Southport Signal

City Municipal Center — 137 Worman St. — Southport, IN 46227 July 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 & Safety is preparing for improvements to the parking lot at the Community Center by the Southport Park. Improvement include leveling the parking lot and improving stormwater drainage. The estimated date for the work to begin is August 30.

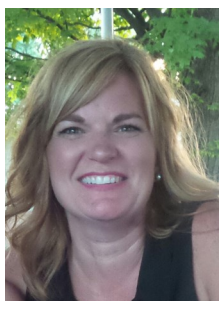
Our Clerk Treasurer, Alissa Newhouse, and Jane Vaughn, Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer, have completed Spring training and are in the beginning stages of preparing next year's budget.

The Police Department recently participated in Southport Elementary School's Rocket Day which too place on May 29th.

The Redevelopment Commission is excited as the construction of the Jacob building is in its final stages. The estimated completion date of the construction work is anticipated to be July 2025 with a ribbon cutting ceremony shortly after.

The Parks Board is preparing for the Independence Day Parade on Saturday, June 28th. They just completed a Southport Park Beautification Day in the park which resulted in significant progress being made on the brush along the fence line. Swing seats on the swing set have also been replaced. Come check out the park and enjoy being out in the warmer weather.

Happy 4th of July



Clerk Treasurer's

It's finally summer and the heat has begun! We are excited about the Independence Day Celebration and hope to see you there! The City of Southport recently lost one of our City Councilors, Larry Tunget, I was honored to know him and appreciative for all the support he continued to show to our office. Our sympathies go towards his family and friends.

The Community Room is completely booked until late November but if you're needing to schedule something for next year, please email our office at clerktreasurer@southport.in.gov. Starting in July, all of our public meetings will be live streamed on YouTube if you're interested in joining us! Details will be on our Facebook page soon! If you're starting projects on your homes this summer, 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. ***Have a great summer***!



Chief's Corner

Chief Vaughn and the Southport Police Department would like to give a big thank you to all of the, children, teachers, and families for inviting them to the 60th Annual Rocket Day at Southport Elementary School. This has been a long-standing event at SES. The event was fun and a great success.

Here's the City of Indianapolis and Consolidated City of Marion County's Ordinance of Consumer Fireworks. The City of Southport follows this ordinance.

ARTICLE II. - CONSUMER FIREWORKS

Chief's Corner Continued

Sec. 407-201. - Consumer Fireworks-Using, igniting, and discharging limited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite, or discharge any consumer fireworks, as defined in IC 22-11-14, at any place in the consolidated city, except during the following times:

(1)On June 28, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset;
(2)On June 29, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset;
(3)On June 30, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset;
(4)On July 1, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset;
(5)On July 2, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset;
(6)On July 3, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset;
(7)On July 4, between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00 midnight;
(8)On July 5, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset,
(9)On July 6, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset;
(10)On July 7, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset;
(11)On July 8, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset;
(12)On July 9, between the hours of 5:00pm. and two (2) hours after sunset; and
(13)On December 31 and January 1, between the hours of 10:00am on ecember 31 and 1:00am January 1.

(b) Violations of this section are subject to the following enforcement provisions:
(1)For this first offense in any twelve month period, shall be subject to admission of violation and payment of the civil penalty in accordance with Chapter 103;
(2)For the second offense in any twelve month period, the civil penalty is fixed at a minimum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) under the provisions of section 103-3 of this Code; and
(3)For the third and subsequent offenses in any twelve month period, a civil penalty of up to two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) shall be imposed under the provisions of section 103-3 of this Code.

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.

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City Council Update

This column is being dedicated to our City Counselor from district 4, Larry Tunget who passed away June 3, 2025. Larry was born April 29, 1938. He entered the Air Force to service our country and promptly after that he attended Purdue and received a bachelors degree in electrical engineering. Larry and his loving wife Nanett of 65 years spent a good portion of their life serving Southport. Nanett was mayor of Southport for 17 years. Larry was City Counselor of Southport from 2012 till a month before his passing. The city of Southport would like to thank both of them for their service; he will be missed.

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

Happy Summer from the Southport Flag Project members!



Our Flag Retirement Ceremony was canceled due to the weather on June 14 (Flag Day). Mark your calendar for next year's Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day (June 14).

This year our flags flying are a little more faded than usual. We apologize for that. Our funds and supplies have been depleting over the last few years and donations are way down. This is a very timely chance to donate to Southport Flag Project. Our members volunteer every bit of our time. We fly our flags in hope to bring our neighbors and all who live here closer together. Be proud of who you are and where you live!

Sincerely,
Southport Flag Project Members

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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 :

Jack Christy



Jack Christy started Christy's Auction in 1975 with his wife, Teresa and one of her friends who is a SHS graduate. Jack was familiar with the auction business because his father was in it. In 1995 Jack bought the current location of Christy's Auction from Davidson Lumber. Jack's brothers Phil and Bob worked in the business for about 37 years. Currently Phil runs Hunger Inc on Epler in Perry Township.

Current corporate customers include Eli Lilly, Tractor Supply, Butler University, and IU. These corporate customers will contact Christy's to sell various types of equipment for them. Jack mentioned that COVID reduced the number of auctions houses in the area to 4. Currently, most auction sales are conducted online, not in person.

Jack indicated there are challenges working with estates such as meeting expectations and tight deadlines. Christy's will generally pick up merchandise and store it on-site for processing and then auction. The time from pick up by Christy's to auction can be as long as 3 months. Jack's son, Jack Jr. is currently helping to run the business.

CONGRATULATIONS!

to Christy's Auction for being in business for 50 year. Quite a milestone for a business.

STORM SEWER by Board President, Joe Haley

Dumping grass clippings, leaves, and yard waste into storm drains is harmful for several reasons. These are the following but not limited: Storm drains often lead directly to local rivers without treatment. This can carry fertilizer, chemicals and waste to our clean creek. Some drains are designed for water, and not solids. Yard waste can block drainage systems that can lead to street flooding and property damage.

Blocked or overburdened stormwater systems increase city maintenance costs. These cleanup and repairs are paid by your tax dollars. Better alternatives are recycle grass and leaves for compost or mulch them with a mower into your yard. Only rain goes down the drain! Keep curbs and storm drains clean.

Public Works &

Your Board of Public Works and Safety has been working on planning for further improvements to streets and buildings within Southport.

*West St has been recently paved from Southport Rd. to South St. Several stormwater drains by the intersection of VanDyke and West Streets have been repaired.

*The alley by 71 South St has been repaved. This was part of the West St repaving project .

*Two new police cars have been ordered from the Flecher Dodge dealership in Franklin, IN

*Improvements to the Community Center parking lot in the Park are due to begin on August 30th.

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

Redevelopment Commission

Work on the Jacob Building development project at 2110 Southport Rd. is in its final stages. The crew have been working on the outside finishes such as sidewalks, curbing and the parking lot. Inside work, such as installing appliances, countertops and painting, are also being completed. Ribbon cutting is planned for July 2025, though an exact date is not yet known.

The RDC is also in the process of contacting the commercial real estate agent assigned to sell the former Chase Bank Bldg at the corner of Southport Rd and Madison Ave to see how the RDC might be able to assist with the sale.

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.**

Happening In Southport

Public Meeting Dates

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

August 2025
Redevelopment Commission
8/11/25 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
8/13/25 7:00pm
Parks Board
8/14/25 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
8/18/25 6:30pm
Common Council
8/18/25 7:00pm

September 2025
Redevelopment Commission
9/8/25 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
9/10/25 7:00pm
Parks Board
9/11/25 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
9/15/25 6:30pm
Common Council
9/15/25 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

2025 A year at a glance -

Music in the Park: July 19's feature is TBD and Aug 16 featuring ***Late Night Revelators***





National Night Out—August 5th

Trunk or Treat: October 31 6:00—9:00p

Santa through the City/ Santa in the Park: Dec 13

* Santa through the City 2:00p and
* Santa in the Park 4:00-6:00p





Memory of a fun Egg Hunt 2025 and Park Beautification Day

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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/

Wishing all Southport residents a Happy Summer enjoying this warm weather with much time being outside.

We hope that you think to visit your Park to enjoy some outdoor activities.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 19 and August 16 for our Music in the Park events – complete with a live band and a food truck for your enjoyment.

Also, Mark your calendar for National Night out – August 5.

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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