

Save the Dates

Make sure to save the dates for these upcoming events!

Wednesday

**MAY
20th**

Annual Meeting | 6:00pm

Sears Pavilion | Annual membership meeting, including board elections, annual budget approval, and various updates. All are encouraged to attend.

Saturday

**JUNE
6th**

Dumpster Day | 8:00am – 12:00pm

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.

YMCA Coming to The Summit

The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne recently announced they are moving to The Summit campus, directly east of our neighborhood.

The \$1 million dollar investment includes turning the former retreat center into the Phillips Center for YMCA

Leadership, which will serve as office space for around 20 employees who plan to relocate by the end of July 2026 following initial renovations.

This project also includes turning the wellness center into the Turpin Family YMCA, a smaller location similar to the Weigand/Skyline and New Haven locations. Amenities will include indoor courts, workout space with new equipment, child watch services, exercise classes, youth sports, and activities for older adults. Programming will grow and evolve as the YMCA gauges interest from members. Renovations will begin in August with an estimated opening in early 2027.

We will continue sharing updates about this exciting project as it develops.



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HAVE YOU HEARD

■ A new restaurant called Wingin' It will soon be opening in the previous Wendy's location on Broadway. Be sure to stop by and check it out once they are up and running.

■ The Packard Area Planning Alliance recently received a \$10,000 neighborhood improvement grant for a public mural telling a visual story of the Packard area. Stay tuned for updates as the project advances.

neighborhood news

Bluffton Road Bridge

Progress is continuing on the Bluffton Road Bridge project. According to the project's Engage Fort Wayne page, the City anticipates completion of construction and reopening of the full extent of the bridge around the beginning of June. This tracks with the original timeline of completion by spring/summer 2026.

While inconvenient, this project will bring safety and traffic flow improvements for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

FPNA Resident Receives Heart of the City Award

Neighborhood resident Kody Tinnel was recently honored as the inaugural recipient of the Heart of the City Award. This special recognition was announced by Mayor Sharon Tucker at the State of the City address in February.



The Heart of the City Award is intended to recognize a resident who demonstrates active, positive community engagement and has made a significant difference in the lives of others. Nominations were submitted by City of Fort Wayne employees based on their interactions with community volunteers who work to improve the city.

We thank Kody for his commitment to our neighborhood and our city!

Last Call for 2025-2026 Dues Payments

We are still collecting dues for 2026 fiscal year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026). The modest \$50 per household dues support a range of investments into the neighborhood, including landscaping maintenance, newsletter, social events, and more.

You can easily submit your membership dues online at www.fosterpark.org/dues or by scanning the QR code to the right. Payment by check (made payable to FPNA) can be mailed to:

*Ken Sorg | FPNA Treasurer
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Not sure if you are current on dues? Contact Treasurer Ken Sorg at kennethesorg@gmail.com. **Thanks for your support!**

GET INVOLVED

Have you considered getting more involved with the neighborhood? Joining the board is a fun way to give back, stay informed, and meet new neighbors. The officers and board of directors are up for election at our annual meeting in May. We are always on the lookout for others ready to get involved.

You can also consider joining the Social Committee if that's more your thing.

Contact Board President Amy Kelly if you would like to learn more.

FEEDBACK

Have an idea? A question? A concern? Feel free to contact the association board to share your thoughts and feedback. We are eager to hear from residents about any and all topics regarding the neighborhood or surrounding areas.



STREET TREES

Over the past few years, our neighborhood streets have gained nearly 75 new street trees to keep our canopy vibrant. To ensure they grow to full maturity, please take a few steps to support the health of the younger trees near your home. Thanks for your help!

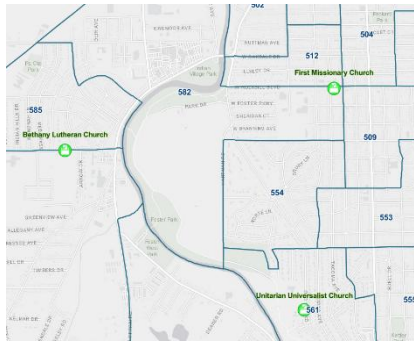
Water at least once a week in the hot, dry months.

Mulch by spreading a 2-inch layer of natural mulch under the drip line of the tree.

community engagement

Vote Centers

Allen County has officially moved to Vote Centers as the new approach to polling locations for both primary and general elections. **This is an important change from past voting protocols. You will no longer be voting at our previous polling location.**



Beginning with the upcoming May 5th primary election, voters will have the option to vote at any of the 53 Vote Center locations across Allen County. Voters are no longer required to vote at their specific precinct polling location and many of those past precinct polling locations will no longer be used for voting. The map above shows the three closest Vote Centers to our neighborhood, though voters may choose any Vote Center, even those not near their home.

This change was intended to give voters more options for voting locations. For example, if you prefer to vote during a lunch break from work, you can choose a Vote Center close to your job that may not be located near your home.

For more information and interactive maps, please visit the Allen County Election Board website: www.allencountyinvoters.gov.

Calhoun Corridor Rezoning

The City of Fort Wayne's Planning and Policy Department is seeking feedback from area residents about a proactive rezoning effort for portions of the South Calhoun corridor from Grand Street to Rudisill Boulevard.

Much of the proposed plan includes rezoning a large number of parcels along Calhoun to Urban Corridor, which allows for the types of development and design standards that support walkable commercial corridors adjacent to residential neighborhoods. This includes minimal setbacks for buildings and rear parking.

The plan would also downzone several parcels that can be reasonably updated based on historic use. This ensures lower intensity uses are prioritized over more intensive or industrial uses.

Residents can provide feedback at public open house events on Thursday, May 7th from 11:00am-1:00pm and 5:30pm-7:00pm at Blue Jacket (2826 South Calhoun). This is a great opportunity to chime in on future land use for a main corridor in our area!

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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!

useful information

Dumpster Day

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

When | Saturday, June 6th 8am-12pm

Where | The dumpster will be placed on Kimmel Drive, the small street connecting West 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, www.acwastewatcher.org.

When In Doubt, Throw It Out

The City of Fort Wayne is asking residents to help keep our recycling program viable by adhering to recycling rules and standards. For example, greasy pizza boxes cannot be recycled, but dry, clean cardboard can. When non-recyclable items or dirty recyclables enter the waste stream, they cause problems for processing and minimize the resale value of the bulk materials. When in doubt, throw it out (in the regular trash). Thanks for doing your part! For more guidance, visit www.acwastewatcher.org.



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NEWS & UPDATES

We strive to keep our residents informed on a range of topics and updates from in and around our neighborhood. Be sure to check us out online to stay informed!

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Email | Make sure we have your current email on file by sending an email to the association president at the address above.