

Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association
727 Florence Avenue
Fort Wayne IN 46808

To:



Welcome to the Neighborhood!



BLOOMINGDALE NEIGHBORHOOD

Thank you for choosing to live in Bloomingtondale

The Bloomingtondale district received its name from the broad fields of flowers planted in the early days by a Mr. Jacob Wuersten, who emigrated from Germany.

Both Bloomingtondale and Bowserville were annexed into the City of Fort Wayne in 1871.

In 1861 (I also have a picture that shows 1866), Bloomingtondale School began operations at the corner of Second and Marion Streets. In 1887, the development of St. Vincent's Villa, an orphanage, was located on Wells Street.

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church opened its doors in the neighborhood in 1897. Then in 1898 the parish school was added. A new bigger school was built in 1929, which is the current facility.

The Neighborhood Association was formed in Aug 1974. Northwest Central Association was the name chosen, but was changed to **Bloomingtondale in 1992.**

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Because a Very
Important Person
Lives There—YOU

Bloomington Neighborhood News

Only Issue in 2017

How to Help Improve the Neighborhood

Have you ever thought about what your house
looks like to someone else?

With that in mind,

How is your curb appeal!

The local character of a community is about how a community or neighborhood looks and feels. A single building can have its own character, but a community's character is the composition of many buildings, streets, parks, gardens, and **views**.

Community character can be orderly and dignified. Character is usually the first thing that visitors notice in a community.

So let's take a good look around our neighborhood and check out our community character. **Let's start by making our curb appeal very special.**

What does "curb appeal" Mean?

What does "curb appeal" mean, and is it something only people selling their homes should be concerned with?

It was initially a real estate term. When people pull up to a house for sale, it's the first thing to judge by — but HGTV's long-running show with the same name has taken the term to a broader platform and for good reason.

All too often, home improvements are for the benefit of an upcoming sale — when they'd be much better appreciated by the inhabitants of the home as they lived in it. This is especially true for curb appeal: it affects your neighborhood, it improves safety, and also impacts how you feel when you get home.

For the people who have front porches. They should be used for sitting out on chairs to enjoy the nice weather.

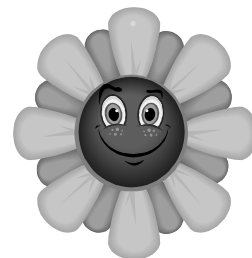
They should not be used to store all of your unsightly items. **No** chair's or sofa's that are meant to be in a living room!!!

Let's light up the Neighborhood

During Holiday Season it has become a tradition to put up lights for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Christmas season.

This is a wonderful idea
it is a welcoming sight
it is helping to light
up the area.

By turning lights on in the morning it helps the children to start the day with a bright smile.



**The Most beautiful
attire.....**

A SMILE



*New people have been seen walking
around the neighborhood.
Welcome to all the people who are
choosing to live in our area.
Whether you rent or own your
home, you are important to us!*

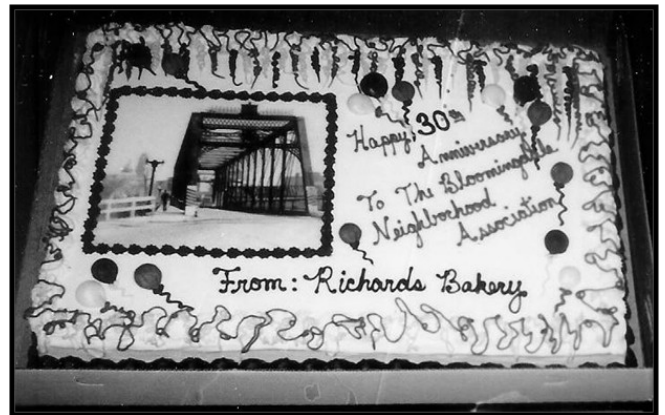
Bloomingtondale is an older neighborhood area. This means that most of the houses have been built many years ago. Just because they have been around a long time does not mean that they cannot be kept up to look great! Our historic looking community is a great place to live and it is only going to get better!

Many years ago, The Historic Wells Street Bridge was just a old bridge that people used to walk or ride a bike across to go downtown. Well, look at it today! The Wells Street Business Corridor and Bloomingtondale Neighborhood people worked together for many years to make it a focal point in the city. Now it has great lighting, sometimes blue, sometimes red and green. The bridge is now used by many people for entertainment, for senior high school pictures, weddings, receptions, and it is going to be part of the great RIVERFRONT. We are so lucky to watch all the changes around our little part of the center of Fort Wayne.

In 2004, the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood celebrated our 30th anniversary on the Historic Bridge and the riverbank. At the time, the mayor was Graham Richards, and he came to the event. A picture was in the FW paper telling of our anniversary and also we discovered that it was also a year to celebrate the Bridge 1884. Here is a picture of the Scout Troop that started the celebration.



Also
A
Cake
For
The
Event



We will be celebrating with the City of Fort Wayne a new venue to be coming to the old Omni Source property that is in our boundaries. The City Council voted to purchase the property and we will be waiting to see what will be developed on the site.

Also, a new business called Hop River, a brewery...not a restaurant... is soon to open on North Harrison and Fifth Street. The Wells Street Corridor and Bloomingtondale Neighborhood are glad that they chose our area to start their new business venture.

According to a Walk Score Website, **Bloomingtondale is the 10th most walkable neighborhood** in Ft W with 3,404 residents and out of 96 listed neighborhoods. Thanks for walking our community.



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association
Membership Dues Application
January 2018 - December 2018

() 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

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Thank You for Your Support

Thanks to all the people who send in their dues to support Bloomingtondale.

Bloomingtondale Neighborhood dues is voluntary, but we appreciate people who give us the small dues amount each year. This helps us to be able to fund part of the fee of printing and now mailing the newsletter.

Some people have also gave a donation with their dues. It tells us that they appreciate having an active association.

911 EMERGENCY

The Fort Wayne 911 Center provides service to the entire city and at times receives calls for agencies outside the city limits. Due to the high volume of calls the center receives, it is important that only necessary calls be made on the 911 emergency line so emergency resources can be delivered in an efficient and timely manner.

Any crime or complaint that is in progress or has just occurred (last 15 minutes). This should be a situation where there is personal injury, property damage or a conflict has or could occur.

For phone numbers, directions, or other general information. These types of calls may be directed to:
Police desk, 427-1222.
This is a 24- hour service.

Are you tired of reading and seeing all the bad news about break-ins, items being stolen, and public and private property being destroyed?

Remember that only a small majority of the population are the ones that are not law abiding citizens. The rest of the people need to step up and say that **"enough is enough"**, we work hard to get ahead and we need to make sure that those who take away our belongings are made to feel **ashamed** that they can take from others and go around bragging and showing off their items as if they **earned them**.

Remember—law enforcement officers can't be everywhere at once—but as neighbors we can.

Ask a person who has been a victim of a theft from their home or vehicle.

It is a real stressful experience!

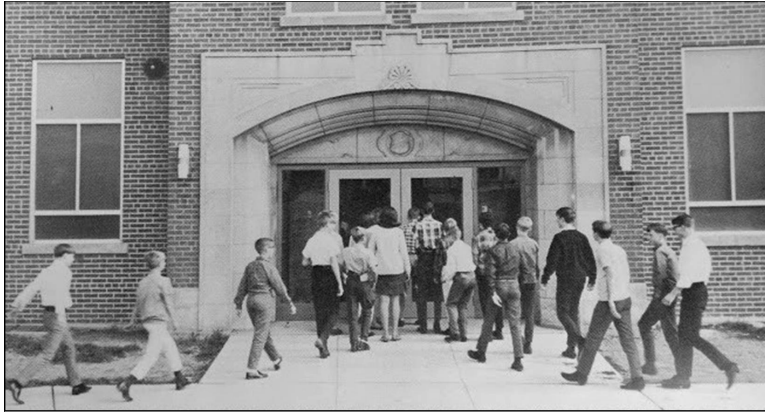
Put that neighborhood "know how" to work. It's simple—Use your eyes and ears and then your telephone.

If you spot something suspicious, call law enforcement immediately.

**As a neighborhood,
we need to start
letting people know
that we are serious
about protecting our property,
whether it is our homes,
our cars, bicycles, landscape,
or our neighbors property.
We need to take action against the
criminal element.**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS
IN FIGHTING CRIME
REPORT IT**

You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation. ~Plato



*On the left is a picture of Franklin School
In the 70's when it was a Junior High School.*

Below is a picture of how the Arch looks today!



Lighting at night is wonderful



(look real close to see the Splash Pad on the other side of the arch and also an arch from the front of the school)

Franklin School had been vacant for several years. Fort Wayne City wanted to do something with the property. So a committee was formed of people from the city, state, and surrounding neighborhoods.

The majority of the people wanted to see a nice "Quiet Park". Yes, it is close to Hamilton Park, but that park is very land lock, so it was decided that the neighborhood would benefit from a nice splash pad and a pavilion.

So, after many years.....On Wednesday, December 13, 2017, the dedication of phase 2....The Pavilion... will complete the Franklin School Park!

This has been a real community project. Many of the surrounding neighborhoods (Bloomington by Bud and Jean Mendenhall) were involved along with the City, Fort Wayne Parks Department, and State Senator Joe Donnelly and State Representative Martin Carbaugh.

Another exciting feature that surprise the Committee is the architecture that was carried from the arches to the Pavilion. See the photo on the right

Thanks to the many people from Bloomington area who have come to the many events for the park.

The first was the demolition day, then the day to start the project. Then the day of the opening of the Splash Pad. Now the most exciting day will be the celebration of the opening of the pavilion!

Jean Hyndman Mendenhall attended Bloomington when it was an elementary school. She moved to the home that she is living in now when she started going to the second grade. She graduated 8th in 1952.

So this is exciting for Bloomington Neighborhood.



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Bloomington Website

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Bloomington - Fort Wayne**

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groups/135951226328/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/135951226328/)
(above is The Historic Wells Corridor)

**BLOOMINGTON 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

Please, when you walk your dog, take a plastic bag to pick up after the dog.

This is one of the most common complains from neighbors.

They don't appreciate having to clean up the yard, and especially if they don't have a pet!!

Be a responsible "GOOD NEIGHBOR"

Your City Council

5th District

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<http://riverfrontfw.org/>*

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