

# 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](http://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](http://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 week-end 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 has completed the parking lot project at the Community Center. Improvements include leveling the parking lot, resurfacing the lot, creating an ADA ramp into the building, and improving stormwater drainage for the parking lot. In 2026 there will be additional repaving of streets.

Our Clerk Treasurer, Alissa Newhouse, and Jane Vaughn, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, have completed the budget process for 2026 and are now preparing for year-end tasks to close out 2025.

The Police Department held a successful Christmas with the kids at Southport Elementary School on December 6. The attendance was good with everyone enjoying the conversation with Santa Claus and playing games with the police officers. Thanks to everyone for their help in making the event a success.

The Redevelopment Commission is working on revising and updating the 10-year plan. They are considering updates to the downtown business district. Attend the next Redevelopment Commission meeting in January and offer your comments regarding the future direction of the commission.

The Parks Board has a number of events planned for 2026. Be sure and check the city's website under the Parks board tab to find information about upcoming events. Bring your kids/grandkids and enjoy the festivities. **Happy New Year.**

## Clerk Treasurer's

Happy Holidays!



What a great year it's been here in Southport! Between finishing the apartment building, road projects and the Southport Park parking lot, we've gotten so much accomplished!

There were approximately 40 new permits pulled this past year for home projects. Don't forget if you are doing work to your home, any license and permit information is listed on our website on the clerk-treasurer's page.

As I mentioned, the parking lot at Southport Park is finished and looks amazing! The rentals have started back up so if you have a date in mind, please email our office at [clerktreasurer@southport.in.gov](mailto:clerktreasurer@southport.in.gov).

All of our meetings are live streamed on YouTube and you can get the link from our website [www.southport.in.gov](http://www.southport.in.gov) or on the front page of this newsletter.

**Have a Happy New Year!**

## 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 in December 2025. The event was a great success.

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

## Chief's Corner Continued

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. Thank you to all who donated funds, food and time to make this years dinner a big success.



## Beware of 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



## Windrose Health Network

### Give Away

WHN has given two gift cards for the city to give away. Be the first to call the Mayor's office no later than Jan. 13, 2026, (if no answer leave contact info, and claim one of these generous gifts.



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City Council Update

From your Council Board President, Carol Bowling

As we sweep 2025 under the rug and move on to 2026 we will learn to navigate the changes that will occur. Always remember we’re in this together. Be involved in your city meetings. Be a good neighbor and love all.

Also, please donate to the Flag Project. We want to keep those flags flying in Southport.

The city council meetings occur monthly on the third Monday of the month at 7PM, unless a holiday falls on Monday (see Jan and Feb this year) at city hall. City hall is located at 137 Worman St.



**SOUTHPORT FLAG PROJECT**

We hope all the good people of Southport had a very merry Christmas and also are having a safe and prosperous New Year!

Members of the Flag Project will be going door to door this spring for our fund raising drive. Hoping to be well received. We are an all volunteers with the Flag Project and the money goes towards new flags and bracket hardware.

Pictured above are Tom Q., Kenny W., and Nathan F., (Scott I. not in photo) who make up the Southport Flag Project.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the Spring. Until then have a safe winter.

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 Southport, IN 46227 317.780.6827

Citizen Spotlight

THIS QUARTER’S CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT IS : Southport Antique Mall Owners, Alissa Thompson and Jane Haganman.



Jane and her husband started the business in 1994. The building had been empty for 4 yrs. Today the business includes 210 dealers. They expanded in 1999-2000, adding more vendors.

In 2008, daughter Alissa Thompson, took over supervision of the business. The Antique Mall employs a staff of 14 employees. Most of the employees have worked at the Antique Mall for 25 years of more. Both Jane and Alissa state they have a great store manager and office manager.

When COVID hit in 2020 the antique mall was closed for 2 months. When they reopened, they reduced hours and added partitions as well as other safeguards to protect employees and customers.

The Antique Mall has storewide sales in May and November. Outdoor sales are held in the parking lot in the Spring and Fall. The mall encompasses 30,000 sq ft., and is in it 32nd year of operation, a remarkable achievement for small business.

Jane and Alissa mentioned that the residents of Southport need to visit the mall. You’ll be surprised at how big the store is! The Southport Antique Mall draws visitors from all over the country. They are included in antique mall searches as a destination mall by Indiana Insider.

STORM WATER by Board President, Joe Haley

Winter Stormwater Pollution Tips:

Clear away snow that might have been placed into the storm drains. Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation. Do not over use de-icing chemicals and salts, and avoid spreading around water ways.

The **STORM WATER** board meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. At the Southport Municipal Bldg.

Public Works &

**Your Board of Public Works and Safety**

The last quarter of 2025 ended with the completion of the Southport Park Parking lot renovation to correct storm water issues and add additional ADA features when accessing the community center. Elevations in front of the Community Center were lowered and new asphalt was laid and striped. The infrastructure was built and added onto over many years and this caused some delays as the Contractors came upon unforeseen issues to correct. This was overcome and the project completed.

Looking forward to the first quarter of 2026, the community center will be evaluated for improvements such as adding access to restrooms from the interior of the building and looking to make the main floorplan more usable.

As spring finally arrives there will be more street repaving in the southern portion of Southport. More on this in our next newsletter.

**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**

Redevelopment Commission

In preparation for updating our Redevelopment Plan, the Southport Redevelopment Commission is seeking input from Southport residents and business owners. We would welcome your responses to this survey: <https://forms.gle/ZVysXHjugh2Dzw5w5> or use this QR code:



Happening In Southport

Public Meeting Dates

**January 2026**  
Redevelopment Commission  
1/12/26 7:00pm  
Board of Public Works & Safety  
1/14/26 7:00pm  
Parks Board  
1/8/26 7:00pm  
Storm Water Utility  
**1/20/26 6:45pm Tuesday**  
Common Council  
**1/20/26 7 :00pm Tuesday**

**February 2026**  
Redevelopment Commission  
2/9/26 7:00pm  
Board of Public Works & Safety  
2/11/26 7:00pm  
Parks Board  
2/12/26 7:00pm  
Storm Water Utility  
**2/17.2026 6:45pm Tuesday**  
Common Council  
**2/17/26 7:00pm Tuesday**

**March 2026**  
Redevelopment Commission  
3/9/26 7:00pm  
Board of Public Works & Safety  
3/11/26 7:00pm  
Parks Board  
3/12/26 7:00pm  
Storm Water Utility  
3/16/26 6:45pm  
Common Council  
3/16/26 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

2026 A year at a glance - up next . . .

- 4/4 Easter Egg Hunt in the Park 10:00am
- 5/9 Southport Park Beautification Day #1 10:00am
- 6/14 Flag Retirement Ceremony time TBD
- 6/27 Independence Day Parade/Celebration 10:30am
- 7/11 Music in the Park 7:30pm
- 8/4 National Night Out time TBD
- 8/22 Movie in the Park 7:30pm
- 9/19 Southport Park Beautification Day #2 10:00am
- 10 /17 Southport Fall Festival 10:00am—5:00pm
- 12/12 Santa through the City 2:30pm/ Santa in the Park 3:30pm



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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 pavilion, picnic tables, grills, play equipment, basketball, baseball/softball diamond, benches, drinking fountain, restrooms, and open space.

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

We hope that Southport residents had a wonderful Holiday Season and are thinking of returning to the park when the weather gets a little nicer. Santa was still able to make it to the Park, so we know the Easter Bunny will be able to as well.

To help get ready for the spring and summer activities, the Park Board will have a Park Beautification day on May 9, and residents and friends are welcome to join the clean-up crew.

While we have the winter months ahead of us, summer will be here and so will the Independence Day parade in July. If you are interested in participating, please reach out. Registration Applications will be made available very soon.

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

We want to say Thank You to long time board member, **McKenzie Withereff**. Her term is up and she will be moving on. However, she **WILL** be back to volunteer as much as she can.

Thank You, McKenzie



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 VP Danielle Hinton at: [dhinton@southport.in.gov](mailto:dhinton@southport.in.gov)

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**Instagram—@city.of.southport.events.**  
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