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# Bloomington Neighborhood News

Spring Edition 2014

## LET'S CELEBRATE OUR ASSETS

*Our Bloomington Neighborhood  
has much to celebrate with our location.*

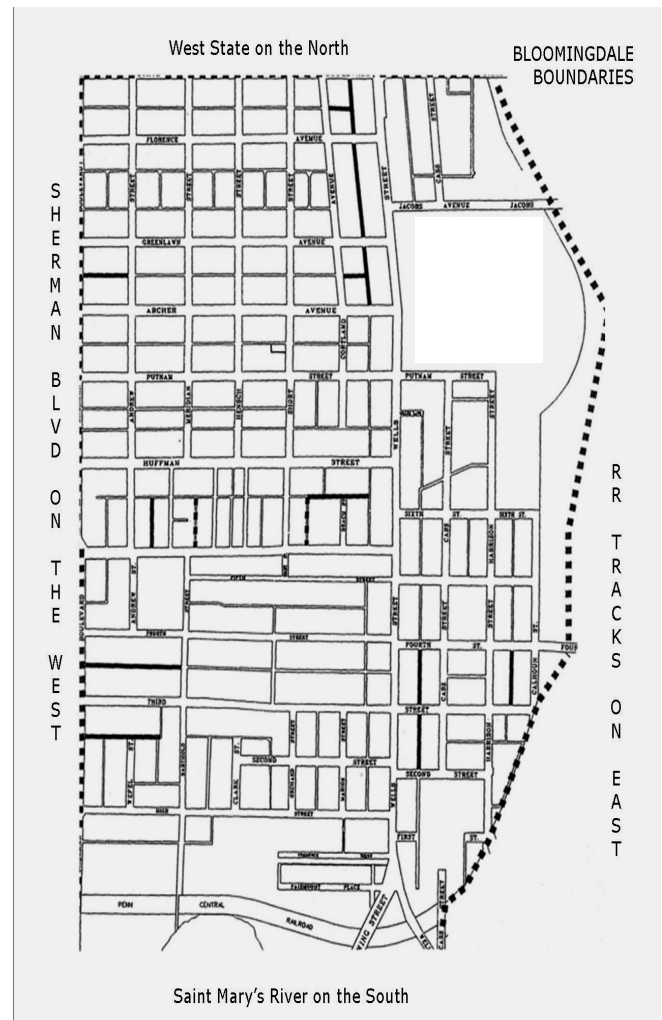
Part of our boundaries are located on the banks of the St Mary's river. This is very important right now, because the city is focusing on Riverfront Development. On another page you can see about the city's study for the Downtown and how important rivers are for Fort Wayne.

Our pride of our area is the Historic Wells Street Bridge and the Wells Business Corridor. These are two assets that the Bloomington Neighborhood has been actively involved in working with the city.

Because of the bridge and the corridor, the city has worked with the Wells Business Corridor and our Association to make many changes to the area.

We (the people you live and work in our community) have always said that our area is the heart of the city. We may be an older part, but we are still very much alive and we are the pathway into the downtown.

The city is now working with two of the entrances into the downtown. Each of the organizations are certified Indiana Main St. community/corridor programs. This is a program that encourages revitalization and restoration of downtown areas within communities. **They are the Business on Broadway and Wells Business Corridor Associations.**



**This map shows our boundaries.**

*Let's celebrate our location assets!*



Thomas C. Henry, Mayor



*Bloomington  
Neighborhood  
is part of the boundaries  
of the riverfront study  
Please stay informed about  
this study.*

## **There's a current of excitement in downtown Fort Wayne.**

Downtown Fort Wayne is more than a convergence of rivers. It's a destination with as much history as promise and the vastly untapped potential to inspire a whole new brand of adventure for residents, investors, visitors, and even Mother Nature. The long-term value of this study is beyond price and comparison, because Fort Wayne's river fronts are genuinely unique. We're inviting you to join the process — help us envision and engage — as we learn to **live, invest, socialize, connect, protect, and appreciate** one of our community's most amazing assets.

### **Envision FW Center**

#### **Educate – Engage – Envision Fort Wayne!**

The Envision Fort Wayne Center is an innovative place for the community to comment, discuss and review all aspects of the Riverfront Study. Located at 916 S. Calhoun St., the Envision Fort Wayne Center is a place for residents to drop in and discover the history of Fort Wayne's rivers as well as examine their future potential as a regional destination.

Our current phase of programing is about Understanding:

1. Our Rivers
2. Our Opportunities
3. What Makes Successful Riverfronts

As we move through the Riverfront Study process, the Envision Fort Wayne Center will continually be updated with new information. That's why you should feel free to keep stopping in and see what's new!

We are currently open every:

Tuesday 2:00pm – 6:00pm  
Thursday 11:00am – 3:00pm  
Friday 11:00am – 3:00pm

*The above information is from the web site:  
<http://riverfrontfw.org/>*



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association  
Membership Dues Application  
January 2014 - December 2014

( ) Residence **\$5.00** ( ) Business **\$10.00**

( ) Donation included \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(First name/Names)

(Last Name)

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

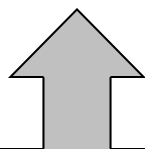
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send check made payable to:

**Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association**  
727 Florence Avenue, Fort Wayne IN 46808

**2014**

*Thank You for Your Support*



TAKE A MINUTE TO  
FILL OUT THE FORM  
FOR YOUR DUES  
AND  
SENT THEM IN

*Successful people are always  
looking for opportunities  
to help others.*

*Unsuccessful people are always  
asking*

*"What's in it for me?"*



To the People Who  
have paid  
their yearly Dues

Your support of the  
Neighborhood  
shows that you care

**You never  
forget the  
neighborhood  
kids you grew  
up with.**



REMEMBER THE DAYS OF RIDING IN THE BACK  
OF YOUR PARENTS STATION WAGON?

**Exciting News**

Welcome to our neighborhood



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood and Wells Business Corridor are excited to announce that a business is moving into the empty Discount Grocery building on Wells Street. This site was once a hardware store. We are happy to see that "Do It Best Store" will be moving into the building once it has been renovated.



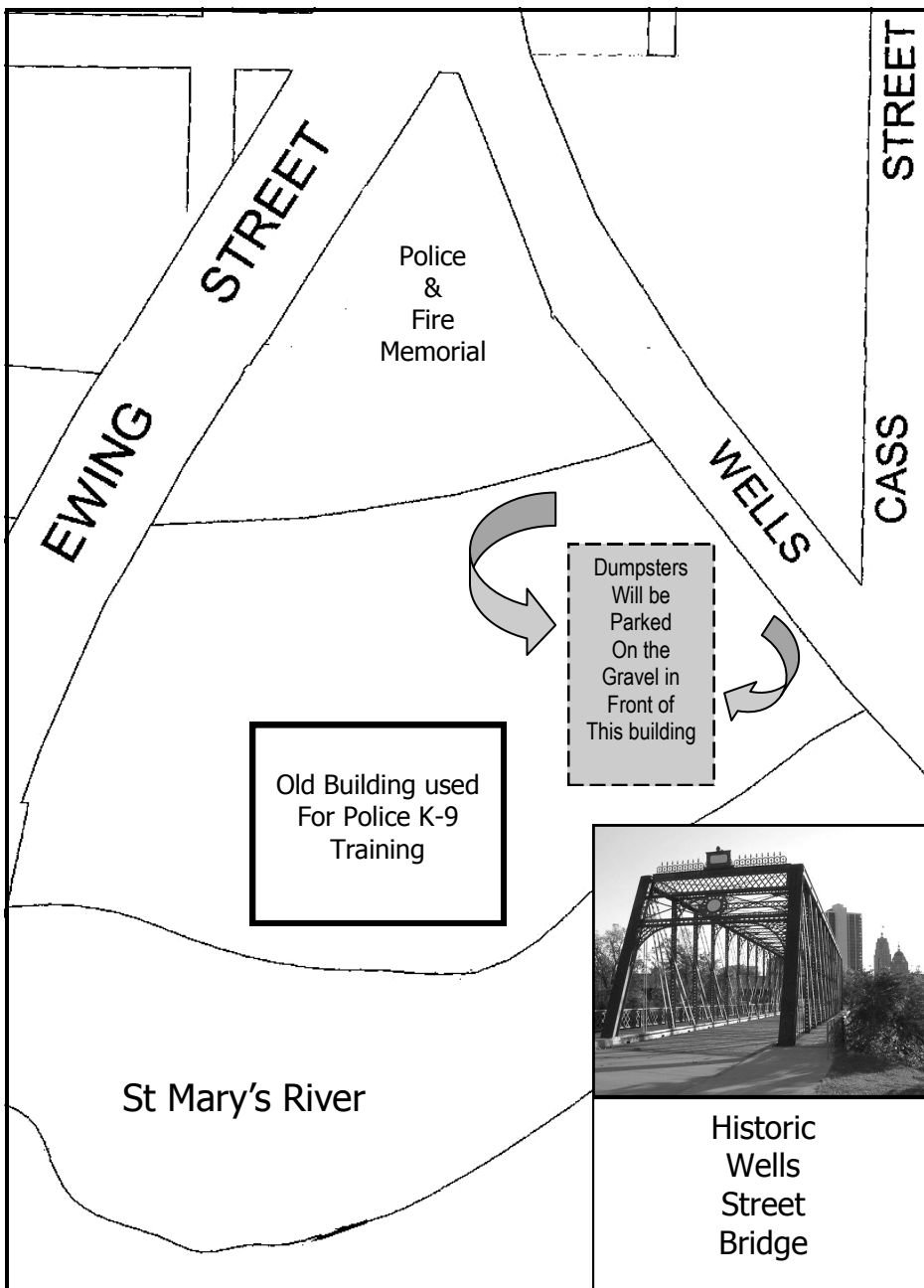
## Great American Clean Up Day

For Bloomingdale Neighborhood

**Saturday, May 17th**

**8:00—11:30 am**

See below for the  
Dumpster Site



Thanks to volunteers, every year these gentlemen and ladies have gone around the neighborhood collecting old tires that are sitting in the alleys. It is not their job to do this.....they are just being good volunteers that want to make the community clean and healthy!

**There are many reasons to remove them from our neighborhood!**

It does not make the area look good or clean.

Tires collect rain water and mosquitoes will breed.

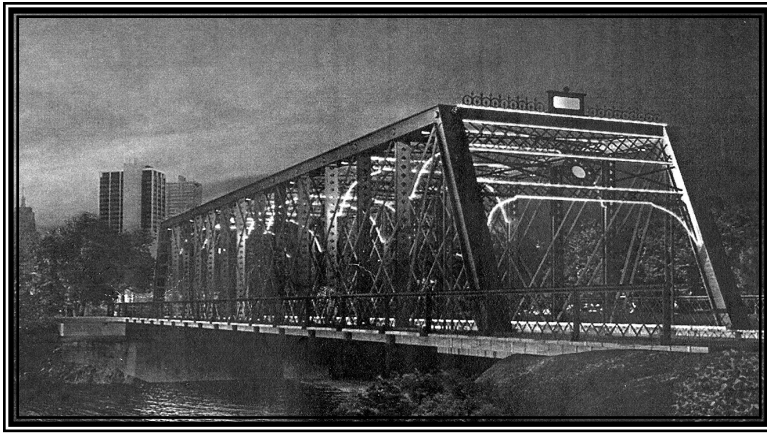
Varmints—mice, rats, and worms collect around tires.

One discarded tire, can accumulate others!

If you have or see discarded tires, with or without the rims, please see that they are collected by the

**Great American Clean Up Day  
May 17th.**





Drawing of the  
Historic Wells Street Bridge,  
a dream idea started  
many years ago!

It was in 2005 when one of  
the first meetings was held  
to start the idea of

*"Lighting the Historic  
Wells Street Bridge"*



**On a damp, foggy  
evening  
December 20, 2013**

**The ceremony was  
held for:**

*Lighting of the  
Historic  
Wells Street Bridge*

*Exciting celebration...long time, but worth the wait!*



Take advantage of all the activities that are  
being held at the city parks this summer.

If you want to know about any activity  
or if you have any questions  
call 427-6000

FW Parks Department or  
[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org).



**When was the last time you walked or biked the Greenway? Try it this summer.**

Remember to help the Neighborhood  
with the clean up day on Saturday,  
May 17th.

The city furnishes t-shirts, garbage bags  
and gloves.

**POST CLEANUP PARTY  
11:30 TO 2:00 pm  
Headwaters Park West**

**FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES  
MUSIC AND PRIZE RAFFLE**

This publication is made  
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*Fort Wayne  
Urban Enterprise Association*

## 10 Major Cities with the Worst Winter of 2013-2014 Fort Wayne was rank #5

*An article by Jon Erdman published on March 21, 2014  
From weather.com*

### Fast Facts

- Dec-Feb. departure from average temperature ranking: 13th (6.8 deg colder than average)
- Departure from average season snow ranking: 7th (40.9 inches above average)
- Worst winter index: 20

We gave Fort Wayne a slight edge over Peoria, based on a heavier snow season.

Regardless, Fort Wayne had its share of shivering, chalking up the sixth coldest winter and tripling its average number of days 0 degrees or colder (22 days).

What put FW into the top 10 list, however, was its second snowiest season on record:

### Hints for Spring and Summer Weather

- Let's plant flowers & make a garden.



- Keep the lawns mowed and neat. Do not leave a pile of limbs laying around!



Don't let your grass  
get too long or  
you might get a  
**Weed Violation Sign**  
posted in your yard

- Remember to use outdoor furniture, not a sofa or chair that should be keep inside.



Correct to use



Not for outdoor use



People have been noticing large piles of limbs and branches laying around in peoples yards. Some were buried in the snow, but it is now time to get rid of the piles. Unless, you want the Neighborhood Code Department to give you a notice to clean them up!!!!

On **Saturday, May 17th** is an opportunity to get rid of the trash that our bad winter weather left behind. Work with your neighbors and come with a load to put in the dumpsters between 8:00 and 11:30 am. **(see other page for location)**

Use this number  
for information, or  
to report  
non-emergency  
concerns.



This is hard to write about, but I think the neighborhood should be aware!

With the summer and nice weather coming,  
we need to be alert and concerned about CRIME!

***As I am writing this, I received a phone call that really upset us.***

***The first week in May, a lady was working in her back yard with a privacy fence around her yard.***

***She was surprised by a young person that opened her back gate and threaten her with a board, to give him money!***

***Another neighbor in the same block heard a noise on her locked small enclosed front porch around 2:00 am and a young person was trying to get into her house. She turned on the light and used some strong language and threats and he ran away.***

*Now, I am not saying, this is only happening in our neighborhood.*

*I think that this coming season will be bad for all parts of the city.*

***As neighborhood people, we need to be very alert and watch out for each other.***

***PLEASE REPORT ANY ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE.***

It might seem not important, but any information that is given to the police that can stop a CRIME from occurring is very **IMPORTANT!**

At a meeting recently, the District Chief from NW told the group, that we should be proud of our area. The NW has the lowest crime rate...but the most calls by the people to the city.

He said that to him, this is a good sign that people are looking out for each other and calling in reports of unusual activities. **So keep up the good work!!**

**ATTENTION:**

**NEIGHBORS WATCH OUT  
FOR EACH OTHER**

The area has been experiencing new people coming into the neighborhood, please be alert to any activities that seem to be unusual.

Please talk to your neighbors and watch out for each other. Try to narrow down a time **frame of any strange behaviors that are occurring.**

**IMPORTANT: Contact the Police Desk, At 427-1222 or 911, make a report.**



**STREET GRATES**

City officials are asking property owners to keep storm grates clean of leaves and other debris in order to prevent streets from flooding.

Thank you.



**Officers:**

President: Bud Mendenhall  
Vice President: Eddie Coble  
Secretary: Jane Neer  
Treasurer/Editor: Jean Mendenhall  
Trustee: Gretchen Johnson

**Bloomingtondale Website**

***[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/  
Bloomingtondale\\_-\\_Fort\\_Wayne](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Bloomingtondale_-_Fort_Wayne)***

**Facebook**

[http://www.facebook.com/  
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)

**No May Meeting**

**Great American Clean Up that day**

**BLOOMINGDALE 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  
Handicap Facility

**Monday  
Garbage Collection Day  
and  
Recycling Day  
Week A**

**Your City Council**

3rd District

**Tom Didier (260) 489-4559**  
[tdidiers5@frontier.com](mailto:tdidiers5@frontier.com)

5th and the south part of the  
3rd Districts

**Geoff Paddock (260) 432-5700**  
[geoffreypaddock@aol.com](mailto:geoffreypaddock@aol.com)

**Neighborhood Concern**

Remember to keep your dogs on a leash  
or in a fenced in yard. Children running  
and playing around loose  
dogs do not go together very well.

Plus, the mail people have been  
experiencing a lot of dogs running  
loose. This is really dangerous for them.

LET'S SHOW OUR NEIGHBORS THAT WE ARE  
A CONCERNED NEIGHBORHOOD  
AND TAKE CARE OF THE  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNING PETS.



**Trinity  
United Methodist Church**

*A society of servants making disciples  
for the Kingdom of God.*

**609 Putnam Street Phone: 422-7924**

**Food Bank  
Thrift Shop  
A Baby's Closet**