Southport Signal

City Municipal Center — 137 Worman St. — Southport, IN 46227 April 2025

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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 preparing for street resurfacing and improving stormwater drains on West St and the alley on South St. Work is already being completed to prepare for concrete replacement and paving.

In September a project will begin to repave the Community Center parking lot, and improving the steepness of the lot. A low wall will be constructed in front of the building with bollards for safety.

Our Clerk Treasurer, Alissa Newhouse, and Jane Vaughn, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, have completed year end reporting for 2024 and are now preparing for 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 number of Southport cadets assisted in playing basketball this year.

The Redevelopment Commission is excited as the construction of the Jacob building is continuing to proceed. Work during the winter months has been directed at the inside and outside of the building. Brick and siding are nearly complete. The completion date of the building is anticipated to be July 2025.

The Parks Board has a number of events planned for 2025. 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 looking forward to several projects around the city and some new homes being built here in Southport! We are looking forward to the work at Southport Park, as well as the street projects that are planned. Because of the work being done on the parking lot at Southport Park, a reminder that we will have no rentals the month of September and we're almost booked for the summer! 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 info 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 more information.

We will be start recording all public meetings in May so start looking for the links to be on our website and Facebook page.



Chief's Corner

The Southport Police Department would like to make our residents aware of the following: We're pleased to announce that our Board of Public Works and Safety as well as the rest of our public meeting will now be relocated and uploaded to YouTube for public viewing. This initiative aims to increase transparency, improve public access to important government proceedings, and allow community

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members to engage with the discussions at their convenience.

Starting **June 11, 2025,** all regularly scheduled Board of Public Works and Safety meetings will be recorded and made available on the official City of Southport Indiana YouTube channel. By doing so, we are ensuring that residents who cannot attend in person will have the opportunity to stay informed about ongoing city projects, decisions, community updates, police department runs, and concerns.

Why this is important:

* **Transparency:** Citizens will be able to watch the full discussions, providing a clear understanding of how decisions are made.
* **Accessibility:** No need to worry about missing a meeting-view recordings anytime and from anywhere.
* **Engagement:** By watching the meetings, community members can stay engaged and provide feedback on the issues that matter most.

How to Access:

1. Visit the official City of Southport Indiana YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@CityofSouthportIndiana

2. Browse through past meetings or subscribe to stay updated on future uploads.

3.Share videos with neighbors or family members to help spread awareness!

We believe this new initiative will foster greater involvement in our community's decision-making processes. We encourage everyone to tune in and stay connected. Let's continue working together for a better, more informed community!

Southport Golf Cart Ordinance:

The Southport Police Department and City of Southport are working together to look at creating a golf cart ordinance for residents. Please check the City website and the Police website for more information as we progress through the process.

Redevelopment Commission

Work on the Jacob Building development project at

2110 E Southport Rd is moving along quickly. The crew has been working on the outside finishes most of the winter completing siding and brickwork. Inside work, such as installing appliances and drywall installation, are also moving along. Ribbon cutting is planned for July 2025.

The RDC is also beginning to work on updating the redevelopment plan and strategy to determine what the focus is for Commission.

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.

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City Council Update

The city council has been working on stormwater issues and planning for future street improvements in collaboration with the Board of Public Works & Safety. The West Street and Main Street project has begun with stormwater work on West Street in progress. Improvements to North Main Street are also planned.

The city council is also a big supporter of the Park Board's activities. The annual Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at 10AM. Please come and bring your children for a morning of egg hunting festivities.

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.

SOUTHPORT FLAG PROJECT



The Southport Flag Project says, "Spring is almost here and soon the flags will be too!" Please help us this year by trimming all bushes and trees back away from the flags. If a flag gets caught up in a tree, it will tear and will only last a partial season, rather than hopefully three.

Last year a few of our flag poles and flags were destroyed on trash day, because the trashcans were placed underneath our flags. Please help us protect our flags. Be aware and please care. We are a small group with volunteering hearts, going out and continuing with this quest and occasionally asking for donations to keep our flags flying in Southport. All of our time is donated to bringing unity with patriotism to all of our neighbors and those who travel through our city. Being proud of who you are, where you live, is truly an American idealism.

***Join us on June 14, Flag Retirement Ceremony in the Park**.

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 GAURAV PATEL, owner of Dairy Queen!



Gaurav moved to Greenwood a year and a half ago. Formerly living in Massachusetts and attending college in Boston. He heard of the opportunity to purchase the **Southport Dairy Queen** franchise in September 2023. The Dairy Queen in Southport originated in the 1960s. He bought the DQ franchise from Mike Griffin and worked with him for 6 months to learn the business and get to know the employees.

Gaurav ran track and field in high school and enjoys sponsoring the Southport High School's track and field team.

Gaurav has been married for 5 years and the couple are expecting their first child in April of this year!

His favorite thing about Southport is that the community is very friendly. He has met many of Southport's police officers and is glad to have them around patrolling the city.

Fun fact about Gaurav: he is very friendly, open and willing to learn new things. A lifetime learner

Be sure to support our local businesses by stopping in to enjoy all the **Dairy Queen** treats.



Public Works &

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 storm water 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 in 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 Street 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.

SOUTHPORT UNITED METHODIST CHRUCH - HARVEST TABLE

Will return Mother's Day 2025.

2001 E Southport Road

2ND Tuesdays of the month: *Tunes at the Table*, food, produce and music.

Wednesdays: 6-7pm

Thursdays: 6pm



Happening In Southport

Public Meeting Dates

April 2025
Redevelopment Commission
4/14/25 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
4/9/25 7:00pm
Parks Board
4/10/25 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
4/21/25 6:30pm
Common Council
4/21/25 7:00pm

May 2025
Redevelopment Commission
5/12/25 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
5/14/25 7:00pm
Parks Board
5/8/25 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
5/19/25 6:30pm
Common Council
5/19/25 7:00pm

June 2025
Redevelopment Commission
6/9/25 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
6/11/25 7:00pm
Parks Board
6/12/25 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
6/16/25 6:30pm
Common Council
6/18/25 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

2025 The year at a glance

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



Southport Park Beautification May 17



Flag Retirement Ceremony June 14 7:30p

Independence Day Celebration June 28

*Parade starts at 10:30a
*Festivities in the Park follows, concludes at 1:00p

National Night Out August 5 5:30-8:00p

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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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/

Happy Spring and warm weather to all our Southport residents

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 19 for the Southport Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10 AM. The Easter Bunny will be there and will kick off the EGG HUNT followed by crafts, games, and an opportunity to get a photo with the Bunny.

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

Up next is the Southport Park Beautification Day—Saturday, May 17. This event is for 'us' to work on keeping our park looking nice. It is our goal to provide a well-kept, manicured, repaired, safe park. Please consider coming out to join us and make your park ready to be enjoyed this season!



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: mwitherell@southport.in.gov**

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Instagram—@city.of.southport.events.
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