

Spy Run Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Meeting 7 P.M.
Monday, 10th Mar.

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- General Meetings -

The Assoc. General Meetings are held at the **St. Joe Athletic Club** (corner of Tennessee and Griswold Drive). All are WELCOME to attend. Please mark your calendars for the 2nd Mondays of the months.

2014 Scheduled meetings

10th March

12th May

8th Sept

10th Nov

--- STREET DRAIN ---

Keeping the Street Drains Cleared of Snow/ Ice and Leafs/ grass/trash are the responsibility of the neighborhood community. Fort Wayne's Stormwater Utility has responsibility for operating, maintaining and improving an extensive system of open waterways and enclosed storm sewer lines. This system exists to collect the rainwater that runs off yards, roofs, streets and parking lots and carry it away from neighborhoods to area rivers. Without a stormwater collection system every rainstorm could turn into a flood. Thanks to the stormwater system, when Fort Wayne's rivers flood it's usually caused by runoff from areas upstream, NOT poor drainage in the City. If we (people living in the neighborhood) don't keep storm drains cleared for easy flow of snow melt/ rain. We have no one else to blame for flooded basements but ourselves.

— Downtown Riverfront —

As you read this, consider why the first inhabitants chose this area as a

location to settle in to live? If you guessed, “the rivers”. You would be correct, the abundant source of water and the importance it played in daily life. From the earliest inhabitants through the first 100 years of Fort Wayne growth, as settlers migrated from the east coast, our rivers also provided critical routes for travel and commerce. Only with the advent of the short lived Wabash canal, and the Railroads, then roadways, did the rivers prominence begin to fade.

For the last hundred years the Rivers have taken a back seat, yet still played an important function as a water supply and a point of convenience for industry. Looking forward that old view is beginning to change. As communities around the globe recognize that citizens' attraction to water goes beyond the necessity for survival those communities seek ways to tap into their water resources for additional economic benefit. Ft. Wayne is now one of those forward thinking communities who value the economic opportunities, once again, of being located along natural rivers. Using Legacy Ft. Wayne funding our community has begun a 12-18 month process to develop a downtown riverfront plan along 2.5 miles of the St. Mary's River from its mouth at the Columbia Street Bridge upstream to the West Main Street Bridge. The SWA Team (swagroup.com) will do the necessary data crunching in many areas such as: where the public utilities are located, where flooding occurs and what is the capacity for new housing and business.

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2014 Yards & (NCE) Neighborhood Code Enforcement

I know it seems a little Early yet. But Grass and Weed violations will go into effect on May 6th. The public should call 311 to report a possible violation, where weeds or grass are at least **NINE INCHES** or TALLER.

The weed violation process includes the posting of a notice in the cited yard, plus a letter sent by the City to the owner of record. Property owners then have five days to correct the violation. If the grass or weeds are not cut after that time, the City's mowing contractor will cut the lawn, and the owner will be charged for the contractor's work. If you do not pay fee a lean is put on the property taxes.

"Neighborhood Code Enforcement plays a critical role in maintaining the health and safety of our community," said Cindy Joyn-er, deputy director for Neighborhood Code Enforcement. "It's important to ensure that our neighborhoods are well-maintained and attractive in order to protect property values; to include pest control, the Weed Program is an important part of that effort."

This year, the City has eight seasonal, part-time employees dedicated to weed violations. They inspect complaints and proactively identify violations. Five days after the initial posting, the mowing contractors check if property owners are in compliance and, if not, the contractors mow the yard and take date- stamped before and after photos.

Residents can report possible violations by calling 311 or by clicking on the 311 logo at www.cityoffortwayne.org.

If you have something to contribute to the newsletter please contact me. Jerry Huffman 422-2732

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— NEIGHBORHOOD Association —

As a neighborhood association kept together purely by resident volunteers, we all benefit when our community is safer, more beautiful, and friendlier. To live and raise families.

People should not join the association just to attend meetings and complain, they join to offer solutions, show support and to help with projects that benefit the whole community..

— **Riverfront Meetings** —

Both meetings will take place at the main branch of the Allen County Public Library in the auditorium. The meetings are set for:

*Wednesday, March 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., with a presentation at 5:45 p.m.

*Thursday, March 13 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., with a presentation at 11:15 a.m.

“Public input is critical to the success of our riverfront study,” said Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry. “This is everyone’s riverfront and the final designs need to reflect the hopes and dreams of our entire community.”

In November 2013, the City contracted with SWA Group to conduct the Riverfront Study, which is the first comprehensive look at enhancing the use of our City’s rivers; it is intended to provide the road map to a world class investment.

During the public input meetings, SWA will provide an overview of the data collected and preliminary development concepts. The consulting team will then listen to citizens’ vision for the downtown riverfront; the team will use this input to create designs and implementation strategies.

SWA Group, an urban planning, design and landscape architecture firm working worldwide from seven locations, is the lead consultant on the study. They have extensive expertise in riverfront development in the U.S. and around the world. SWA’s team includes Fort Wayne-based MKM Architecture + Biohabitats;AMEC.

Be there to voice your thoughts.

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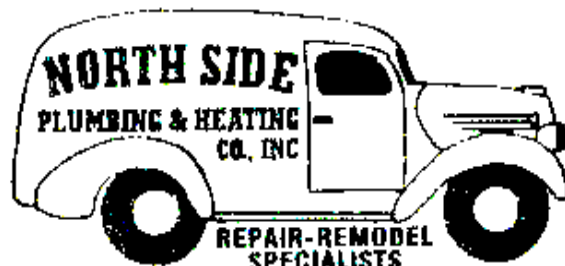


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Anti- Graffiti Hot Line... **449-4747**

Neighborhood Partnership/ President Meeting
Monday, March. 3rd 2014 at 6:30PM-8PM
Monday, June 2nd 2014 at 6:30PM- 8PM
Monday, Sept. 8th 2014 at 6:30PM- 8PM
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Tire pick ups
Will begin again this Spring.
You can place them near the Alley on **Thursday nights prior** to our pick up dates. Call a board members. Our pick up dates are **Fridays** 18th April, 16th May, 20th June, 15th Aug. and 19th Sept. the last one being 17th Oct.
These pick up dates are all pending on a need. If we do not have enough to be collected to make a run throughout the neighborhood we will wait for the following month. This is a group effort. We really could use your assistance in gathering up these tires. If you can help call Jack Sakowicz —424-6863 or Jerry Huffman 422-2732
Tires do not have to be off the rims, but please take steps to keep water out of them. It is a city code violation to have tires outside, that collect water. Thanks in advance again to Jack and crew.

If you would like this newsletter E-Mailed to you Send your E-mail to jerry.huffman@ang.af.mil

S.R.N.A. CLEAN UP
S.R.N.A. Spring Clean Up is tentivley Saturday 14th of JUNE. Please lend a hand.

Recycle Pick Up Dates Reminder
Mar. -10th & 24 Apr.- 7th & 21st
May - 5th & 19th Jun.— 2nd, 16th & 30th
Don't have a Recycle BIN?

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Downtown Riverfront

Although this work with data is critical, none of it is more critical than what does the community want to see along our rivers. The question has been asked by many people: "what are they going to do along the rivers?" That answer is up to you. There will be multiple public input sessions for you to share your ideals. Only from your input will the SWA Team know what to consider placing within the data parameters.

The first such opportunity will be this spring. All the dates has not been set, but you can stay informed of riverfront plan news by visiting legacyfortwatne.org. Soon there will be a web site specifically designated to the riverfront plan process. So, your job is to dream BIG. Other communities have embraced their natural waterways as a source of pride and entertainment. So can we! it's important that we participate in the process so our waterfront is unique to Ft. Wayne and will be a place you will want to bring family and friends to visit.

City Right of Way

Listed below are just a few city ordinances with regards to Right of Way (ROW) that falls under the authority / jurisdiction of the Public Works Division.

A Vehicle parked on/ across sidewalk. This is considered an obstruction by the Right of Way Department. Alternatively, this is a offense for which Parking Control or Police Department can immediately write a ticket.

Also a business cannot plow snow from their parking lot out into the street or onto the sidewalk.

Public sidewalks that have not been shoveled after a reasonable amount of time after a snow fall. Every owner or occupant of any house or other building, and the owner or proprietor, lessee or persons entitled to possession of any vacant lot, shall, during the winter season and during the time snow shall continue on the ground, by 9:00 a.m. every day clean the sidewalk in front of such house or building, and in front of which lot, from snow or ice, and keep it conveniently free thereof during the day. He shall also, at all times, keep such sidewalk clear from all dirt or filth, or other obstruction or encumbrance, so as to allow citizens to use the sidewalk in an easy and commodious manner.

S.R.N.A. has snow removal equipment that we try to clear walkways. But this is still the responsibility of the person(s) living at the residence to clear sidewalks of snow. And be a good neighbor clear a parking place for your vehicle or visiting friends autos.

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