

**Neighborhoods Are  
more than houses**

# Bloomington Neighborhood News

**First Issue 2013**

What is a Neighborhood?

Why is Neighborhood Organizing Important?

Why Should I Pay Dues?

## **A neighborhood is the place**

where people live, play, work, worship, and go to school. The neighborhood association represents all these and is controlled by area residents.

It operates in an atmosphere of cooperation with area businesses, schools, churches and public and social service institutions.

## **We all live in a community:**

as such, we share a unique collection of problems and prospects in common with our neighbors.

Neighborhoods require resident involvement, commitment, planning and organization and hours of hard work. Neighborhood improvements will not occur overnight!

Participation in neighborhood affairs builds on the recognition of here-we-are-together, and a desire to recapture something of the tight-knit communities of the past.

Neighborhood organizations are vehicles for communities to revitalize and preserve neighborhoods and enhance property values.

They create a positive social environment that can become a community's best feature.

We can be proud of our "Walk-Able" title. Which tells a lot about our people and our friendliness, and our connections to our surroundings.

## **Many organizations have membership dues**

to help pay for some of the activities and common costs of running an organization, such as paper, copying, etc.

Our membership dues in the Neighborhood Association is **voluntary**.

You probably don't realize the many hours, fees for parking and gas that is spent by the many Volunteers that represent Bloomington Neighborhood at meetings that never use your fees that you have paid in dues.

We try to run our Association on a very well balanced budget, and we appreciate all the people who pay their dues....it tells us that you appreciate what we do for the area. WE THANK YOU!

*The expense for printing a  
Newsletter is helped by the Ads  
That you see in the pages.*

*We also are very thankful for a grant that  
was given to us (see below)*

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Fort Wayne  
Urban Enterprise Association

## Why do we have a Newsletter?

Citizens have a very important role in the health and spirit of a community. Their active participation in the neighborhood that surrounds their homes are the best way to ensure that the quality of life desired is fulfilled.

Communication is very important in our lives today. Even though the written word in the newspapers and in our newsletters have been replaced by the internet, cells phones and other electronic devices, there is still a role for the written word in a Neighborhood Newsletter.

This is the way to reach and inform the most people of events that are going on in our Bloomingdale Neighborhood.

For so many many years, the newsletter has been made available to every household in the boundaries of our area.

Because of other venues to get the news, such as Web Sites, Facebook, and other internet sites, it was decided by the Association to only deliver to **Paid Dues Members**.

Over the years, we have experienced a drop in the volunteers that would hand deliver the newsletters, also.

But even though we have tried many different ways to communicate with our residents, it is still best to have a Newsletter. So this first issue for 2013 will have a bigger printing and to offer a chance to pay dues....to receive other issues during the year.

**SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO PAY 2013 DUES**

## Roundabout Construction

Road Construction is in the planning stages for a roundabout at Superior/Fairfield/Ewing intersection.

City Engineer Shan Gunawardena presented an early project study to The Wells Corridor General Meeting on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

This will affect Wells Street Business section and the Bloomingdale Neighborhood.

He is asking the public for suggestions regarding the project. The subject of **on street parking, bike lanes, and landscape choices** and **what to put in the center of the roundabout** are some of the concerns to be addressed.

## Events to mark your calendars

A yearly fundraiser for the Fraternal Order of Police Associate Lodge #6 is on **March 9<sup>th</sup>** – All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the PAL building on Olladale Drive from **6:30am to 11:00am**.

## Most Precious Blood Church & School News

**March 22nd is the Annual Fish Fry**

**FUNFEST 2013 WEEKEND**

**May 31st and June 1st**

**Neighborhood Dues are the fuel  
that keeps your  
neighborhood running!**



**2013**

Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association

Membership Dues Application

January 2013 - December 2013

( ) Residence **\$5.00**

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(First name/Names) (Last Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**727 Florence Avenue, Fort Wayne IN 46808**

*Thank You for Your Support*

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**Bloomingtondale Website**

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groups/30561183379/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/30561183379/)

[http://www.facebook.com/  
groups/135951226328/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/135951226328/)

(above is The Historic Wells Corridor)



Monday is Garbage Collection Day

Recycling Day is **Week A**

**Mar 4-18    Apr 1-15-29    May 13-28\***

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**BLOOMINGTONDALE ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING IS:**

**Third Saturday @ 10:00 am**

Trinity United Methodist Church

609 Putnam Street

Door is on Short Street

Off the alley by Parking Lot

Come to the Community Room

For every year there has been a special Clean Up Day for the neighborhoods, Bloomingtondale has been involved. This is important for our community. It gets rid of a lot of waste materials that have been stored in yards, garages, and homes. Make plans to bring your materials to the dump site.

This is a project that needs lots of help. People have always volunteered for this day. Hopefully, more people will become involved this year, also.

It is a lot of hard work, but it is really worth it. People can tell you that our neighborhood used to be a lot worse than it has been in the last few years.

Let's not let our properties get back to being a burden to the community. **Mark the date of May 18th, and come help at the clean up site. Tires will also be collected that day.**



**MAY 18, 2013**

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME!**

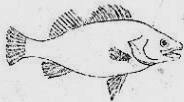
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New

Hours

*Tire Day*

May 18, 2013



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**Food Bank:** Mon-Wed-Fri 9:00-11:30 am.

**Thrift Shop:** Tue and Thu 10:00 to 3:30pm.

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Trinity Church has offered their meeting room to our association for many



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*'Ability is what you're capable of doing,  
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### A list of ideas

- Do you know that you can get a permit from the City to have a block party? It doesn't have to be one that is put on by the Neighborhood Association. We would like to be Informed about the party, but your people in the block can be the organizers.
- Several years ago, a garage sale was organized, but not a lot of people participated. Maybe, this year more people would like to pick a date and let other neighbors who want to also have a sale on the same day or weekend. This is something that you could let the Association know.
- If you have any ideas, bring them to the Monthly Neighborhood Association meeting.

Below are examples of more businesses that are located on Wells Street. Some of the businesses have been located in our area for many many years. The Wells Street Variety Store is a fairly new addition to our business corridor. They are all very supportive of the Bloomingdale Neighborhood.

So stop in and let them know how much we appreciate their business being in our community.

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## Exciting Event coming again to the Historic Wells Street Bridge Area

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Or call: 424-2450

Pictures from last year—go to our Bloomingdale Web Site

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**GET GREEN ITINERARY:**

**9:00AM**  
STRONGMAN COMPETITION BEGINS  
(CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE DAY)

**9:30AM**  
GET GREEN 5-KILT RACE

**10:30AM**  
GET GREEN PARADE

**11:00AM**  
RIVER GREENING

**1:00PM - 3:00PM**  
GOLD COIN DROP  
LUCKY CHARMS EATING CONTEST

**6:00PM - 1:00AM**  
LIVE MUSIC BY URBAN LEGEND

ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY:  
KIDS FUN ZONE - FOOD VENDORS  
DRINKS BY MAD ANTHONY

Below is a picture from last year's event. What a huge tent and lots of people enjoying the day. Hope for nice weather!



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I was told about this Indoor Farmers Market.  
I plan to go!  
Go to their Web Site to find out about this venue.  
It is located at  
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**Thanks to all the people who obey the stop signs in the neighborhood.**

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## HERE ARE SOME WEB SITES:

To look up **Activity Logs (Calls for Service)** about the neighborhood, you have several choices.

They will not give you the exact house number, just the block number of the house.

Go to [www.fwpd.org](http://www.fwpd.org)

Choose activity log – then click on any available date.

In the upper right corner a tab for 'community search'.

This tab will provide you the ability to put in your neighborhood calls for service.  
(Bloomington is listed)

Go to <http://spotcrime.com/>

At the home page put in your street address, city, state and zip

At the map – click on the icon and there is more information.

Click on information and a photo of the closest corner appears.



Then scroll down to see a list near your address.

Also to get to the same photo you can click on the first column which brings up the  
Same photo and information.

If you would like to **receive emails** with the call of service close to your address

Go to the home page and under the location is an email alert.

\*\*\* I strongly recommend that you only pick a location of about 1 mile.

Another way to look up calls of service is by going to News Sentinel Web Site

**Go under the LIGHTS AND SIRENS tab.**

[http://fwnextweb1.fortwayne.com/ns/projects/lights\\_sirens/index.php](http://fwnextweb1.fortwayne.com/ns/projects/lights_sirens/index.php)

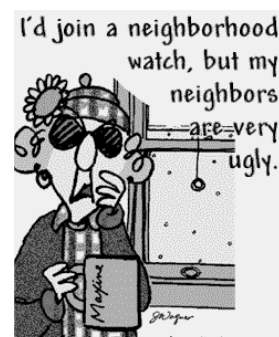
Put in Fort Wayne Police or Allen County Sheriff

Under Call Type – put in a certain Street

Type of Call

Zip Code

Click Search



FIRE DEPARTMENT – CALLS OF SERVICE

<http://fortwaynefiredepartment.org/>

Under Latest Activities on left side of page

View Full Activity Log

A policeman had a perfect spot to watch for speeders, but wasn't getting many. Then he discovered the problem....a 12 year-old boy was standing up the road with a hand painted sign, which read "RADAR TRAP AHEAD". The officer also found the boy had an accomplice who was down the road with a sign reading "TIPS" and a bucket full of money. (And we used to just sell lemonade!).

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