

Foster Park Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Newsletter Spring 2018

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Mark your calendars

Make sure to save the dates for a variety of upcoming Foster Park Neighborhood events!

- Wednesday**
MAY
23
- ANNUAL MEETING**
6:30 pm at The Summit
1025 W. Rudisill Blvd.
Enter the Learning Center at Door H
All residents are invited to attend.
More detailed information will be posted on
Nextdoor prior to the meeting date.
- Saturday**
JUNE
9
- ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
This is the same date as most surrounding neighborhoods.
A Salvation Army truck will come around after 3pm to pick up any unwanted items for donation.
- Saturday**
JUNE
16
- DUMPSTER DAY**
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Dumpster will be located at 1310 W. Foster Pkwy.
Please consult the list of approved and prohibited items. More information can be found on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Consider joining the board of directors

The Foster Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors will need new members when current terms expire this summer. The board will have five vacancies due to term limits.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer your time and talent to support the neighborhood. If you are interested in joining the board or learning more, please contact Kody Tinnel at kodytinnel@gmail.com.

We plan to propose a full slate of board candidates for a vote at the annual meeting on May 23, 2018.



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Have you heard?

■ The Clyde Theatre is now selling tickets for shows beginning this summer. Renovations will soon be complete in preparation for the opening. More information at www.clydetheatre.com.

■ The 2018 primary election is Tuesday, May 8th. The Allen County Election Board also offers various early voting options. Don't forget to vote!

■ The City of Fort Wayne is seeking qualified volunteers interested in supporting the new Public Art Program. Positions are available on the Public Art Commission and for Public Art Selection Committees. More information available at www.fwcommunitydevelopment.org/planning/public-art

Coming Soon: Summer

Street tree program available again

The Neighborhood Association will again cover the cost of new street tree plantings for any resident interested and eligible to receive a new tree. This program was a success last year with fifteen new trees planted throughout our neighborhood. If you are interested in the program, please contact Kody Tinnel at kodytinnel@gmail.com.



More information can also be found at www.fortwayneparks.org/parks/street-trees.

Summer reminders

With warm weather nearing, it is a good time for some general reminders to help ensure we all have a safe and enjoyable summer.

SAFE DRIVING | Please drive carefully and watch for pedestrians. During the nice weather, our neighborhood is active with people of all ages enjoying the outdoors. With the new entrance/exit setup at Foster Park due to the tunnel work, we will need to be especially careful near that intersection on busy days.

TALL GRASS | Please keep your lawn mowed below 9 inches to ensure compliance with Fort Wayne's tall grass ordinance.

FIREWORKS | State and local laws allow consumer fireworks to be discharged on select dates and times, which can be found on the City's website. Please be courteous to neighbors who may have pets or family members who do not react well to the sounds and lights from fireworks.

FIREPITS | The use of firepits is permitted but subject to various safety conditions listed on the Fire Department's website. Please reference those conditions to ensure compliance and take common sense steps to keep your backyard fires safe.

SECURITY | Take proactive steps to protect your belongings. Unfortunately, property crimes tend to increase in the summer months. We encourage all residents to take basic steps to reduce your likelihood of being targeted by a criminal. Plenty of helpful resources are available on the Fort Wayne Police Department's website.

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Vacancy

Board Meetings

The Board of Directors typically meets the first month of each quarter (January, April, July, & October) at The Summit.

Meetings are open to all residents. Notifications will be posted on Nextdoor in advance of the specific meeting dates. We encourage you to attend to share your perspectives!

Sidewalk Updates

Results of sidewalk survey

As part of the dues payment slip included with the December 2017 newsletter, we surveyed residents to gauge interest in the City's sidewalk replacement program. This program allows residents to split the cost of sidewalk replacement 50/50 with the City and can be completed either as individual homeowners, or as an entire block if over 51% of residents on the block agree to participate.

Survey responses received so far indicate the following level of support:

Yes, I support	Open to idea	No, I oppose
32%	52%	16%

Note: Trends were similar when compared by street-level data.

A few respondents also noted that they recently replaced their sidewalks on their own and thus did not see the need for replacing theirs with the entire block. This is a valid point. We contacted the City and found out that even if an entire block petitions for a full replacement, sections of sidewalk in fine condition will not be replaced.

Additional information

Since there is a desire for residents to learn more, some key highlights are included below.

- Sidewalks can be replaced by individual homeowners or for the entire block (entire block requires a formal petition process).
- The cost to the homeowner is about \$100 per sidewalk slab. The City covers the other half of the cost.
- Homeowner cost can be paid in a lump sum or can be financed over 10 years at an interest rate of 3%.

More information available at www.cityoffortwayne.org/costshare.

Next steps

We encourage all residents on Sheridan, Branning, Lexington, and Old Mill to familiarize themselves with this program. Most importantly, we encourage these residents to attend the annual neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd so they can share their feedback.

If enough residents show interest in moving forward with sidewalk replacement for an entire block, the board can help facilitate the petition process. If residents are not interested after learning more, we can simply let the issue go and homeowners can still replace their own sidewalks separate from their neighbors.

Community Contacts

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Rental Restriction

As a reminder, renting is not allowed within Foster Park Neighborhood boundaries without board approval (per our Restrictive Covenants as amended in 2005).

If you are currently renting, please contact Kody Tinnel to initiate the formal process for review and to ask any questions you may have about this restriction.

Dumpster Day

Details

Thanks to a program through the City of Fort Wayne, neighborhood residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted solid waste materials at no cost to homeowners or the neighborhood association.

WHEN

Saturday, June 16, 2018
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

WHERE

The dumpster will be placed at
1310 W. Foster Pkwy on the north
side of the street.



HOW IT WORKS

Simply gather any unwanted trash (see list below for unacceptable materials) and drop it in the dumpster during the hours noted above.

Please do not overfill the dumpster. It will not be picked up if improperly filled. Container space will be available on a first come, first served basis so plan accordingly if you wish to participate.

Unacceptable materials

The following materials **CAN NOT** be placed in the container:

Anti-freeze	Chemicals
Fire Extinguishers	Used Oil
Concrete	Auto Fluids
Auto Parts	Hazardous Waste
Oil Based Paint	Explosives
Pesticides	Compressed Gas
Radioactive Materials	Special Waste
Tires	Appliances with Freon
Asphalt	Fluorescent Bulbs
Freon Refrigerant	Leaves
Liquids	Electronics
Closed Containers	Items Containing Mercury
Lead Acid Batteries	Herbicides
Fertilizers	

*Latex paint cans need to be dried out before placing in the dumpster. They cannot accept paint in a liquid form because it may leak out onto the ground or street.

For more information about disposing of items and materials not permitted in the dumpster, please visit the Allen County Department of Environmental Management website: www.acwastewatcher.org.

Nextdoor

If you are not yet a member of Nextdoor, we encourage you to join.



This free social media platform allows neighbors to easily communicate, share relevant updates, and stay informed of neighborhood events and activities.

So far, about 60% of Foster Park Neighborhood residents are active on this platform.

Ready to join?

Visit www.nextdoor.com

Dues Payments

There is still time to pay your annual dues. The modest \$30 per household fee helps us invest back into the neighborhood, provide helpful services, and maintain an active neighborhood association.

Check or cash payments can be provided to Treasurer Ken Sorg at the following address:

1231 W. Branning Ave.

Fort Wayne, IN 46807

You can also bring your payment in person to our annual meeting on May 23rd.

Not sure if you are current on dues? Contact Ken Sorg at kennethesorg@gmail.com.

Thanks for supporting the neighborhood!

Emails

The board hopes to soon expand and refine our use of email as a free and easy way to quickly share information with neighbors. Help us stay connected by providing us with your current email address. Information can be sent to Kody Tinnel at kodytinnel@gmail.com.