

City of South Bend

December 2021 – January 2022



Hello Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are doing well and have enjoyed the holiday season!

As I've said in previous letters, I encourage all who are eligible to consider full vaccination against COVID-19 to make celebrating the holidays with your family safer.

If you or someone you know is struggling to keep up with their utilities, the City's Utility Assistance Program can reduce monthly water and sewer bill for qualifying applicants. Those who qualify could see a reduction in their bill up to \$25.50 every month for a year.

Applicants must meet income guidelines, have a City of South Bend utility account in their name and receive sewer service. To apply or learn more, visit www.southbendin.gov/uap.

The City's Lead Program is still open for applications to make lead safe repairs in your home at no cost to you. In homes built before 1980, deteriorating lead paint can cause health problems and hinder development in children, especially those younger than age 6.

The City's lead grants can pay for home repairs that help stop lead contamination. Families who meet income requirements can receive up to \$15,000 in repairs at no cost. Please call 311 and ask about the City's Lead Grants for more information or visit southbendin.gov/lead.

The South Bend Police Department is hiring, and we hope you'll help spread the word to those who are looking to make a difference in our community and choose a career in public service.

You can learn more and apply by visiting www.sbpolicyjobs.com

Thanks for reading, I look forward to a great 2022!

Sincerely,

Mayor James Mueller

Clerk's Corner

Greetings, South Bend!

As the mowing season ends, let us all be mindful of the grass and tall weeds ordinance that went into effect in 2015. The ordinance sets a nine inch (9") maximum height limit for tall grass and weeds on all lots. The same regulations apply to vacant/abandoned lots.

But, if you notice a nearby vacant lot is neglected—feel free to be a good neighbor by mowing that property without fear of trespassing laws. (Good Samaritan Law -Indiana Code Section 34-30-26-5) You can also report tall grass by contacting 311 or Code Enforcement directly at 574-235-9486. Let's all contribute to keeping South Bend safe and beautiful.

Leaf pickup can be viewed in real-time via the Fall ReLeaf Live Tracker on the City's homepage at southbendin.gov. The online map shows the status of different zones and leaf pickup on individual streets. Residents can type in their address or zoom in to find their streets.

Best,

Dawn M. Jones
City Clerk

Local Government Resources & Events

COVID-19 Vaccine

Register for the COVID-19 vaccine and learn more about local clinics at ourshot.in.gov or call 211

Lead Protection Program

Up to \$15,000 in lead safe home repairs. Call 311 for more information on income qualifications.

Solid Waste Management District- Recycling

828 Kerr St. | 574-235-9971 | www.swmd.org
Waste Facility Hours: M-F 8:30 AM to 4 PM,
Saturday 8 AM to 12 PM
Free drop-off for tires, electronics, paint, gasoline, oil, and light bulbs. No medications please.

South Bend Police Department

701 W. Sample Street | police.southbendin.gov

South Bend Venues, Parks & Arts

sbvpa.org | 574-299-4765
Another season will be open at the Howard Park Ice Trail and Pond beginning on November 28!
Book your skate session in advance at visithowardpark.com.

South Bend Animal Resource Center

512 Eclipse Place | 574-235-9303

St. Joe County Public Library

737 Beale St. | (574) 282-4646 | sjcpl.org
-Thursday, Dec. 9 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.: Holiday Open House at the Germany Township Branch - Black Forest Room
-Friday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Movies @ Main: "Big Enough, Small Enough - South Bend in Transition" at the Main Library Auditorium
-Monday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.: Ask a Lawyer: Attorneys from the Volunteer Lawyers Network will provide free legal advice on a first come, first served basis at the Main Library

Assistance

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

St. Joseph County is offering a rental and utility assistance program for tenants whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Five partner agencies are available to assist tenants or landlords to apply for up to 12 months of rental assistance. Find out more at www.sjcindiana.com/era or contact the partner agencies below:
St. Vincent De Paul Society | 574-234-6000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend | 574-234-3111

REAL Services | 574-284-2061 | rentalassist@realservices.org
United Religious Community of St. Joseph County | 574-282-2397 x 2 | urcsjc@gmail.com
Indiana Parenting Institute of St. Joseph County | 219-886-1112

Broadway Christian Parish Food Pantry

1412 S. Carroll St 574-289-0333
Curbside pick up Monday-Thursday 9-10am. Any individual with photo ID can get a box once a month.

Michiana Central Service Office

818 E. Jefferson Blvd., Suite A | (574) 234-7007 | michianasober.com
Meeting schedule and events available at michianasober.com

Hope for the Hungry

P.O. Box 2794 South Bend, IN 46680 | (574) 514-6308 | <http://hope4thehungry.com/>
Pop-Up Pantry in Mishawaka at 609 John Glen Ct, a food pantry partnering with local organizations to serve the community.

Community

Broadway Christian Parish

1412 S. Carroll St 574-289-0333
broadwaychristianparish.org
The parish relies on volunteers to help stock, sort and shelve our clothing pantry. Individuals or groups can also come in to prepare, serve and/or clean up hot breakfast for the community Monday-Thursday 8-10am.

Near Northwest Neighborhood

1007 Portage Ave | 574-232-9182 | www.nearnorthwest.org
-The Local Cup coffee shop, located on 1009

Portage, is open Sat. 9-1, Sun 1-5pm and Tues 7-11am.
-The Portage Farm Stands runs Saturdays through October 29, from 10am-12pm in the 1006 Parking Lot.
-2022 Chili Supper is March 9.
-2022 Adopt a Block is April 23. Call for details.

Unity Gardens - Growing Together

PO Box 10022 South Bend, IN 46680 | (574) 315-4361 | www.theunitygardens.org
Holiday Pop Up Gift Shop
Enjoy shopping with local products while supporting your favorite nonprofit! Unity

Gardens Welcome Center : 3701 Prast Blvd. South Bend IN 46628 Sunday, December 5th, 11am-4pm

Community Foundation

205 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 610 | (574) 232-0041 | www.cfsjc.org

IUSB Civil Rights Heritage Center

574-307-6135 | crhc.iusb.edu
1040 West Washington

Arts, Culture, and Entertainment

Morris Performing Arts Center

574-235-9190 | morriscenter.org
-Dec 2-5 CATS (National Touring Broadway Show)
-Dec 11-12 The Nutcracker presented by Southold Dance Theatre
-Dec 14 David Sedaris
-Dec 15 Straight No Chaser "Back in the High Life Tour"
-Dec 18-19 South Bend Symphony Orchestra "Home for the Holidays"

Potawatomi Zoo

574-235-9800 | potawatomizoo.org | 500 S Greenlawn Ave, South Bend, IN 46615

The History Museum

808 W. Washington St. | 574-235-9664 | www.historymuseumSB.org
Manufacturing Victory (through February 6, 2022)
Power, Production, and Pioneers: The St. Joseph River (through April 3, 2022)

The Music Village

574-245-7664 | themusicvillage.org | 333 S. Michigan
-Open acoustic Jam – Every Friday, Howard Park meeting room, 6-8p. Bring an instrument and join the music-making!

Musical Arts Indiana

574-807-1435 | info@musicalartsindiana.org | 18211 Kern Road, South Bend, IN 46614
-"Songs of the Season" - Vesper Chorale and Children's Choir of Michiana - Saturday, Dec. 11, 7:30 pm - St. Joseph Chapel at Holy Cross College
-"Songs of the Season" - Vesper Chorale and Children's Choir of Michiana - Sunday, Dec. 12, 3 pm - St. Joseph Chapel at Holy Cross College

South Bend Civic Theater

574-234-1112 | sbct.org | 403 N. Main St
-A Christmas Carol' - December 3-19th