

Mark Your Calendar

Make sure to save the dates for these upcoming events!

Wednesday
MAY
22nd

Annual Meeting & Social Hour
Social Hour 5:30pm | Meeting 6:00pm
Sears Pavilion (Indian Village Park across from The Clyde) | Annual membership meeting, including board elections, annual budget approval, and various updates. All are encouraged to attend.

Saturday
JUNE
1st

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 to social media.

Saturday
JUNE
8th

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.

Mayor Sharon Tucker

Following the unfortunate passing of Tom Henry in March, Fort Wayne found itself with an interim mayor while the process of finding a permanent replacement could be completed. Seven eligible candidates threw in their names, but ultimately 6th District City Councilwoman Sharon Tucker emerged victorious in the Democratic caucus process (a process dictated by state law). Mayor Tucker was officially sworn in on Tuesday, April 23. Another caucus will be held within the coming weeks to fill the now vacant seat on City Council previously held by Tucker. Mayor Tucker will serve the remainder of the current term, which runs through December 31, 2027.



Now Collecting Annual Dues



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HAVE YOU HEARD

■ Fort Wayne City Council recently approved the design contract for the Foster Park entrance area and reaffirmed their commitment to including robust public feedback throughout the process. Stay tuned!

■ The Association recently submitted a Neighborhood Improvement Grant application. Winning beautification projects will be announced soon.

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.

New Location for 2 Crazy Crystal Guys

Foster Park Neighborhood residents Rod Bice and David Lee own and operate a local crystal shop called 2 Crazy Crystal Guys. The business recently moved locations a few blocks north on South Wayne Avenue into a beautifully renovated building nestled between Antonuccio's and The Friendly Fox.

The shop specializes in carrying a wide variety of crystals, including hundreds of polished, raw, and carved crystals and minerals from all over the world. They also offer a range of books, incense, candles, and other metaphysical supplies.

If you have not yet had a chance, stop by (open Tuesday through Saturday from 12pm to 7pm) at 4039 South Wayne Avenue. More information available at www.2crazycrystalguys.com.



STREET TREES

Over the past few years, our neighborhood streets have gained nearly 70 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 good tree health.

■ **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.

The Association will soon be identifying locations for replacement street trees to be planted this coming fall. Keep an eye out for white flags in the park strip where future trees may be planted.

NEWS & UPDATES

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

Website | www.fosterpark.org

Facebook
@FosterParkNeighborhoodAssociation

Email | Make sure we have your current email on file so you can stay up to date.

association news

Foster Park...

Let's not sugarcoat it, Foster Park is a mess right now, though the tulips were still beautiful. The construction activity has been a source of additional traffic, dirt, noise, and people, making it more challenging to enjoy the park and trails.

Unfortunately, we still have a bit longer before utility projects are completed and we turn the corner toward park restoration. In the meantime, many area neighborhood associations, including ours, are in regular contact with city officials regarding the most challenging issues related to the projects. Certain frustrations cannot really be avoided based on the nature of the work being done, but the contractors have tried to be accommodating, knowing their work is affecting residential areas and a treasurer community asset.

Please feel free to email the board if you have any specific issues that have not been addressed. Thanks for your patience as we all live through continued construction. It will be worth it in the end.

Have You Paid Your Annual Dues?

We are still 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 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:

*Ken Sorg | FPNA Treasurer
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Thanks for supporting a strong and vibrant Foster Park Neighborhood!

Consider Joining the Board

Have you considered getting more involved with the neighborhood? The officers and board of directors are up for election at our annual meeting in May. Contact the board if you would like to learn more about what it looks like to serve on the board. Most find it to be a highly rewarding experience and a great chance to meet more neighbors.

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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors typically meets quarterly in January, April, July, October. Meetings for the 2024-2025 term will be announced following the annual meeting in May.

Meetings typically 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 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 8th 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.

Recycling Tip

Paper Food Boxes | Recycle clean, dry paper food containers, including: egg, juice, ice cream & mild cartons, cereal & pasta boxes, etc. It is not necessary to remove plastic windows from boxes.

DO NOT RECYCLE

food- contaminated boxes, such as greasy pizza boxes or used napkins, plates, etc.



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RENTAL RESTRICTION

Renting is prohibited within the Foster Park Neighborhood Association boundaries without board approval (per our Restrictive Covenants, as amended in 2005). If you are renting or have questions, please contact the board president to initiate the review 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!