

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.



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

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.

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.

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

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



City of Southport Municipal Center

137 Worman St., Southport, IN 46227

Clerk Treasurer: (317)786-3585

Mayor: (317)786-5489

Police: (317)787-7595

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 —

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Instagram—@city.of.southport.events.

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<https://linktr.ee/southportparks>