

City of South Bend

April – May 2022



Hello Neighbor,

I hope that you and your family are doing well and enjoying the start of springtime.

Even as COVID-19 cases continue to fall, I still encourage residents to get fully vaccinated and boosted to protect against future virus variants. Learn more about where you can get vaccinated or boosted on the back of this newsletter.

On March 2nd the City announced that it would forgive outstanding utility debts, including charges for water, sewer and solid waste services, for nearly 5,000 South Bend households. Up to \$2,500 in unpaid bills for active residential accounts in the City that are more than 60-days past their bill date as of February 28, 2022 will be forgiven. Residents will see the relief reflected on their March or April bill. Following the relief, the City will resume water shutoffs for nonpayment in June.

Moving forward, the City's Utility Assistance Program is available to help you or a loved one with monthly water and sewer bills 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.

South Bend was recently designated an AARP Age-Friendly Community. Our team is now working to collect your feedback to help guide the City's efforts to become more Age-Friendly and welcoming for all. Please visit southbendin.gov/age-friendly to fill out the survey, or pick up a paper copy at a City-run community center.

Thank you for reading and I hope you have the chance to enjoy the spring weather at the wonderful parks and trails our city has to offer.

Sincerely,

Mayor James Mueller

Clerk's Corner

Greetings, South Bend!

Are you in need of a large item trash pickup? You can simply call 3-1-1 to request the removal of large trash items or to report illegal dumping. If you'd like to become involved in your local neighborhood cleanup, contact South Bend Code Enforcement. Also, don't forget we're all required by the new City ordinance to keep our trash for pickup contained by using a city owned or private trash container with a lid (\$2-16-9). Enjoy the spring weather and let's keep South Bend clean!

As a reminder from Neighborhood Services and Enforcement, trash containers must not be placed on the front yard or tree lawn area before 12:00 noon on the day before collection and must be removed from the front yard or tree lawn area on the day of collection. If an Inspector finds a trash container in violation, they will place a warning tag on the container. If not removed within 48 hours, then the inspector will return to verify and may issue a ticket of \$50. Any further violations may result in a fine of \$50 for each day the container is found to be in violation.

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 \$20,000 in lead safe home repairs. Visit southbendin.gov/lead or call 311 for more information on income qualifications.

South Bend Police Department

701 W. Sample St. | police.southbendin.gov

Solid Waste Management District

828 Kerr St. | (574) 235-9971 | <https://www.sjcindiana.com/2016/Solid-Waste-Management-District-SWMD>

Waste Facility Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Free drop-off for tires, electronics, paint, gasoline, oil, and light bulbs. No medications please.

South Bend Animal Resource Center

512 Eclipse Place | (574) 235-9303

South Bend Venues, Parks & Arts

(574) 299-4765 | sbvpa.org

The Glaciation Tour of St. Joseph County - May 15th from 1-3pm, and then from 3:30-5:30 pm. Call 574-235-9455 to register!

St. Joseph County Parks

(574) 654-3155 | www.sjcparks.org

See full list of events online

Assistance

Utility Assistance Program

The City of South Bend has expanded its Utility Assistance Program to provide utility relief for qualifying households.

To qualify, you must have a South Bend utility account in your name, receive sewer service from the City, and have a household

income at or below 80% of the area median income.

Eligible households can receive up to \$25.50 off each monthly utility bill.

Apply by visiting southbendin.gov/uap or calling 311.

Clubhouse of St. Joseph County

1153 Northside Blvd | 574-360-8409 | www.clubhousesjc.org

The Clubhouse of St. Joseph County is a full support system to adults living with a mental illness, offering opportunities for employment, education and wellness

Community

St. Joe County Public Library

304 S. Main St. | (574) 282-4646 | sjcpl.org

- April 25 at 6:30 p.m. – Join us for a talk by Anthony Ray Hinton, who spent 28 years on Alabama’s Death Row for a crime he didn’t commit
- April 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. – Volunteer and Community Services Fair: Meet local organizations, learn about the services they provide for our community, and find volunteer opportunities

• May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Science Alive! (rescheduled date): Explore interactive exhibits, hands-on presentations, and awesome activities with local science-related organizations.

The History Museum

808 W. Washington St. | (574) 235-9664 | www.historymuseumSB.org

- Unveiled: Wedding Traditions (through January 8, 2023)

- The Fabric of a Global University (through May 28, 2023)

The Studebaker National Museum

201 Chapin St. | (574) 235-9714 | studebakermuseum.org

- Charged: The Rise, Fall & Resurgence of Electric Vehicles. On display through Oct. 2.
- The Avanti: America’s Most Advanced Automobile. On display through Oct. 30.
- May 3 through 7, Studebaker Drivers Club

Arts, Culture & Entertainment

Morris Performing Arts Center

(574) 235-9190 | morriscenter.org

- April 8 through April 10 – *Waitress* (Broadway National Tour)
- April 14 – Tom Segura (World Tour)
- April 27 – *British Invasion* (Songs that Changed the World and Inspired a Generation)
- April 30 – South Bend Symphony Orchestra Pops “Music of John Williams”
- May 13 – Switchfoot with Colton Dixon - Pulse FM Downtown Summer Concert

- May 21 – South Bend Symphony Orchestra Jack M. Champaigne Masterworks “Alastair Presents: Paris Impressions”

The Music Village

333 S. Michigan | (574) 245-7664 | themusicvillage.org

- Music with Friends - children’s developmental music classes Fridays at 9a, 10a, 11a.
- Open Jams - Fridays, 6-8p, Howard Park. Bring an instrument & join the music-making!

South Bend Civic Theatre

403 N. Main St. | 574-234-1112 | sbct.org

- April 22 to May 1, *Noises Off*
- May 13 to 22, *The Lonesome West*

Century Center

120 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. | (574) 235-9711 | centurycenter.org/

- April 8, U93 Summer Activity Fair
- May 10, Little Black Dress Fashion Show, presented by Goodwill Industries of Michiana Inc.