



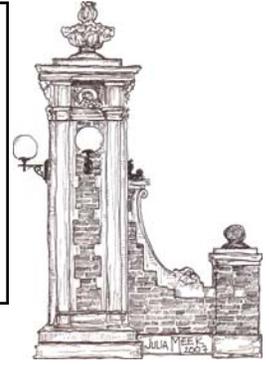
SOUTHWOOD PARK NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF THE SOUTHWOOD PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 31- Dues deadline
- Feb. 1 - Security service begins with Allen Protection Services, 747-7770
- March 4 - Annual Meeting, Prince Kaboo Room, TUFW
- March 15 - Spring cleanup: call 456-7468 - JOIN US! (rain date March 22)
- April 1 - City street tree applications available
- June 25, Home Tour Pre-Event Party
- June 27, Southwood Park/ARCH Home and Garden Tour

Security patrol undergoes a second change to Allen Protection Services

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the Association voted to switch security services a second time.

The service that we hired at the beginning of January terminated its contract with Southwood Park. STS said it could not continue to perform required morning patrols at the price they offered us in November. Rather than reduce the num-

ber of patrols or pay a much higher rate, the Board chose again.

Beginning Feb. 1st, Allen Protection Services will provide neighborhood security patrols in Southwood Park. Allen Protection Services will also perform vacation checks of your home at your request. Their phone is 747-7700.

The Association also

re-examined the advice we give regarding who you should call about crime and security.

Here's the new advice:

- Emergencies: 911
- Any other disturbance or potential crime: 427-1222 (FWPD Desk Sgt.)

Quick response time is critical. Do not call Association officers, our security patrol or our FWPD Liaison Officer for anything in progress. Call the police!

Ice Storm Opportunities in your Backyard

As a gardener, I see most garden disasters, e.g. our devastating December ice storm, as opportunities. For example, I will miss my old Silver Maple (well, sort of) but I welcome the chance to replace a loss with something new and more rewarding.

In recent years, tree and shrub hybridizers have been working non-stop to develop versions of old favorites that fit nicely into our small yards. Definitely worth considering are smaller redbuds, dogwoods, magnolias and maples that are now available. My small-scale favorites are pagoda dogwood, maackia, paperbark maple and smokebush. Also, notice that most evergreens survived the storm. You may not have the room to replace a fallen crab or Bartlett pear with an eventually huge pine or fir, but there are now lots of dwarf or columnar evergreens on the market that are extremely attractive.

When it does come time to select a replacement, please read the tag before you buy (especially the bit about the MATURE size), remove but save the tag after you buy and plant (based on the MATURE size). Remember to water the roots weekly and well in the first season after planting. I'd like to add that staking a new tree often does more harm than good, but an early, knowledgeable pruning is a good thing. Any questions, contact our fabulous local extension office help desk (481-6826) or me (patty47@comcast.net). - Pat Thomson

Call 311 for branch pickup after placing them where you put leaves in the fall.

Thank you!



Thanks to the folks who showed up in early October for some fall beautification projects. The edging and plant changes for the season looks great!

CEDIT update

Councilman Pape has reported to us that the scheduled improvements for Tacoma between Pettit and Sherwood are still on track for 2009. If the city has CEDIT money for projects in 2010, we're keeping our fingers crossed for the blocks between Sherwood and Pasadena.

Our 2008 request, to widen and improve Sherwood between Old Mill and Stratford, has run into right-of-way issues that drove up costs. Solutions are still being worked on.

St. John the Baptist School seeks needed stop signs for Arlington Avenue

St. John the Baptist School initiated a request for four-way stop signs to be placed at Sherwood Terrace and Pasadena Drive on Arlington Avenue. There are apparently far too many close calls between traffic and school children at those corners.

The Association agreed with this request.

The city studied the traffic counts and said the intersections qualify. There is one last hurdle: petitions must be signed by nearby residents. **If you are a parent of an effected student, please volunteer for this important project.** Call 745-8070 or e-mail Southwood_Park@yahoo.com.

Board of Directors Agenda items

Board of Directors will have its final meeting for 2008 on November 5th at 7PM. As always, residents are not only welcome to attend – **BUT ENCOURAGED** to do so.

The Board will consider the following items:

- Choosing a security contractor and contract for 2009.
- Setting dues for 2009.
- Discussing the slate of nominees for the Board of Directors and possible officers for the coming year.
- Any developments in the Taylor University campus situation.
- Normal committee reports from Beautification and Membership committees.
- Setting a date for holiday lighting on the Roundabout.

Meetings are held in the Prince Kaboo Room at Eicher Commons at Taylor. Enter using the right-hand glass doors on the south side of building.



Our first award home in the last month was 4714 Arlington Avenue. The Glowaskis have a color-



ful home with nicely proportioned landscaping in the yard. They were nominated by their neighbors—and this is one of the first blocks that has had more than one Award home winner.



The Collins home at 4418 Beaver Avenue sports beautiful baskets and pots, a wonderful bed in front of the porch featuring vines, perennials and trees. Great job!

Keep sending your Award Home nominations to Jeff and Cheryl McCarthy, 458-9265! We want to recognize hard work and improvements people make to their homes.

Ballots and dues notice will be mailed in early December.

Board changes

Thank you to everyone who voted in our recent Board election! We had great candidates and the totals were very competitive. We want to welcome Dick Beam, Andrew Boxberger, Lori Keys and Matt Meier to the Board. Colleen Condron and Paul Veldman were re-elected to new terms.

I want to thank Directors who are “retiring”. Thanks go to Dave Wuellner. Also, thanks go to Kevin Erb who has ably served as president. Lynn Giant is stepping down from the Board, too. She was instrumental in the efforts to bring roses, daylilies, water and electricity service to the Roundabout. Thanks!

After 21 years, John Kowalczyk is retiring from the Board. John has served as our treasurer most of those years as well as being our resident legal counsel. John guided us through the process of amending our covenants. And unless you’ve witnessed the processes of researching property deeds at the Recorder’s office, preparing bulk mailings, and tracking the Association’s dues and accounts, you can’t truly appreciate the amount of time and effort that he has spent for Southwood Park. It’s a part-time job without pay. I’m sure he doesn’t like getting this recognition, but it would be wrong not to write anything about it.

On behalf of the neighborhood (and particularly Boards present and past), thank you! - *Steve McCord*

Annual Meeting March 4th!

Southwood Park Community Association’s Annual Meeting will be 7PM March 4th in the Prince Kaboo Room at TUFW. Please come with your concerns, ideas and solutions. It’s your Association!

REMINDER: If your annual \$35 dues aren’t received by January 31st, they are late!

<p><i>Prepare your home for the upcoming STORM SEASON with an automatic back-up GENERATOR!</i></p>	 <p>Brehob GENERAC GENERATORS Sales & Service Call Mitch Steffen <i>Your neighbor in Southwood Park.</i></p> <p>260-490-5237</p>
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The Lark of Southwood Park— a free lecture about our neighborhood

Enjoy a whopper of a story about the birth of one of Indiana’s most outstanding historic residential suburban developments— Southwood Park!

Angie Quinn, executive director of ARCH (and fellow Southwood Park neighbor) will present the program.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 28th at 7PM
WHERE: The Friendly Fox Coffee Shop
 4001 South Wayne Avenue

Sponsored by The Galbraith Family

Call ARCH at 426-5117 for more information.

Learn something new about your community!

Home & Garden Tour committee to meet Feb. 11th

Interested in the upcoming Home and Garden Tour this June? Join the next committee meeting at the Friendly Fox, 7PM, February 11th. We can answer your questions and you can become involved in the biggest event for the advancement of our neighborhood.



- Emergencies and crimes in progress—**Call 911**
- Other nuisances—**Call 427-1222**
- General questions? - Call FWPD Liason Officer Rick Brumett's voice mail at **427-5400 x 4194**.
(He checks his voice mail daily—do not use this number for emergencies!)

Call in broken street/alley lights and wintertime potholes to 311.

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for vacation home checks.

Board of Directors
Questions? Email us at Southwood_Park@yahoo.com .

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Dick Beam	1345 West Sherwood Terrace	456-5471
Andrew Boxberger	4730 Beaver Avenue	423-9411
Colleen Condron	4239 Beaver Avenue	745-4662
Ryan Keirns, <i>Secretary</i>	4801 Indiana Avenue	745-5199
Seth Keirns	4620 Beaver Avenue	456-8090
Lori Keys	804 West Maple Grove Avenue	317-431-6233
Jeff McCarthy	4004 Indiana Avenue	458-9265
Steve McCord, <i>President</i>	4125 Indiana Avenue	745-8070
Matt Meier	4230 Indiana Avenue	456-9356
Kirk Miller	1141 Westover Road	413-3218
Steve Nagy, <i>Treasurer</i>	4330 Pembroke Lane	456-1670
Deborah Sheray, <i>Welcoming Chair</i>	1304 West Sherwood Terrace	744-5479
Tom Steigmeyer	4631 Indiana Avenue	744-3552
Pat Thomson, <i>V.P., Beautification</i>	1321 Sunset Drive	456-7468
Paul Veldman	4305 Drury Lane	745-9251

Be involved! Make civic pride be neighborhood wide!