



Neighborhood Association Monthly Newsletter

City of South Bend
November/December 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 November and what's happening in December?



Kennedy Park

Did not meet.



River Park

Held November election nomination for new NA officers.
New officers elected. Made changes to newsletter distribution.



Miami Village

Finalizing date for spring cleanup.
Submitted Service request for Zoom account. Continued work on ignite grant project and finalizing design.



Far Northwest

No new updates.



Near West Side

Neighbors participated in walk to



Monroe Park

Did not meet. Will be holding

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

Christmas caroling in December



Lincoln-Bendix

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Did not meet. Ignite grant project approved.



NENC

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No updates



Rum Village

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November meeting canceled.



Near Northwest Neighborhood

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IGNITE Booker T. West Park site updates to E3 Team.

Presentation from E3 team about neighborhood microgrants.

Planning for spring fundraising.



SOAR

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Started planning for spring cleanup and possible dates.

Working on location for IGNITE Grant signage.



LaSalle Park

Lasalle Park

Neighborhood plan underway.

Neighborhood planning workshops

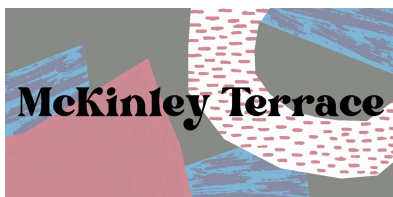
Held at the Charles Black Center.



Lincolnway Neighbors for Change

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Secured neighborhood association bank account! Submitted paperwork for \$1000 Neighborhood Consortium grant.



McKinley Terrace

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Canvassed in November. Several new members have joined.



North Shore Triangle

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Did not meet



Edgewater

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Held 1st meeting in November at Howard Park Lodge.

Neighbors discussed how to revitalize the association.



Twyckenham Hills

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Next quarterly meeting in January.



Chapin Park

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Partnering with NNN. No updates at this time.



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.



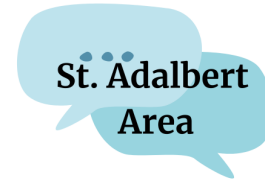
Council Oak

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 October 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.

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 participatates 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.
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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

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- >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

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Public Safety

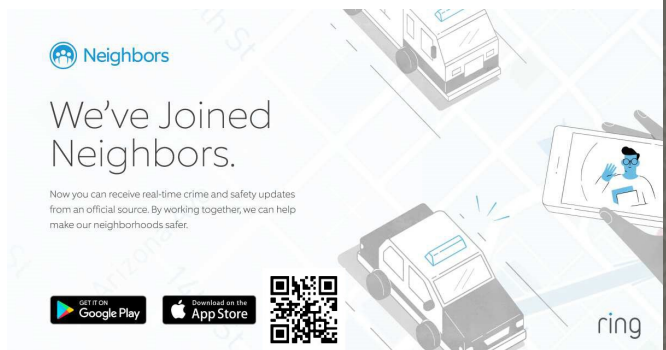
The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Police, [Scott Ruskowski](#)

or Community Liaison Officer, **Jarveair Bourn** at jbourn@southbend.in.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 **December 13th 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.

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.

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)



In two weeks, The TRC will present its final workshop the year. You can bring your lunch to enjoy while learning about grant writing as well as do some networking with other nonprofit leaders!

RSVP on Eventbrite to save your spot and receive reminders about the workshop !



NONPROFIT WORKSHOP

GRANT WRITING SERIES

SESSION 3: DATA COLLECTION & PRESENTATION
PRESENTED BY MADI ROGERS & PATRICK MCGUIRE, CITY OF SOUTH BEND STAFF

DECEMBER 14TH 2023 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM AT THE TRC

[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



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



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TECHNOLOGY

- **IT Certifications**
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Google
Microsoft
- **Project Management**
PMI

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- **Solar**
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- **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

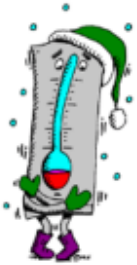
Applications are now open for the City's workforce development program, Upskill SB! Upskill SB targets job-seeking professionals and recent graduates to earn certifications in technical and traditional fields. By

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:



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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

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

Energy-Efficient
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surfaces



30% Recycled-
content Materials



Rain gardens



Drought-tolerant
landscaping



Learn more and apply:



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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](#)

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](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



*Haircuts,
Hotcakes &
Hot Dogs*

Free Kids Haircuts
With a side of Hotcakes
or Hotdogs

December, 9th 10:00am to 2:00pm
3701 Prast Blvd
South Bend IN 46628

Hosted By Unity Gardens
Haircuts by
The Reentry
First Responders

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](#)

DECEMBER 2023

THE 1SHEET

Official Newsletter of

ROOF
Southeast

What's Happening:

REAL Services Senior Lunch Program

WEEKDAYS @ 10:30 AM (NO LUNCH ON DEC 14)

Community Yoga

SATURDAYS @ 10 AM - 11 AM (NO CLASSES ON DEC 23 & DEC 30)

Southeast Neighborhood Fiber Arts Fellowship

SUNDAYS @ 2 PM - 4 PM

JReach Recovery Group

SAT, DEC 2 @ 10 AM - 12 NOON

Brain Builders Parenting Classes

w/ Youth Service Bureau
MON, DEC 4 @ 10 AM - 12 NOON

W.I.S.E. Wellness for Seniors w/ REAL Services

MON, DEC 4 @ 10 AM - 12 NOON

Brain Builders Parenting Classes

w/ Youth Service Bureau
MON, DEC 11 @ 10 AM - 12 NOON

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MON, DEC 11 @ 10 AM - 12 NOON

Healthy Babies w/ Beacon Community Impact

WED, DEC 13 @ 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Holidays w/ HealthLine

FRI, DEC 15 @ 1 PM - 3 PM

JReach Recovery Group

SAT, DEC 16 @ 10 AM - 12 NOON

Brain Builders Parenting Classes

w/ Youth Service Bureau
MON, DEC 18 @ 10 AM - 12 NOON

Men's Talk

SAT, DEC 23 @ 10 AM - 11 AM

Brain Builders Parenting Classes

w/ Youth Service Bureau
THURS, DEC 28 @ 10 AM - 12 NOON

JReach Recovery Group

SAT, DEC 30 @ 10 AM - 12 NOON

OneRoof Southeast will be closed MON, DEC 25; TUE, DEC 26; AND MON, JAN 1

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BEND, IN 46613

[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](#)



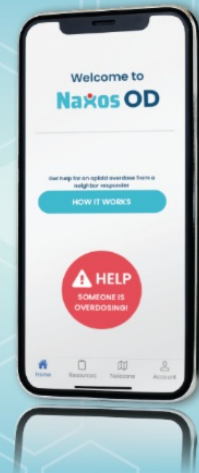
[Click for more information about the Canopy Tree program](#)

Community Canopy Tree Program

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

Naxos OD

Making Connections, Saving Lives



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::

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-household items & spices

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feedafriendsouthbend@gmail.com

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& Get Involved



Leaf Removal

Leaf Removal

Leaf pickup begins in late October and runs through the end of the year as weather allows. Crews will collect all leaves in one zone before beginning in the next. Leaf pickup in a particular zone can sometimes take several days before moving to the next zone.

Below are guidelines that residents are asked to follow for the Leaf Pickup program:

- Leaves should be raked to the tree lawn area, NOT into the street, by 6 a.m. on the scheduled set out date.
- Leaves should be free of sticks, trash and other debris or they will not be picked up.

[Sign up Now](#)

[View leaf pickup in realtime](#)

[Schedule an Extra Pickup](#)

- Cars should not be parked on top or in front of leaf piles along curb lines, as this hampers leaf collection.

- Leaf burning is prohibited and is a violation of City ordinance.

Residents participating in the City's Yard Waste program can also put leaves in yard waste bins. The program offers weekly collection and runs through Thursday, November 30. Residents can call 311 with any questions.



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

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South Bend, IN 46601

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Department of Community Investment:
Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team



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