



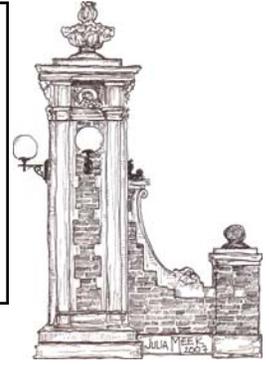
# SOUTHWOOD PARK NEWS

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## Upcoming Events:

- January 7, Home Tour Committee Meeting, 7:30 at the Friendly Fox
- January 9, ballots due
- January 14, Board of Directors Meeting
- January 31, dues deadline
- March 4, Board of Directors Meeting
- June 27, Southwood Park/ARCH Home and Garden Tour
- **Meetings are in the Prince Kaboo Room in the Eicher Commons at Taylor University and begin at 7PM. Enter through the right-hand double doors on the south side of the building. Residents invited!**

## Association Year-End News Digest

*Here are several short stories you should know:*

The Board of Directors is pleased to inform you that we are able to hold the dues rate at \$35.00. Payment is due by January 31, 2009.

We have an **excellent** slate of candidates for the Board this year. Thank you, candidates! Take the time to read their submissions and then be sure to VOTE! Ballots must be received in our PO Box by January 9 to be counted. You will find a place on

your ballot to jot down your concerns and ideas. Those submissions help guide the Board's action for 2009.

**STS Security will become our new security provider on January 1. 471-8880 will be the number to call for vacation checks of your home. By changing, we will improve our patrol schedules and save money.** STS also covers Woodhurst.

Christmas tree recycling will be available at the

Foster Park West soccer fields from December 26 to January 16.

The Home Tour Committee will meet at the Friendly Fox at 7:30 on January 7. If interested in helping, please come!

The first Board Meeting will be January 14 in the Prince Kaboo Room at TUFW.

If you search for our covenants online at [allencountyrecorder.us](http://allencountyrecorder.us), type in the term as "south wood". That is how they are listed.

## Board of Directors candidates

### Dick Beam

1345 West Sherwood Terr., 456-5471

**Occupation:** I was a college teacher and spent twenty-nine years as a computer programmer/analyst. **Why I'm interested in running for the Board:** I am interested in serving our community. I have lived in Southwood Park for forty years. This is a beautiful area of our nation and my desire is to do what I can to keep it beautiful and prosperous. My philosophy relative to home ownership is keep the property up in great shape. A property either improves or deteriorates as it cannot remain status quo very long. **What special talents or skills do you have that you can bring to the Board?** I was the one that three or four years ago took up the petition to do sidewalks, curbs, etc. along Sherwood Terrace West. If elected and asked of me I would be happy to work on that part of Southwood Park's efforts. I

have experience in energy conservation as I served on Mayor Win Moses' warm fuzzy teaching program back a few decades ago. **Other comments:** am a Lions Club Member and member of the American Legion. I am also a regular blood platelet donor having donated on 331 occasions since 1991. I am also a life member of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association. I attended Annapolis as a member of the Class of 1958. I did not graduate from Annapolis. My B.S. Degree is from Manchester College and my M.A. Degree from Ball State Teacher's College. My wife and I are members of Saint John's Catholic Church. Both our sons Robert and Jon graduated from their school and then went on to graduate from Bishop Luers High School.

### Andrew Boxberger

4730 Beaver Avenue, 423-9411

**Occupation:** I am an attorney with Carson Boxberger. **Why I'm interested in running for the Board:** I am very interested in being a part of the board. I have always taken an active roll in my surrounds and like to contribute to the betterment of communities of which I belong. I have a special place in my heart for Southwood Park. I grew up on Sherwood Terrace and lived there for 15 years. When my wife and I moved to Fort Wayne we literally did not look at any other houses except those in Southwood Park. I am very familiar with and proud of our neighborhood. **What special talents or skills do you have that you can bring to the Board?** Prior to my current position I was a commercial real estate broker in San Francisco, CA for 4 years. I have a great deal of experience in all respects of real estate law such as zoning issues; familiarity with the Fort Wayne Planning department and its processes; issues related to sales; I currently

## Board of Directors candidates, continued

represent numerous neighborhood associations as clients; I have drafted neighborhood association by-laws and restrictive covenants; in general I have experience in many areas that would be extremely beneficial to the board. In addition through myself and my firm I have a great deal of relationships that afford me the ear of many people and organizations in Fort Wayne. I am a graduate of Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana and a current member of Leadership Fort Wayne. Leadership Fort Wayne is a prestigious organization that prepares individuals to be servant leaders in our community and members of organizations such as this.

I know I have many attributes that would be a benefit to the board, and I would like the opportunity to be a member and contribute to preserving and enhancing Southwood Park. Thank you for your consideration.

### Colleen Condron

4239 Beaver Avenue, 745-4662

**Occupation:** Program Director for Northeast Indiana Public Radio; Student at the University of St. Francis in the Surgical Tech program. **Why I'm interested in running for the Board:** My term on the board has only reinforced my love of my neighborhood. I've been able to get to know neighbors a little better, and really appreciate how many people enjoy and love Southwood Park, and want to help it be an even better place to live. **What special talents or skills do you have that you can bring to the Board?** Good communication skills, plus contacts in the media can always help, especially when we are facing uncertainty over what's going to happen to the Taylor U site. I've been here 10 years now, and really feel a sense of pride in our home, and want to work to make this neighborhood go from well kept secret to well known great place to live.

### Lori Keys

804 W. Maple Grove Avenue

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**Occupation:** Executive Director, Aboite New Trails, Inc. **Why I'm interested in running for the Board:** I love Southwood Park and take a lot of pride in living in a safe, friendly, diverse and vibrant neighborhood. Working with community infrastructure for the past 7 years, specifically as the executive director for a local non-profit the past 3 years, has allowed me to learn my way around local and state government and given me insight into many issues relevant to our neighborhood (e.g. use of green space, economic development, property values, connectivity, walkabil-

ity). I'd like to use my skills and knowledge to help make Southwood Park an even better place to live. **What special talents or skills do you have that you can bring to the Board?** I have extensive experience creating and managing budgets, successfully writing grants, and managing volunteers. I am currently fixing up my 3<sup>rd</sup> historic home, and I have some knowledge of Indiana native plants and landscaping. I study traffic calming, accessibility, and walkable communities and their impacts on quality of life. And I teach ballroom dance!

### Cheryl McCarthy

4004 Indiana Avenue, 458-9265

**Occupation:** Administrative Assistant for the Air National Guard **Why I'm interested in running for the Board:** I love our neighborhood. I love being a part of it, and I want it to flourish. Things don't just happen - flowers don't just plant themselves - areas don't just clean themselves - security doesn't just show up for protection - it's our responsibility to take pride in where we live. To be proud, you must get involved. That's how things happen. **What special talents or skills do you have that you can bring to the Board?** Well, I do have a great singing voice...hahaha. Seriously, I simply love to help. I love doing things that make life better. For everyone. I want our neighborhood to be the best to live in, here in Fort Wayne. For that to happen, we have to care about how lovely our neighborhood looks, and most of all, watching out for one another.

Picking up the papers and collecting the mail while your neighbor is out of town. Mowing the lawn when your neighbor isn't able. Reporting any suspicious characters that may be hanging around. Being considerate of your neighbors. That's what makes a neighborhood strong, great to live in, and beautiful. There's nothing more beautiful than caring! We all belong here together - why not make it a great experience?

### Matt Meier

4230 Indiana Avenue, 456-9356

**Occupation:** Architect **Why I'm interested in running for the Board:** I truly enjoy this neighborhood, and am fully aware of how rare this type of community is, especially relative to the typical sprawl in this country today. The future of this neighborhood is important to me, as my personal values are reflected in what this community is, and what it represents. Serious issues such as the Taylor University undergraduate relocation will affect this neighborhood in many

ways, and I want to help tackle those problems. I would appreciate the opportunity to help guide the future of Southwood Park, and hope I can use my personal knowledge and education to help the community as a whole. **What special talents or skills do you have that you can bring to the Board?** I'm a Registered Architect and I can use my design background in this neighborhood as it continues to change. There is a heavy overlap in professional and personal interests for me, and it is in these areas that I feel I would be an asset to this community. Urban planning and historic preservation are just two areas of knowledge where my interests and education could enhance this neighborhood.

### Charles A. Northrop

1211 Sunset Drive, 750-5327

**Occupation:** Program Manager - Capital Project Services. I am in charge of land and easement acquisition and accompanying contract negotiating and drafting for the Fort Wayne City Utilities. **Why I'm interested in running for the Board:** I want to get involved with and give back to my neighborhood. I want to help ensure the safety and beauty of Southwood Park. I want to listen to the wishes and concerns of my neighbors and make sure their voices are heard. I hope to continue the outstanding representation of our current Association Board into the approaching years.

**What special talents or skills do you have that you can bring to the Board?** I have a law degree, I am a member of ARCH, so I am involved in the historic preservation of Fort Wayne, and I work for the City of Fort Wayne so I am in the City County Building every day. **Other comments:** My wife Melissa and I have been residents of Southwood Park for almost three years. She is a high school teacher and volleyball coach. We love walking around the neighborhood in the warmer months, and have been restoring our home since the day we moved in.

### Paul Veldman

4305 Drury Lane, 745-9251

**Occupation:** Fort Wayne Firefighter **Why I'm interested in running for the Board:** My family is rooted in this community and I feel that I should give back and work to keep this neighborhood a safe and beautiful place. **What special talents or skills do you have that you can bring to the Board?** My connections within the City and my experience from my first 3-year term provide me with a unique skillset to work for our neighborhood.

**Ballots are due January 9th.**

**Dues must be paid by January 31st.**