



### Mural Coming to Foster Park

Those who walk the loop at Foster Park are probably familiar with the pedestrian suspension bridge across the St. Mary's. Earlier this summer, a group of residents worked with Fort Wayne Parks &

Recreation and the Park Foundation to develop a mural concept for the southern base of the bridge. The goal was to bring positive attention to this hidden gem, bring new public art to our area, and deter graffiti.

Local artist Suzi Rhee, a resident of the nearby Fairmont Neighborhood, developed the design and will be finishing up the painting within the month of September. Many thanks to several Foster Park Neighborhood residents who donated financial gifts to support this project. Half of the project's cost was raised in a 48-hour period through contributions from area residents and neighborhoods.

### Summit to Relocate Solar Panels

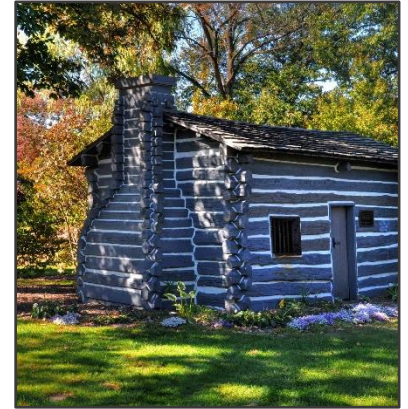
The Summit is in the design stage of relocating its solar panel array from the previous roof-mounted location to a ground-mounted location (shown in the image to the right).

This proposed change was recently approved, with conditions, by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Please visit the News section of our website for a more detailed background of this change.



### Social Committee

We recently launched a neighborhood social committee. This volunteer group of residents will brainstorm and implement different ways to bring neighbors together for social activities. Contact the board if you would like to participate or share an idea.



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### HAVE YOU HEARD

■ The annual Fort4Fitness event returns on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The half marathon route includes a portion of Old Mill Road and will impact traffic in our area on the day of the race.

■ The Indiana General Assembly meets soon to redraw district boundaries for US House, State House, and State Senate. More info at [www.iga.in.gov/redistricting](http://www.iga.in.gov/redistricting)

# around the neighborhood

## Seasonal Reminders

Here are a few helpful and timely reminders to help keep our neighborhood happy and safe for all residents.

**Safe Driving** | Please drive carefully and watch for pedestrians, especially when backing out of driveways. Schools are back in session so many more children walking to and from home, schools, and bus stops. Always stop by school buses when the stop arm is out and pay extra attention when driving near schools and bus stops.

**Leaf Pickup** | The City of Fort Wayne provides leaf pickup services from October through December. This includes two rounds of curbside leaf pickup and on-demand bagged leaf pickup via 311. Keep an eye on our Facebook page this fall for updates about leaf pickup services.

**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.

## Yard of the Month

Congratulations to this year's Yard of the Month winners! We featured five great yards so far in 2021, including our two most recent winners shown below. To see all of our monthly winners, visit our website or check out our Facebook page!

Email the board if you would like to nominate a neighbor for this honor or if you would like to join the nominating committee. This is a fun, casual way to get to know your neighbors and celebrate each other's charming homes and gardens.



Pictured above | 1210 W. Lexington (left) and 1311 W. Foster (right)

## NEW NEIGHBORS

Please join us in welcoming the several new residents at the following Foster Park Neighborhood homes. Welcome to the neighborhood!

**1322 W. Foster Pkwy**  
**1215 Sheridan Ct.**  
**1225 Sheridan Ct.**  
**1301 Sheridan Ct.**  
**1306 Sheridan Ct.**  
**1130 W. Branning Ave.**  
**1140 W. Branning Ave.**  
**1144 W. Branning Ave.**  
**1223 W. Branning Ave.**  
**1230 W. Lexington Ave.**

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# neighborhood perspectives

## 'Something Better' is Happening on Sheridan Court

FPNA resident Beth Ritzman and her family moved to their home on Sheridan Court a few years back. An avid gardener for over 20 years, Beth decided to turn her love of healthy foods into business opportunity. Operating as *Something Better with Beth*, the small business provides weekly microgreen deliveries throughout Fort Wayne. A variety of locally-grown microgreen products are available and all of them are packed with nutrients and flavor, making them great additions to salads or smoothies, among many other uses. To learn more about Beth and her microgreen business, visit [www.somethingbetterwithbeth.com](http://www.somethingbetterwithbeth.com).



## A Farewell Message

Dear FPNA Neighbors and Dear Friends,

About 31 years ago, Gregg and I would run from our home on Illsley Drive down West Foster and cross Old Mill to hop on the River Greenway. There were two homes on West Foster that we always said if either of them went up for sale, we'd love to live there. Well, in the fall of 2001, 1322 West Foster went on the market. We made an offer and have been blessed to call it home all these years. Our children were 9, 11, and 13 years old. We were very busy with our children's activities on most evenings and weekends and we always looked forward to coming home. Much of that was due to the friendships we'd built with our neighbors. You all have been a true blessing to our family. Although we're moving off of West Foster, we will still be in the area when we're not at our AMI home. We hope to see many of you out and about in the fabulous '07.

Smiles and Love  
Ellen & Gregg Osborn

## Have a Story to Tell?

If you would like to contribute content to our neighborhood newsletter, reach out to the board! We are open to publishing information, stories, or updates of value to our residents. Want to give a shout out to a neighbor for something nice they did? Let us know! Learn some new history about the neighborhood that you can't help but share? Send us an email. Our goal is to make this newsletter as valuable as possible to our residents.

## BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors will meet on the following upcoming dates:  
**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**  
**Tuesday, January 25, 2022**  
**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

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

## STREET TREE UPDATE

Our association began making investments in our street tree infrastructure in 2017. This fall/winter, another 15 trees will be planted along our streets (for a total of over 60 new trees planted in recent years). Planting locations were identified and marked (with white flags) earlier this year. Trees typically get planted by the City between October and December.

Residents who have new trees planted in front of their homes are encouraged to support the tree's growth by watering them regularly for the first couple growing seasons. Contact Kody Tinnel with any questions about street tree planting or pruning.

## 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.

## GYPSY MOTHS

Have you noticed damage to your trees from gypsy moths (common name soon to be changed)? If so, please contact board president Kody Tinnel.

# stay connected

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## Meet the Board

Thanks to these residents for sharing their time and perspectives to support a vibrant neighborhood. Contact the board if you have considered getting involved!

**Cory Allen** | Cory has served on the board in some capacity since 2016. An avid gardener, Cory can often be spotted outside sprucing up his landscaping in the warmer months. He lives on West Foster with his husband and rescue pup Miley.

**Jenna Davis** | Jenna and her husband Jason have lived on West Foster for almost 9 years. Her family includes two kids, Brenlyn (13) and Maddox (7), Louie Coconutty (4 year-olds give cats funny names, and Nala Swirl (the same kid, only 6, named the dog). When not working, Jenna loves to cook, read, travel, and sleep (not in that order).

**Lynn Fuston** | Lynn moved from Nashville to Fort Wayne in 2015 to work as the Manager of Written Content at Sweetwater. Before that, he spent nearly 40 years as a recording engineer and producer recording albums for artists such as Amy Grant, DC Talk, Michael W. Smith, Gaither Vocal Band, Newsboys, and more. He loves the garden at his 1956 home on Branning Ave., and tells his friends that Foster Park feels like living in Mayberry.

**Amy Kelly** | Retired but busy. Amy enjoys gardening and playing duplicate bridge. She is married and has two adult children and four grandchildren, all of whom live nearby. She loves spending time with her family – it is her greatest joy!

**Greg Lass** | Longtime board member Greg Lass lives with his family on Sheridan Court. Greg is credited with the design of our association logo and the decorative light pole banners located throughout the neighborhood.

**Jody Lent** | Jody lives at 1314 West Foster Parkway. He and his wife Rachel enjoy urban gardening, cycling, and raising their four children in a great city for it. You can find them playing on the dome, or at the Summit.

**Eric Lerew** | Eric and Tara moved into the neighborhood in March of 2018. They have three adult children, two grandchildren, and an Afghan hound. Eric recently started working as a Project Manager with Home Comfort Experts and helps churches with local outreach. They love and are passionate about the Foster Park Neighborhood.

**Shawn Sullivan** | Shawn lives on Lexington with his wife and children. They love spending time outdoors, especially at nearby Foster Park. Shawn has been a consistent advocate for Lexington Avenue residents since first joining the board in 2018.

**Kody Tinnel** | A resident since 2014, Kody loves the charm of the neighborhood, including the historic homes, friendly people, and mature tree canopy. He has served as board president since 2017 and has also served in leadership roles for the Packard Area Planning Alliance and the Southwest Area Partnership. Kody is the Manager of Talent Acquisition for Fort Wayne Community Schools.

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## NEWS & UPDATES

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!

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@FosterParkNeighborhoodAssociation

### Nextdoor

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