

Southport Signal

City Municipal Center — 137 Worman St. — Southport, IN 46227

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Tox Drop/Heavy Trash Day

Our local ToxDrop is located at the Perry Township Government Center at 4925 Shelby Street the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9 -2. For details visit www.indy.gov/activity/hazardous-waste-dropoff-sites

Heavy trash day for Southport is the 3rd Wednesday of the month. For details visit www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup

If your heavy trash is NOT-PICKED UP, you have only 48 hrs to contact the Mayor's Action Center of Indianapolis to report it or they will not pick up until the following month. 317.327.4622

Trash—**Slide Schedule** will be in affect for the following holidays:

New Year's Day, MLK Jr Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Any holiday that falls on a weekend will NOT be observed; therefore, trash will be on a normal schedule.



A Message From Mayor Jim Cooney

The Board of Public Works and Safety is planning significant improvements for West St from South St to Southport Rd. Improvements include repaving and storm water drain repairs. The project is scheduled to begin in Spring of 2025.

Our Clerk Treasurer, Alissa Newhouse, and Jane Vaughn, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, have completed year end reporting and look forward to training this Spring.

The Police Department continues to be active in the community by participating in the Rise Learning Center's basketball game to raise funds for school. Additionally, Deputy Chief Williams took time out to read a book to the Southport Elementary Fifth grade class.

The Redevelopment Commission has celebrated the Ground Breaking ceremony for the Jacob apartment building to be constructed at 2110 E Southport Rd. The building will consist of 92-94 studio, one and two bedroom apartments. The building will be a nice improvement to the property and downtown Southport.

The Parks Board is preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30. They are also planning for improvements to the park equipment that will be completed later this Spring.



Clerk Treasurer's Update

The Clerk-Treasurer's office has just returned from our annual training with the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk-Treasurers in Indiana.

The Community Room is completely booked through July 2024 with August 75% booked., but if you'd like more information on renting, feel free to visit our website.

Spring is a great time to start home improvement projects so if you need information on permits and licenses, look on the Clerk-Treasurer page of our website or call our office at [Southport: Clerk Treasurer \(in.gov\)](mailto:Southport:ClerkTreasurer@in.gov)



Chief's Corner

May is usually when severe weather season, mainly tornado season, is reaching its peak. May and June are the peak months for tornado production nationwide and in central Indiana. The City of Southport, Indiana Police Department would like to remind our citizens that in case of extended power outages should the weather become severe, we have different emergency weather plans in place if needed.

For continued outages we offer emergency cots and meals over at the Community Center located at 6901 Derbyshire Road. Please Check our Facebook page for updates and additional information should an outage occur. We also offer phone charging stations at the municipal building, located at 137 Worman Street for shorter outages. Anyone who loses power during an outage is encouraged to call the **non-emergency** line at the Police Department, 317.787.7595 if they need assistance and these emergency

Redevelopment Commission

"The Redevelopment Commission had a busy month! We are pleased to announce that we closed on the property for the apartments February 22nd, and later had the official groundbreaking for the Jacob Apartments on March 15th! This development caps off a three year effort between the RDC and Rebar Development to develop the site. This marks an historic day for Southport as this development is the single largest investment in the history of our city. This project is an 18 million dollar investment with a 93 unit apartment building with possible amenities including an on-site dog park and pet washing station, a state of the art wellness center, indoor/outdoor work from home lounge and cafe, and an outdoor courtyard with fire pit and gas grills. The Redevelopment Commission will also be working on the first portion of a walking trail that will eventually link our park with a future transit station on Madison Avenue and Southport Road. We will see construction beginning around May of this year with construction completed by the end of 2025. The RDC is confident that this development will help spur more interest and development and will be integral in building Southport as a true destination city!"



As always, we hope you will come to the RDC meetings to stay aware of what your city is doing. Meetings are the second Monday of every month, here at the city Municipal Center, 137 Worman Street.

City Council Update

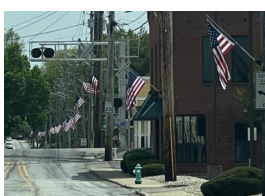
Spring is here! Although it may not seem like it weather-wise sometimes. Spring offers the ideal time to discover Southport and it's neighbors. Spring offers a chance for new beginnings. Southport has a lot to offer in the Spring. Outdoor activities and outside revitalization projects give citizens the opportune time to promote the health of personal wellness and neighborhood renewal.

I hope to see you out and about at the many events that Southport has to offer. Don't forget to walk our streets and say hello to those around you.

The city council meetings occur monthly on the third Monday of the month at 7PM at city hall. City hall is located at 137 Worman St. This is a public meeting; all are welcome to attend.

Going out of town? Alert the Southport Police Department that you will be away and they will keep an extra eye on your home. Call the SPD's non-emergency number **317.787.7595** to speak with an officer or leave a call-back message.

SOUTHPORT FLAG PROJECT is in its 21st year.



The best way to celebrate the continuation of our flags flying in Southport is to donate and volunteer. The flags will go be going up in late April!!

Southport is a small city with a lot of great people living here. We hope you

will enjoy and be proud of your city, homes, and flags.

* Please take time to trim back any trees and bushes that may hinder the flags flying 'free.' If you are unable to do this yourself, please ask a neighbor for assistance. THANK YOU in advance for your help.

The Southport Flag Project Members

Volunteer Opportunities: Hanging flags in the spring, flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day, June 14th, taking flags down in the fall and Fall Festival booth.

To support the Flag Project Donations can be sent to:

(Make checks payable to *Southport Flag Project*)
Southport Flag Project,
43 Church Street
Southport, IN 46227 317.780.6827

Citizen Spotlight

Janet Giles, principal broker of **Your Realty Link "Realtors"** have occupied the corner of Main & Southport Rd for a little over two years. Your Realty Link was started in 2015 when both Janet and Brenda left a large real estate franchise in order for Janet to open the independent brokerage.



Being independent does not mean that Your Realty Link lacks in anyway in experience and knowledge of the market. Their website and blog offer buyer and seller information www.YourRealtyLink.com and there is Facebook page with constant updates of the market.

If you have never stopped by their office to see how the 1940s Southport Post Office has turned into a modern-day boutique-style real estate office with 18 agents, then you need to give the completely updated building a tour. In April, Brenda Dean and her landscaping hubby's skills will catch your eye with an outburst of their spring array of flowers filling the building's front boxes. Brenda's four children all attended Southport High School and she is a big part of the southside community.

Your Realty Link will be hosting a Buyer's Seminar and a Seller's Seminar in May and June. Watch for times and dates on their Facebook page and on the changing signs in the windows as you drive by. Interested, call 317.997.7404

STORM SEWER by Board President, Joe Haley

The Storm Water Board has been busy updating and passing the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program) This is to help reduce the discharge of pollutants to surface waters here in Southport. If you want to learn more, please check out the City of Southport's website.

There may be local ordinances and regulations that are specific to stormwater management, such as requirements for onsite retention and detention of stormwater, limitations on impervious surfaces, and guidelines for new projects.

It is important for you to be knowledgeable for specific rules and regulations. Staying informed with changing laws can help with compliance and effective management of stormwater run off.

Public Works & Safety

Your Board of Public Works and Safety has been working on planning for further improvements to streets and buildings within Southport.

* Project planning has been completed to add a sidewalk and additional storm sewer drains to South St from and West St to Walnut St. The project is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2024.

* The Community Crossings grant for improvements to Southfield Dr has been completed. Elements of the project include repaving Southfield from Marywood Dr south to Crossgate Ln, and adding additional storm drains to improve the flow of storm water along Southfield Dr. The new paving is a great improvement for a heavily travelled street.

* Sections of the sidewalk along the south side of Eddington have been replaced. The sidewalk was breaking up at various locations along the street.

* Southport plans to clean out sections of the storm water pipes that carry storm water from the Crossgate addition over to Madison Ave to improve the outflow of storm water. Additional projects completed are:

* New security cameras were installed around the perimeter of the Community Center on Derbyshire Rd. The new cameras offer improved visibility around the building.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the Board of Public Works and Safety meetings.

The **HARVEST TABLE** will return next season. Anticipated first date - Mother's Day 2024



Happening In Southport

Public Meeting Dates

April 2024
 Redevelopment Commission
 4/8/24 7:00pm
 Board of Public Works & Safety
 4/10/24 7:00pm
 Parks Board
 4/11/24 7:00pm
 Storm Water Utility
 4/15/24 6:30pm
 Common Council
 4/15/24 7:00pm
May 2024
 Redevelopment Commission
 5/13/24 7:00pm
 Board of Public Works & Safety
 5/8/24 7:00pm
 Parks Board
 5/9/24 7:00pm
 Storm Water Utility
 5/20/24 6:30pm
 Common Council
 5/20/24 7:00pm
June 2024
 Redevelopment Commission
 6/10/24 7:00pm
 Board of Public Works & Safety
 6/12/24 7:00pm
 Parks Board
 6/13/24 7:00pm
 Storm Water Utility
 6/17/24 6:30pm
 Common Council
 6/17/24 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

2024 A year at a glance -

- ***Easter Egg Hunt**—March 30 10am *Rain date April 6*
- ***Southport Clean Up** Focus on the Park—April 20 10am
- ***Flag Retirement Ceremony**—June 14 7:00 p
- ***Independence Day**—June 29 Parade 10a
Rain date July 4
- TBD ***Music in the Park**—July 20 6p *Rain date July 27*
- TBD ***Music in the Park**—Aug 17 6p *Rain date Aug 24*
- ***Fall Festival**—September 21 10a—5:30p
- ***Trunk or Treat**—October 26 4-7p *Rain date Nov 1*
- ***Santa in the City/Christmas in the Park**—Dec 14 in the City 3p, in the Park 4p



Flag Retirement 6/14/24 7:30p

Clean up Day April 20

Focus on the Park



Southport Parks

Southport Park is located at 6901 Derbyshire Road. The park is approximately 3.75 acres and is just south of Little Buck Creek. Southport Park was established in the 1960's and at the time was one of the few parks in Perry Township.

The park includes: a community room, shelter house, picnic tables, grills, play equipment, basketball, baseball/softball diamond, benches, drinking fountain, restrooms, and open space.

The community room and shelter house can be rented for your event. Please visit this link for rental pricing and availability. <https://southport.in.gov/clerk-treasurer/>

This year has had a great start so far! The Park Board would like to announce that **Chris Sampson** is the new Board President for 2024, and he is doing an excellent job. We filled the one empty board seat with **Danielle Hinton**!

We look forward to seeing all the great things we can achieve this year. This first quarter we saw a great turnout to our early events. The Dine to Donate with Chuy's Southport was a great success, thank you to all who came out and enjoyed some amazing food, fun and good company. We love seeing the members of our community out and about. Next our Easter event is rounding out the Month of March. The much-anticipated arrival of the bunny is always exciting, and we are looking forward to a large turnout of families flooding into the park for this event.

The next three months are going to be busy for the City and the Park Board. In April, we will see the return of a beloved event, The Clean Up day. After about a five-year hiatus we are scaling back to focus just on cleaning and beautifying our beloved park. We would love to see the community coming out to clean up the park and help us make it a great place to visit. We have a registration link on all our social media outlets as well as on the website. If you are committed to cleaning up the park, please fill out a registration form. Finally, the Independence Day Celebration will be held on June 29th this year with the rain date on July 4th. More information on that event will be published later. For updates, follow our social media pages.

The Parks Department always welcomes **volunteers**. If you are interested in volunteering (or earning service hours for school or clubs) please reach out to Parks Board secretary, **McKenzie Witherell** at :

mckenzie.witherell@southportparks.org

Follow us on Social Media for all of the information and updates you need —

Facebook—City of Southport Events

Instagram—@city.of.southport.events.

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