

Mark Your Calendars

Make sure to save the dates for these upcoming events!

Wednesday

**MAY
25th**

Annual Meeting | 6:30pm

Social Hour to Begin at 5:30pm

NEW THIS YEAR | Join us for a social hour before the meeting. Light refreshments and desserts will be available. Feel free to bring a sweet treat to share!

Foster Park Pavilion 1 [white open air pavilion near volleyball courts] | Annual membership meeting, including board elections, annual budget approval, and various updates. All are encouraged to attend. More info online.

Saturday

**JUNE
4th**

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. We also post a Facebook Event page, which currently has over 2,000 responses and a reach of 24,363 users.

Saturday

**JUNE
11th**

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 about the types of trash that can be placed in the dumpster for this event.

Seeking Nominees for Officer & Board Positions

With a few board members opting to retire from service and others hoping to change roles, we will have openings on our association board of directors, including some officer roles. Serving on the board is a fun way to give back to the neighborhood and stay in the know about important issues happening in our community.

Maintaining an active and representative board of directors is critical to getting the most value from the association and ensuring our perspectives are heard by local decision makers. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to outgoing president Kody Tinnel at fosterparkneighborhood@gmail.com.



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HAVE YOU HEARD

■ The nearby Harrison Hill Neighborhood will host a home and garden tour on Saturday, June 11th from 10am-4pm.

■ City Council recently approved funding to expand the number of pickleball courts available throughout the city's parks, including new courts at Foster and Kettler Parks.

community news

Bluffton Road Bridge Project

Fort Wayne Public Works hosted a public meeting this past February regarding the upcoming Bluffton Road Bridge rehabilitation project. A detailed summary of the proposed changes, including visuals, is posted in the News section of our association website. The board will continue to stay in communication with city official as we get closer to the actual construction phase of this project.



Revised Library Proposal Includes Expanded Shawnee Branch

In recent months, the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) conducted a series of public input activities in pursuit of

feedback on two proposed Facility Master Plan options. Both of the initially proposed options would have resulted in the closure of the nearby Shawnee Branch with services then shifting to other branches on the south side of town that would be renovated.

The current branch building poses numerous maintenance and ADA issues, so it made sense to no longer use that specific facility. However, public input from area residents was strongly opposed to losing a library branch near the current Shawnee Branch location (close to Bishop Luers). The ACPL Board heard that feedback and adjusted the plan to include a new Shawnee Branch location very near the existing site. For more information about the Facilities Master Plan, visit www.acpl.lib.in.us.

City Requesting Feedback for Potential Improvements to Foster Park Golf Course

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation will host two public meetings to gather input on upgrades and improvements to the Foster Park Golf Course. The meeting dates are Thursday, April 21 and Thursday, May 19. Both will begin at 6pm and take place at the Sears Pavilion [1701 Bluffton Road].

More specifically, Parks leaders are hoping to learn more about what users would prefer to see, including amenities, practice facilities, and landscaping, among other elements. Make sure to attend one or both of these meetings if you have opinions on the future of this important nearby amenity.

NEW VOTING LOCATION

In previous elections, residents of our neighborhood voted at Lester's Banquet Hall on Bluffton Road.

Starting with the May 3, 2022 primary election, our precinct will now be voting at the Sears Pavilion, across Bluffton Road from The Clyde. Early in-person voting and mail-in absentee ballot options are also available.

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FEEDBACK

Have an idea? A question? A concern? Feel free to contact the board to share your thoughts and feedback. We are eager to hear from residents and provide support and help when we can!

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.

Social Events

The Social Committee is excited for a couple opportunities this year to socialize with neighbors. The first will be a social hour right before our annual meeting on May 25th. Stop by as early as 5:30 to enjoy light refreshments and socialize with neighbors. Feel free to bring something to share! In October, we plan to host another Cider & Donuts event similar to last fall. It was a huge hit and we are excited to give it another go. Thanks to the Social Committee members for coordinating these efforts! Contact the board if you want to join the committee.

Annual Dues

We received dues payments from 64% of Foster Park residents so far for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. 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 2021-2022 budget year. Visit fosterpark.org/dues or contact association Treasurer Cory Allen for more information. Thanks!

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors will meet on the following upcoming dates:
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 CARE

Over the past few years, our neighborhood streets have gained nearly 60 new street trees. To ensure they grow to full maturity, please take a few 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.

NEWS & UPDATES

Keep up to date with what's happening in our neighborhood and the surrounding area.

Website | www.fosterpark.org

Facebook

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good to know

Dumpster Day Returns

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 11th 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.

Speaking of Trash

We are all well aware of the many issues our city has faced regarding trash and recycling collection for the past few years. A combination of many factors resulted in inconsistent service that failed to meet contractual obligations. Fortunately, there is hope on the horizon. A new waste management company will be taking over the city's contract this summer. We may have to continue being patient over the next few months until the full transition happens, but city officials are optimistic this will resolve the situation left by Red River.



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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.

STREET LIGHTS

If you see a street light out in our neighborhood, please report it to the City via 311 (via phone or online). It is helpful to write down the pole number, which starts with a 'K' and is listed on yellow tags on the pole itself. Thanks for doing your part to keep our lights on!