

Southport Signal

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

July 2024

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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 for possible improvements to the parking lot at the Community Center by the Southport Park. Improvements include leveling the parking lot and improving stormwater drainage. Our Clerk Treasurer, Alissa Newhouse, and Jane Vaughn, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, have completed Spring training and are in the beginning stages of preparing next year's budget. The Police Department participated in Southport Elementary School's Rocket day on May 20. This was a great follow up to all things celestial following the Eclipse day which occurred in early April. Southport PD also held a lock in for the cadets on May 31-June 1 at the Community Center. It was a fun and enjoyable experience for the cadets. The Redevelopment Commission is excited as the construction of the Jacob building has begun as of April 30. The completion date of the construction work is anticipated to be July 2025. The Parks Board has just added new mulch to the playground at the park. Come check out the park and see how nice the playground is with the new mulch. Happy 4th of July.



Clerk Treasurer's Update

The Clerk-Treasurer's office is enjoying the beautiful early summer weather! With that weather comes projects around the city. Please find our building permit/license information on our website on the Clerk-Treasurer's page. Of course, our most exciting project is the Jacob Building being built on Southport Road! It's been fun to watch the progress so far. The Chief Deputy CT and I are going to South Bend for our annual training. We really enjoy spending time with other Clerk-Treasurer's all over the state. We will be learning about the new laws in Indiana, which include requiring all municipalities to record every board/commission meeting we have here in the City. Be looking for updates on our social media pages and our website! Our community room is filling up quickly for late summer/early fall...check out the website for information about rentals or email our office at clerktreasurer@southport.in.gov.
Have a great summer!



Chief's Corner

The Southport Police Department would like to remind everyone that we will host a blood drive for Fallen Officer Lt. Aaron Allan on Saturday July 27, 2024 from 10a-4p at the Southport Municipal Complex. We would also like to remind everyone to please see the city's website and Facebook page regarding the correct procedure for setting off Fireworks on July 4th.

COPS Cycling for Survivors will stop and have lunch at the Southport Municipal Complex on Saturday, July 20th at 10a on the last leg of their statewide ride to honor fallen officers and their families.

As the weather gets hotter please remember the following.
⇒ Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water. (continued, next column)

Chief's Corner Continued

- ⇒ Check on relatives and neighbors, especially the elderly and those without access to air conditioning.
- ⇒ Avoid strenuous outdoor activities, delay outdoor chores until evening if possible.
- ⇒ When working outside, wear light, loose-fitting clothing and take frequent breaks in the shade or an air-conditioned room.
- ⇒ Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke and seek medical attention if symptoms occur.
- ⇒ Look before you lock! Pay special attention when locking up vehicles to ensure **no children or pets are left inside**. Temperatures inside a car can become lethal in a matter of minutes.
- ⇒ Bring pets indoors and ensure they have plenty of water to drink. Residents are reminded that pets are not to be outside unsupervised when the temperature is over 90° or a heat advisory is in effect by city ordinance.
- ⇒ Carry an umbrella for immediate shade while outside.
- ⇒ Additional heat safety information can be found at the National Weather Service website at the following link. <https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat>



Please welcome newest member of the Southport Police Department, Officer Christopher Little, sworn in on May 29, 2024.

Officer Little began his training in June, embarking on an important

journey to serve and protect our community



Redevelopment Commission

Construction has officially begun on the RDC's project! Right now we see the foundations and elevator 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

Participating in Summer government activities can be a great way to get involved in your community, contribute to public service, and get to know your government officials.

Welcome Summer by putting on your list to attend the Independence Day parade and events in the park. Also, be thoughtful of neighbors and pets when doing fireworks. We are blessed to live in a country that allows us to have the freedoms we have. Please become involved in your community!

As we start the budgeting process for this year, please be on the lookout for notifications, budget documentation, and financial reports that can be accessed to understand how money is managed.

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 public meeting; all are welcome to attend.

SOUTHPORT FLAG PROJECT

Hello Southport Friends!



We just had our Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day in the park. Every year on June 14 (Flag Day), we will be retiring our flags with dignity and respect in a ceremony at the Southport Park. A great plan is to attend next year for a memorable & patriotic gathering.

We will be in the Southport Independence Day Parade and the Fall Festival. Come see us and say hello! We hope to bring the people of Southport closer together with the flying of our flags. We are a group that is truly here for you!

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

The Cadet Program: Advised by Kaye Comp-ton-Price and Capt. Anthony Smith

Kaye Price has been with the City of Southport for 3 years as a desk officer, and advising the Cadet Program for 1.5 years. Capt. Smith has been with the Southport PD for many years and recently took on the secondary role as an advisor for our Cadets. Both of our advisors are passionate about helping people of all ages with whatever obstacles they bring to the police department.



Price states that the goal of the program is to teach law enforcement and life skills. Some topics covered through the program are; Police report writing, traffic control, handling peer pressure and mental health seminars. The hope is that being involved with the Cadet program will spark a passion for community involvement or lead to a potential career in law enforcement or the public sector.



Currently, we have 6 cadets who completed the rigorous application and interview process. We are so glad that they are with us! The last event the Cadets participated in was the "lock-in" at the Community Center

May 25-26 of this year. The event was a success and all Cadets enjoyed the experience. Especially the support and visits of some special guests.

If you know someone aged 14-20 who might be interested in joining the Cadet Program more info can be found at cadets@southportpolice.org; or our website www.in.gov/cities/southport/police

STORM SEWER by Board President, Joe Haley

The storm water board is busy with creating ordinances that will enforce building codes that require new developments to include storm water management features. The city is implementing regulations that promote green infrastructure. Please visit the City of Southport webpage to read about and help ideas that foster a sense of responsibility and community involvement in storm water management.

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 is on hold pending negotiations with the railroad to obtain the necessary approvals to have the sidewalk cross the railroad tracks. Hopefully all necessary approvals will be secured soon.

*The alley by 85 Church Street has recently undergone revision to help eliminate stormwater from flowing off the alley way on to adjoining properties.

*The two police cars that have been ordered from the Fletcher Dodge dealership in Franklin IN have not been received yet. Fletcher Dodge has advised that the cars are in transit to the Indianapolis area.

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 Free Produce!!

1947 E Southport Rd, which is the corner of Washington St and Southport Road.



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Happening In Southport

Public Meeting Dates

July 2024

Redevelopment Commission
7/8/24 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
7/10/24 7:00pm
Parks Board
7/11/24 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
7/15/24 6:30pm
Common Council
7/15/24 7:00pm

August 2024

Redevelopment Commission
8/12/24 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
8/14/24 7:00pm
Parks Board
8/15/24 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
8/19/24 6:30pm
Common Council
8/19/24 7:00pm

September 2024

Redevelopment Commission
9/9/24 7:00pm
Board of Public Works & Safety
9/11/24 7:00pm
Parks Board
9/12/24 7:00pm
Storm Water Utility
9/16/24 6:30pm
Common Council
9/16/24 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

2024 A year at a glance -

Music in the Park—July 20 6—9:30p

Fall Festival—September 21 10a—5:30p

Trunk or Treat—October 26 4-7p

Santa in the City/Christmas in the Park—Dec 14
City 3p, Park 4p



CITY OF SOUTHPORT

Music in the Park

JULY 20, 2024
6PM - 9:30 PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF LIVE MUSIC WITH

THAT '90S BAND

SOUTHPORT PARK ■ DERBYSHIRE ROAD
ALL ARE WELCOME
#SOUTHPORTINDEVENTS
@CITY.OF.SOUTHPORT.EVENTS



September 21
FALL FESTIVAL

October 26
TRUNK OR TREAT

December 14
SANTA IN THE PARK

City of Southport Municipal Center

137 Worman St., Southport, IN 46227

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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/>

The Parks Board has been working hard this year! We have been working on some minor park updates and raising funds in order to make Southport Park a fun and inviting space for our beloved community. This past month we welcomed new board member Elaine Massey to our team rounding out a full board after the exit of long-time and valued member, Dana Hipsher. We continue to thank Dana for her service and are excited for what her next chapter has in store.

We have had a busy few months. Our Easter event had record attendance and record-breaking smiles from the children in attendance. We made some great progress on the park improvements with our Park Beautification event. Our constant supporter, Connie Mortensen, with her team from State Farm, assisted in cleaning up and helped identify areas in need of some much needed TLC.

If you have not yet had a chance to check out the new mulch and fresh paint at the park, the perfect time will be at the Independence Day Parade and Celebration on Saturday, June 29th! Keep your calendars free for the newest Series of **Music in the Park** on July 20th. The performers will be That 90's Band!

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

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