



South Bend Neighborhood Report

Newsletter for updates and information on and for South Bend's Neighborhood Associations.

*City of South Bend
February/March 2024*

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Update from the City of South Bend: Beginning in March 2024, the City will attend Neighborhood Association meetings **every other month** (or monthly as needed). This slight change will allow Neighborhood Associations more autonomy in planning and discussing neighborhood updates.

As we settle in for 2024, the City of South Bend wants to make sure all Neighborhood Associations are active and thriving. **Neighborhoods with inactive or no Neighborhood Association are encouraged to email eee@southbendin.gov** to provide updated information or express interest in starting/revamping a Neighborhood Association.

Neighborhood Association Updates

What happened in February and March?



Kennedy Park

Did not meet.



River Park

Held Neighborhood Plan presentation,
River Park clean up on May 4



Miami Village

Installing IGNITE grant sign soon,
Spring clean up on April 20



Far Northwest

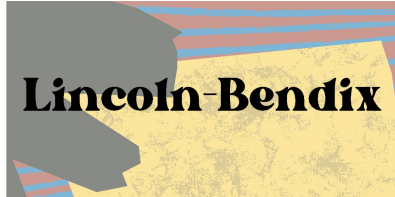


Near West Side



Monroe Park

Did not meet.



Lincoln-Bendix

Held meeting at Civil Rights Heritage Center



NENC

Moving forward with neighborhood tool trailer project



Rum Village

Did not meet.



NNN

LuElla Webster from NENC chosen to serve on Civilian Review Board



SOAR

Work continues on Ignite Grant project.



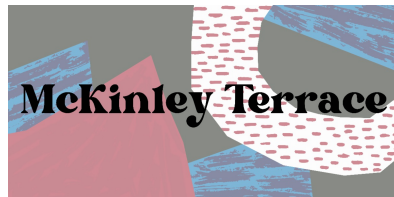
Lasalle Park

Held session with Faith in Indiana



Lincolnway Neighbors for Change

Held monthly meeting in March.



McKinley Terrace

Discussion on LaSalle Park plan, continuing outreach for neighborhood plan



North Shore Triangle

Did not meet.



Edgewater

Did not meet.



Twyckenham Hills

Held monthly meeting in March.



Chapin Park

Did not meet.



Howard Park

2023 IGNITE Grant recipient.



Erskine Park

Partnering with NNN. No updates at this time.



Council Oak

Did not meet.

Beginning stages of organizing the

Held meeting on City's homelessness

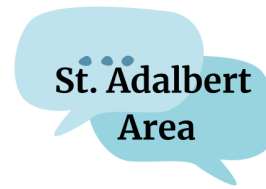
neighborhood. Contact
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information.

initiative



Keller Park

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood. Contact
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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 a new movie!](#)

Neighborhood Consortium



The 2nd meeting of 2024 for the Neighborhood Consortium will be on April 3, 2024 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm at the Technology Resource Center (1165 S Franklin). 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

Completed and Adopted by South Bend Common Council on August 28, 2023

[View the Plan Here](#)

LaSalle Park Neighborhood Priorities Workshops

Thank you to everyone who participated in the LaSalle Park planning workshops.

We are working on creating a draft plan and will update participants on 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 is making streetscape improvements to Linden Avenue in coordination with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Dream Center project. The project aims to encourage commercial and residential investment, promote safety and calm traffic.

Starting Monday, March 18, Linden Avenue from Birdsell to College streets will be closed as construction begins on the Linden Avenue Streetscape Project. The three intersections in this three-block stretch will also be closed. Work includes:

- Raised intersections with pedestrian safety bumpouts on Linden Avenue at College and Birdsell streets
- Raised pedestrian crossing on Linden Avenue west of Wilber Street
- Replacement of curb and sidewalks

- New water main, storm and sanitary sewers, street trees, decorative lighting, pavement and landscaping.
- The detour route will be Studebaker and Brookfield streets via Orange Street. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-June, weather permitting.

Notre Dame Avenue - South Bend Avenue - Hill Street Streetscape Improvements

As part of its implementation of the Northeast Neighborhood Plan, the City of South Bend will be making streetscape improvements to Notre Dame Avenue, South Bend Avenue, and Hill Street to encourage investment, promote safety, calm traffic, and expand the active transportation network. A high-quality pedestrian/bicyclist route will be created between downtown South Bend and the University of Notre Dame.

[Click here for project scope and more information](#)

River Park Neighborhood and Potawatomi Park Priorities Workshops

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

We are working on creating a draft plan and will update participants on the next steps in the process.

Downtown South Bend Plan Survey



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.

The Downtown South Bend 2045 Plan is a community-led planning process to shape the future of downtown. This survey has 20 questions, followed by an opportunity to provide written comments about topics not addressed in the survey. All survey responses are anonymous and will directly inform the next steps in creating the Downtown South Bend 2045 Plan. This survey may take 5-10 minutes to complete and will be available to the public until Monday, May 20, 2024 at 5 pm. Please contact planning@southbendin.gov with any questions or concerns.

[Click here to take survey](#)

Public Safety

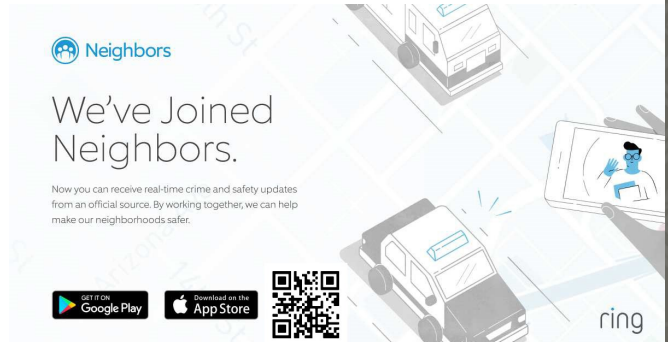
The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Police, **Scott Ruskowski** or Community Liaison Officer, **Jarveair Bourn** at jbourn@southbendin.gov.



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](#)

Neighborhood IGNITE Grant

The City of South Bend's Engagement and Economic Empowerment team will be offering a 3rd round of grants in 2024 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.

2023 Applications have closed. Awards coming soon!
2024 IGNITE Grant information coming soon!

2023 IGNITE Grant Recipients:

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.

River Park - Pole Banner Signage

Installation of pole banner signage identifying and welcoming residents and visitors to the neighborhood

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 2024 Ignite Grant email eee@southbendin.gov or go to **IGNITE Grant**.

Upcoming Events

2024 State of the City

Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 PM
Riley High School



Mayor James Mueller will deliver his 2024 State of the City address at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 at Riley High School. The address is free and open to the public. Residents who plan to attend are asked to RSVP.

[RSVP Here](#)

Build South Bend

Join us for another double-header in April. Our friends Bernice Radle, Jim Kumon and Mike Keen of *Neighborhood Evolution* will be back in town working with local small developers and welcome your attendance at the NETWORKING EVENT on APRIL 18 and WORKSHOP on April 20.



Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect, collaborate, and grow with fellow developers and entrepreneurs who are shaping the future of South Bend. Whether you're a seasoned developer or just starting out or simply an overall enthusiast, this event offers something for everyone looking to make an impact in the local property and business landscape.

**Current and prospective property owners,
entrepreneurs and enthusiasts welcome!**

**APRIL 18
5PM-7PM
THE ROCKI BUTTON
435 S MICHIGAN ST**



Small bites provided by Fusion Alternative Funding



**Click Here to Register
for April 18
Networking Event**

WORKSHOP
SERIES 2024

MASTERING PROFORMAS & COMMUNICATING WITH INVESTORS

APRIL 20
9AM-12PM
CLASSROOM D
SJCPL: MAIN BRANCH

Access to capital and financing for a project is often the challenge that many small-scale developers fail to overcome. Once you understand a project's scope and have a general idea of the costs, it's time to dial in all the numbers and raise money from investors.

This hands-on session led by Bernice Radle, Jim Kumon and Mike Keen of *Neighborhood Evolution* will focus on how to truly understand soft costs, hard costs, operating expenses, and understand where to expect the unexpected. A better understanding of expenses through a project's completion and its aftermath will better prepare you for discussions with potential investors.

In order to talk about your deal with investors, you will likely need to have a multi-year cash flow projection to show them how you will use their money and pay it back with interest over time. Additional time will be dedicated focusing on the mechanics and layout of the proforma spreadsheet to understand the formulas and concepts that help communicate clearly to investors and banks. Great session for beginners and more experienced small developers.



[Click Here to Register for April 20 Workshop](#)

Commuters Trust

REGISTER TODAY: The City of South Bend is relaunching the **Community Nonprofit Partner Program (CNPP)** through **Commuters Trust** to provide free transportation to St. Joseph County nonprofit clients. Commuters Trust will host an informational webinar on Wednesday, April 10th for interested organizations to learn more about CNPP and the application process.

Click the button below to register to attend the webinar and receive updates about the application timeline!

[Register Here](#)

Learn about the **Community Nonprofit Partner Program**

Attend our webinar to learn more about the application process. The meeting is open to St. Joseph County nonprofit organizations who serve adults facing occasional or chronic transportation insecurity.



CNPP Application Webinar

Date: **Wednesday, April 10**

Time: **2:00 PM | Virtual meeting**

Register here:
bit.ly/cnpp24

Digital Equity

DIGITAL EQUITY & PROJECT UP

ENGAGE WITH COMCAST

BE A PART OF COMCAST'S WORK TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. JOIN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- THE IMPORTANCE OF DIGITAL ACCESS
- CONNECTIVITY RESOURCES
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERSHIP

LUNCH PROVIDED TO THOSE WHO REGISTER.



TUESDAY, APRIL 16 | 12-1 PM @ THE TRC



[Register Here](#)

Monthly Crime Stat Meeting

The SBPD is holding its monthly crime stat update **April 10th 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.

CITY RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS

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](#)

Climate Action Ambassadors



The Office of Sustainability is recruiting a new cohort of Climate Action Ambassadors. Ambassadors will seek feedback from community members on draft climate action strategies. The City is offering professional development trainings and a \$1,000 participation stipend. Estimated time commitment is no more than 40 hours over a 6-month period. The deadline to apply is Earth Day, April 22, 2024.

[Click Here to Apply or for More Information!](#)

Climate Action Planning



CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

Mobilizing the community to address the climate emergency

The City of South Bend invites you to participate in the 2024 update to the Climate Action Plan (CAP)! Stay updated and engage online by signing up on Together South Bend: together.southbendin.gov/climateactionplan

The Affordable Connectivity Program is Ending!



LOSING YOUR ACP INTERNET BENEFIT? YOU HAVE OPTIONS.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is ending in April.
Your internet bill may increase by \$30/month.

- If you can't afford to maintain your internet plan, you can **cancel or change it without paying additional fees.**
- You may be eligible for **other connectivity resources.**
- Your internet company can help you understand all your options.



For more information, visit southbendin.gov/ACP
or call (574) 318-9018

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.

Housing Planning Updates

Be on the lookout for more information regarding the 2025-2029 Consolidated Planning process for the City of South Bend and the St. Joseph Housing Consortium. This plan helps the City and the Consortium determine the best use of the HUD funds received annually.



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:



Original façade restoration



Exterior paint



Exterior doors & windows



Sidewalk improvements



Outdoor seating



Landscaping

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

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



[Click here to learn more and apply!](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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

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.

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?](#)

EVENTS & PROGRAMS IN SOUTH BEND

Downtown South Bend

Spring 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](#)

Free Eviction Clinics

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INDIANA



FREE

LEGAL

EVICITION
& HOUSING

ADVICE!

GET STATEWIDE VIRTUAL
ADVICE REGARDING
EVICITIONS, INCLUDING:

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

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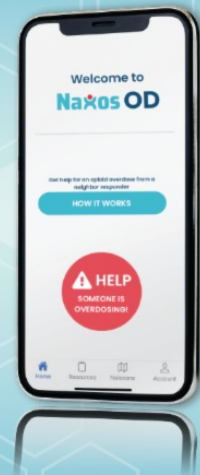


OneRoof Southeast Neighborhood
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Naxos OD
Making Connections, Saving Lives



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::

-dried & canned goods
-household items & spices

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& Get Involved



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