



**APPLICATION FOR USE OF
PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EVENT**

The following special event has been approved by the Special Events Committee.

Submitted by: Denise Miller

Event name: Steps For Safe Paws

Event Date: June 6, 2026

Street Closure: None

Closure Times: N/A

Sidewalk Closure: Yes No

Comments: Free community 5K fun walk at Howard Park along the East Bank Trail open to individuals, families, as well as pets. Casual noncompetitive event .

**CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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Date: May 7, 2026



Monday, April 13, 2026

City of South Bend Special Event Application

City and Regional Event

Approval Status

Not Started

Fee Schedule

\$50 application fee if filed 60 days or greater (up to 360 days) in advance of event

\$100 expedited application fee if filed 30-59 days in advance of event

We accept payments in person or by mail in the form of a check or money order, and we can also process card payments. Please Bring Payment to: Public Works Service Center, 731 S. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN

Review the Instructions on the Special Events page before completing the application.

To complete this process, you will need the following documents:

- Event Map
- Evidence of Public Notification (flyer, signature list, etc.)
- Copy of Insurance Certification

If you do not have these items at the present moment, we will be following up to get those in order to complete the process.

You will also need to have prepared answers to the following:

- Emergency Plan
- Inclement Weather Plan
- Cleanup Plan
- Lost and Found Plan

City and Regional Special Event applications must be submitted more than 30 days in advance of the event date or the application will not be accepted.

Section A - Applicant Information

Date of Application	Monday, April 13, 2026
Organization Name	Safe Paws Recovery Housing of Michiana, Inc
Applicant (Contact) Name	Heather Mason
Applicant (Contact) Phone Number	(574) 318-2291

Applicant Email

info@safepawsrecoveryhousing.org

Address1315 E LaSalle Ave
South Bend, IN, 46617

List any professional event organizer, event service provider or commercial fundraiser that is authorized to work on your behalf to plan, produce and/or manage your event.

Section B - Event Information**Event Name**

Steps for Safe Paws

Event Type

Community 5K Fun Walk

Event Classification

Non-Profit*

Provide a brief description and timeline of event (Note: a detailed map plan is required in Section H of this application. This description should be a summary overview.)

Steps for Safe Paws is a free community 5K fun walk at Howard Park along the East Bank Trail. The event is an out-and-back (round trip) route open to individuals, families, and their pets, with optional donations encouraged to support Safe Paws Recovery Housing of Michiana. This is a casual, non-competitive event focused on community engagement, wellness, and awareness.

Event Timeline:

7:30 AM – Event setup begins

9:00 AM – Walk begins

9:00–11:30 AM – Participants complete walk at their own pace

11:30 AM – Event concludes

11:30 AM–12:30 PM – Cleanup

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If this is a special circumstance, you must reach out to the Clerk of the Special Events Committee, Denise Miller at dmiller@southbendin.gov to ensure that this application is reviewed in time.

Date of Event Setup

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Time of Event Setup

07:30 AM

Date of Event

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Event Begin Time

09:00 AM

End Date of Event

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Event End Time

11:30 AM

Event Cleanup Completion

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Event Cleanup Completion Time

12:30 PM

Is there a rain date for this event?

Yes

Rain Date (if applicable)

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Total Anticipated Attendance

75

Is this event ticketed, or does it include fees?

No

Does the event have any partnered sponsorships?

No

Is this a returning event or part of a series of special events?

No

Is your event a parade, race, or other processional-type event?

No

Section C - Parades, Races, and other Processional Events

Section D - Equipment, Set-up, and Logistics

Are you hiring a company to provide entertainment, games, or inflatables?

No

If YES,

You must submit proof of insurance for all stage and entertainment companies three (3) weeks before the event.

Will you be staking any tents, inflatables, portable restrooms, or any other anchorings?

No

If YES,

You must provide proof of locates (locate number) two (2) weeks prior to your event. Locates can be found by calling 811.

Does your event include the use of fireworks or other pyrotechnics?

No

Depending on the potential fire risk, applicants may need to receive approval of the South Bend Fire Department (process facilitated by event coordinator).

- Only consumer grade fireworks can be used during certain time frames (July 4th and New Year's).
 - A permit must be applied for with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for CommercialGrade Fireworks show.
- All entertainment events should have a permit from the [IDHS Amusement and Entertainment Permit](#).

Will there be any musical entertainment features at the event?

No

IF YOUR ROUTE CROSSES OVER A STATE ROAD OR A BRIDGE, please contact the following for permission:

State, INDOT: Michael Hurt, mhurt1@indot.in.gov, 219-851-1426

County Bridges: Merle Janiszewski, MJaniszewski@sjcindiana.gov, 574-235-9626

Section E - Food

Are you having food at your event (food vendors, caterers, food trucks, etc.)?

No

IF YES

- The event coordinator must apply for and receive a [St. Joseph County Health Department Temporary Event Permit](#).
- Vendor(s) must have a City of South Bend [business license for Food Vending Vehicle](#). (Contact Michelle Adams at Madams@southbendin.gov)
- Vendor(s) must also apply for and receive a St. Joseph County Health permit. Health Permits must be filed with the county 30 days prior to the proposed event. Each vendor must obtain necessary permits to serve on-site and display these permits at the event.
- All applications and guidelines can be found at the [St. Joseph County Health Department Food Service website](#)

Will alcohol be served or sold?

No

If NO, we will continue to Section G - Contingency and Strategic Planning.

Section F - Alcohol

- The applicant must apply for and receive a temporary liquor license from the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. Explore [Indiana ATC forms](#). (Temporary Permits are near the bottom of the form list.) Forms must be filed with the district ATC office five (5) days prior to the requested event date.
 - Application cannot be processed without a copy of this license.
- A refundable \$400.00 deposit paid by card or check (made to City of South Bend) must be submitted with application.
 - Application cannot be processed without deposit. Deposit will be returned upon inspection of event area by the Board of Public Works.
 - Events that will have alcohol sales must provide security. If your event will be hiring a security company, please provide its contact information in sub-section (a) below. Otherwise, please list the names, phone numbers, and qualifications (e.g. off-duty police officer, professional security guard, or event applicant) of three (3) security guards in the fields provided in sub-section (b)

Subsection A - Security Company Contact Information

Subsection B - Security Guard Contact Information

Section G - Contingency and Strategic Planning

For each of the following, please provide detailed descriptions. If you run out of space, attach a response to this application submission:

Emergency Safety Plan – This plan should include, but is not limited to:

- The number of public safety personnel.
- If hiring a private security service, provide contact information, proof of insurance and the number of hired event personnel.
- Proposed internal communications systems and public address systems.

Emergency Safety Plan

This is a low-risk, non-competitive community walk held on public trails within Howard Park and the East Bank Trail. Participants will walk at their own pace. Event organizers and volunteers will be present at the start/finish area and periodically along the route to provide general oversight. A basic first aid kit will be available at the check-in area. In case of emergency, 911 will be contacted. Participants will be encouraged to follow park rules, remain on designated paths, and keep pets leashed at all times.

Proposed Cleanup Plan – This plan should include, but is not limited to:

- Measures in place to collect and remove trash, litter and recyclables.

Proposed Cleanup Plan

Event organizers will ensure the area is maintained before, during, and after the event. Trash receptacles provided by Venues Parks & Arts will be used, and participants will be encouraged to dispose of waste properly and clean up after their pets. Volunteers will complete a final walkthrough of the event area and route to ensure all materials and trash are removed, leaving the space clean and in good condition.

Inclement Weather Plan – This plan should include, but is not limited to:

- Safety measures that will be taken in the event of a tornado warning, tornado watch, thunderstorm, and extreme temperatures.
- Rain date.
- Weather information and forecasts can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/>

Inclement Weather Plan

In the event of severe weather such as thunderstorms, lightning, or extreme conditions, the event will be delayed, modified, or canceled to ensure participant safety. Participants will be notified via email and social media. A rain date of June 13, 2026, is planned if needed.

Proposed Lost and Found Plan – This plan should include, but is not limited to:

- A description of the use of signage, announcements on public address systems or pre-event handouts.

Proposed Lost and Found Plan

Any lost items will be brought to the event check-in area. Participants may check the check-in table for lost items during the event. After the event, unclaimed items will be held by the event organizer for a short period and can be retrieved by contacting Safe Paws Recovery Housing of Michiana.

Section H - Site Plan / Route Map

Site Plan / Route Map - For All Events:

Provide an attached map with the geographic locations of all event items listed below.

- Outline of entire event venue including the names of all affected streets and areas.
- Clear markings for street closures and a schedule for each. **Applicants should ensure all roadway(right of way) closure times are specific and separate from the event setup and event start/end times (i.e., roadway closures times may not be perfectly identical or linked to the duration of the event)**
 - All bridge closures require County Engineering approval. (County Bridges: Andy Hayes, ahayes@co.st-joseph.in.us, 574-235-9626)
 - All state road Closures require INDOT approval. (State, INDOT: Michael Hurt, mhurt1@indot.in.gov, 219-851-1426)
- Location of fencing, barriers, and/or barricades. Indicate any removable fencing and exit locations for emergency purposes.
- Location of all stages, platforms, bleachers, grandstands, tents, booths, cooking areas, vehicles, trailers, and other temporary structures. **Applicants should also clearly mark locations of food and alcohol serving or sales, if applicable.**
- The location(s) and number of all portable toilets and wash stations.
- The location(s) and number of all trash and recycling containers, including dumpsters.
- The location of generators or any source of electricity.
- Traffic plan and map, including proposed loading/drop off areas, barricades, secured areas, vehicle and bicycle parking areas, and considerations for TRANSPO bus route changes.

Map File Upload



Section I - Public Notification

IF YOU ARE USING AND/OR CLOSING PUBLIC SIDEWALKS OR STREETS

You are required to notify area business owners and residents in writing 15 days prior to the event.

Attach a copy of the brochure or door hanger distributed to all affected residents/businesses/neighborhood groups describing the event purpose, date and time.

A list of names of neighbors notified is also an acceptable submission. 50% of the affected neighbors within the closure must be notified and be amenable to the closure.

Section J - Insurance

A Certificate of Insurance (copy) confirming the existence of a liability policy (General Liability and Automobile Liability) of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, which specifically names the City of South Bend, IN as an additionally insured for the event must be submitted.

Copy of Certificate of Insurance must be submitted two (2) weeks prior to the date of the event

Section K - Indemnity & Hold Harmless Agreement

DS Q - is there a reason for repeating contact information here?

Insurance Amount: This event is insured for no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in aggregate, and the certificate of insurance includes a rider naming City of South Bend, Special Events Committee, and Board of Public Works as additionally insured for the event.

Confirm

Safe Paws Recovery Housing of Michiana, Inc agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of South Bend, Indiana, its agents, officers, and employees (collectively ("City"), from any liability, loss, costs, damages or expenses, including attorney fees, which the City, may suffer or incur as a result of any claims or actions which may be made against the City, its agents, employees, or subdivisions by any person, including a participant in the activity, arising out of the approval of this request by the City, through the Board of Public Works, to close a portion of the public right-of-way for the event described above, or for any harm or damage alleged to have occurred because of the holding of the special event. The undersigned certifies that he/she is authorized to bind the APPLICANT to these terms.

Signed on this date:

Monday, April 13, 2026

Signature



Printed Name

Heather Mason

Section L - Permit and Agreement

1. Pursuant to Local Ordinance No. 10628-18, there is a \$50.00 non-refundable fee for Tier II and III event applications filed 60 or greater days in advance of the event, or a \$100 non-refundable expedited fee for applications filed between 30 and 59 days in advance of the event.
2. The APPLICANT must comply with all terms and conditions of this Permit and Agreement.
3. The APPLICANT must obtain signatures from and/or make an attempt to notify all residents that reside in the area impacted by the event. A copy of a brochure or door hanger distributed to all affected residents/businesses describing the event purpose, date, time and contact information must be included with the attachments to this application.
4. The APPLICANT shall reimburse the City for the actual cost of the event, if the City incurs unexpected, undisclosed expenses related to the event.
5. Notification of approval/denial of this request will be issued by return of this form, upon signed authorization by the Special Events Committee.
6. The APPLICANT shall provide to the Board a Certificate of Insurance showing a liability policy in full force and effect with limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 aggregate and the

City of South Bend, Special Events Committee, and Board of Public Works listed as an additional named insured for this event.

7. The APPLICANT assumes full responsibility for providing ample disposal containers for refuse/recycling and assures the area will be cleaned up upon the conclusion of the event.
8. The APPLICANT will follow the City of South Bend Noise Ordinance, which is in effect at all hours. Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. certain noises are particularly prohibited. These include operating radio receiving sets, musical instruments, and other sound reproduction devices if audible fifty (50) feet away, as well as shouting, yelling, hooting, whistling, or singing in the streets in a manner to disturb the peace.
9. The APPLICANT assures the City that the area will be closed during the times indicated on the application only. Event end times are pursuant to the recommendations of the South Bend Police Department and such times will be strictly enforced.

I have read the Application and the Permit and Agreement for this Special Event and I affirm the truth of the information provided by me to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree to the above rules and regulations, and any applicable state and federal laws. I also understand that this application may be denied based on any false or incomplete information

Signed on

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Signature



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4. The APPLICANT shall reimburse the Board for the actual cost to the City for the event, if deemed necessary.
5. Notification of approval/denial of this request will be issued by return of this form, upon signed authorization by the Special Events Committee.
6. The APPLICANT shall provide to the Board a Certificate of Insurance showing a liability policy in full force and effect with limits of \$700,000.00 per occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate and the City of South Bend, Special Events Committee, and Board of Public Works listed as an additional named insured for this event.
7. The APPLICANT assumes full responsibility for providing ample disposal containers for refuse/recycling and assures the area will be cleaned up upon the conclusion of the event.
8. Barricades will be delivered and picked up at the event location. The APPLICANT is responsible for seeing that all cones are maintained and returned undamaged.
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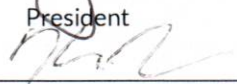
Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE APPROVAL



President


Member



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Member
4/22/26

Date



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Approval Code: 09247P
Entry Method: Chip Read
Mode: Issuer

SALE AMOUNT \$100.00

I agree to pay above total amount
according to card issuer agreement.
(Merchant agreement if Credit Voucher)

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HEATHER BATES

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