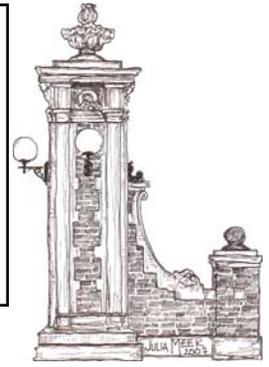




# SOUTHWOOD PARK NEWS



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## Upcoming Events:

- January 8—Board of Directors ballots due
- January 19—Board meeting
- January 31—Deadline for 2011 dues payments
- March 2—Annual meeting
- May 4—Board meeting
- May 7—Dirt Day (tentative)
- June 11—Garage Sale (tentative)
- July 6—Board meeting
- September 7—Board meeting
- November 2—Board meeting

## Tentative buyer for Taylor campus found

On October 20th, Taylor University signed an agreement for the sale of the former campus property with Ambassador Enterprises, LLC. Ambassador is a “for-profit philanthropic organization” based in Fort Wayne.

Both parties hope to complete the transaction before December 31st. The entire campus, with the exception of the WBCL studios, will be included in the sale.

Ambassador has not revealed its plans for the property.

# Street tree planting tips

In the 10-10-10 Journal Gazette, Frank Gray published an article on the loss and replacement of our street trees. There is no doubt that Fort Wayne will lose thousands (300+ just in our neighborhood) and that few if any will be replaced by the city or via the annual and limited street tree program.

Frank suggests that homeowners should replace their lost trees themselves but only hints at the rules governing street tree placement and tree variety. The rules are clearly and fully stated on the Street Tree 2010 Application form. Follow these rules, water well, don't mound up mulch on the trunk and you will have a lovely, happy street tree.

Placement rules are defined to assure healthy trees and safety.

Here are the placement rules:

- minimum 2” diameter and 8’ – 14’ height
- not under utility lines
- not in a park strip less than 5’ deep
- not within 40’ of another tree (street tree or yard tree), or intersection
- not within 15’ of a residential driveway
- not within 10’ of a street light, hydrant or traffic signal
- not within 3’ of curbs and/or sidewalks in poor condition

Street tree variety rules limit options to reliable and handsome canopy trees. Allowed tree varieties are:

- Honeylocust
- Linden (American or Littleleaf)
- Maple (Sugar, Freeman, or Red)

- London Plane ‘Bloodgood’
- Hybrid Elms
- Common Hackberry
- Oak (Red, White, Burr, English, Swamp White, Northern Pin, Shingle, Heritage, Regal Prince, Northern Black, Chinquapin)
- Tulip Tree
- Sweetgum
- Zelkova
- Kentucky Coffee Tree ‘Expresso’
- Hornbeam (European or American Hop)

Your Board will be considering the establishment of a fund to replace lost Southwood Park street trees. If established, the above rules will be our rules too.

**Pat Thomson**

## Some yearly business

Along with this newsletter, you have received a dues notice for 2011 and a ballot for the association's Board of Directors.

- The deadline for the 2011 dues payment of \$38.50 is January 31. Payments received after that date are subject to interest.

- There are fifteen members of the Board of Directors, which conducts the business decisions of the association. Five members are elected annually. Statements of candidacy are on pages two and three. Ballots are due January 8.

## Home of the Year voting now open

You've noticed the “Award Home” signs in different places in the neighborhood. Now you have a chance to vote for your favorite!

- Visit [SouthwoodPark.org](http://SouthwoodPark.org).
- Click on the “Award Homes” category on the right side of the page to view 2010 monthly winners.
- Look for the SurveyMonkey link and cast your vote!

# 2011 Board of Directors Election

On the enclosed ballot, vote for five of the candidates. The top five finishers will serve 3 year terms on the Association Board of Directors. Short statements of candidacy follow alphabetically to help you know who you are voting for. **Ballots must be received by January 8, 2011 to be counted. You may enclose it with your dues payment or mail it separately to Historic Southwood Park Neighborhood Association, PO Box 12991, Fort Wayne, IN 46866-2991.**

## • Brooks Beatty—4248 Beaver Avenue

**Occupation: City of Fort Wayne Street Department**

I'm a Fort Wayne native and have lived in Southwood Park for the past 15 years. Renee and I have been married for 22 years and we have three daughters. As a kid, I grew up walking through Southwood Park on my way to Harrison Hill Elementary. When Renee and I were in search of a home to buy, we looked all around the city, but kept ending up back here. We continue to be very happy with our decision. Remember – for any concerns involving city services, be sure to utilize the 311 call center.

## • David S. Goodman—1010 Maxine Drive

**Occupation: Retired from Vera Bradley**

I have lived in the Southwood Park neighborhood for over 15 years. I appreciate the history of this neighborhood and think of it as a privilege to be a part of its growth by preserving the best of its past and helping it grow and develop for its future. As I am retired from full time employment I have the time, health and energy to give back to a neighborhood that I plan to continue to live in until I head to Lindenwood Cemetery. Below are some basic points that I feel I can give along with my time to the organization.

- 20+ years with Vera Bradley that has honed the skills of organization, fund raising, working with deadlines and project follow-thru.
- Avid home gardener.
- Does not run with scissors/plays and works well with others.

- Excellent sense of deadlines and follow-thru of started project to obtain maximum goals.
- Excellent organizational skills.

## • Lori Keys—804 West Maple Grove Avenue

**Occupation: Executive Director of Aboite New Trails, Inc.**

From the moment I entered Southwood Park five years ago, I knew it was the neighborhood for me. I cherish our tree-lined streets, historic homes, friendly neighbors, and superb location. With nine years of experience managing community infrastructure projects, I have become very familiar with local government processes and contacts via my job. I'm interested in marketing and spreading the word about Southwood Park, maintaining its integrity and beauty, and improving the gateways to our neighborhood. I would love to see more thriving local businesses within walking and biking distance.

## • Kasey Krouse—1038 Maxine Drive

**Occupation: Consulting Arborist**

I moved into Southwood Park in 2008, however I have spent much of my youth and young adult time in this neighborhood. My grandmother owns a house on South Wayne Blvd. where she raised my mother and her 4 siblings. Currently 3 of my sisters live in Southwood Park. My wife Beth and I have attended St. Johns the Baptist Catholic Church since we moved back to Fort Wayne in 2008.

When looking for a home we knew we wanted to buy a house in Southwood Park. One of the greatest assets that attracted us to Southwood Park was the neighborhood's urban forest. This is also the reason why I want to be part of the neighborhood board. As Emerald Ash Borer sweeps through Fort Wayne, it will change our neighborhood much like Dutch Elm Disease did years ago. As a *Certified Arborist* and *Municipal Specialist* through the International Society of Arboriculture I have worked with several communities throughout the eastern United States on different urban forestry issues such as EAB. Some of those communities include Ann Arbor, Columbia City, Madison, Orlando, Elgin, Jackson and more. I understand that trees are one of the few assets that appreciate in value through time, but more importantly there is an aesthetic value that trees provide Southwood Park.

- **Jeff McCarthy – 4004 Indiana Avenue**

**Occupation: Quality Assurance Technician,  
Indiana Air National Guard**

As a member of the Historic Southwood Park Neighborhood Association board I would like to be re-elected to continue serving our neighborhood. Being on the board has allowed me to work for a neighborhood that I have come to call home. And if you ever have questions about anything going on with the board or neighborhood, please feel free to stop me on my daily walk with my Shibas, Jo and Schumi. If I don't have an answer, I can get one for you. Thank you.

- **Kirk Miller—1141 Westover Road**

**Occupation: Sales Manager,  
Do-It-Best Corporation**

- **John Nicklin – 4602 Tacoma Avenue**

**Occupation: Graphic Designer and  
Computer Art Instructor**

I grew up in Southwood Park as a child and have had the pleasure to return many years later and watch my own child grow up here. Many of the old landmarks that I remember as a kid are still here and intact, and I believe it is very important to maintain that integrity and history. I welcome the opportunity to contribute and have a more active role in keeping Southwood Park a wonderful place to live. My experience in graphics software, publications, and web design would be helpful in maintaining the newsletter, website and other communication.

- **Charles Northrop—1211 Sunset Drive**

**Occupation: Program Manager with the  
City of Fort Wayne, where I am in  
charge of easement acquisitions and  
real estate for City Utilities**

My wife Melissa and I love living in Historic Southwood Park, and I would like the opportunity to serve my neighbors as an association board member. Melissa is

pregnant with triplets, and I would like to continue the hard work of our current board by maintaining the beauty and safety of our neighborhood for our children. I work in the City-County Building, which would be beneficial to the neighborhood and the neighborhood board with issues regarding City government and City services. I have a law degree, and I work closely with the City Attorney's Office on many real estate and utility law issues. I think that my experience would be beneficial to our neighborhood board. As I serve the public in my daily job, I hope to serve our neighborhood as a board member.

- **Lisa Ineman Oberlin**

**Occupation: Insurance Agent for a small  
locally-owned agency**

I grew up as a child in Southwood Park and returned 10 years ago to finish raising my children. I just couldn't stay away, something kept pulling me back! I have always loved the Southwood Park area and I would be happy to be more involved in making our Neighborhood Association the very best it can be. For the past two years, I have become involved in volunteering for ARCH, I have organized several BLHS class reunions and I have also volunteered many hours on a local political campaign. I think my motivation and passion for Southwood Park would be an asset to the Board.

- **Tom Steigmeyer—4631 Indiana Avenue**

**Occupation: Account Manager at WAJI and  
WLDE Radio**

My wife Colette and I have been residents of Southwood Park since 1996. We have two children, Laura, a fifth grader at St. John the Baptist and Will, a second grader at St. John's. I am an account manager at WAJI & WLDE radio.



# Pet Etiquette

Complaints about roaming cats, loose dogs and people not picking up after their dogs on walks happen every year. Please review this article and make sure you're doing your part to be a good pet neighbor here in Historic Southwood Park: Any questions or concerns about the City ordinances cited in this article please contact Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control office at 427-1244 or online at [www.fwacc.org](http://www.fwacc.org).

Pet owners will want to take extra caution to keep their dogs and cats properly confined to their property or leashed when going for walks off property to avoid hefty fines and a possible court appearance. According to Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control officials, fines of \$50 - \$2,500 per offense per day can be imposed for violations to the City Animal Care Ordinance. All dogs and all cats **must be under the physical control of the owner or attendant by leash** when off the owner's property. This includes walking a dog through any city park or letting your dog outside to stretch his legs and do his business. If your yard is not fenced, you'll need a good leash. *Keep in mind that your pet must be under your control and not be a nuisance or threat to other people or animals passing by.* Pet owners should never assume that neighbors enjoy visits by your pet.

Animal waste left in public areas and in neighborhood yards is a familiar complaint. And, while the neighbors might enjoy seeing your dog, they do not enjoy seeing what he leaves behind. As a reminder: City sanitation law requires citizens to remove animal feces immediately from public lands and from the property of another. Citizens must also maintain animal areas in a sanitary manner regularly and as often as necessary to prevent odor, or health and sanitation problems. When sharing common areas, be considerate of where you take your dog to urinate. Although it is not a legal requirement to remove animal urine, allowing a dog to eliminate in public areas where children play is inconsiderate and just bad form. ***If you encounter an on-going prob-***

***lem concerning sanitation, report the concern to Animal Care & Control at 427-1244. If at all possible, a timely photograph of an owner allowing a dog to leave feces behind has been known to result in a timely \$50 citation.***

A common neighborhood animal control complaint centers on dogs that bark excessively. Continuous barking, especially during late night hours, can result in neighborhood disputes and is a violation of the City Animal Care Ordinance. According to code, "Noisy Dog" - no person shall allow an animal to bark, yelp, whine, howl, or make sounds common to its species in excess, continuously for 15 minutes or for a total of 20 minutes in a one-hour period. Although it is normal and reasonable for dogs to bark from time to time, just as children make noise when they play outside, continual barking is a symptom of a problem that needs addressing. Most often dogs howl, bark and whine out of frustration and boredom. Increase the dog's exercise through daily walks and play time to give the dog more "people time" and mental stimulation from new sites and smells. Neutering is recommended to reduce territorial barking and crate training is strongly recommended to bring the dog inside the house while you are away. Be a considerate neighbor and a responsible dog owner and eliminate the neighborhood complaints from the mail carriers, neighbors, and parents of children walking to and from school. Report nuisance barking to the Animal Care & Control office at 427-1244. In some cases an affidavit process may be offered, which will result in the dog owner being summoned to Court.

Dog owners who routinely chain their dogs outside will need to observe a city law that limits how and when dogs can be tethered. As of January 2008, dogs are no longer allowed to be tethered between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. During these hours



dogs can be inside a fenced yard, kennel, or garage with a proper dog house.

1. No dog under the age of six months and no dog that hasn't been spayed or neutered can be tethered at any time, day or night.
2. Spayed and neutered dogs can be tethered between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., but no more than three may be tethered at the same time on one property.
3. Multiple altered dogs may not have contact while they are tethered. The required six foot lead may not reach within three feet of another property, public thoroughfare, or right of way.

The law also prohibits tethering a dog at a home where Animal Control has had to untangle dog tethers more than two times in a year. The new tethering law is a major accomplishment for the welfare of dogs in Fort Wayne and towards the safety and livability of citizens.

Last year over 8,500 cats were turned into Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control, most of which were roaming freely through neighborhoods. City laws regarding confinement, vaccination, spay/neuter, and pet registration applies to cats as well as dogs. Cats are required to have a current one year or three year rabies vaccination, they must be confined inside the home or on the property of the owner, and they must wear a current registration tag from Animal Care & Control. Only one cat or dog per household can be unaltered without a cattery or kennel permit. To report a stray animal, call 427-1244. Humane live traps are also available from the shelter.

**Be involved! Make civic pride neighborhood wide!**

**The Historic Southwood Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.**

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