

Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association
727 Florence Avenue
Fort Wayne IN 46808

To:



Welcome to the Neighborhood!



New people have been moving into the Neighborhood. We welcome you and hope that you will enjoy being part of the

BLOOMINGDALE NEIGHBORHOOD

- In this newsletter, you will find a map that shows the boundaries of our neighborhood.
- Our area is known to be a walk able community. At one time, we were the 5th in the city.
- Fort Wayne City has a Riverfront project that is being organized....the first phase is in our neighborhood. The Historic Wells Street Bridge is one of the focal points, we are so proud that it is located in our neighborhood.
- There are many schools, churches, a Library, banks and many businesses in walking distance from our homes.
- There are many generations that have lived and are still living in this area.
- Our part of the city has many parks. We have the two Bloomingtondale Parks, a close park is Hamilton Park and we are counting the days until the Franklin Park will be finished.

Thank you for choosing to live in Bloomingtondale

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Because a Very
Important Person
Lives There—YOU

Bloomington Neighborhood News

Only Issue in 2015

HOW TO HELP IMPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Realize that this is a group project.

A neighborhood is made up of many people and many houses. No matter what, you cannot do all the work yourself. Realize that this is a group project!

Changes may need to be made.

For example, the entire city of New York turned its crime situation around with the Broken Windows Theory of crime. Basically this is the idea that if an area looks bad, then people are less inclined to try to improve it and even inclined to commit more crimes. So we need to get out there and start making changes, even if they seem small. Clean up graffiti and fix windows, for example.

It is good to take advantage of competitive feelings.

If you start to fix up your house and yard, others are going to feel pressure to do the same. No one wants to live in the worst house on the block. Just make sure that you are not being rude. Remember the goal is to get everyone to do what you did, not to get everyone to hate you for it.

How to lift a community's spirit.

Flowers do more than please the eye. They can lift a community's spirit and provide a tangible proof that things are looking up. Flowers are a great way for a community to take that all important first step. Flowers indicate visible change and show that someone is in charge. For example, Petunias, which are low cost and easy to plant, have an immediate visible impact.

Simple steps to make a difference in Crime in the Neighborhood.

- **Report crime promptly.**
- **Report nuisances and other non-criminal problems promptly.** Such as: junked cars on yards, abandoned autos in the streets, junk in back yards or vacant lots.
- **Take away the opportunity for crime.** Lock your car and never leave valuable in the car where would-be thieves might see them. Trim bushes and trees that block views of your house.
- **Meet the youth who lives on your block and greet them by name.** This could make a big difference in the future if you have a crisis that requires help from both adults and youth.
- **Make a list of names and phone numbers of neighbors that live close to your house.** Find almost any citizen who has turned around a problem block and you will find a citizen who really knows the people who live there.
- **Make a list of landlords in your areas as well.** As owners of property in the community, landlords are responsible to the neighborhood and most are concerned about the health of the community in which their properties stand.
- **Turn your porch light on.** Crime tends to decline in neighborhoods that are well lit.
- **Walk around the block.** Take a moment to chat with neighbors, including youth, when the opportunity arises.
- **Drive slowly on neighborhood streets.** While we often call for stop signs, lights, and speed bumps, we often forget that we can organize a means to slow down traffic sooner. Regular slower driving on our side streets by many neighbors will dampen the desire of racers to use our street. It isn't fun to cut through a neighborhood if you are stuck behind a slow moving car.



Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association

Membership Dues Application

January 2016 - December 2016

() Residence **\$5.00**

() Business **\$10.00**

() Donation included _____

Name: _____

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(First name/Names)

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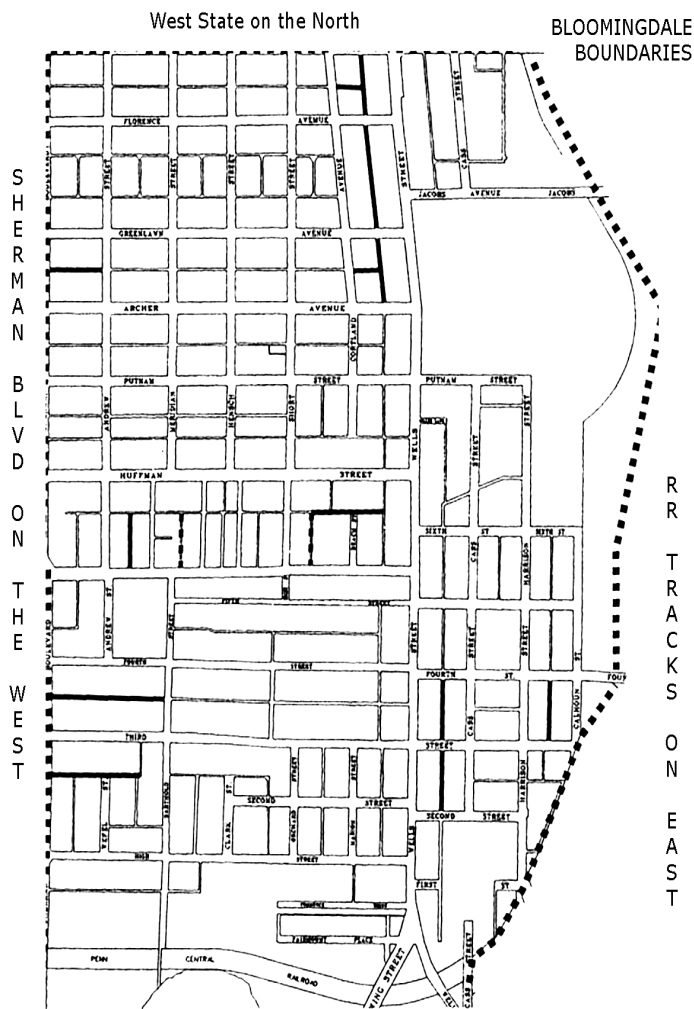
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Saint Mary's River on the South

NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDER

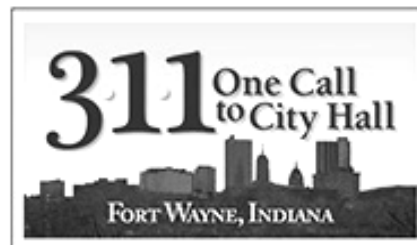
311 is the number to call to request city information or non-emergency services. The call service 311 has received many awards. It received nearly 200,000 calls in 2014.

See a pothole that needs to be fixed. Is a streetlight out that needs to be reported (remember to give them the tag number on the pole). If you have a question and are not sure which department handles your concern, **CALL 311**.

By calling 311 this allows you to engage with city government to make improvements to our neighborhood.

The department is open from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Every call can get a special number that can be used to check on the progress of the situation. When you call back, you can use this number to get quicker answers.



The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor. ~Hubert H. Humphrey

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Facebook

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(above is The Historic Wells Corridor)

**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**

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.

Also, cats are not allowed to run loose!

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Thrift Shop
A Baby's Closet**