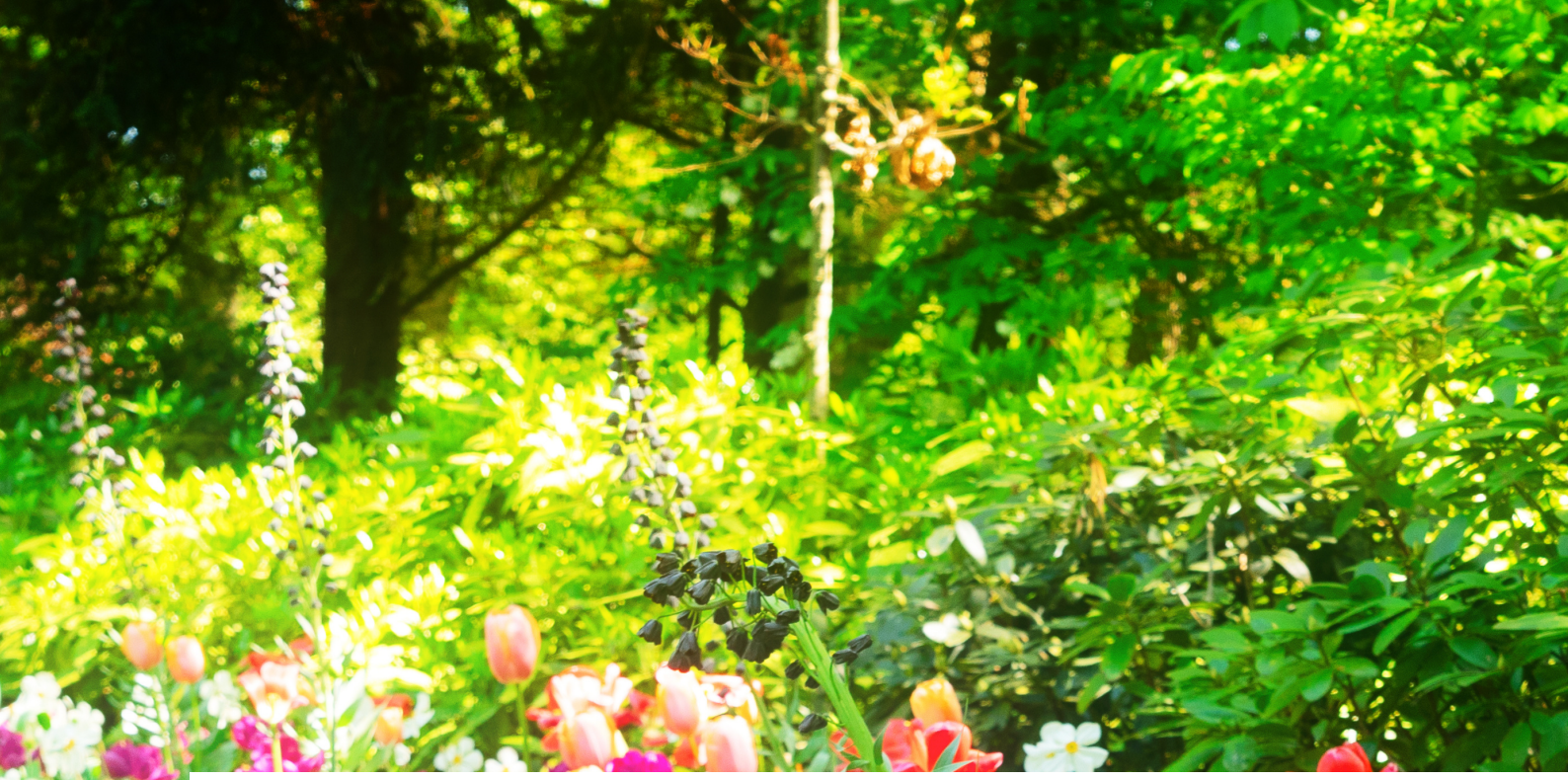

# Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

## March 2021

## City of South Bend

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# Neighborhood Overview

"The thing that lies at the foundation of positive change, the way I see it, is service to a fellow human being."
- Lech Walesa

## 12 Neighborhoods held meetings in March!

| | NEEDS | ACTIVITIES |
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| **Rum Village** | • Need to hear more from planners about the cool plan | • Opened zoom account<br>• Fixed Facebook page<br>• Received Acts of Kindness money<br>• Code came to meeting |
| **Near Westside** | • Excited for meeting with the planners<br>• Ready to really grill the planners for information | • Voting on new leadership including Neighborhoods Council representative<br>• Raised an additional $2,300 for Acts of Kindness |
| **SOAR** | • Planning a neighborhood clean up April 24th | • Planning a neighborhood garage sale and Grill run by Fred Teague |
| **East Bank Business Association** | | • Erik Johnson selected as Neighborhoods Council representative |
| **Miami Village** | • Needs canvassing assistance<br>• Interest in GreenCorps | • Held first Zoom meeting |
| **Monroe Park** | • Turnout for Barnaby's Buy Back Night on April 7th--bring flyer and MPNA receives 25% of purchase | • Margaret Pfeil selected as Neighborhoods Council representative<br>• ND students canvassing March 27th for lead remediation "Mulch Madness" event April 17th |
| **NNN** | • Revamped outreach efforts | • André Northern selected as Neighborhoods Council representative<br>• Held first 2 sessions of second round of Conversation Circles on Race & Racism in SB |
| **Lincoln Bendix Neighborhood Acossiation** | • To coordinate with Public Works to schedule their neighborhood clean up | • Had a talk about the Lead program<br>• Beginning prep work for a neighborhood clean up<br>• Picked Baye Sylvester as Neighborhoods Council representative |
| **Far NorthWest** | • Outreach plan to resume membership meetings | • Met with City staff to communicate changes in development project and form plan moving forward |
| **Northeast Neighborhood Council** | • Planners planning on attending April meeting to obtain feedback on neighborhood plan | • Very quick meeting<br>• Picking their neighborhood representative |
| **River Park Neighborhood Association** | • Need assistance with Easter Egg hunt<br>• Need some follow up from Code Enforcement | • Planning a Portillo's fundraiser in May<br>• Talked about money received from Amazon Smile<br>• Finishing a Newsletter |

# More Resources

## For You and Your Neighborhood

## Neighborhoods Council

The Neighborhoods Council is gearing up to have the first official meeting. Meetings will be held quarterly. The dates of the first four meetings are: 04/07/21, 07/07/21, 10/06/21, and 01/05/22. The next step for neighborhood organizations is to choose one representative and an alternate for the meetings. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7th from 7-9pm.

**Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.**

## Digital Neighborhood

### Digital Communication Grants

Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering N.A.s a **free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service** for 12 months. N.A.s can receive **free technical assistance** from COSB to set up this software. N.A.s can also apply to receive a **free phone/tablet stand** to record and livestream in-person meetings once social distancing rules expire.

**To apply, visit https://loveyourblocksb.wixsite.com/lybsb/digital-neighborhood-grants**

## Citywide Classroom

Students enrolled in the SBCSC, live in the SBCSC district, and are on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for one year of free internet. To apply, all you need to do is call the school the child is enrolled in, do the application over the phone, and then receive the free internet.

To learn more visit: CitywideClassroomSB.org or contact them at 574-703-1881 (call or text) info@citywideclassroomsb.org

## Contact The Chief of Police

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to Neighborhood Association meetings, per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

**Chief of Police, Scott Ruszkowski, at sruszkow@southbendin.gov**

**OR**

**Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon, at ecritten@southbendin.gov**

## Indiana Rental/Utility Assistance

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has closed its application portal. All applications are under review. If you still need assistance, the City has information about rent and utility assistance at https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/covid-19-utility-support. At that site are all the local assistance programs and contact information. If there are any questions, please email eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

# What's Happening in South Bend?

## Where and How to get the COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 Vaccine is currently available to those over the age of 30 and will open to all Hoosiers over the age of 16 on 3/31. First Responders and in-person Health Care Professionals can also schedule appointments to get the vaccine.

If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, you can find the link below.

https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/

## Lead Protection Program Grants

The City has grants for helping make homes with young children safe from lead paint at **no cost** to the homeowner.

Despite COVID-19, **the City is still accepting applications for the grant program**, although repairs won't begin until it is deemed safe to do so. Applicants will have their household's income verified, and won't be enrolled in the program until both the application and any required supporting documentation are submitted.

**Interested in applying or hosting a presentation about the program at your neighborhood association meeting?**

Contact Elizabeth Maradik at leadgrants@southbendin.gov or (574) 235-5826.

## CITY'S SPRING RELEAF PROGRAM

The City of South Bend's annual Spring ReLeaf Program will be offered on a call-in basis beginning Monday, March 29. Residents can call 311 to request a leaf pickup from Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 9. Pickups will begin the week of April 12.

Loose leaves must be raked to the curb and should be free of sticks, trash and other debris or they will not be collected. Residents can call 311 with any questions.

Below are guidelines that residents are asked to follow for the Spring ReLeaf program.

- Leaves need to be raked to the tree lawn area, NOT into the street, to prevent them from clogging storm inlets. Residents should rake leaves prior to calling 311 to ensure they are picked up.
- Leaves need to be free of sticks, trash and other debris or they will not be picked up.
- Yard waste material can be put in the City's yard waste bin. The weekly yard waste program starts April 1. Residents interested in participating in the program can sign up at southbendin.gov/ywrequest or by calling 311.
- Cars should not be parked on top of or in front of leaf piles along curb lines, as this hampers crews from collecting leaves.
- Burning of leaves in South Bend is prohibited and is a violation of City ordinance.

## Questions?

To contact a specific Neighborhood Association, or for more information about this report, please email the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at eee@southbendin.gov.