



*Eighty Three Neighborhood Associations Representing 43,000 Residents*

**November 17, 2011**  
**Northridge Baptist Church**  
**1300 East Cook road**  
**6:30 pm**

We have good news and bad news. First, the bad news; this will be the **last monthly mailing you will receive due to budget cuts**. We appreciate the city's support helping us to reach all our constituents over the years but now have to come up with plan B.

Since it's been our theory all along to keep everyone in the loop, we now have to rely on the internet and other means. To **those who can't access the internet** we offer the following names that can be contacted. Bud Mendenhall 426-9862, Rosie O'Grady 490-7327, Rod Vargo 416-0986.

PLEASE RECORD THESE NUMBERS FOR LATER REFERENCES. For **those internet users**, **google www.neighborhoodlink.com/NWAP** and do the following ;On the Home page, go to the box labeled "Our Info" on the right hand side and click on "newsletter" and for the month's agenda, click on "pages and links". The **Neighbors column will appear the evening before each month's meeting in the News Sentinel** newspaper and we are **enclosing your stickers to be placed on your new calendar for 2012, please remember to do this!** Hopefully, doing these four things will enable us to grow and provide information to all our neighborhood associations. You may want to keep this newsletter for reference.

Bud and Jean Mendenhall related their experiences at the recent Neighborhood Conference held in Cincinnati. Most attending reported increased use of the social media to reach their people. Another city reports using the citizenry as a part of their budget process and the revitalization of Parsons Street very similar to our Wells Street Corridor. In addition, pictures taken of Fort Wayne's "rollout"(invitation) for everyone to attend next year's conference to be held here and it was a sight to behold.

- Brent Wake presented "Bank on Fort Wayne" and it's financial education classes
- Code Dept. cut almost 6000 weed sites & in December, 30 sites will be up for demo.
- FWFD reminded not to burn leaves or park over them & keep away from drains.
- FWPD reported The Gold Wings chapter is returning here July 1-5 for a third time
- FWPD apprehended a 1 man crime wave in which 30-40 cars were broken into.
- FWPD purchased several electric cars for \$1 each to be used for short city runs.

Our guest speaker was Greg Barnes of YMCA Youth and Anti Graffiti and he described what they do and how they get it done. They often use the same vandals caught doing the graffiti in the cleanups. They operate on a \$50,000 a year budget and welcome donations of paint or money. Their office is at 1117 S Clinton and to report new graffiti sites call their hotline at 449-4747 with the location and description. .

Nominations for co-chair and treasurer were taken from the floor and we will elect those officers November 17<sup>th</sup>. Our largest & final attendance door prize drawing will also be then.

*Julie Sanchez of 311 will explain what they do and how they work and we will choose speakers and topics for next year.*

*We adjourn, wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving especially Northridge Baptist Church & crew for providing us with a wonderful meeting place. Merry Christmas and May there be Peace on Earth.*

*Sincerely,  
Rosie O'Grady, NWAP co-chair*



