's interface with a "Welcome to Naxos OD" message, a "HOW IT WORKS" button, and a prominent red "HELP" button with the text "SOMEONE IS OVERDOSEING".

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

NEAR NORTHWEST WELCOMES ... A COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Take what you need. Leave what you can.

Help us stock the shelves!



When: Food Drive on Sun. 4-2
Where: NNN Community Center
(1013 Portage Ave)
With: Hope for the Hungry



We need fresh food:

-fruit -bread -water
-vegetables -meat -drinks



Also useful::

-dried & canned goods
-household items & spices

Contact Us:
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& Get Involved



Snow Removal

Snow Removal

Property owners and residents are urged to do their best to keep their sidewalks near their property shoveled. Owners or occupants of properties must remove snow and ice from the public sidewalk within 24 hours after the end of any accumulation of snow or ice.

While it is still the responsibility of the owner/occupant to remove the snow, any city resident who is unable to shovel snow from public sidewalks is eligible to complete a Snow Removal Disability Exemption and Waiver of Liability form.

[Snow Waiver](#)

[Damage from City Plow?](#)

Stay Connected to your Elected Officials



Mayor James Mueller
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311 (Within city limits)
574.233.0311 (Outside city limits)

South Bend Elected Officials

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