

Neighborhood **Association Monthly Report**

City of South Bend July 2023

"In times of crisis the wise build bridges; the foolish build barriers." -Chadwick Boseman

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

June Neighborhood Association Updates



Kennedy Park

Restarting repairs to the KPNA Neighborhood Center on Linden Ave. Linden Avenue Project Meeting Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:00pm LaSalle Branch Library, 3232 W. Ardmore Trail





River Park

Neighborhood newsletter is now digital, Grand opening of renovated Randolph please let them know on Facebook if you want to receive emails. Kicking off School supplies drive and Fall River Park and Potowatomi planning sessions.



Miami Village

Park held June 10th. Planning Back to





Far Northwest

Working on ideas for IGNITE Grant.

Near West Side

Presentation by Leah Thill and Chris Dressel on area brownfields. Currently accepting design art for banner installation in the neighborhood

Monroe Park

Neighborhood Block party Sunday, August 13th! IGNITE grant tool library trailer buildout underway.



Lincoln-Bendix

Working on IGNITE grant - landscaper for median project secured!



NENC

Yearly meeting and celebration on June 12. Working on 2023 IGNITE grant application.



Rum Village

Partnering with the Notre Dame Center for Civic Innovation on 2023 IGNITE grant application. Updating newsletter and Rum Village website.



NNN

Moving forward with IGNITE Grant park project. Interns and residents working on park design concepts.



SOAR

Interns from the Notre Dame Center for Civic Innovation over the summer. Held Neighborhood Garage Sale. Planning For Picnic



Lasalle Park

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



Lincolnway Neighbors for Change

Successful neighborhood cleanup and rally held on Saturday, June 24.



McKinley Terrace

Successful neighborhood block party on Working on Community Garden Ignite
July 1st. Grant Project. Signage portion of the



North Shore Triangle

Grant Project. Signage portion of the plan coming soon. 4th of July Bike Parade and Social was a big success!







Edgewater

Twyckenham Hills

Chapin Park

Open House for neighborhood plan coming soon.

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood.

Working on next quarterly newsletter.



Howard Park



River West

Creating a new Zoom account so that the Association will have a virtual option when they cannot attend the NA meetings. Reconvening in August.

Held successful neighborhood cleanup on June 10!



Council Oaks



Keller Park

Kickoff neighborhood planning meeting scheduled for July 25. Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

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

Summer 2023! Linden Avenue Markets

Fresh food in the neighborhood



AUGUST 12

1-5 PM CHARLES BLACK CENTER





EL MERCADO DE LINDEN AVENUE

12 DE AGOSTO

1-5 PM CENTRO DE CHARLES BLACK











Neighborhoods Consortium



The second quarterly meeting was held on April 5, 2023. Representatives from **14** different neighborhoods attended along with the Mayor. See the **Consortium** page for more information. Next meeting will be on July 12.

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

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!

www.together.southbendin.gov

Free Eviction Clinics









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 Ruszkowski 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

The City of South Bend is still collecting ideas from residents on how the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) can build and strengthen relationships with the community. You can also leave a voicemail at 574-235-5888, extension 3300

Take the Survey

Learn More

South Bend Global Cup Soccer

On Saturday, July 15, join us for an fun, 8 team tournament at Boehm Park, South Bend.

• 8:45 AM 12:00 PM

Fusion Fest

The City of South Bend and **South Bend Venues Parks & Arts** have announced Fusion Fest, a reimagination of South Bend's Ethnic Festival on Saturday, September 9 from 10am-9pm and Sunday, September 10 from 12-5pm at Howard Park and surrounding streets!

The two-day festival will be filled with food vendors, music, demonstrations, and artisans from every region of the world.

Vendors and performers who are passionate about sharing their culture through food, art, storytelling, music, dance, and more can learn more and apply to participate in Fusion Fest by visiting **sbfusionfest.com.**





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



Placemaking & Placekeeping for South Bend neighborhoods

(That's a fancy way of saying helping residents make and keep our neighborhoods strong and vibrant!)

CLICK HERE FOR MORE

What is the IGNITE Grant?

Welcome to the City of South Bend IGNITE Grant! South Bend is proud of its historic and vibrant neighborhoods and the connections that

KEY 2023 DATES

May 31

Public release of IGNITE 2023

June 14

Informational ZOOM meeting

vibrancy and connection, the City of South Bend's Department of Community Investment and Engagement and Economic Empowerment (E3) team is offering grants of **up to** \$10,000 to **neighborhood associations** to create and expand ways to engage, connect, and grow. The funds provide for small neighborhood-based projects with community-wide benefit.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/860310

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June 20

In-person informational meeting 7pm, TRC, 1165 Franklin Street

August 15 Grant applications due

November 6 2023 Awards announced

www.southbendin.gov/ignite-grant



Start Planning! -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*.

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 or go to

South Bend Technology Resource Center (TRC)



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



SMALL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Designing Digital Content

June 12th, 2023 | 10:00 -11:30AM

Marketing Using Online Ads

July 17th, 2023 | 10:00 -11:30AM

Managing Your Digital
Presence as a Small Business

August 14th, 2023 | 10:00 -11:30AM

Join us at the TRC for our Small Business Solutions workshops! Learn strategies and tools from local professionals to grow your small business or nonprofit through online ads, web and social media content, and learning to manage your digital presence!

Sign Up Here

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



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.

Learn more

Lamppost Lighting Program

• Who is eligible for the Lamppost Lighting Program?

- Is there a deadline to participate in the program?
- Do I need professional help to install the lamppost?
- How do I sign up for the program?
- What is the process to get a lamppost?

The City of South Bend's Lamppost Lighting Program assists homeowners with lighting enhancements in their neighborhoods.

The cost-share program offers easy self-install, solar-powered lampposts for residential front yards. The solar lampposts must be mounted in a level area within approximately five feet of the edge of sidewalk. They cannot be installed in the tree lawn.

There is a limit of one lamppost per household. The homeowner is responsible for pickup, installation and any maintenance of the lamppost after installation. The City's Division of Engineering will inspect the lampposts to ensure proper installation.



Learn More

EASSI

The Energy Assistance and Solar Savings Initiative (EASSI) provides subsidized energy assessments,

EASSI Webinar Series for Businesses & Nonprofits

	Webinar Topic	Date	Link to Join	FREE
	Electric Utility Rebates & Incentives for Nonprofits & Businesses	April 18, 10-11am	https://bit.ly/3zgvBVj	WEBINAR SERIES
	Solar 101 for Nonprofits	April 20, 11am-12pm	https://bit.ly/3zfzl3K	SOUTH BE
	Financing Energy Savings Projects for Nonprofits & Businesses	April 27, 10-11am	https://bit.ly/42KSnSJ	TO THE TAKE
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VIBRANT PLACES!

Protect the Environment ✓



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:





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

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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.

A project in partnership with

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)	

SOLAR UNITED

WHY GO SOLAR?



ENERGY COST CONTROL

A solution to ever varying and increasing energy costs





Internal rate of return >15% with federal incentives

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 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





SUSTAINABLE! 70% Matching

GET AN EXTRA 20% MATCHING FUNDS FOR...













30% Recycledcontent Materials



Rain gardens



Drought-tolerant landscaping











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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

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

BUILD SOUTH BEND

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

Who Does It Take To Build a Neighborhood? Everyone.

Join the conversation below.

BUILD SOUTH*BEND

VIRTUAL TRAININGS 2023

The 12 Steps of Town Making

led by Neighborhood Evolution - Bernice Radle, Monte Anderson, Jim Kumon & Mike Keen

Farming Your Community & Finding Your People Steps 1 & 2 | February 15 @ 6: 30 PM

How to ATTRACT Financing and Investors

Step 3 | March 15 @ 6:30 PM

Legal & Accounting - You Have to Have It!

Step 4 | April 16 @ 6:30

Your First (or Next) Project & How to Start

Steps 5 & 6 | June 21 @ 6:30

Building Your Team for a Successful Project Steps 7 & 8 | July 19 @ 6:30

Setting up your Construction System
Step 9 | October 18 @ 6:30

Leasing, Property Management & Helping Others
Steps 10, 11, & 12 | November 15 @ 6:30

FOR DETAILED INFO & ZOOM INVITATIONS, RSVP
EEE@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV, OR ONLINE @
WWW.SOUTHBENDIN.GOV/BSB

2023 Small Developer Seminars

Join us virtually on July 19 for Virtual Training: Building Your Team for a Successful Project

Sign Up Now

A Three Part Series

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Save the Dates!



FARMING

& SUSTAINABILITY

9 AM-12:30 PM Learn the fundamentals of dealmaking, development and more, with a special focus on sustainably.

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





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



WORKSHOP SERIES 2023



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

Sign Up Here

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

Summer is here and DTSB is ready to celebrate! Visit DTSB's website for a complete list of all the activities planned.



Bring Nature Home Program



If you have a garden or landscaping that features native plants, consider submitting an application for the **Bringing Nature Home** award. Businesses, institutions, public agencies, landscapers, and home gardeners are eligible. If you meet the criteria, Individuals, businesses, and public agencies can apply to the program and can receive a sign to post in their garden celebrating their commitment to native plants. The applications are due on August 1st.





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.



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





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





Click for more information about the Canopy Tree program

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.

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



Naxos Neighbors provides opioid overdose bystanders with an anonymous, one-button press to connect with trained neighbor responders, ready to administer naloxone

Download Now

Near Northwest Community Fridge



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





Stay Connected to your Elected Officials



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



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