

Happening In Southport

Public Meeting Dates

October 2026

Redevelopment Commission
10/13/26 7:00pm TUESDAY
Board of Public Works & Safety
10/14/26 7:00pm
Parks Board
10/8/26 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
10/19/26 6:45pm
Common Council
10/19/26 7:00pm

November 2026

Redevelopment Commission
11/9/26 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
11/10/26 7:00pm TUESDAY
Parks Board
11/12/26 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
11/16/26 6:45pm
Common Council
11/16/26 7:00pm

December 2026

Redevelopment Commission
12/14/26 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
12/9/26 7:00pm
Parks Board
12/10/26 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
12/21/26 6:45pm
Common Council
12/21/26 7:00pm

Redevelopment Commission

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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/>.

While our Music in the Park event was canceled due to weather, our Movie in the Park (National Treasure) was a lot of fun.

We were thankful that we were able to celebrate the Independence Day with a parade and picnic in the park following.

The Park Board wants to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to all who helped us on Saturday, Sept. 19th

for our clean-up day. We had neighbors, & friends of the park along with some hard-working young people. The hard work really made a difference in how the park looks, which included some fence maintenance. THANK YOU ALL!

Even with the weather turning cooler, the park may still be enjoyed. We had another clean-up day so that the park will go into winter in good shape and ready for spring.

We want to welcome and make sure you have it on your calendar for the City of Southport Fall Festival, Saturday, October 17th. The Park Board and Southport United Methodist Church, and other Southport businesses are coming together for a fun filled family day. Lots of events and activities for every age. It isn't too late to reserve a vendor booth. See link below.

The Parks Department always welcomes volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering (or earning service hours for school or clubs) please reach out to the Parks Board Vice President, 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 Tag us! #southportindyevents
Instagram—@city.of.southport.events <https://linktr.ee/southportparks>
www.in.gov/cities/southport/parks-department/

City County Update From your Council Board President, Carol Bowling;

As we enter the fall months, one thing to keep in mind is early voting is October 15 through October 31. Election day is November 3rd. Do your research and vote, please.

The flags all around Southport will be coming down soon for the winter months. Please don't forget to donate so we will be ready for the spring to rehang them.

Board of Public Works & Safety

With our past two Community Crossing Grant projects ending, it is time to focus on repairs and renovations to the Community Center. This will be done gradually over what we hope will be no more that 2-3 years depending upon the cost and with limited down time for rentals.

Restroom access from the interior of the building, replacing several exterior steel doors and moving the kitchen to the east end of the building with updated appliances and cabinets will be our focus. Once additional estimates are received, a timeline can be established.

Upcoming Events 2026 A year at a glance:

10/17 Southport Fall Festival 11a - 4p
12/12 Santa through the City 2:30 /
Santa in the Park 3:30p



Southport Signal

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

October 2026



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Instagram—@city.of.southport.events

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<https://linktr.ee/southportparks>

www.in.gov/cities/southport/parks-department



City Municipal Center
137 Worman Street
Southport, IN 46227



Mayor: (317) 786-5489
Police: (317) 787-7595
Clerk Treasurer: (317) 786-3585

Southport Updates

Elected Officials

Mayor

Jim Cooney
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Clerk Treasurer

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District 2 - Carol Bowling
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District 3 - Joe Haley
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District 4 - Susan Hancock
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At-Large - Jennifer Haley
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A Message from the Mayor



The Board of Public Works and Safety has recently finished a paving project on several streets. The project included milling and repaving on Market St, Shakespeare Dr, Corey Ct, and Hollybrook Lane. Our Clerk Treasurer and Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer have completed next year's budget and are now preparing for the approval process.

The Police Department held a successful National Night Out on August 4th. The attendance and weather were great. Everyone enjoyed food, and comradery with the police officers.

The Redevelopment Commission is excited as they plan beautification and visual improvements for downtown Southport. The RDC is also in the planning stage to paint a utility box at Southport Rd and McFarland Rd.

The Parks Board is preparing for the Fall Festival, October 17 from 11 a-4p in the downtown Southport area. They are partnering with Southport United Methodist Church.

Bring you kids/grandkids and enjoy the festivities.

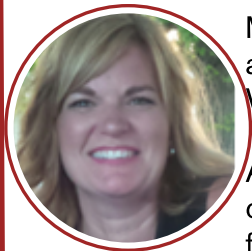
Tox Drop/Heavy Trash Day

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

Heavy Trash Pick up for Southport is the **3rd Wednesday** of the month

If your heavy trash is **NOT PICKED UP** by 6pm, you will have only 48 hours 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

Clerk Treasurer's Update



My favorite season is here! Fall is such a beautiful time in Southport and makes me love living here.

We are finishing up with the 2027 budget and will be wrapping it up in October.

Any license and/or permit information you need for fall project is listed on our website on the clerk treasurer's page. Our rentals are booked for this year so if you have a date in mind for next year, please email

our office at clerktreasurer@southport.in.gov. Our meetings are live streamed on YouTube and you can get the link on the front of this newsletter or from our website www.southport.in.gov.

Don't forget, any contractors are required to be licensed in the City of Southport and any permis they need can be requested from the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

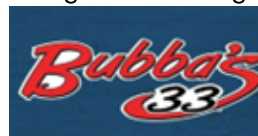
Have a great **FALL** season!

Trash - Slide Schedule will be in affect for the following holidays: New Years's Day, MLK Jr. 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



Special Thanks to:

Enter to win gift cards - Leave your name and contact information at the Mayor's office (317) 786-5489, no later than October 22, 2026, (if no answer, leave a message with contact info), for a random drawing. The drawing will be held on October 26th.



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Storm Water

by Board President, Joe Haley

Your Storm Water President attended the Indiana Association for Floodplain and Storm water Management conference on August 19th and 20th. The Mission Statement of the Southport Storm Water Board prioritizes two items:

Giving support for landowners in directly addressing non-point sources of water pollution through voluntary conservation practices.

The Storm Water Board identify partnership opportunities to leverage dollars for education and best practices for adoption that improve soil health, reduce erosion and address water-use efficiency.

The Storm Water board meets the third Monday of each month at 6:45 p.m. at the Southport Municipal Bldg prior to the Common Council Meeting.



Southport Flag Project

Flags are down for the season. It will be time for maintenance on our poles and make assessments on our flags. We hope everyone has a safe and fun Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. We appreciate & thank all who donated for the flags this year and look forward to seeing you at the Southport Fall Festival on Saturday, October 17th.

Our Southport Flag members are volunteers and all donations go towards flags.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Hanging flags in the spring, flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day, in 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
ph 317.780.6827

Redevelopment Commission

The Southport Redevelopment Commission is continuing efforts to make some improvements to the look of Southport in the form of public art. The billboard on Madison Ave just north of Southport Road now has Southport-specific artwork. Work is slated to start soon on painting the utility box at Southport & McFarland. AES requirements regarding the use of their utility poles have slowed progress on posting banners on the poles. We are looking into alternatives. Finally, we are finishing up updates on Redevelopment Plan. It will be posted when finalized.

RDC meets the second Monday of the month. 7:00pm at the Southport Municipal Building

Southport Updates

Citizen Spotlight

This quarter's Citizen Spotlight is on: Greg and Peggy Schaub. They have lived in the Southport area for 42 years. Married for 51 years! (Congratulations). Greg and Peggy have two sons, ten grandchildren, ages 1 - 25 years of age and two chocolate labs. They are active in St. Jude Catholic Church.

Greg was actually going to be a priest in the Catholic Church. He attended Cathedral HS, then college at St. Jude Seminary in Mokena, IL. When the seminary closed, Greg landed a summer job at EM and has been there since 1973.

Greg is CEO of EM Inc. and has worked for EM for 53 years. He was the youngest person in 1977 to receive his Masters Electrical license from Indianapolis.

Greg enjoys playing trumpet and spending time with his grandchildren. When asked what his favorite thing about Southport is, he said it's the vibe. He said it feels like home. He has a good relationship with other businesses, Southport Police Department, and the Southport City government.

Chief's Corner



Chief Vaughn

With Halloween right around the corner, Chief Vaughn and the Southport Police Department would, in interest of having a safe holiday for all children that not only live in our area but the ones who come in from surround areas, offer a few tips on how to ensure everyone does their part to make sure there are no unfortunate incidents.

Southport's Trick or Treating hours are 5-8pm

Pedestrians - Please walk on a sidewalk if one is available. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic as far to the side as safely possible so you can move quickly out of the road if you feel threatened by traffic.

*Follow the rules of the road at driveways and intersections. Cross with a traffic signal if there is one, even if you have the right of way, make sure traffic has stopped or passed before you step into the street. Make yourself as visible to motorists as possible, especially at night by **carrying a flashlight** or **wearing reflective clothing** on feet, legs and/or arms. Drivers need time to detect, identify and react to an object seen in the road. The sooner they see you, the sooner they can react.

Drivers - Drive Extra Safely on Halloween!

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

Take extra time to look for children at intersections, on medians and curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.

Get rid of an distractions, like your cellphone so you can concentrate on the road and surroundings.

Turn your headlights on earlier in the day to be able to spot children from a greater distance and they can spot you.

Southport Trick of Treating hours are from 5 - 8pm

Please be alert during those hours.