

# City of South Bend

September– October 2022

## Hello Neighbor,

I hope that you and your family had a great summer season and are ready for fall!

As new virus variants still continue to emerge, I encourage residents to get fully vaccinated and boosted to protect against future waves. Learn more about where you can get vaccinated or boosted on the back of this newsletter.

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. To apply or learn more, visit [www.southbendin.gov/uap](http://www.southbendin.gov/uap).

The City's fall leaf pickup program is expected to begin on October 31 and will run through December 5th. As a reminder, residents should rake leaves into their tree lawn by 6 a.m., and make sure their leaf pile doesn't have sticks, trash or debris or blocks access to vehicles.

Know something? Say something. Michiana Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for anonymous tips leading to the arrest of felony offenders. You can call 574-288-STOP, 800-342-STOP or visit [p3tips.com/203](http://p3tips.com/203).

I hope you will check out The City's Linden Avenue Pop-Up Markets, being held on Saturday September 10th and October 8th from 1-5 p.m. at the corner of Linden Avenue and Birdsell Street. You can visit [sbvpa.org](http://sbvpa.org) to learn more!

You're invited to the 2023 Build the Budget Community Action Group meeting on September 22nd at 6 p.m.! Come provide insight on what you'd like to see in next year's budget. Check out our City's Facebook page for updates on a set location.

Best. Week. Ever. 2022 returns to South Bend on September 24th– October 1st, ending with the Morris 100 Fest, a two-day festival celebrating 100 years of the Morris Performing Arts Center! To learn more, check out page 2 of the newsletter!

Wishing you a wonderful month!

Mayor James Mueller



## Clerk's Corner

Most of us understand why it's illegal to burn waste, but we ignore the regulation when we light bonfires. These fires produce carbon, hydrogen, arsenic, selenium, zinc, and lead particles. We call these bits "ash," and it can harm our community.

### Sec. 9-19. Intent and purposes of article.

The Common Council believes that reasonable regulations should be enacted to minimize air pollution caused by burning within our City.

### Sec. 9-20. Types of burning prohibited.

- (a) No person shall start, kindle, cause, allow or maintain any form of leaf burning or rubbish or trash burning on private or public property, except as specifically authorized by this Code.
- (b) No person shall burn or cause to be burned, any leaves, grass, tree limbs, branches, paper, rubbish or trash, upon any street, alley or sidewalk within the City.

Here are some safety tips around bon fires:

- Don't build a bonfire when it's windy.
- Keep water handy in case the fire spreads.
- Watch the bonfire and adjacent kids.
- Don't burn aerosols, canisters, or foam/paint. Chemicals with flammable components can spread flames or emit poisonous gases. These containers could explode, inflicting damage.
- Burn dry, seasoned, or smokeless wood.
- After the bonfire, turn over the burned materials and water the area.

Help keep everyone safe!

City Clerk Dawn Jones

