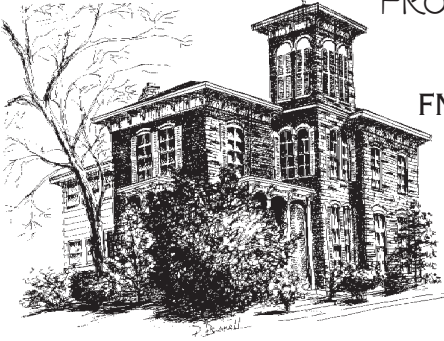


# FAIRFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND SOLUTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS  
FROM PONTIAC TO VIOLET CT AND DARROW TO FAIRFIELD AND CALHOUN

FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER



FNA IS A PAPA (PACKARD AREA PLANNING ALLIANCE) AFFILIATED NEIGHBORHOOD

*Have you met your neighbors?* If not, do so today! It's how we keep our neighborhood safe and friendly. You can meet some of your neighbors at the next FNA meeting, **February 27, 2008, 7-8:30 pm** in the lounge of Simpson United Methodist Church, 2501 S. Harrison Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.

Bienvenido a Asociación Barrio Fairfield • Willkommen zu Fairfield Neighborhood-Verband • Bienvenue à Fairfield Neighborhood Association

**FNA MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE** Please note that our meeting schedule for the year has changed slightly. Because January weather can be rather unpleasant, we have moved our first meeting of the year to February. Meetings will be the fourth Wednesday of every other month of the year: February, April, June, August, and October. Meeting time and place at Simpson United Methodist Church will remain the same.

**FNA PURPOSE STATEMENT** The Fairfield Neighborhood is an historic south-central neighborhood that contributes historical significance, cultural diversity and community appropriate enterprise in the City of Fort Wayne. The mission of FNA is to promote and maintain, a family friendly environment for a healthy and vivacious community.

## THE YEAR OF THE GOOD NEIGHBOR THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY... WHAT MAKES A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

Do you know what kind of neighbor you are?

There are good neighbors, there are bad neighbors, and there are ugly neighbors. Thankfully, within the Fairfield neighborhood, we have an abundance of good neighbors. These are neighbors who care and take pride in keeping their properties in good shape... they go out of their way to assist their own neighbors and keep their area of the neighborhood safe and clean. These are the neighbors we all want to have... and should want to be.

Unfortunately, we have bad neighbors here, too. These are people who don't care. They do not take care of their residences, pick up their trash or clean up their mess. These are people who do not take their neighbors into consideration or who do not attempt to work out differences and problems respectfully. The only good thing about bad neighbors is that they can always decide to become good neighbors. There is hope for them!

Ugly neighbors are bad neighbors to the max! These are people who severely damage or even destroy the quality of life in neighborhood's like ours by hurting others, selling drugs, making messes, or creating on-going problems.

What kind of neighbor are you? How can you make this the year of the good neighbor?

Top 10 characteristics of a good neighbor:

1. ...practices the Golden Rule;
2. ...picks up their dog's mess and keeps their dog from barking late at night;
3. ...picks up trash in their area and if necessary, in their neighbor's area and in the street, too;
4. ...keeps an eye out for problems and reports them;
5. ...watches their neighbor's house when they are absent;
6. ...shovels their snow in winter and mows their lawn in summer;
7. ...keeps their music at a reasonable level and their parties under control;
8. ...cares about the quality of life of their neighbor as well as their own;
9. ...when possible, contributes time and energy to neighborhood project;
10. ...is a member of FNA.

## **February and April FNA Meetings**

**February** Our special guest at this meeting will be Betsy Keisler, Fort Wayne Neighborhood Code Enforcement officer, who will talk about code requirements and how to handle reports of code violations and what to do if you receive one. We are extremely fortunate to have Ms. Keisler attend this meeting. We will also be talking about our ambitious goals for 2008.

**April** If you renew your neighborhood membership at the April meeting or bring a new member with you, you will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate to the Friendly Fox Coffee Cafe. We will have special guest speakers in April and June as well.

## ***A Message from Our New FNA President***

Hello to all our friends and neighbors in FNA.

This is my first message as President of FNA, and I am walking in some pretty large footprints made by our recent past President, Casey Chesney. Many accomplishments were made during his tenure as association president (see FNA review), and I am pleased to have him continue to serve the association this year as vice-president. Casey also continues to serve as Chair of PAPA, (the Packard Area Planning Alliance), and FNA will liaison closely with PAPA to help and support improvements efforts in this area. I also want to thank all serving FNA officers and board members for their time, effort, and contributions to the cause of FNA over the past few years. The association would not accomplish anything without them and their dedication and energy. We also want to recognize and thank the members and residents who turn out to help with neighborhood projects, such as tire day, and alley clean up days. We are blessed to have a great team here in FNA.

We live in a wonderful, old, historic neighborhood, and I hope that residents and homeowners here will realize that we are truly "diamond in the rough" in central Fort Wayne. We have many good things going for us here, but we have some ongoing issues and problems, as do many older neighborhoods throughout this city, this state, and this country. And yes, we have some problems with criminal activity that must be dealt with; most inner city neighborhoods do.

We ask that every resident take on the responsibilities of being a good neighbor by watching and listening and paying attention to things going on in their area. We need more eyes and ears out there. And when there are enough of us paying attention, the message will get out.

We are also working to keep on top of code violations and property neglect that negatively impact the neighborhood; things that can lead to frustration, despair, and decay in older neighborhoods such as ours. To ensure the stability of our neighborhood, we

will continue to pursue downzoning of multi-family dwellings when and where appropriate. We will be working on some new projects this coming year in cooperation with city government and PAPA that will address specific problems, such as trash problems in alleys, as well as other quality of life issues. We also hope to partner with the city and other neighborhoods, when possible, to celebrate the diversity of good things this area offers.

If you choose to be a good neighbor and are concerned about something you see, do not hesitate to report it... to me, to an officer/board member, or to the appropriate authorities. If you have a suggestion for something you would like to see initiated in our neighborhood, please contact us about that as well.

If there is problem that the city can help with, or a question about city services, you should call Fort Wayne's new 311 telephone number to make a report to the appropriate city department. Call 311 and you will be able to talk with someone who can help connect you to the department or person you need to contact.

So friends and neighbors, I am hopeful that FNA will continue to move forward in 2008... as we continue past efforts and reach towards new goals this year. I believe in the power of community... and that by working together we can make FNA even better. We need all good neighbors to join our neighborhood association, for there is power and strength in our numbers.

Yes, we need YOU as a member of FNA because there is always more to be done, so when you are asked to join this year, please don't hesitate and just say YES!!

Here are some of the identified concerns and goals to be addressed:

1. Support PAPA goals of CEPTED and crime prevention, and Vector control
2. Support, develop, and implement additional crime prevention efforts
3. Encourage and support property improvements
4. Have Spring & Fall neighborhood clean-ups, and more frequent alley clean-ups.
5. Initiate fundraisers and develop fun activities for neighborhood residents
6. Continue Tire Day collections to raise money for FNA and develop additional sources of revenue.
7. Continue efforts to reduce multi-family rentals (R2s and R3s) to single family dwellings
8. Liaison with neighborhood schools
9. Develop a Park subcommittee to address needs in Packard Park, such as the need for more trash cans.
10. Monitor neighborhood cleanliness and continue to reduce/ eliminate graffiti.
11. Continue historical research and effort for historical designations where appropriate
12. Enhance our relationship with the Lutheran Foundation to facilitate improvements within the Fairfield/ PAPA area.

Greg Banicki, President FNA

"A good neighbor is friendly and concerned about the neighborhood and the people who reside in it." S. Thomas, Hoagland Ave.

# KEEP THIS PAGE ON HAND FOR YEAR-ROUND IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND DATES TO REMEMBER.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

TO KEEP ON FILE

### FNA STAFF & BOARD MEMBERS

President: Greg Banicki 456-7441  
Vice Pres: Casey Chesney 744-2979  
Secretary: Lydia Fast 744-3181  
Treasurer: Gwendra Turney 456-5052  
Board: Travis Ames, Rick Fast, Jim Seely, Mark Turney

### POLICE

Police Desk 427-1222  
Report Drug Houses 427-1262  
Liaison Officer -  
Southwest Police Dept 427-1419

### CITY & COMMUNITY

Abandoned Vehicles 427-1293  
Animal control 427-1244/1222  
City Utilities (water) 427-1234  
Code Enforcement 311  
Compost Site 749-8040  
Crime Stoppers 436-7867  
Domestic Violence YWCA 447-7233  
Drug hot line 427-1262  
Graffiti hot line 423-6185  
Grass/Weed Control 427-1329  
Rodent control 449-7494  
Parking control 311  
Parking complaints (on your street) 427-5050  
Water/Sewer/Storm drains 311  
Flooding (to report flooding) 427-1255  
Parks & Recreation 427-6000  
Solid Waste Mgt. 311  
Street Department (leaves, pot holes, snow, street and alley repairs, street sweeping) 311  
Street Light Operations 311  
Street Tree Division 427-6403

## Call for Entries

Do you enjoy writing? Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share? Do you know some history about our neighborhood that others would find interesting? Want to give a neighbor kudos? Do you have goods or services to sell, trade, or wish to find? (Limit ads to 25 words or less and include you name and address) Contact Lydia at 744-3181 (lvfast@loc1.net). The FNA Newsletter goes out to over 700 homes and businesses in the Fairfield Neighborhood. No charge to residents! For business ads talk to Lydia about cost and details.

## FNA CALENDAR

**General FNA Meetings** - neighborhood meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of the following months at Simpson United Methodist Church, 2501 S. Harrison St., 7-8:30 p.m. Look for the meeting signs to go up around the neighborhood a couple of days before. Any changes in the schedule will be listed in the newsletters.

**Feb 27** - FNA meeting

**Apr 28** - FNA meeting, membership dues of \$5 due by May

**June 23** - FNA meeting

**Aug 25** - FNA meeting

**Oct 27** - FNA meeting and election of FNA officers

### Tire Days

Third Saturday of April, May, June, August and September.  
Maximum of four tires per household. Call Greg in advance for pick up - 744-7441.

### Great American Clean Up

Third Saturday of May, May 15, around our neighborhood and our allies. Refreshments served afterward.

### GARAGE SALE

First Saturday of June, 8am-5pm, your yard or porch.

### Dumpster Day

Second Saturday of June, Fairfield Elementary School parking lot, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon;  
and second Saturday of October, northwest corner of Killea and Harrison, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon (date and location liable to change - check your newsletters).

### National Night Out

Date and location to be announced

## Simpson United Methodist Church

2501 S. Harrison, 744-1169

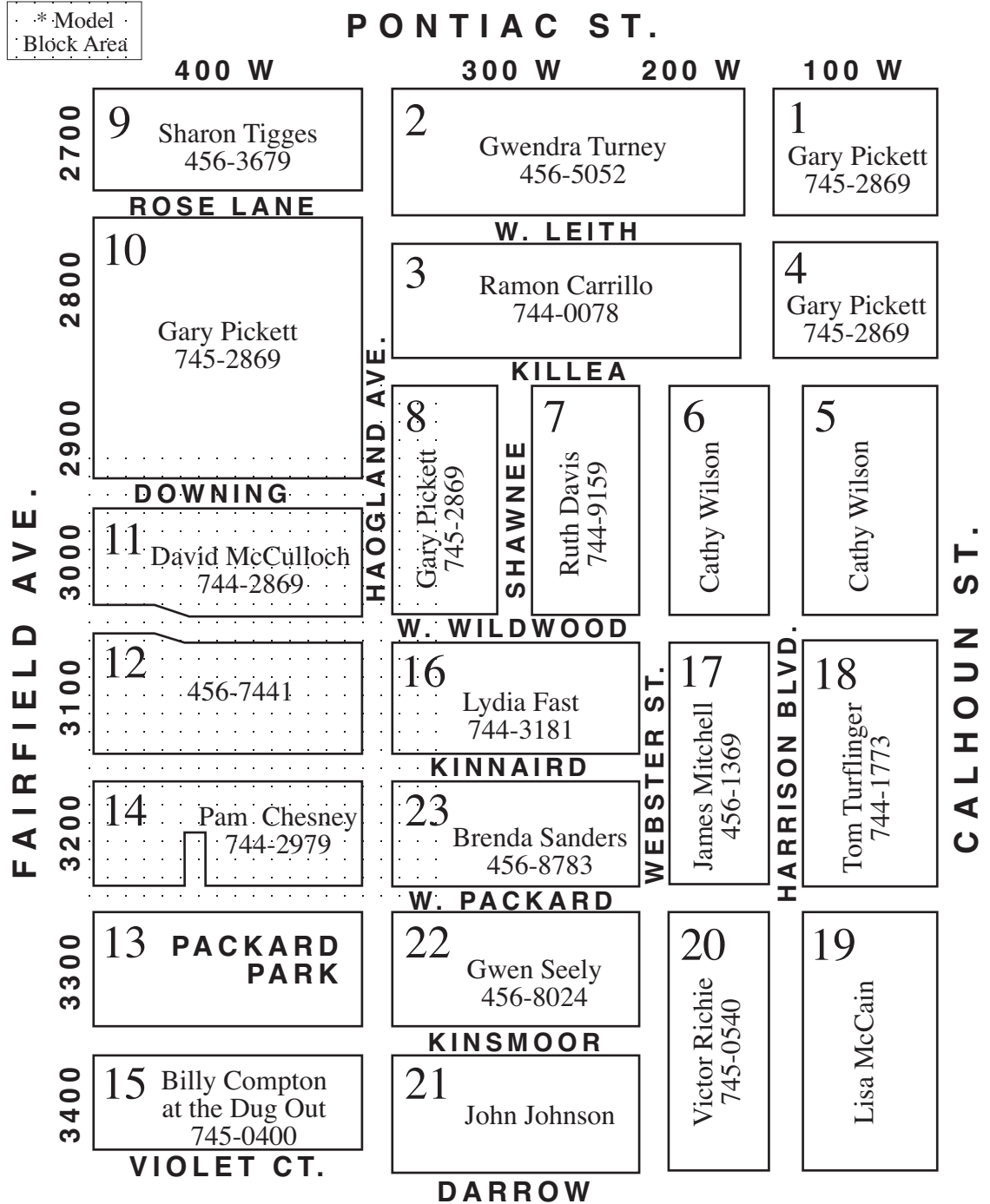
Come join in our worship services, open to the community - we encourage a culturally diverse population. We have facilities for rent as well. Call us for more information about services, day care, academy classes and facility rental.

- Sunday worship - 10 a.m. with Sunday School hours vary with age groups.
- The Bus Stop - a before and after school ministry for ages Kindergarten through 4th grade. CANI is accepted. Transportation to schools is arranged.
- Simpson Academy and Day Care - we are enrolling children 2-5 years of age. CANI is accepted. (call 745-3425 for more information)
- OAM ("older adult ministries") - has monthly trips, luncheons, outings, etc. Call Elly Doenecke at 744-1169 for details on upcoming events. Everyone is welcome.



## FAIRFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MAP & NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANTS

Our newsletter is printed and distributed five times through the year to coincide with our neighborhood meetings: February, April, June, August, and October. Our volunteer Neighborhood Assistants serve between 650-700 households. If you do not receive your newsletter, please call your block's Neighborhood Assistant as shown on the map, or call one of the FNA officers - we want you to receive your newsletter.  
\* Neighborhood Assistants, if you see errors we have made in your name, block assignment, or phone number, PLEASE notify us so we can correct the map and listings!



### ANNIE'S TANNING SALON

Owners - Bob & Connie

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AND COMFORT**

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M-Th 6am-9pm  
F 6am-10pm  
Sat 7am-10pm  
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4001 S. Wayne Ave.  
745-3369

## Highlights From Our Former FNA President

**Improved responses** from city departments. Forming personal relationships with key people in solid waste, neighborhood code, the police department, the mayor's office, and city council resulted in quicker response time and greater accountability.

**PAPA came together.** Packard Area Planning Alliance was still in planning stages 2 years ago but has since evolved into a fully functioning coalition of neighborhoods that is now recognized by the city as a well functioning group with comprehensive plans.

**Packard Park improvements.** Through special funding by the Parks and Recreation department, Packard Park received new playground equipment, new bleachers, new trees and new sidewalks. The improvements were extended north along Fairfield Ave. in the form of new sidewalks and ornamental street lights, visually and physically connecting Packard Park to Lutheran Park.

**Model Block Program.** The model block is a PAPA goal, to demonstrate the benefits of collaborative home owner initiatives and to spawn further area improvements.

**Neighborhood clean up days.** In addition to dumpster days, which have been taking place for many years in FNA, cleanups were expanded to include walking cleanups through alleys by volunteers, accompanied by garbage trucks. Many tons of refuse were removed from the alleys that might otherwise have remained indefinitely.

## FNA WEBPAGE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION...

Fairfield Neighborhood Association has a webpage (under construction) which is connected to the city website.

To find it, go to [www.cityoffortwayne.org](http://www.cityoffortwayne.org). Then go to the menu at the top and click on **Residents**. Then click on the **Neighborhoods** listing. On the next page, click on **Neighborhood Link**. Then in the box for, Find Your Neighborhood, type in our zip code **46807**.

Here a link for the Fairfield Neighborhood Association will be displayed towards the top. Click on the link for FNA and you will be taken to the FNA webpage.

**Book mark the page and you will be able to return to FNA more easily in the future.**

On the FNA webpage you will find more neighborhood news, historical information, resource information, and links to city offices and other neighborhood associations, as well as back issues of the FNA newsletter, and more. This information will be regularly updated.

**To contact Fairfield Neighborhood Association, e-mail us at [fna01fw@gmail.com](mailto:fna01fw@gmail.com).**

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

- We need all residents to help monitor neighborhood cleanliness and continue to reduce/eliminate graffiti. If you notice new graffiti anywhere in the neighborhood, we urge you to call the Graffiti hot-line at 449-474 to report it.

- There is a recent addition to Fort Wayne's list of coffee houses located near us, so head to **The Friendly Fox**, 4001 South Wayne Ave., for good coffee, tea, milkshakes, food, and conversation. It's great place to meet and greet! And a meeting room is available for use by neighborhood organizations at no cost. Call 745-3369 for more information.

- "Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography" is coming to the neighborhood on February 22, at South Wayne Elementary School 810 Cottage Ave. Call 260-483-1847 for more information and to schedule your mammogram. Screening mammography is for women who: are age 40 and older and have not had a mamogram screening in the past 12 months; have no prior or current history of breast cancer or problems with their breasts; and are insured or uninsured. Financial assistance programs are available. These 15 minutes could save your life!

## MONEY IN YOUR POCKET CAMPAIGN

**Get Your Taxes Prepared for FREE and Claim the Tax Credits You Earned! For more information call 2-1-1.**

January 26 – April 12, 2008,  
**Community Action of Northeast Indiana,**  
**227 W. Washington Blvd.**  
 Mon - Wed 6-8 pm, Saturdays 9am-3pm (closed Mar. 22)  
**St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1101 S. Lafayette St.**  
 Mon-Wed 1-3pm, (closed Feb. 6 & Mar. 19)  
**Euell A. Wilson Center, 1512 Oxford St.**  
 appointments available Mon-Fri, call (260) 456-2917

- Families with one child who earn less than \$33,241 in 2007 (or less than \$35,241 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$2,853.

- Families with two or more children who earn less than \$37,783 in 2007 (or less than \$39,783 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$4,716.

- Workers without a qualifying child who earn less than \$12,590 in 2007 (or less than \$14,590 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$428.

## 2-1-1 VS 3-1-1

211 - Social services help  
 311 - City government services help

"A good neighbor is caring and responsible. They will look out for you, share produce from their garden, and will not take your parking place."  
 R. Fast, Kinnaird Ave.

## DOG and CAT NEWS

**Time to play!** There are many dogs that live in our neighborhood, and all dogs need a place to hang out and have some fun, do their thing. Pawster Park dog park is the place to go! The Pawster Park Pooch permits expired on January 31, and 2008 tags are now available for \$25 at the Parks & Recreation Dept. at 705 E. State Blvd. current vaccination records and a city dog permit tag must be presented at the time of registration. This is the place to take your dog for social interaction, recreation, and exercise. Go to [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org) or call 427-6000 for more information.

### Speaking of dogs... and cats... and guinea pigs...

The Pet Poison HELPLINE's motto is "Saving pets' lives - 24/7", and is a service of the Pet Poison Control Center. If your pet should consume a toxic chemical at home or you suspect that your pet has been poisoned while outside, then call (800) 213-6680 for help. A \$35.00 fee per incident will be charged to support the poison helpline.

**If you are a dog owner** and you normally tie your dog outside you need to be aware of a new City ordinance that became effective in January 2008 and Animal Care & Control will begin enforcing on March 1, 2008. Violators of the ordinance shall be fined between \$50 and \$2,500 for each offense.

The ordinance requires limits when and how dogs may be tied outside. Dogs are no longer permitted to be "tethered between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM. During these hours dogs can be inside a fenced yard in a kennel, or a garage with a proper dog house.

1. No dog under the age of six months and no dog that has not been spayed or neutered can be tethered at any time, day or night.
2. Spayed and neutered dogs can be tethered between 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM., but no more than three may be tethered at the same time on one property.
3. Multiple altered dogs may not have contact while they are tethered. The required six foot lead may not reach within three feet of another property, public thoroughfare, or right of way."

In addition, the ordinance prohibits tethering a dog at a home where Animal Care and Control had to untangle dog tethers more than two times in a year."

Did you know that it is unlawful to restrain an animal with a rope, chain, or cord tied directly to the animal's neck. You may not use a "choker chain" either! The animal must have a collar or harness made of nylon or leather with a swivel device on the anchor and collar ends to prevent tangling.

Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control can be contacted at 427.1244 or after hours at 427.1222.

## TRASH OR TREASURE?

The FNA has a long history of strongly supporting Recycling and Reducing unwanted paper, cardboard, glass and plastic containers, and aluminum and steel cans. During the 1970's, the FNA and the South Wayne Neighborhood Association volunteers spent their Saturday mornings at the Simpson Church parking lot receiving thousand of pounds of glass bottles, aluminum cans, and newspapers. The barrels of glass would be transported to Marion Indiana for recycling and the newspaper and cans were recycled in Fort Wayne. The effort produced funding for each neighborhood association and was a model for other associations and the City of Fort Wayne.

### FYI: The National Ser-All crews can NOT pick-up the following items during the normal weekly pick-ups:

- APPLIANCES that contain Freon gas.
- LEAVES (other yard waste is okay if it is bagged or tied in bundles)
- TIRES (The Tire Amnesty Day provides residents the opportunity to dispose of old tires and the FNA also picks up tires).
- HAZMAT materials including:
- Batteries (may be recycled at Batteries Plus at 471-2761 and Crown Battery accepts lead-acid car batteries. Their phone is 423-3357).
- Propane tanks
- Pesticides and Herbicides
- Rodent killers
- Paint (oil based)
- Radioactive material
- Explosives
- Oil-based paint
- Flourescent bulbs (cfl's and tube bulbs contain mercury and must be recycled)
- Fertilizers
- Fire extinguishers
- If you want to dispose of the above items in a safe and environmental responsible manner, please contact the Allen County Solid Waster Management District at 449-7878.

REMEMBER if you RECYCLE, REDUCE, and REUSE - you can protect our neighborhood and community environment for the future.

### *Arch Free and Easy Lecture Series*

- **This Old Green House** - Feb. 21, 7pm, at the Rankin House, 818 Lafayette St. Efficient ways to make historic buildings environmentally friendly and energy efficient.
  - **Renovating Historic City Schools** - Mar. 9, 2pm, location TBA. Chicago's historic school preservation initiative.
  - **Archaeology Downtown: In Search of the Forts of Ft. Wayne** - Apr. 2008, date and location TBA. The process and findings of the search for Wayne's fort and the first European fort in present downtown Ft. Wayne.
- For more info call ARCH at 425-5117, [www.archfw.org](http://www.archfw.org)**