



Hum, what can I do?

I live in an old house so I sleep where it is warm. If I had a hand, I would use the back of it to find where cool air is coming in around my windows and the doors. I would tell you to turn off the lights not being used but I have trouble remembering. If I had a computer I would click on <http://realestate.msn.com/article.aspx?cp-documentid=13107899> for more information. So please, use your head for something better than me and help save energy and your money. Woof!



Recycling took on a new face January 1, 2011 called single stream recycling. Our neighbors *will not* automatically receive the new two-colored cart but will have to request one from the City. The City hopes to achieve around 65 percent, presently about 34 percent, participation. This is certainly achievable considering the number of brown and yellow containers sitting seen at the curbs in the past. They have found 96-gallon size rolling container to be the best size. The 48-gallon has proven *too small* even for a family of two.

Each container is equipped with RFID (radio frequency identification) to collect data on usage, theft, e.g. Whether this will bring the garbage cop to your door remains to be seen but it is a data collecting device.

For other information go online at: <http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/recycle-cart-request.html> or call 311.



Wells Street Honored by the State of Indiana

"Viable downtowns are crucial to the economic health of our state," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "I'm pleased to welcome the Wells Corridor Association to Indiana Main Street. The program is creating opportunities for revitalization and restoration, as well as encouraging a favorable environment for businesses."

The Wells Corridor Association in Fort Wayne will join over 100 other Indiana Main Street Communities dedicated to the revitalization of their downtown areas. The IMS is founded on a Four Point Approach to downtown development: organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring. Each of these points represents an aspect of the downtown which is vital in the restoration efforts of the community.

The Wells Corridor Association is actively working to re-establish Wells Street in a pattern that is consistent with the history of this area, which is Fort Wayne's second oldest business district. In 2009, the group worked closely with the City of Fort Wayne to develop corridor zoning, assisted in writing com-

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Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association Officers

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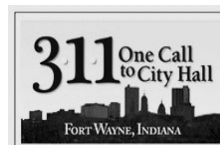
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BloomingtondaleNAEdit@gmail.com

Bloomingtondale Website

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Bloomingtondale-FortWayne/home>

New: Contact any Association Officer, call (260) 427-2531



City of Fort Wayne's 311 Service

There are three ways to report non-

emergency problems to the City. Dialing 311 or 427-8311 during normal working hours and online 24/7 at:

<http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/311.html>

then click onto the desired link. The links are to report abandoned vehicles on private or public properties, street light outages, potholes, missed garbage and recycling collections along with a link to track a previous request.

For general information click onto 311@cityoffortwayne.org and fill in the email form.

Tip: Use the "Search The Site" box and type in your question or key word; saves time looking.

Great BIG Thanks to our past Secretary-Treasurer Cheri Bumgardner for over 20-years serving our community.

Best wishes from all your neighbors and friends for a job well done.



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Pyrex and Anchor Hocking dishes are not the quality of grandmother's. Consumer Report dedicated five pages of research in its January 2011 issue. Patricia Szczecenia of Lansing, IL stated she baked her ham at 350 degrees in a Pyrex glass baking dish. When she opened the oven door to baste the ham, she said, "The baking dish just Exploded."

To minimize the chances of the glassware shattering, consumers should read and save the safety instructions from their glass bakeware and follow these safety rules:

- Always place hot glassware on a dry, cloth potholder or towel.
- Never use glassware for stovetop cooking or under a broiler.
- Always allow the oven to fully preheat before placing the glassware in the oven.
- Always cover the bottom of the dish with liquid before cooking meat or vegetables.
- Don't add liquid to hot glassware.
- If you're using the dish in a microwave, do not use browning elements, and avoid overheating oil and butter.
- Do not take dishes directly from the freezer to the oven or vice versa.
- Never place hot glassware directly on a countertop (or smooth top), metal surface, on a damp towel, in the sink, or on a cold or wet surface.
- Inspect your dishes for chips, cracks, and scratches. Discard dishes with such damage.
- To avoid risks associated with glass dishes, consider using metal bakeware for conventional and convection ovens.

For more information go to: <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/search.htm?query=glassware>

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Did you know? – "No"

If you want to know what is going on in your neighborhood, attend the monthly meeting. We have representatives who attend the monthly Northwest Area Partnership meetings where other neighborhood associations hear reports from our city's police, fire, city and county councils and neighborhood code departments along with other speakers. So, come to our meetings and voice your opinion, ask questions, get informed and meet your neighbors.



A New Look ! During the successful 2010 Great American Cleanup, the property was in a sad state of disarray. Now the front two buildings have a new coat of paint thanks to the efforts of Judi Wire. It certainly improves the appearance of the new Police and Firemen's Memorial across Wells Street.

The Hanging of the Greens on Wells Street was a combined effort of the Wells Corridor and Bloomingdale Neighborhood Associations. We hope all had an opportunity to enjoy the color of the season.

Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association Let's Be Heard!

With 2011 City Elections upon us soon, it's time to find out more about who we elect to serve us.

The Bloomingdale Association is calling on all residents to come up with a questionnaire which will be sent to key City Election Candidates

Candidates are all ears when wanting our votes. So, let's ask them to define themselves in terms of issues that are most important to our neighborhood.

The questionnaire should include topics that are both general and could be answered by all candidates as well as position specific questions whose answers could be compared to other Elected Office Candidates in their specific groups.

Let us also not be taken for granted once they are elected! We must also ask them to answer, if applicable, when they see our specific concerns being addressed during their term in office.

So let's take the lead, make our concern known, and show the pride we have in our neighborhood by seeking those to serve us, that best know and hear us.

Please send your questions in advance of the next association meeting. These questions will be printed and distributed for discussion at the meeting to finalize the questionnaire.

This will be one of the most important things we will do as an association, so let's really give it the time and effort that it deserves.

Come to the meeting, February 19th at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 609 Putnam Street at 10:00 a.m.

Send questions to Bloomingdale Newsletter, 809 Putnam Street, 46808 or call (260) 427-2531 and leave your message. Remember, all 2011 members are eligible for the \$25 drawing. (Must be present to win)

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Please list 3 neighborhood concerns you have

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2.) _____

3.) _____

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(Please cut out and enclose with your payment)

~Thank you for your support~

Meet-N-Greet at our New Meeting Room! We'll be back at Trinity United Methodist Church, 809 Putnam Street on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am beginning February 19, 2011.

As many of you know the association was inactive for a year resulting in the loss of many things the association had in place. In the last year we have re-established most of the losses. Now our biggest challenge is to re-establish our membership. So come to our Meet-N-Greet meeting February 19th and enter the drawing for \$25. The only requirement is you must be a member in good standing. If you pay your membership dues at the door, you are a member in good standing and qualify for the drawing.

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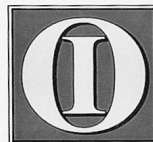
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Wells Street Honored -

mercial code enforcement, hosted a charette for street improvements, and seven of their businesses have applied for and improved their facades through the city's façade program. Indiana Main Street Program Manager Shae Kmicikewycz stated, "We are honored to have the Wells Corridor Association as part of the Indiana Main Street family. They know and understand the importance of a thriving downtown and have community members willing to assist in the revitalization efforts of their downtown."

Source: http://www.in.gov/portal/news_events/58412.htm



The Fort Wayne Urban Enterprise Association offers the Enterprise Zone Scholarship. Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne administers the program on behalf of the UEA. Scholarship award winner will receive up to \$1,000 a year for two or four years depending on the length of the degree program in which the student enrolls.

Completed applications with all required documents must be submitted to the UEA by 5:00 pm, March 4, 2011.

Questions should be directed to Kirk Moriarty, UEA director, (260) 422-2304, kirk.moriarty@ci.ft-wayne.in.us or Lydia Von Uderitz, Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, (260) 426-4083, lvon@cfqfw.org.



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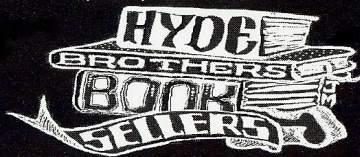
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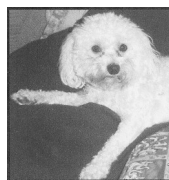
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Thank You for rescuing me! I was visiting in the city and was being watched while my master was on a trip to get her son from Boot Camp graduation. I escaped out the front door with my sister. She found her way home, but I was too far from the house and I got lost. Luckily someone found me and contacted a neighborhood person that knew I was lost. Many thanks from A.J.

It must be noted the number of neighbors driving the streets and alleys looking for A.J. was enormous; reflecting how nice Bloomingdale is to live in.

Clip and Save

2011

Monday is Garbage Collection Day

Recycling Day is 'Week A'

10 January and 24 January

7 February and 21 February

7 March and 21 March

4 April and 18 April

Peanut Butter may not be what it appears. "Peanut butter must contain 90% peanuts. (The rest can be sugar, salt, and oil.) Spreads contain less than 90 percent peanuts..." "One exception to the 90 percent rule is if a product is 90 % peanuts but contains ingredients that aren't allowed in peanut butter, such as artificial sweeteners or palm oil, it must be called a spread." Source: Consumer's Report, December 2010, Page 5.

Remember to use our new phone number **427-2531** for contacting your Bloomingdale Association Officers.

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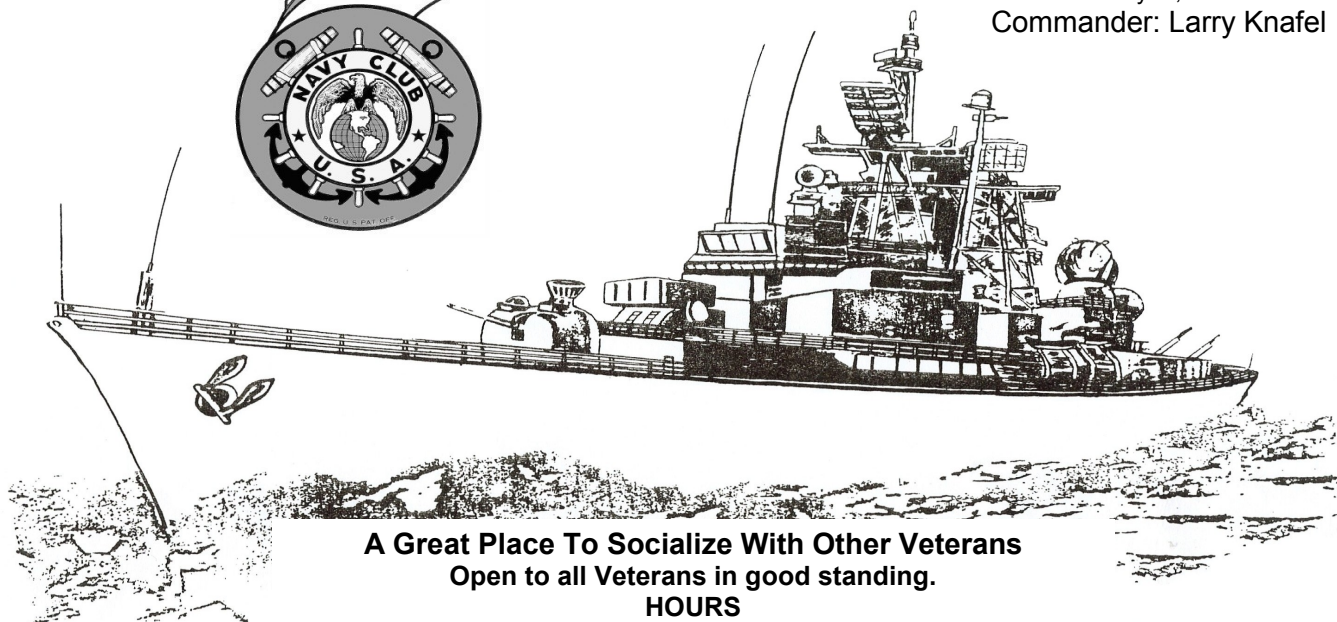


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