

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; therefore, trash will be on a normal schedule.



A Message From Mayor Jim Cooney

The Board of Public Works and Safety is planning to make improvements to West St next spring. Improvements include street resurfacing and improving stormwater drains.

Our Clerk Treasurer, Alissa Newhouse, and Jane Vaughn, 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 6. The attendance was great with everyone enjoying the food and comradery with the police officers. Thanks to everyone's helping to make it a success.

The Redevelopment Commission is excited as the construction of the Jacob building is continuing at a fast pace. Work continues with the framing beginning on the fourth floor. The completion date of the construction work is anticipated to be July 2025.

The Parks Board is preparing for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26 from 4-7PM at Southport Park. Bring your kid/grandkids and enjoy the festivities.

Happy Halloween.



Clerk Treasurer's Update

Hello Fall! This is my favorite time of year and I'm excited to see the change of seasons soon.

The Community Room is booking up for the holiday season so if you're wanting to rent, you better call quick! You can find all the info on our website, www.southport.in.gov.

We've had lots of projects going on around the city including new roofs, additions and of course our new apartments on Southport Rd. I hope you've been watching the progress going on at the Jacob Building!

Please find our building permit/license information on our website on the Clerk-Treasurer's page if you're wanting to start any home projects.

Budget season is in full force and I'm pleased with financial status of the City. I hope you all have a great fall and that you really enjoy the beauty of the trees here in Southport in the next couple months!



Chief's Corner

We have the dates and times for when Santa will be driving through the city this year, December 14, 2024 and will begin at approximately 3:00pm. Keep an eye on our Facebook page as that is where the route will be posted. The event this year will culminate with the parks department's Santa in the Park, so make sure to come and sit on Santa's

lap!

As we approach the holiday season, the Southport Police Department has a couple of holiday safety tips we would like citizens to keep in mind.

As always, the Southport Police Department will have extra officers out patrolling

Chief's Corner Continued

during trick or treating hours. Please stop us and say 'hello' when you see us and get some candy and a sticker.

Trick or Treating:

§ Make trick or treating a family activity and go WITH your children.

§ Dress children in brightly colored costumes, or attach reflective tape to their costumes, so they are visible to cars. Give everyone a flashlight.

§ Buy flame-resistant wigs, masks, and costumes.

§ Make sure that masks and costumes fit properly to minimize accidents. If the mask is too large, cut bigger eye holes or use face paint; if the costume is too long, cut the material down.

§ Always inspect all your children's candy before they eat any of it. Throw out any candy that isn't in its original wrapper or is unwrapped.

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



Redevelopment Commission

Construction has officially begun on the RDC's project! Right now we see the foundations, elevator and all 4 floors being built. The RDC is setting up a time lapse camera to record the project day by day. The commission is beginning work on identifying future projects where we can bring more development to the city.

As always, we hope you will come to the RDC meetings to stay aware of what your city is doing. **Meetings are the second Monday of every month, 7:00p, here at the city Municipal Center, 137 Worman Street.**

City Council Update

Thank you to the many residents who while walking pick up trash. You are making our community better and we want to say we see you, and thank you.

Thank you to all the City Officials who are working hard on coming up with a 2025 budget. This will be presented at the next City Council meeting, come join us and see where your dollars are being spent.

Please remember to clean up grass clippings on sidewalks and streets after mowing. This is also a good time to remember that residents are not permitted to blow fall leaves into the streets. Our drainage system is easily clogged leading to flooded streets Thank you for remembering to do your part.

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. This is a

SOUTHPORT FLAG PROJECT



Hello from the Southport Flag Project members!

We just took the flags down & have a lot of repairs during the winter. We have had a lot of flags hung up in trees this year and are asking those homeowners to cut those trees back. The flags should fly free as each of us would like to live. Let's show the flags respect! It has been a great season with our flags flying; we had our Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, and now it's time to prepare for next year. We appreciate the City of Southport, the Park Board, Board of Public Works & Safety, the Police Dept. and all of you for your roles in helping us accomplish our events and goals.

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 DEPUTY CHIEF, NATE WILLIAMS



Deputy Chief Williams has been with the Southport Police Department for twelve years.

He met his significant other, Memorie, currently a paralegal, when they both worked at Kmart, 16 years ago.

Nate has one sibling, a sister, Rachel, who is a criminal defense attorney. He also has one son, Gavin, a high school freshman.

The family has two dogs, both boxers. Kratos, 7 years, and Rona, 8 years old.



Deputy Chief Williams' hobbies include cheering for the Colts, hunting, fishing and camping. He's pretty much an outdoorsman. He also enjoys giving back to the community. He is known for reading to the elementary school students, and participating in shenanigans with local churches. Little know fun fact about Deputy Chief Williams . . . he was once a **State Champion in Drumline!**

When asked what's your favorite thing about Southport he replied "The interaction with the citizens and that the residents are very supportive of the Southport Police Department."

Deputy Chief Williams, you are an asset to Southport. Thank you for all you do to keep us safe.

STORM SEWER by Board President, Joe Haley

Here are some stormwater tips for fall:

1. Clean Gutters and Downspouts: Remove leaves & debris to ensure proper drainage before winter storms arrive.
2. Clean Storm Drains: Regularly check and clear local storm drains to prevent blockages.
3. If you can use leaf guards please use on gutters
4. Plan for winter: Ensure any water source like hoses, and spigot, are prepared for winter, preventing freeze thaw issues.

Public Works & Safety

Your Board of Public Works and Safety has been working on planning for further improvements to streets and buildings within Southport. The sidewalk project along South St has been cancelled. Instead, the parking lot at the Community Center on Derbyshire will be improved making it ADA accessible. Improvements include leveling the parking lot which will create a wall along the north side by the park.

*The parking bumpers will be eliminated with orange bollards installed by the building for safety purposes. Additionally, there will be a ramp at the east end of the parking lot for access to the park. 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. The alley by 71 South Street will also be repaved.

*The two police cars that have been ordered from the Fletcher Dodge dealership in Franklin IN have been received.

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.

HARVEST TABLE will return next season. Anticipated date, Mother's Day 2025.



Happening In Southport

Upcoming Events

2024 A year at a glance -

Trunk or Treat—October 26 4-7p

Santa in the City/Christmas in the Park—Dec 14

City 3p, Park 4p



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/>

The holidays are upon us, and what better way to celebrate than with your community.

Coming up first, it's time to get into the spooky spirit with our annual Trunk or Treat in the park. Oct 26, 2024. Bring your kiddos for a fun time and lots of candy! If you don't have little ones, or your kids have all grown up, you can come pass out your goodies! Be sure to bring plenty of candy!!! There is a sign up sheet on our city website or pick up one at the Southport Municipal Building. 137 Worman St., Southport, IN 46227

The last event of the year to get you in the holly jolly mood, is the Santa in the City and Christmas in the Park! Dec 14, 2024. Watch the Police Department drive Santa on his route through the city and to the park. Seeing Santa and Mrs. Claus waving and throwing candy brings out the kid in everyone. Once Santa is dropped off at the park, he would love to hear what your kids want for Christmas! He will be set up to meet with the kids and take pictures. There will also be food, crafts, and lots of merry fun.



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: mckenzie.witherell@southportparks.org

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>

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Public Meeting Dates

October 2024

Redevelopment Commission
10/15/24 7:00pm TUESDAY

Board of Public Works & Safety

10/9/24 7:00pm

Parks Board

10/10/24 7:00pm

Storm Water Utility

10/21/24 6:30pm

Common Council

10/21/24 7:00pm

November 2024

Redevelopment Commission
11/12/24 7:00pm TUESDAY

Board of Public Works & Safety

11/13/24 7:00pm

Parks Board

11/14/24 7:00pm

Storm Water Utility

11/18/24 6:30pm

Common Council

11/18/24 7:00pm

December 2024

Redevelopment Commission

12/9/24 7:00pm

Board of Public Works & Safety

12/11/24 7:00pm

Parks Board

12/12/24 7:00pm

Storm Water Utility

12/16/24 6:30pm

Common Council

12/16/24 7:00pm

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