

Homeowner Improvement Program

We are excited to announce a matching grant program to help FPNA homeowners offset the costs of exterior home projects. Thanks to a partnership with NeighborLink Fort Wayne, all residents may apply reimbursement funding through the Homeowner Improvement Program (HIP).



HIP is formatted as a split cost program that reimburses \$0.50 of every \$1 of homeowner contribution, up to a maximum grant amount of \$300.

Matching grants are available on a first come, first served basis for eligible projects and as long as funds are available.



The Foster Park Neighborhood has a total of \$3,000 available for HIP grants.

Recipients must provide before and after photos, meet

applicable program deadlines, and provide receipts or invoices to receive reimbursement from NeighborLink Fort Wayne.

Eligible projects must enhance or improve some portion of the home's street-facing exterior. **Example projects include, but are not limited to:**

- Exterior painting
- Porch repair or installation
- Landscaping/tree planting
- Front door updates
- Siding repair or replacement
- Window repair or replacement
- Roof repair or replacement
- Tree pruning or removal
- Garage door upgrades
- Flower box installation
- Masonry work
- Exterior lighting upgrades

Online applications for HIP grants will be accepted on the FPNA website beginning **Monday, August 3rd.**

To learn more about this program and submit a grant application, please visit www.fosterpark.org/hip.



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HAVE YOU HEARD

■ The Bluffton Road Bridge is slated for replacement within the next few years. Design work will likely begin in late 2020 or early 2021.

■ At the annual association meeting in June, residents overwhelmingly supported amending the Bylaws to remove term limits for officers and members of the board.

around the neighborhood

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month recipients! If you would like to nominate a neighbor for this award, email the board at fosterparkneighborhood@gmail.com.

MAY | 2020

1220 Sheridan

Congrats to the Albers Family for a well-deserved honor to kick off the 2020 Yard of the Month program!.



JUNE | 2020

1146 Sheridan

Bryce Hill has made a variety of updates and improvements to his home, and nearby neighbors have definitely noticed!



JULY | 2020

1132 W. Lexington

Pam Hoffman has done a wonderful job over the years adding beautiful touches to her home and garden.

Welcome New Board Members

We are thrilled to welcome a few new faces to the Association Board of Directors! Jenna Gervasi-Shelly and Eric Lerew are serving for the first time. Amy Kelly is rejoining the board after previously serving as Vice President a couple years back. It is always nice to have some new voices and perspectives at the table!

Six other board members are returning for another consecutive term. The board was elected unanimously at our annual association meeting this past June. Current board member terms continue through June 30, 2021.

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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors will meet on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Meetings begin at 6:30pm and are held in the Green Lab 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!

community engagement



Seeking Input for New Packard Plan

Our neighborhood is excited to be part of a community planning effort to map out the future of south central Fort Wayne. The Packard Area Planning Alliance (PAPA) is collaborating with the City of Fort Wayne's Community Development Division to develop the New Packard Area Plan. Once completed, this plan will serve as a blueprint for the future within the 18 neighborhoods included in the PAPA boundaries.

We are asking for feedback from area residents to help guide this planning process. This is a critical stage to ensure the new Plan includes the right priorities and goals.

Please visit www.packardplan.org to learn more and complete a short online survey.

These planning efforts will be most successful if we hear from a large and diverse group of area residents. Thanks for taking a few moments to share your thoughts!

INN Updates

In August 2019, the Southwest Area Partnership (SWAP) established a steering committee to determine how to allocate newly available funds from the Investing in Neighborhoods Now (INN) program. Each quadrant was granted \$500,000 to invest in smaller projects that will have a lasting impact in our community.

The steering committee has regularly met and solicited feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders from the southwest quadrant. Many ideas and proposals were submitted. In the coming weeks and months, the steering committee will be finalizing the package of investments, as directed by input from area neighborhoods, and outlining the next steps for implementation of the most popular choices. Stay tuned for future updates.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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STAY CONNECTED

Keep up to date with what's happening in our neighborhood and the surrounding area. We are committed to keeping neighbors informed through a variety of ways.

Website

www.fosterpark.org

Make sure to subscribe to our blog for updates directly to your inbox!

Facebook

@FosterParkNeighborhoodAssociation

Nextdoor

www.nextdoor.com

Email

Make sure we have your current email address on file!

area news

New Coffee Shop



A lot has been happening at nearby Quimby Village. In July, Crescendo Coffee & More opened for business. This new coffee shop is part of an expansion project for the adjacent Club Room at The Clyde.

The Crescendo menu features a variety of coffee drinks, ice cream, desserts, donuts, and sandwiches, among other offerings.

The last few years have seen a welcomed investment at Quimby Village, spurred by the renovation of The Clyde Theatre.

Intersection Updates

After several months of living with the intersection closure at Old Mill & Rudisill, the end of construction is in sight. On a phone call in late July, City Utilities shared that the project was on schedule for a full reopening of the intersection in September 2020.



While this will return some normalcy to our commutes, it does also mean that traffic on Old Mill will return to previous levels. The Association is in talks with the City to ensure that measures are taken to keep drivers and pedestrians safe when the intersection reopens.

Support Local Businesses

Given the current economic uncertainty, we are reminded about the importance of supporting local businesses. Small business owners in our community are adapting to current events as best they can while keeping their bills, and their employees, paid. When we support local, we are keeping dollars in our community, and supporting our friends and neighbors. Thanks for doing your part to support the businesses that make our area such a desirable place to call home!

NEW NEIGHBORS

Please join us in welcoming the new residents at the following Foster Park Neighborhood homes!

1250 Sheridan Ct.
1301 Sheridan Ct.

SUMMER EVENTS

We hosted two successful association events earlier this summer. On June 13th, our residents filled a dumpster as part of our annual Dumpster Day event. On July 11th, we hosted our annual garage sale (the weather was great). Thanks to all who participated in these opportunities! We hope these events prove valuable to residents.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Board is eager and willing to help connect residents in need with neighbors able to help. Need assistance with some yard work, a trip to the grocery store, or anything else? Looking for someone to have coffee with? Have a skill that could be of help to a nearby neighbor? Contact the board we can help facilitate neighbors helping neighbors.

STREET TREE UPDATE

After walking the neighborhood with the City Arborist earlier this summer, we identified several additional planting locations for new street trees. We marked 15 locations and allowed homeowners to opt out if they preferred to not have a new tree near their property. Backup locations were selected as needed. 15 new trees will be planted throughout the neighborhood in late fall.