

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

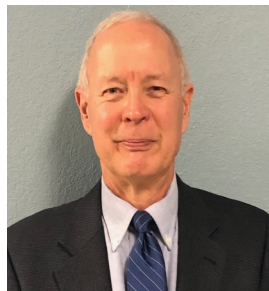
Heavy trash day for Southport is the 3rd Wednesday of the month. For details visit www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup

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:



A Message From Mayor Jim Cooney

The Board of Public Works and Safety is preparing for street resurfacing and improving stormwater drains on Market St, Corey Ct, Corey Drive, Marywood Drive, Marywood Ct, and Simone Drive. In addition to resurfacing other tasks involve curb and ramp replacement and sidewalk replacement in some areas.

Our Clerk Treasurer, Alissa Newhouse, and Jane Vaughn, Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer, have completed year end reporting for 2025 and are now amid 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 the school. A new police car has been ordered from Fletcher Dodge in Franklin IN.

The Redevelopment Commission is working on some beautification ideas for downtown Southport and the Redevelopment area. They are also considering some ideas for marketing Southport to southside community. Stay tuned for further developments.

The Parks Board has several 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 kid/grandkids and enjoy the festivities.

Happy Easter and enjoy the warm Spring weather.



Clerk Treasurer's

Happy Spring!

We are ready for some sunshine in Southport! With that sunshine comes along home projects and remodeling. Make sure you have all the permits you need and any contractors have their current Southport license. Any license and/or permit information is listed on our website on the clerk-treasurer's page.

The rentals are hopping this year so if you have a date in mind, please email our office at 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. Or on the top right hand side of this newsletter.



Chief's Corner

As the weather gets hotter please remember the following.

- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water.
- Check on relatives and neighbors, especially the elderly and those without access to air conditioning.
- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities, delay outdoor chores until evening if possible.
- When working outside, wear light, loose-fitting clothing and take frequent breaks in the shade or an air-conditioned room.
- Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke and seek medical attention if symptoms occur.

Chief's Corner Continued

- Look before you lock! Pay special attention when locking up vehicles to ensure no children or pets are left inside. Temperatures inside a car can become lethal in a matter of minutes.
- Bring pets indoors and ensure they have plenty of water to drink. Residents are reminded that pets are not to be outside unsupervised when the temperature is over 90° or a heat advisory is in effect by city ordinance.
- Carry an umbrella for immediate shade while outside.

Additional heat safety information can be found at the National Weather Service website by clicking on the following link. <https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat>

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

Thanks to **WindRose Health Network** and friends, **Baxter YMCA**, **Financial Center**, and **Bubba's 33!**

For graciously providing four gift cards for the city to give away. Be the first reader to call the Mayor's office no later than **April 17, 2026**, (if no answer leave contact info), and claim one of these generous gifts. The drawing will be held on **April 21st**.

City Council Update

From your Council Board President, Carol Bowling

It's that time again spring is coming. Hard to believe when you have a 40° change from one day to the next, but I promise it's coming. With that said, let's get out and spruce up our yards visit with our neighbors.

Check with the events within the City and get involved.

Also think about donating to the **Flag Project** to replenish the flags within the city limits. Help make our city beautiful.

Hope to see you at an event or a meeting or just in your front yard!

The city council meetings occur monthly on the third Monday of the month at 7PM. City hall 137 Worman St.

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Citizen Spotlight

THIS QUARTER'S CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT IS: Southport's Code Enforcement Officer, Tony Cooper



Tony and his family have lived in Southport for 31 years.

The job that brought the Coopers to Indy was Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult ministries for the Catholic Archdiocese. Tony now serves as Southport's Code Enforcement Officer, which involves speaking to residents to handle the issues and explaining the ordinances that have been violated. He takes pride in keeping Southport safe and clean. Tony also serves on the Board of Public Works & Safety, a volunteer position.

Tony's favorite thing about Southport is the neighbors, their friendliness, and getting to know them. He heads up a neighborhood block party each year to get to know the neighbors. He has enjoyed getting to know his Burmese neighbors and their children.

Other hobbies that Tony enjoys are gardening and working at sports events at Lucas Oil stadium such as Colts games and IU games in Bloomington. The family is active in Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church.

If you see Tony out and about, be sure to say "HI", he loves getting to know people. Thank you Tony for all you do for the City of Southport.

Public Works &

Your Board of Public Works and Safety

The first quarter of 2026 will be memorable for the weekend of January 24th when we received nearly 12" of snow and then subsequent sub-zero weather for the remaining of the week. This weather provided many challenges including emergency equipment repairs and the inability of road salts to melt the ice in these brutal temperatures. Regardless of these obstacles, the roads were cleared and our city's streets were safe. A few minor additions need to be made to the Southport Park parking lot project and then it will be completed. A committee has been established to take a look at improvements and repairs to the Community Center with the first installment of five being done some time this year.

Looking forward we are going to commence our next Community Crossing Grant project of repaving streets, patching roads, curb and sidewalk replacement as needed. If the weather is cooperative we hope to have the project started soon after Memorial Day and be completed by the end of August. Most of the work takes place in the southeastern streets of our city along with a few other targeted areas. Those residents affected will be notified directly but also look to our Facebook page for additional information.

The Board of Public Works & Safety meets; second Wednesday of the month at 7:00p. Southport City Hall



SOUTHPORT FLAG PROJECT

We are getting our flags in order. Figuring out how many new flags we need for this year, on the perimeter of the city. Usually we use previous perimeter flags inside the city. It is important the city looks good and we feel good about our city and country.

This is one great thing that brings us together as an American community. Our project was brought about for this reason. Be proud of the city you live in and the country that has provided us with the freedom we enjoy.

Our Southport Flag members will be going door to door in May and possibly June, to ask for donations for our project to continue.

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

STORM WATER by Board President, Joe Haley

Storm Water includes, but is not limited to, system of underground pipes, roads with drainage systems, gutters, and ditches. The purpose of my article mainly focuses on public education and outreach to aid with pollution prevention and good housekeeping to private and public lands to prevent harmful pollutants from being washed by storm water and storm water run-off local bodies. Please prepare for spring rains by inspecting gutters, clearing storm drains of winter debris, and directing downspouts away from foundations.

Reduce pollution by limiting fertilizer use, composting yard waste, and cleaning up pet waste.

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

Redevelopment Commission

The Southport Redevelopment Commission is working on efforts to make some improvements to the look of Southport in the form of some public art. We continue to work on revising the Redevelopment Plan. As part of that effort, we would like input from Southport residents and business owners. We would welcome your responses to this survey:

<https://forms.gle/ZVysXHjugh2Dzw5w5> or find the survey on the City of Southport website.

Happening In Southport

Public Meeting Dates

- April 2026**
- Redevelopment Commission
4/13/26 7:00pm
- Board of Public Works & Safety
4/8/26 7:00pm
- Parks Board
4/9/26 7:00pm
- Storm Water Utility
4/20/26 6:45pm Tuesday
- Common Council
4/20/26 7:00pm Tuesday
- May 2026**
- Redevelopment Commission
5/11/26 7:00pm
- Board of Public Works & Safety
5/13/26 7:00pm
- Parks Board
5/14/26 7:00pm
- Storm Water Utility
5/18.2026 6:45pm Tuesday
- Common Council
5/18/26 7:00pm Tuesday

- June 2026**
- Redevelopment Commission
6/8/26 7:00pm
- Board of Public Works & Safety
6/10/26 7:00pm
- Parks Board
6/11/26 7:00pm
- Storm Water Utility
6/15/26 6:45pm
- Common Council
6/15/26 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

2026A 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 7:30pm
- 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/>

After our winter snow and March winds, we hope that Southport residents are looking forward to returning to the park. The Easter Bunny has told us that he plans a visit to the park on **Saturday morning April 4th**. The day will start with an egg hunt, followed by having your picture taken with the bunny and other activities (upcoming events).

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

Summer will be here before we know it, and so will the **Independence Day** parade. If you are interested in participating, please reach out. Applications will be made available. You can pick one up at the Southport City Hall lobby.

The Park Board is excited about the events planned for the rest of the year (see insert or check our website, Parks page).

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

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

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
<https://linktr.ee/southportparks>