

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 to make improvements to the parking lot at the Community Center as well as West St. next spring. Improvements include street resurfacing and improving stormwater drains for West St., repaving the parking lot, and improving the steepness of the lot. A low wall will be constructed in front of the Community Center building with bollards for safety.

Our Clerk Treasurer, Alissa Newhouse, and Jane Vaughn, Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer, have completed the budget process for 2025 and are now preparing for the year-end tasks to close out 2024.

The Police Department held a successful Christmas with the kids at Southport Elementary School on December 7. The attendance was great with everyone enjoying the conversation with Santa and playing games with the police officers. Thanks to everyone for their help in making the event a success.

The Redevelopment Commission is excited as the construction of the Jacob building is continuing at a fast pace. Work continues with all floors framed and closed in. Work during the winter months will be directed at the inside of the building, anticipated completion, July 2025.

The Parks Board has a number of events planned for 2025. Be sure to check our website under the Parks page for info.



Clerk Treasurer's

Welcome 2025! Our office is excited about the projects that are happening this year! We are looking forward to the work at Southport Park that will be going on, as well as the street projects that are planned. Because of the work being done on the parking lot at Southport Park, we will have no rentals the month of September so call early if you're in need of a rental this summer!

Just a reminder, if you're starting projects on your homes this new year any contractors are required to be licensed in the City of Southport and any permits they need can be requested from the Clerk-Treasurer's office. You can find all permits/licensing and rental information on our website, www.southport.in.gov.

The Jacob Apartments on Southport Road is progressing and if you are interested in living there, you can go to their Facebook page for information.

Just a reminder, we'd love to have our residents attend our monthly meeting, listed here in the Newsletter.



Chief's Corner

Chief Vaughn and the Southport Police Department would like to give a big thank you to all of the officers, volunteers, children, social workers, teachers, and families for participating in our Christmas with the Kids event at Southport Elementary School on December 7, 2024. The event was a great success.

Chief's Corner Continued

Once again, we did it a little differently by giving all the families gift cards and wrapping supplies so that the parents could shop, and the children would have presents under their tree for Christmas. We helped approximately 40 children and their parents this year and hopefully helped them realize that Christmas, no matter the circumstances, can still be a joyous holiday to be celebrated, and that there are still people and agencies who truly care, and have kind, generous, and giving hearts!

We would also like to give a big thank you to Heather and Kadie Newport for their assistance at the Christmas with the Kids as well as organizing and holding the year end holiday dinner for the department.



Package Theft:

- § Install a video doorbell
- § Purchase a porch lockbox for packages
- § Require a Signature
- § Post signs that state you are monitoring the area with a camera system
- § Track your package
- § Arrange for delivery when you are home
- § Team up with a neighbor to watch out for package deliveries during times you're away
- § Consider having your packages delivered to your place of employment



Redevelopment Commission

The new apartment building construction is ahead of schedule and is enclosed with interior walls being completed. Currently, the building is scheduled to be completed during the month of July. The RDC is also going to be looking at updating our redevelopment plans and also option for future trail construction.

As always, we hope you will come to the RDC meetings to stay aware of what your city is doing and offer your ideas.

Meetings are the second Monday of every month, 7:00p, here at the city Municipal Center, 137 Worman Street.

City Council Update

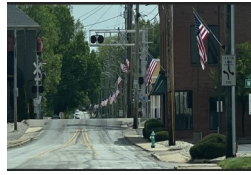
**From your Council Board President,
Carol Bowling**

Bringing in the new year gives us time to reflect on 2024. Many things have taken place within our city. The construction of the Jacob apartment is one of our biggest accomplishments. Also we have come to realize through certain circumstances we need to update some of our ordinances so there is a committee working on that. Entering 2025 we have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to look forward to. Consider attending all city meetings and getting involved in your city.

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.

SOUTHPORT FLAG PROJECT

Happy New Year from the Southport Flag Project members!



We are so thankful for the City of Southport for allowing us space in their Newsletter! The newsletter helps all of us as neighbors in Southport to know what's going on and adds a little bit of "Mayberry" to our cozy little City.

Flags will be going up in April, so we will be prepping brackets and flag poles for that time. **Please remember to trim any tree branches that will obstruct and tear the flags as they wave in the storms.** If anyone has any spare 3/4" EMT galvanized steel conduit 6' or longer that you would like to donate to the Project, we would gladly accept it. (We need to make some new flag poles).

Sincerely,

Southport Flag Project Members



Volunteer Opportunities: Hanging flags in the spring, flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day, in the Southport Park, 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

Citizen Spotlight

THIS QUARTER'S CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT IS CAPTAIN MARK HARRISON



Mark is a loyal and dependable staff member of the Command staff / Desk Services. Mark has worn many different hats from formerly managing retail stores, and security for several places. In additions to his duties with

the Southport Police Department he works as security for Eskenazi Hospital.

He's been married to his lovely and supportive wife for 30 years. They have one son who resides in Los Angeles, California. Mark and his wife also have a dog named tootsie, who is 16 years old and a cat, Maggie, 1 year old. Mark is active in their church, Anglican Cathedral Church of the Resurrection, where he also services as security.

Mark says he enjoys a game of golf every now and then. One of his favorite things about the City of Southport is LONGS DOUGHNUTS, and the community.

A little known fact about Mark is that he really enjoys helping people. Guess what, Mark, you don't have to say anything, it shows through your actions.

*Thank you for your service to the
City of Southport.*

STORM SEWER by Board President, Joe Haley

Here are some stormwater tips for the new year:

1. Clean Gutters and Downspouts: Remove leaves & debris to ensure proper drainage before spring storms arrive.
2. Clean Storm Drains: Regularly check and clear local storm drains to prevent blockages.
3. Dispose of Christmas Trees Responsibly. If using a real tree, avoid sending trees to landfills where they contribute to runoff pollution.
4. Plan for winter: Ensure any water source like hoses, and spigot are prepared for winter, preventing freeze thaw issues.

Public Works & Safety

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

The parking lot project at the Community Center on Derbyshire Rd has been changed. Improvements include repaving the parking lot, replacing stormwater pipes, and creating a wall in front of the building with ramps to follow ADA regulations. Orange bollards will be installed in front of the building for safety purposes. The improvements are scheduled to begin September 2025

There will be improvements to West St. beginning next year. The improvements include stormwater drain repair as well as resurfacing of West St. The alley by 71 South St. will also be repaved.

The public is welcome to attend the Board of Public Works and Safety meetings; second Wednesday of the month at 7:00p. Southport City Hall 137 Worman Street

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.

HARVEST TABLE will return next season. Anticipated date, Mother's Day 2025.



Happening In Southport

Upcoming Events

2025 The year at a glance

Southport Easter Egg Hunt April 19 10:00a—1:00p

Southport Park Beautification May 17

Independence Day Celebration June 28

*Parade starts at 10:30a

*Festivities in the Park follows, concludes at 1:00p

Music/Movie/Car Show July 19 and August 16

Trunk or Treat October 31 6—9:00pm

Santa in the Park/Santa through the City

December 13

(Santa through the City 2:00p
and Santa in the Park 4:00-6:00p)



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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/>

Happy New Year to all our Southport residents

We hope you all enjoyed the events the city held in 2024.

Under the Happenings column you will find a list of events we are hoping to present for 2025.

*Coming up first, will be our Easter Egg Hunt in the Park. Come and join in on the fun. There will be a great EGG HUNT, crafts, games, and an opportunity to get a photo with the Bunny as he visits our event. Don't forget, the playground is always open to round out a full day of egg hunting and fun.

If you are interested in helping with the event let us know (see below), our main task is stuffing and hiding eggs. We love our volunteers and really, we just like meeting and getting to know our neighbors.

*Next, we are going to be working on keeping our park looking nice. We want to provided a well kept, manicured, repaired, safe park. Come out and join us in May for our **Southport Park Beautification Day**.



Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and any changes that may happen.

As always, follow all socials to be the first to know updates on events. Don't forget that the Southport Park can always use donations to keep improving the park, so please consider donating to your local park.

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.

Tag us! #southportindyevents

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Public Meeting Dates

January 2025

Redevelopment Commission

1/13/25 7:00pm

Board of Public Works & Safety

1/8/25 7:00pm

Parks Board

1/9/25 7:00pm

Storm Water Utility

1/21/25 6:30pm TUESDAY

Common Council

1/21/25 7:00pm TUESDAY

February 2025

Redevelopment Commission

2/10/25 7:00pm

Board of Public Works & Safety

2/12/25 7:00pm

Parks Board

2/13/25 7:00pm

Storm Water Utility

2/18/25 6:30pm TUESDAY

Common Council

2/18/25 7:00pm TUESDAY

March 2025

Redevelopment Commission

3/10/25 7:00pm

Board of Public Works & Safety

3/12/25 7:00pm

Parks Board

3/13/25 7:00pm

Storm Water Utility

3/17/25 6:30pm

Common Council

3/17/25 7:00pm