

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cider & Donuts Block Party



It's that time of year for our annual fall block party! Summer has officially ended, the weather is cooling down, and the leaves are starting to turn.

Join us for an afternoon of cider (hot or cold), donuts, games, and company with your neighbors. Stay the whole time or pop by for a quick visit.

This is a great chance to meet new neighbors, reconnect with old friends, and catch up before the winter months.

As we have the past couple years, **we will be collecting non-perishable food and hygiene items to donate to a local charity.** This is our way of giving back to our community. If you are able, please bring some items to donate and the Social Committee will ensure they make it to local residents in need.

**We hope to see you on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-5pm!**

Note: in the event the weather forecast indicates this event will not work due to severe or particularly wet weather, we will send cancellation notices via email and Facebook.

Thanks to the FPNA Social Committee for planning and implementing this event!



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### HAVE YOU HEARD

■ FPNA Resident Derek Reeves, Principal Violist for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic was recently awarded the Arts United Margaret Ann Keegan Award for his music education work in the community. Congratulations Derek!

■ The 07 Pub updated its hours and will now be open on Wednesdays also. They will remain closed every Tuesday.

# around the neighborhood

## Sheridan Park Strip Project

The recently formed Beautification Committee is working on an exciting project to give new life to the center park strip located on Sheridan Court. Recent efforts were made to clean up the planting bed of weeds. The invasive Bradford pear tree was recently removed.



We are seeking feedback from residents about what they might like to see done with the planting bed space. Discussions so far have included replacing some of the current sun-loving perennials for shade-tolerant options, or low-maintenance native plants, recutting the landscape beds, and laying fresh mulch.

The association is planning to request a neighborhood improvement grant in the winter to fund the majority of this project.

If you have an idea or would like to join in this effort, please contact the board via email at [fosterparkneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:fosterparkneighborhood@gmail.com).

## 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. 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. Please also consider mulching your leaves to use as beneficial free compost for your yard and landscape beds.

**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.

**Trash & Recycling Bins** | Please place curbside bins at least three feet apart for collection and remember to pull them back up after pickup. Reminder: plastic bags cannot be recycled.

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## BOARD MEETINGS

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

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

Meetings begin at 6:00pm and are held in the Learning Center on the Summit campus (1025 W. Rudisill). All residents are welcome to attend.

## 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!



# helpful information

## 2023-2024 Annual Dues

We are now collecting dues for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The modest \$50 per household dues help provide a range of services and value to the neighborhood, including street tree plantings, light pole banners, website, social events, and membership in the Southwest Area Partnership and the Packard Area Planning Alliance, among others.

You can easily submit your membership dues online at [www.fosterpark.org/dues](http://www.fosterpark.org/dues) or by scanning the QR code to the right. All major credit cards are accepted via the PayPal payment portal and a PayPal account is not required. Payment by check (made payable to FPNA) can be mailed to:

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Thanks for supporting a strong and vibrant Foster Park Neighborhood!

## What We are Keeping an Eye On

Part of the value of an active neighborhood association is the ability to keep tabs on area happenings and keep residents informed. Here are some of the topics and projects we are monitoring:

- Final phases of the deep rock tunnel project, all of which are slated for completion by the end of 2025
- Foster Park restoration following utility work completion
- Potential new uses for the Summit north campus following demolition of four vacant buildings
- Bluffton Road Bridge project (tentatively 2025-2026)
- Future solar panel installation at the Summit south campus
- Tree canopy health throughout the neighborhood
- Potential future zoning or land use requests in nearby areas

## Foster Park Golf Course Master Plan

Following multiple public meetings and an extensive survey, Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation recently released a revised Foster Park Golf Course master plan. This amended version maintains the existing paved walking path around the golf course while still making several enhancements to the area. Visit [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org) to see the new renderings. An open house will be scheduled soon.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

■ **October 7 | Tox Away Saturday** | From 9am-2pm, Allen County residents can take household hazardous waste to 2260 Carroll Road to safely dispose of the materials not allowed in normal trash. Visit [www.acwastewatcher.org](http://www.acwastewatcher.org) to learn more. Minimal fees apply.

■ **October 7-8 | Fairfield Neighborhood Pumpkin Fundraiser** | Consider buying your pumpkins from 10am-3pm at Packard Park to help support a nearby neighborhood association. More information available on Facebook.

■ **October 23 | Great Tree Canopy Comeback** | Join volunteers at locations throughout the community to help plant trees or remove invasive species. Email [FotPAC@gmail.com](mailto:FotPAC@gmail.com) for details.



## FOSTER PARK PLAYGROUND UPDATES

Thanks to a recent investment package developed by Mayor Henry and approved by City Council, Foster Park will be receiving new playground equipment in the spring or summer of 2024.

## NEWS & UPDATES

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

**Website** | [www.fosterpark.org](http://www.fosterpark.org)

**Facebook**

@FosterParkNeighborhoodAssociation

# around the community

## Yard of the Month

Congratulations to these recent winners of our Yard of the Month recognition program!

### July | 4015 Old Mill Road

Robert Wagner maintains an immaculate landscape and recently made some big changes to the corner, allowing passersby and even better view of his beautiful Magnolia tree.



### August | 1220 W. Foster Pkwy

Second-time winners David and Rod set a high bar with their gorgeous front landscaping beds.



### September | 1225 W. Foster Pkwy

John and Kristen Dettmer have been making a variety of upgrades and additions to their front landscaping, including some new lighting that really sets their home apart in the evening hours.



Winners are nominated and voted on by the volunteer Yard of the Month Committee. Contact Lynn Fuston if you'd like to nominate a neighbor.

## City Election and FWCS Referendum

It is a municipal election year so our residents will have the chance to vote for Mayor, City Clerk, and City Council. The last day to register to vote or update your registration for this November's election is Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Election Day is Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will also be voting on the Fort Wayne Community Schools safety and security referendum. FWCS is asking voters within its boundaries to approve an additional tax levy to fund a variety of staff, security enhancements, and mental health programming, all designed to support better learning environments for area K12 students.

Looking for more information about the candidates, the referendum, or the voting process? The nonpartisan League of Women Voters operates the [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) website as a comprehensive resource to help you make an informed decision at the ballot box. **Visit [vote411.org](http://vote411.org).**



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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 the board president 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!