

Mark Your Calendars

Make sure to save the dates for these upcoming events!

Saturday
MAY
1st

Great American Cleanup | 9am – 11am
Indian Village Park | 1701 Bluffton Road
Join some neighbors to help clean up a nearby park and thoroughfare as part of this city-wide event!
More information available at fosterpark.org.

Wednesday
MAY
26th

Annual Meeting | 6:30pm
Foster Park Pavilion 1
Annual membership meeting, including board elections, annual budget approval, and various updates. All are invited to attend. More info online.

Saturday
JUNE
5th

Annual Garage Sale | 9am – 3pm
This is the same date as most surrounding neighborhoods. Signage will be placed around the neighborhood in the days prior.

Saturday
JUNE
12th

Dumpster Day | 8am – 12pm
Kimmel Drive (where Sheridan & Foster meet)
Dumpster will be located on Kimmel Drive. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for detailed information.

Last Call | Traffic Calming Petitions

We are incredibly close (within single digits!) to having enough signed traffic calming petitions to officially change the speed limit within our neighborhood to 25mph. We are hopeful this will be another way to improve pedestrian safety on our residential streets.

If we have not yet received a signed petition from your household, a blank copy has been included for you with this newsletter. We only need a handful of additional petitions to close out this process. Signed petitions can be dropped in the mail slot at 1310 W. Foster or scanned and emailed to fosterparkneighborhood@gmail.com. Thanks for supporting this neighborhood initiative!



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HAVE YOU HEARD

■ MaMaJo, the tunnel boring machine used in the Deep Rock Tunnel project, recently passed the 4-mile mark in her long journey 200 feet beneath Fort Wayne. The boring machine's current location is just west of the Broad River Neighborhood. MaMaJo will conclude her route at Foster Park sometime in 2021 (or perhaps 2022). More information about the Tunnel Works project is at www.fortwaynetunnel.org.

around the neighborhood

Summer Reminders

With summer just around the corner, here are a few helpful reminders to ensure we all have a safe and enjoyable season.

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.

Pet Cleanup | Please make sure to clean up after your dog(s) when taking them on walks throughout the neighborhood.

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 and controlled.

Security | 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.

Nominate a Neighbor



The Yard of the Month program is back for another season! This monthly honor is a fun way to recognize residents for their time and efforts in the garden. Please contact the board if you would like to nominate a neighbor. We are also happy to welcome new members to the Yard of the Month nominating committee if you would like to help out on a regular basis.

Consider Joining the Board

We will have at least one open position on the association board of directors for the 2021-2022 term. If you've ever considered getting more involved with the neighborhood, now is your chance! The board meets quarterly with some emails in between. It is a fun way to share your perspectives, stay in the know, and meet your neighbors. Contact board president Kody Tinnel if you would like to learn more.

NEW NEIGHBORS

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

1310 Sheridan Court

STREET TREE CARE

Over the past few years, our neighborhood streets have gained nearly 50 new street trees. To ensure they grow to full maturity, please take a few simple steps to support the health of these young trees.



■ **Water** | This is the most important element of caring for newer trees, especially during the summer. Water at least once a week in the hot, dry months to promote stronger roots.

■ **Mulch** | Spread a 2-inch layer of natural mulch under the drip line of the tree. This helps maintain soil moisture, prevent weeds, and prevent possible damage from lawn equipment. Avoid piling excessive mulch around the base of the trunk.

RENTAL RESTRICTION

As a reminder, renting is not allowed within the Foster Park Neighborhood Association boundaries without board approval (per our Restrictive Covenants, as amended in 2005). If you are currently renting or have questions, please contact board president Kody Tinnel to learn more and initiate the formal approval process.

good to know

Small Cell Towers

Have you seen the new cell towers popping up throughout the city in the past few years? Several dozen have already been installed in Fort Wayne by Verizon and hundreds more are planned in the coming years as part of 5G coverage expansion efforts.

While not inherently problematic, the specific placement of these 40+ foot towers can pose issues for property owners and historic neighborhoods. Homeowners have been surprised by the installation or proposed siting of a new cell towers in the park strip right in front of their home, along historically protected boulevards, and in our historic city parks. Unfortunately, local and state policies make it challenging to dispute such placement decisions. Further, the state legislature will likely pass HB 1164, a law that includes provisions giving less power to homeowners and local governments to dictate where exactly the poles are best suited.

The Packard Area Planning Alliance and the Southwest Area Partnership, among many stakeholders in Fort Wayne, have been actively working to find solutions to these challenges. The ultimate goals are to have a voice in determining the most appropriate locations for small cell towers, to protect property values, and to preserve the charm and aesthetics of historically protected areas. Area neighborhoods will be closely watching this situation.



Ground Bees

There was a lot of buzz in the past few weeks about the large number of bees nesting in many of the yards throughout our neighborhood and others in the area. Each spring, a large number of ground bees (also called miner or digging bees) show up and create nests, often in dryer areas of lawns. Then after a few weeks, they disappear, only to return the following spring.

These types of bees are typically docile and harmless (the males do not have stingers) and will not bother people or animals unless strongly provoked. You can simply leave them be as a temporary visitor with no problems. Or if you would prefer not to have them in your yard, soak the potential nesting areas with an inch of water each week to discourage them (they prefer dry soil).

Note, however, that other types of flying insects, including aggressive yellowjackets, do also nest in the ground. Always make sure you safely observe insects before making any assumptions.

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VACANCY

Consider joining the board!
Contact one of the board members listed above to learn more!

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors typically holds its meetings on the fourth Tuesday of July, October, January, and April. All residents are welcomed to participate.

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 the public health situation, we shifted to Zoom meetings for most of the past year. However, we are optimistic that by late July we can again safely and comfortably resume our in-person meetings.

helpful resources

Dumpster Day

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

When | Saturday, June 12th 8am-12pm

Where | The dumpster will be placed on Kimmel Drive, the small street connecting the west ends of Foster and Sheridan.

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 have items to dispose.

Unacceptable Materials

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

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

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

Annual Dues

We are excited to report that we received dues payments from 72% of Foster Park residents! Thanks to all those who showed your support! Association dues allow us to make a variety of investments into our neighborhood that enhance life for us all.

There is still time to submit dues for the 2020-2021 budget year. Visit fosterpark.org/dues or contact association Treasurer Cory Allen for more information.



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