

# Spy Run Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Meeting 7 P.M.  
Thursday, 14th May

April –June 2015

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## - General Meetings -

The Assoc. General Meetings are held at the **St. Joe Athletic Club** (corner of Tennessee and Griswold Drive). All are WELCOME to attend. Please mark your calendars for the 2nd Thursdays of the months.

## 2015 Scheduled meetings

14th May  
10th Sept  
12th Nov

## — Board Election Voting —

**For May.** Mays meeting is the month that SRNA will hold election for board positions. Remember, our association works to improve and enhance our neighborhood, area, and homes.

## ----- Membership Drive -----

The SRNA board has come to a decision to change the collecting of our membership dues to every other year. This will save a lot of time spent every spring knocking on doors to collect our \$5 dollar dues.

The cost will still be only five dollars. But since it will be covering a two year period. We will be asking for \$10 ten dollars. **Every other year.**

We will need your assistance in accomplishing this task. Who knows your neighbors on your street, better than you? That is why we are looking for a few new volunteers to help us knock on some doors.

If you are interested in helping out please contact John Meinzen or Jerry Huffman. We have the binder books for every street throughout the neighborhood.

These membership dues are col-

lected, helping the association in giving accountability to inform elected officials on what we want our tax dollars spent on within this neighborhood.

## — Great American Cleanup —

The Great American Cleanup has been an annual event for the city for more than 20 years. It is a time when we can show our community pride by lending a hand to clean up littered roadsides, parks, trails and river ways. It will be happening again this year on 16th May. Contact Jerry Huffman at 422-2732. In 2014 we accomplished...

- 5,250 volunteers contributed 15,750 hours to cleaning up our City in this one day event!
- \*183,180 pounds of litter & debris was collected
- 930 illegally dumped tires recycled
- 71 miles of roads, streets & highways were cleaned or beautified
- 1,414 acres of parks & public lands were cleaned
- 33 miles of hiking, biking & nature trails cleaned
- 17 miles of river banks cleaned.

## \*SPY RUN Neighborhood Cleanup\*

Our own Neighborhood Cleanup has been going on even longer. This year it will be Saturday 9A.M. on 6th JUNE, we will be gathering on Spy Run & Lawton Place in parking lot of the old Bills 'Bistro's.

We will once again canvas down the alley's of the neighborhood picking up most anything that is Not Hazardous.

We will need your support and helping hands to spruce up the neighborhood. Please call any board member if you can participate. This will only take 2 hours. With refreshments provided at the finish.

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## 2015 Yards & (NCE) Neighborhood Code Enforcement

I know it seems a little Early yet. But Grass and Weed violations will go into effect on May 4th. The public should call 311 to report a possible violation, where weeds or grass are at least NINE INCHES or TALLER.

The weed violation process includes the posting of a notice in the cited yard, plus a letter sent by the City to the owner of record. Property owners then have five days to correct the violation. If the grass or weeds are not cut after that time, the City's mowing contractor will cut the lawn, and the owner will be charged for the contractor's work. If you do not pay fee a lien is put on the property taxes.

"Neighborhood Code Enforcement plays a critical role in maintaining the health and safety of our community," said Cindy Joynier, deputy director for Neighborhood Code Enforcement. "It's important to ensure that our neighborhoods are well-maintained and attractive in order to protect property values; to include pest control, the Weed Program is an important part of that effort."

This year, the City has eight seasonal, part-time employees dedicated to weed violations. They inspect complaints and proactively identify violations. Five days after the initial posting, the mowing contractors check if property owners are in compliance and, if not, the contractors mow the yard and take date-stamped before and after photos. Charging the business/person the home is titled to.

Residents can report possible violations by calling 311 or

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— NEIGHBORHOOD Association —

As a neighborhood association we are kept together purely by resident/ business volunteers. All of us benefit when our community is safer, more beautiful, and friendlier. To work, live and raise our families.

People should not join the association just to complain, they join to offer solutions, show support and to help with projects that benefit the whole community.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

———— **2015 S.R.N.A. CLEAN UP** ————

S.R.N.A. Spring Clean Up is tentively  
9am Saturday 6th of JUNE.

Please lend a hand. Volunteers  
Call 422-2732 or 424-8551 to help.

———— **2015 Trek the Trails** ————

Join the city of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Trails on these family-friendly rides.

Tuesdays, starting at 6pm, from May to October. Participants are asked to wear helmets and bring water along for the ride. All participants ride at their own risk. Most rides are approx. 8 miles that are done within an hour. It makes for a relaxing ride.

Also On the 3rd Saturdays of each month for longer rides.

For a complete schedule go to

<http://cityoffortwayne.org/trekthetrails>

Are you aware of the laws for bicycles?

**74.34 OPERATION OF BICYCLES.**

(A) Every person riding a bicycle upon a street shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle. Every person riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a pedestrian.

(B) The regulations in the traffic code applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any roadway or public sidewalk or upon any shared-use path, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

(C) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

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Community Liaison Palermo Galindo 427-6214  
[Palermo.galindo@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Palermo.galindo@cityoffortwayne.org)

Fort Wayne Police Dept.  
All NON-Emergencies .... **427-1222**

Drug Tip line ..... **427-1262**  
Anti- Graffiti Hot Line... **449-4747**

**Neighborhood Partnership/ President Meeting**  
Monday, June 1st 2015 at 6:30PM- 8PM  
Monday, Sept. 7th 2015 at 6:30PM- 8PM  
Citizens Square, Garden Level, OMNI-Room

**Tire pick ups**

We will begin again this Spring.  
You can place your tire(s) near the alley way on  
3rd Thursday *of the month*.

**Thursday nights prior** to our pick up .  
Notify any board member by a phone.  
Our last pick up date are 3rd **Friday** in October.  
Other pick up dates are all pending, on a need. If  
we do not have enough to be collected, to make a  
run throughout the neighborhood we will wait for  
the following month. This is a group effort.  
We really could use your assistance in gathering  
up these tires. If you can help call  
Jack Sakowicz ---424-6863 or  
Jerry Huffman 422-2732  
*This is a neighborhood curtesy not a requirement.*  
Give us time to collect them.

It is a city code violation to have tires outside,  
that collect water. Thanks in advance again to Jack  
and crew.

*If you would like this newsletter E-Mailed to you  
Send your E-mail to [jerry.huffman@ang.af.mil](mailto:jerry.huffman@ang.af.mil)*

- 2015 **Recycle Pick Up Dates Reminder** -

May - 11th & 26th      Jun.— 8th ,22th  
July - 6th & 20th      Aug. 3rd, 17th & 31st  
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### **Parking on Lawns/ grass!!**

Please remember that it is illegal to Parking vehicles on the lawn/yard or and any unimproved area.

It is not legal. Per FW Code Ordinance

72.23 PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

\*Yard includes backs, sides, parkways, and curb or parkway overlap. Are not be used for parking.

And driving through someone else's lawn is also illegal. I am speaking of rental properties as well as private property. Just because you can drive through a yard , doesn't make it a driveway. It make the whole neighborhood look bad and dumpy. You are destroy-ing private property. Punishable by fines.

71.52 DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED.

The driver of a vehicle shall not drive in, on or across any sidewalk, except at a permanent or temporary driveway or alley. There is No Parking on any part of the sidewalk.

### **— Please Use the sidewalks , Not the street! —**

Parents use to teach their children, "no playing in the street". For safety reasons we were taught this. And It is still true today, more than ever. With all the addi-tional distractions drivers have today. I am referring to cell phones. For the sake of all the new young drivers getting their license, you should be on the sidewalk. Your body doesn't stand a chance against a 20 mph, 2,000 pound piece of metal. You will always lose.

But there seems to be a lot more people walking down the middle of the street. This was understanda-ble during the winter, when snow covered everything, but the street. But now that the sidewalks are cleared, please use them.

### **Festival Season is coming**

With the warmer weather also comes the festival events. And this summer will offer a lot of activities at the, "Old Fort, Headwaters Park, and downtown". That is one of the nice extras of our neighborhood, being so close, to so much to do, within a short walk-ing distance. This also brings more traffic, and it seems we have become the over flow "Free Parking" to some of the larger events that bring the big crowds to downtown. Please keep a vigilant eye out for strangers in the neighborhood. Criminal activity also increases during this time of year. Let watch out for each other. If you do see something suspicious. Call the police at 911, they are paid to protect and serve the community.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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