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# Foster Park Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Newsletter Spring 2019

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## Mark your calendars

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

- Wednesday**  
**MAY**  
**22**
- Annual Meeting**  
**6:30 pm at the Sears Pavilion**  
**1701 Bluffton Road**  
*All residents are invited to attend.*  
**More detailed information will be posted on**  
**Nextdoor prior to the meeting date.**
- Saturday**  
**JUNE**  
**8**
- Annual Garage Sale**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
*This is the same date as most surrounding neighborhoods.*  
*Signage will be placed around the neighborhood in the days before the sale to generate interest.*
- Saturday**  
**JUNE**  
**15**
- Dumpster Day**  
**8:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
*Dumpster will be located at 1250 Sheridan Court.*  
*Please consult the list of approved and prohibited items. More information can be found on Page 4 of this newsletter.*
- Saturday**  
**JULY**  
**27**
- Neighborhood Walk with Councilman Paddock**  
**10:30 am – 12:00 pm**  
*Join us for a walk with 5<sup>th</sup> District City Councilman Geoff Paddock to highlight any issues or concerns for our neighborhood or surrounding areas. The walking group will meet at the log cabin at Foster Park.*

## Intersection closure pushed back

We previously shared information about the upcoming closure of the intersection of Old Mill Road and Rudisill as part of the Tunnel Works project. The closure was initially planned to begin this month. However, the timeline has been adjusted and construction work is now slated to begin toward the end of May 2019.

More information will be shared with residents as it becomes available, including details on upcoming public meetings regarding the project.



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## Have you heard?

■ The Club Room recently opened next to The Clyde in Quimby Village, offering another nearby dining option, including a family-friendly dining room.

■ The 2018 primary election is Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Allen County Election Board also offers various early voting options. Don't forget to vote!

■ Many homeowners in our area saw increases in their property tax assessments. This, along with a booming housing market in the 07 area, is a sign that our neighborhoods are enhancing their values and desirability. If you believe your assessment may be inaccurate, you can call the Allen County Assessor's Office at 260.449.7123.

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# Good to Know

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## 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. We planted 22 new trees along our streets in the past two years thanks to the City's Street Tree Program.

If you are interested in a tree planting, please contact the board at [fosterparkneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:fosterparkneighborhood@gmail.com).

More information at [www.fortwayneparks.org/parks/street-trees](http://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, especially when backing out of driveways.

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

**Fireworks** | Per local and state laws, fireworks may only be discharged on certain dates and times (see City website for details). 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. 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.

**Street Lights** | If you see a street light out near your home, please call 311 to report it. It helps to have the address and the pole number (listed on a yellow sticker on the light pole).

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## Board Meetings

The Board of Directors will meet on **Tuesday, April 23, 2019**. Meeting begins at 6:30 pm and takes place at the Learning Center on the Summit campus (1025 W. Rudisill).

Meetings are open to all residents. We encourage you to attend to share your perspectives!

Future meeting dates to be announced this summer.

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# Neighborhood Updates

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## FPNA joins PAPA

Earlier this year, the Foster Park Neighborhood Association joined the Packard Area Planning Alliance (PAPA). PAPA formed about 15 years ago as a partnership between seven neighborhoods to assist with comprehensive city planning for the Packard Park area. The organization recently expanded its geographic focus to include all other neighborhoods in the 46807 area.



PAPA seeks to cultivate the livability and visual appeal of the area through improved preservation and maintenance of existing housing stock, increased emphasis on the historic assets of the area, enhanced recreational and cultural amenities, and heightened community spirit.

The FPNA board believes this will serve as another mechanism to collaborate with surrounding neighborhoods to achieve shared goals. More information about PAPA is available on Facebook and the City of Fort Wayne website.

## Sidewalk trip hazards

Do you have a trip hazard on the sidewalk in front of your home? The board has been in contact with the City to request that our neighborhood be included in the next round of sidewalk trip hazard remediation. Neighborhoods selected for this program will have major hazards filed down at no cost to the homeowner or association. This is a way to resolve the worst issues without needing full sidewalk replacements.

The City is only able to complete this work in a handful of neighborhoods each year, so we need your help to make the case that our neighborhood should be high on the priority list. You can help by contacting 311 to report trip hazards near your home. We cannot guarantee our neighborhood will be selected, but our chances could improve with more reports on file.

## Updates coming to Branning dead end

The management team at the Summit has agreed to re-landscape the Branning dead end using their usual landscape team. They have agreed to plant decorative grasses per the preferences shared in discussions with board members and Branning residents. More updates will be shared as they received.

## Dues Payments

So far, we have received dues payments from **59%** of Foster Park residents. There is still time to pay the modest \$30 per household fee if you have not already.

Check or cash payments can be provided to Treasurer Cory Allen at the following address:

*1310 W. Foster Pkwy  
Fort Wayne, IN 46807*

You can also bring your payment in person to our annual meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Not sure if you are current on dues? Contact Cory Allen at [allencory@hotmail.com](mailto:allencory@hotmail.com).

Thanks for supporting the neighborhood!

## What is Your Home's Story?

Each home has a story to share. Do you know who lived in your home before you or when your home was built? Do you know how many owners your home has had? Was your home the first on your block? Historic Preservation can help you to learn these fascinating facts. Fort Wayne's ARCH, Inc. and The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library can assist you in finding such information about your property. The National Trust for Historic Preservation also has an online guide to researching your home's history. Are you interested? Check out these resources!

**Call ARCH, Inc.** at 260.426.5117  
**Call the Genealogy Center** at 260.421.1225

**The National Trust for Historic Preservation's guide:**

<https://savingplaces.org/stories/preservation-tips-toolshomep-10-ways-research-homes-history>

*Information provided by the Historic Preservation Committee of the Packard Area Planning Alliance and Fort Wayne's ARCH, Inc.*

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# Dumpster Day

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## Back by popular demand

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 15, 2018  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

### WHERE

The dumpster will be placed at 1250 Sheridan Court 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](http://www.acwastewatcher.org).

## 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 approval process.

## Nextdoor

This free social media platform allows neighbors to easily stay informed of neighborhood events and updates. So far, about 70% of Foster Park Neighborhood residents are active on this free social media platform.



Ready to join?

Visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)