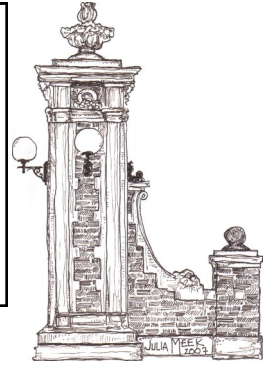


# SOUTHWOOD PARK NEWS



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October 2013

## Upcoming Events:

- September 28—Fort4Fitness Half Marathon
- September 30—Crime Prevention Discussion with FWPD Officer Michael Joyner, 7PM at Shawnee Branch Library
- October 15—Board Nominations due to committee members
- October 27—Fall Beautification Day
- November 13—Board Meeting, 7PM at Friendly Fox
- December—Holiday Decorations Award Home Contest

## Important Contacts

**Emergencies: 911**

**FWPD Desk Sergeant (anything not an emergency): 427-1222**

*Do NOT call APS or a Board member about a suspicious person or crime in progress—*

**Call 911 immediately!**

**APS Security Patrol** for home vacation checks:

**747-7700**

**City-related questions** (code violations, trash and recycling problems, street lights out, potholes): **311**

**Nuisance fires: 911**

**Other questions:** e-mail [Southwood\\_Park@yahoo.com](mailto:Southwood_Park@yahoo.com)

## Take Steps to Prevent Burglaries; Learn More at a September 30th Discussion

During September, the Southwood Park area has been the center of a series of burglaries.

The weekend after Labor Day, a burglar unsuccessfully attempted to enter 11 homes in one night before finding an unlocked window. Unfortunately, they have continued to gain entry into other homes through open windows, unlocked doors, and unlocked windows after cutting screens.

Here is what FWPD Deputy Chief Haffner had to say about it at the September meeting of the Southwest Area Partnership:

***It started out with detached garages, and has turned to homes... cash, purses, small electronics, car keys. One person just had his car stolen. There were 69 burglaries in the Southwest division [which stretches from downtown, to Aboite, and to the airport] in the first 10 days of this month. That's up 51%. There were 90 burglaries in the month of August. The Burglar Suppression Unit is flexing their hours and working overtime to be in the area more. 2—6am is the biggest time for these break-ins. There are currently 5 extra officers in the area, with more on the way from the Neighborhood Response Team. We are putting as many men in the neighborhood as possible, and giving them as much overtime as possible. They have a few suspects that go by the mode of operation of cutting window screens, so they are keeping an eye out for them. We encourage everyone to continue being vigilant about locking windows and doors and leaving their front porch lights on. Keep your bushes trimmed. Please tell your neighbors who may not be aware of the situation."***

Lock your doors and windows, especially at night. Do not be afraid to call FWPD for anything suspicious, that's their job! Phone 911 for emergencies or 427-1222 for non-emergencies.

**You may have questions, so the Association invites you to a crime prevention discussion with Officer Michael Joyner of the Fort Wayne Police Department on Monday, September 30th.**

The meeting will be at 7PM in the Shawnee Branch Library meeting room, 5600 Noll Avenue. Shawnee is located next to Bishop Luers HS. We will discuss any developments in the series of burglaries in our normally quiet neighborhood. There will be an opportunity for questions. And importantly, we will discuss what steps all neighbors should be taking to prevent this from happening.

Please come to the meeting. Please share this with your neighbors and friends in our area. Our friends in nearby neighborhoods like Fairmont, Foster Park, and Illsley Place are welcome to join us. We're all in this together.

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## **Return Service Requested**

### **Southwood Park Entrance Pillars to be Repaired**

The Board voted to tuckpoint, repair, and clean the Association's Entrance Pillars on Indiana Avenue.

***This project's cost is entirely covered by proceeds from our 2009 Home Tour and donations!*** Check our website for future updates.

### **Board Candidates Sought**

If you are interested in running for the Association Board of Directors, contact Joe Henry at 602-9245 or Kelli Showalter at 458-9392. Terms are for three years. Candidates must be owners who are current on their dues.

### **Fall Beautification Day is October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Join your friends at the Roundabout at 1PM on 10/27. We will be doing fall tidying in some of our pocket gardens. Bring your gloves and a rake!

### **Facebook Presence to Change**

Southwood Park's Facebook group has grown rapidly and now numbers more than 500 members! As a result of this growth, Southwood Park on Facebook will change to an "organization" page, like many other local associations and non-profits.

We invite you to like our new page, "**Historic Southwood Park Neighborhood Association**".

Members of the current group will have the opportunity to migrate to the new page before the current group is deactivated.

### **Holiday Decorating Contest Coming**

If you like to smother your house with bright lights for the holidays, you are eligible for our Award Home Holiday Decorating Contest. Winners get the coveted Award Home sign during December. Watch for details and check out the monthly winners on our website, [www.SouthwoodPark.org](http://www.SouthwoodPark.org).