

City of South Bend

March – April 2022



Hello Neighbor,

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

With COVID-19 transmission rates at the lowest points of the pandemic, I ended the local disaster emergency that had been in place since the start of the pandemic. I am so proud of our community's determination and resilience throughout the past two years.

I still encourage residents to get fully boosted to protect against future variants. Learn more about where you can get vaccinated or boosted on the back of this newsletter.

The City's Utility Assistance Program is still 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.

The City team is also working to expand the free South Bend Open Wi-Fi network, and we hope you'll share your ideas for locations that would be good spots for expansion. Any space open to the public can be nominated. Submit your nominations by visiting southbendin.gov/2022wifi or by calling 311.

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 hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James".

Mayor James Mueller

Clerk's Corner

Happy New Year, South Bend!

The South Bend Common Council is seeking applications from interested and dedicated individuals who wish to volunteer their time and talents to serve as citizen members on the following Common Council Standing Committees: Community Investment, Community Relations, Health & Public Safety, Technology, Personnel & Finance, Public Works & Property Vacation, Residential Neighborhoods, Utilities, Zoning & Annexation, and Parks, Recreation, Cultural Arts & Entertainment.

Council members will be interviewing and selecting qualified citizens to be on the various committees. Citizens must be a resident of South Bend for at least one year and be available to attend meetings on a regular basis.

To find the full list of qualifications please visit <https://southbendin.gov/department/common-council/>. Citizens must apply online at <https://southbendin.primegov.com/public/>

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn M. Jones".

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.

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 Howard Park Ice Trail and Pond is open! Book your skate session in advance at visithowardpark.com.

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.

Michiana Central Service Office

818 E. Jefferson Blvd., Suite A | (574) 234-7007 | michianasober.com

Meeting schedule and events available at michianasober.com

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

- Public tours Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m.
- Orientation of new members (individuals with psychiatric struggles) 9 a.m. Wednesdays

Community

St. Joe County Public Library

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

- March 26 at 11 a.m. – BookCon: Join fellow readers for book-themed activities, crafts, book recommendations, and more
- April 14 at 6:30 p.m. – *Justice for the Wrongfully Convicted*, presented by the University of Notre Dame Exoneration Clinic

- April 25 at 6:30 p.m., Author Talk: *The Sun Does Shine* by Antony Ray Hinton

Near Northwest Neighborhood

1007 Portage Ave | (574) 232-9182 | www.nearnorthwest.org

- Adopt A Block Neighborhood Cleanup to be held on Saturday, April 23, starting at 8 a.m., 1013 Portage Ave.

Unity Gardens - Growing Together

3701 Prast Blvd., South Bend, IN 46628 | (574) 315-4361 | www.theunitygardens.org

- Volunteer day in the garden every Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon
- March 16 at 6 p.m., Urban Chickens class, 3701 Prast Blvd. South Bend
- April 9 at 10 a.m., “Pests in the Garden”, German Township Library

Arts, Culture & Entertainment

Morris Performing Arts Center

(574) 235-9190 | morriscenter.org

- March 11 through March 13 – Hairspray (National Broadway Tour)
- March 25 and March 26 at 8 pm – Blue Man Group
- March 29 at 7:30 p.m. – Alice Cooper with Buckcherry
- April 2 at 7:30 p.m. – South Bend Symphony Orchestra: “American Composers”
- April 8 through April 10 – *Waitress*

(Broadway National 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”

The Music Village

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

- Music lessons and classes for all ages – in-person and online
- Acoustic Jam Fridays, 6-8 p.m. at Howard Park

South Bend Civic Theatre

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

- March 25 to April 2, Disney’s *Newsties*
- April 22 to May 1, *Noises Off*
- May 13 to 22, *The Lonesome West*

The History Museum

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

- Notre Dame International: The Fabric of a Global University (exhibit opens February 12)
- Unveiled: Wedding Traditions (opens March 26)