
Foster Park Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Newsletter Winter 2018

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From the Board President

Neighbors,

First, I would like to extend a warm welcome to new residents of the Foster Park Neighborhood. This year brought us many new faces and it has been nice to meet all of our new neighbors.

The board worked hard this year to continue making our neighborhood the best place to live in Fort Wayne. We are making smart investments in our tree infrastructure, maintaining collaborative partnerships with the Summit and surrounding neighborhoods, and generating great ideas for other investments and activities. This year has been a success and I am confident 2019 will also be a great year for our neighborhood.

Thanks to the dedicated board members who volunteer their time, energy, and ideas to support the neighborhood. A special thanks also to Jenna Davis for managing the Historic Foster Park Neighborhood Facebook page.

Please take a few moments to read this newsletter. Our goal is to provide relevant and timely updates. I encourage you to also submit your annual dues payments. For your convenience, a pre-paid envelope is included. Residents who already paid for the 2018-2019 fiscal year will instead receive a small card noting your payment has been recorded. Thanks to all who support our neighborhood through dues!

Feel free to contact me with any ideas, concerns, or suggestions. I'd love to hear from you via email, phone, Nextdoor, or if you happen to see me around the neighborhood.

Hope you are having a wonderful holiday season,

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Have you heard?

■ Electric Works is moving forward. Now that various sources of financing are in place, developers are working to secure commitments from future tenants. Thanks to those who displayed signs of support during the months of public discussion on the project!

■ The Hall's restaurant at Quimby Village is open again! Make sure to stop in to see the renovated spaces and updated menu.

■ Garbage and recycling schedules for our area changed in November. Trash is now collected on Thursdays and recycling is collected on 'A' Weeks. Make sure to call 311 if you are missed.

Neighborhood Updates

Intersection closure coming in 2019

The City of Fort Wayne hosted a public meeting in November about traffic changes coming to our area in 2019 related to the Tunnel Works project. A few Foster Park residents attended to learn more.

Beginning the spring of 2019, the intersection of Old Mill Road and Rudisill Boulevard will be closed to vehicular traffic. We can expect full or partial closures of this intersection for an estimated 9 to 11 months. During that time, crews will work to connect the existing drainage systems with the new tunnels being completed as part of the larger Tunnel Works project.

During the full closure, the designated detour route will include Old Mill, Lexington, Fairfield, Creighton, and Broadway. Association president Kody Tinnel is in communication with the City Traffic Engineer to plan ways to minimize traffic issues as much as possible on Lexington Avenue.

More information will be shared through various means as it becomes available.

Leadership changes at The Summit

The Southwest Neighborhood Summit Alliance (SWNSA) recently received communication from Ambassador Enterprises regarding staffing changes at The Summit campus. Beginning in January 2019, the Summit campus will be managed by Via Developments, a property management subsidiary of Ambassador Enterprises.



SWNSA formed in 2015 after the failed attempt by Ambassador to rezone the Summit's north campus. Following a contentious public debate, 5th District City Councilman Geoff Paddock helped form SWNSA in an effort to build a more collaborative relationship between The Summit and the neighborhoods immediately surrounding its campus, including the Foster Park Neighborhood.

The Summit and SWNSA have since formed a positive, mutually beneficial relationship. The group meets quarterly to receive updates from campus leaders and identify partnership opportunities to help build a thriving community in the 46807 area.

In the coming months, SWNSA leaders will meet with new Summit leaders and will maintain a commitment to a positive, neighborly relationship.

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Board Meetings

The Board of Directors will meet on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Meetings begin at 6:30 pm and take 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!

Beautification

Sheridan Court center park strip upgrade

Earlier this year three new trees were planted in the center park strip on Sheridan Court. The board opted to purchase more mature trees than are typically available through the City Street Tree Program. The new plantings will help continue our tree canopy investments and provide a better visual barrier for drivers. These will also serve as natural replacements to the existing pear tree that the City Arborist estimates will need to come down within the next five years. Make sure to drive or walk by to check out the new trees!

Future upgrades on Branning

This past fall the board surveyed residents on W. Branning Avenue for feedback regarding the landscaping at the dead end. Based on the survey feedback and associated discussions, we are planning to remove the existing plantings and replace them with a bed of low-maintenance, decorative grass. This will likely occur in the spring of 2019. This overhaul should solve many of the common complaints about the dead end, while minimizing future maintenance and expenses. Thanks to those who shared information and perspectives to guide this decision!

Updates coming to Foster Park Pavilion 3

The City recently announced plans to renovate Foster Park Pavilion 3 as part of the next round of Parks and Recreation improvements. This is great news given our proximity to Foster Park and given the history of the structure. We will be sure to keep neighbors in the loop regarding any updates on this project.



Street trees

Seven new trees were planted this fall as part of the City's Street Tree Program. Thanks to the homeowners who opted to participate in the program. We are excited to continue investing in our neighborhood through this cost-effective program

Feel free to contact Kody Tinnel with any questions about future participation or any issues with current street trees near your home. Remember, the association will cover the \$50 planting fee for any homeowners willing and eligible to participate.

If you received a new tree planting, please help give it a strong first year by watering it during the hot and dry summer months. Thanks!

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2019 Election

City elections in Fort Wayne occur next year. Offices up for election include the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Council.

2019 will be a great time to contact local elected officials and candidates regarding any ideas, initiatives, or concerns you may have. **Don't miss your chance to lobby community leaders when they are most responsive to citizen feedback!**

Good to Know

Snow removal vendor

This winter, Smart Building and Design will again be providing sidewalk snow removal services for the neighborhood. This vendor did a great job last winter keeping the public walks clear. If you would also like snow removal services for your personal walks and driveways, the Smart Building team can help.



To contact Smart Building and Design about snow removal services: Visit www.smartbld.com/contact
Or call **260.494.8025**

Street light out? Contact 311

If you notice a street light out in your area, please take a few moments to contact 311 so that traffic maintenance can replace the dead bulbs. Requests may be submitted by calling 311 or visiting the City of Fort Wayne website and completing a quick online form. Thanks for doing your part to help keep our streets well lit.

Live Christmas tree recycling

Looking for a way to recycle your live Christmas tree? From now through January 11, 2019, live trees can be dropped off at several designated locations in Allen County. There is no fee for this service.

Fort Wayne drop-off locations include:

Allen County Highway Garage

2234 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne

Hours: 24/7

Bio-Solids, Lime & Yard Waste Recycling Facility

6202 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne

Hours: Monday-Friday: 7am-3pm (closed New Year's Day)

Please note, ornaments, tinsel, and plastic bags must be removed from trees. Wreaths are not accepted at tree recycling locations.

For questions, contact the Allen County Department of Environmental Management at 260.449.7878 or info@acwastewatcher.org.



Nextdoor



If you are not yet a member of Nextdoor, we encourage you to join. 68% of Foster Park residents are now active on this free social media platform.

Ready to join?

Visit www.nextdoor.com

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.

Crime Prevention Tips

Given concerns about crime in nearby neighborhoods, make sure to take proactive steps to reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

- If you see something or someone suspicious, call the FWPD immediately. Make sure to report all crimes.

- Keep all doors and windows to your home, garage, and vehicles locked. Keep valuables out of your vehicles.

- Consider installing home security systems or motion detector lights.

- Consider landscaping and lighting options designed to deter intruders or block access to vulnerable parts of your home. Research "crime prevention through environmental design" for tips and ideas.