

### Homeowner Improvement Program

Earlier this year, our neighborhood was invited to participate in NeighborLink Fort Wayne's Homeowner Improvement Program.

This program offered matching grants to homeowners making lasting exterior upgrades to their homes or landscaping.



Over the course of the program, eight Foster Park Neighborhood homeowners successfully completed projects including porch replacement, façade repairs, landscaping improvements, and lighting upgrades.

**In total, \$12,468 in investments were made throughout our neighborhood** and \$2,279 of that investment was reimbursed to homeowners as matching grants. We consider this a tremendous success and love seeing the end results throughout the neighborhood!

Thanks to the participating homeowners who made significant investments in their properties. It was great to see so many positive changes throughout the neighborhood over the course of the year!

And thanks to NeighborLink Fort Wayne for inviting our neighborhood association to participate in this grant program. This is typically offered to associations who are active and have the capacity to manage the logistics of the program. We are glad we made the cut! To learn more about NeighborLink Fort Wayne, visit [www.nlfw.org](http://www.nlfw.org).



### Now Collecting Annual Dues



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#### HAVE YOU HEARD

■ A new master plan for nearby Packard Park was recently approved by the Board of Park Commissioners. Stay tuned for community fundraising efforts beginning next year.

■ Davey's Delicious Bagels recently opened for pickup and delivery service at The Summit. [www.daveysdeliciousbagels.com](http://www.daveysdeliciousbagels.com)

# neighborhood pride

## Yard of the Month

Congratulations to our recent Yard of the Month recipients!

### AUGUST

#### 1244 W. Branning

Ashley and Brookes have done a great job making their home worthy of a double take!



### SEPTEMBER

#### 1322 W. Foster

Greg and Ellen consistently take beautiful care of their landscaping. Congrats!



### OCTOBER

#### 1205 Sheridan

Congrats to Jake and Lauren on a well-deserved honor! Beautifully maintained with wonderful pops of color.



### NOVEMBER

#### 1220 W. Foster

Relative newcomers to the neighborhood Rod and David have already made a splash with a variety of landscape additions.



### DECEMBER

#### 1331 W. Foster

Congrats to Phil and Steve! Truly a beautiful, seasonal light display!

## YARD OF THE MONTH TO RETURN NEXT SPRING

We loved stretching the Yard of the Month program into December this year, but we will be taking a pause for the next few months. We will pick back up when the growing season begins.

If you would like to learn more about helping determine our Yard of the Month nominees and winners, contact Lynn Fuston. We welcome anyone who is interested in celebrating the beauty of our neighborhood and getting to know some of their neighbors.

Congrats again to this year's winners and thanks to the nominating committee members for keeping this program going!

## SNOW REMOVAL

As in previous winters, the association again has a contract for public sidewalk snow removal services for all streets within our boundaries. Snow removal will occur whenever snowfall exceeds 3 inches from November through the end of March.

All residents are encouraged to keep their private sidewalks clear of ice and snow as a courtesy to delivery and postal workers.

## 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.

# association news

## Petition Seeks Speed Limit Reduction

Enclosed with your newsletter is a traffic calming petition that can be signed and returned (along with your dues payment if you choose to pay by check) in the postage paid envelope provided.



If signed by enough homeowners, the City will officially reduce speed limits on our streets from 30mph to 25mph. While we know this may not fully eliminate speeding in our neighborhood, it is yet another tool we have available to hopefully keep our streets safe.

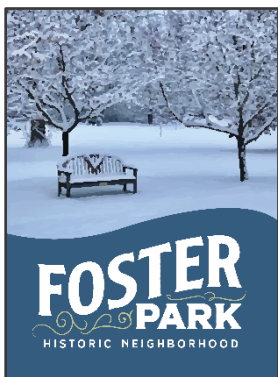
Please note, Old Mill Road is not eligible for this change due to its status as a “collector” street. Additionally, Lexington resident will receive a slightly different petition that will need to be combined with petitions from homeowners outside our neighborhood who live on the south side of that street.

Thanks for supporting this effort to keep our neighborhood streets safe!

## Annual Dues Payments

The board is beginning to collect annual dues payments for the current budget year. For several years, the association dues have remained very low, **only \$30 per household**. By supporting the association, we have the finances to keep residents informed, beautify our streets, conduct business, and bring an array of benefits to the neighborhood.

Dues payments can be submitted by check made payable to FPNA and sent via the postage paid envelope provided with this newsletter. You can also pay with a credit or debit card at [www.fosterpark.org/dues](http://www.fosterpark.org/dues).



## Winter Banners

Last year, the board undertook a project to have decorative, branded light pole banners installed throughout the neighborhood. Based on feedback from residents, we are adding a few more banner locations. Additionally, a second set of banners with winter themed imagery will soon be swapped out and eventually switched back in the spring. Keep an eye out for new banners in the coming weeks. Special thanks to

Greg Lass and Lynn Fuston for donating their time and talent for the photography and graphic design!

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## BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors will meet on the following dates:

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

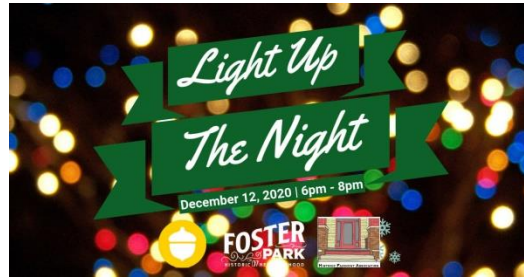
Meetings begin at 6:30pm and are typically held in the Green Lab at the Learning Center on the Summit campus (1025 W. Rudisill).

Due to COVID-related restrictions, we may meet via Zoom as needed. Follow us on social media to stay tuned for potential meeting format changes.

# around the community

## Light up the Night

Join us on Saturday,  
December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-  
8pm for the Light Up the  
Night event!



The Fairmont Neighborhood planned this event and invited Southwood Park and Foster Park to join in the fun. Set aside some time Saturday night to cruise around our neighborhoods taking in all of the holiday displays. Along the way, you can grab a free cup of hot chocolate at The Friendly Fox (while supplies last), enjoy discounted carry out wine and charcuterie boards from Antonuccio's Italian Market, \$6 one topping pizzas from Tasty's Pizza, \$5 ricotta donuts at Chance Bar, and various candy stops and scavenger hunt locations. **More information available on Facebook.**

## Support Local

This is a friendly reminder to continue supporting our nearby local businesses. Locally-owned restaurants, markets, and boutiques are an important piece of what makes our community great, but they have faced a very challenging year. Unfortunately some in our community simply were not able to weather the challenges created in 2020.

Thanks for keeping local businesses top of mind this holiday season. Most are constantly adapting to provide our favorite goods and services as safely as possible. When we support local, we are keeping dollars in our community, and supporting our friends and neighbors.

## 'Investing in Neighborhoods Now' 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.

After several months of community engagement and collaboration, SWAP approved a final package of investments that includes:

- \$150,000 for additional tree plantings
- \$100,000 for future Packard Park updates
- \$100,000 for Neighborhood Improvement Grants
- \$50,000 to support Foster Park Pavilion 3 updates
- \$50,000 to support sidewalk improvements
- \$40,000 for the NLFW Homeowner Improvement Program
- \$10,000 for new benches at parks and trails

## 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

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

### Facebook

@FosterParkNeighborhoodAssociation

### Nextdoor

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

### Email

Make sure we have your current email address on file!