

Dear Neighbor,

We're hoping the harsh winter weather has passed once and for all and that we're soon enjoying everything that spring has to offer—including yard work. With that in mind, the administration reminds residents of the ordinance prohibiting the use of plastic bags for yard waste collections that went into effect January 1.

Plastic bags containing yard waste create environmental problems at the City's organic resources center, costing taxpayers thousands of extra dollars and prompting the City to institute the ban. According to the amended ordinance, yard waste for pickup must be placed in a biodegradable paper bag or other container approved by the City and separated from other garbage. Individual bags or containers may weigh no more than 35 pounds.

Residents may also rent a yard waste container from the city for \$16 per season during the yard waste collection period from April through November. The City-provided container will not be subject to the 35-pound weight limit. To sign up for a yard waste container, please call the City's customer-service line, 311.

We encourage residents to participate in the annual Rebuilding Together event on April 12. Established locally in 1989, Rebuilding Together has rehabilitated 845 homes, saving residents \$11 million in repairs. Work varies from yard clean-up and trash removal to small carpentry jobs and painting to major skilled tasks such as roofing work and updating electrical and plumbing systems. All repairs are completed at no cost to the homeowner.

This year's effort will take place on Saturday, April 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The organization will rehabilitate 21 homes in South Bend's Near Northwest and Lincoln Park neighborhoods. For information on how you or your group can volunteer, please call 574-235-5823.

Additionally, South Bend Parks and Recreation is establishing a five-year master plan to guide the development of physical space and activities. The plan will establish direction to inform staff, advisory committees, and elected officials. The City has been gathering information and feedback from residents during a four-month process. The plan will be presented to the public and the Common Council in June. Residents are encouraged to continue to offer input by filling out a survey online at sbpark.org.

The City also reminds residents that we're in the final stages of a mandatory water meter exchange program and continues to attempt to contact residents who still need to have their meters replaced. To avoid possible interruption of water service, please do not delay. Schedule your meter exchange today by calling 574-235-5636.

We're glad that spring is finally here and hope to see you out and about around town.

Sincerely,

Deputy Mayor Mark Neal

South Bend Civic Theatre www.sbct.org 574-234-1112

April 25th - May 11th "Red Herring"

> South Bend Civic Youth Program www.sbct.org

Department of Parks and Recreation www.sbparks.org/activities/ calendar 574-299-3482

Potawatomi Zoo www.potawatomizoo.org

The Near Northwest Neighborhood www.nearnorthwest.org

Mondays, 4:00 - 5:15pm Gentle/Restorative Yoga NNN Offices Closed Monday, May 26th

Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:30pm Developing Your Yoga Practice

La Casa de Amistad www.lacasadeamistad.org 574-233-2120

Radio Sabor Latino www.radiosaborlatino.com 574-232-3212

Memorial Brainworks www.qualityoflife.org

St Joseph County Public Library www.sjcpl.lib.in.us



Fridays, 7pm: Swing Dance! Open dancing with the ND Swing Club.

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00pm: Ukulele Jam Night (In the Jam Room)

ACE for SCIENCE in South Bend Schools

Play tennis & support our schools' science programs April 26th at 10:00am Eck Tennis Pavilion, Notre Dame www.science.nd.edu/tennis

Questions or comments regarding this newsletter?

Please contact 574.235.7596

Century Center www/centurycenter.org

Friday, May 2nd, 7:30am:

United Religious Community presents the Annual Community Prayer Breakfast (for reservations or more information call 574-282-2397)

Thursday, May 8th, 11:30am:

Real Services presents the 18th Annual Age of Excellence Awards (Featuring TV and stage star Vicki Lawrence as keynote speaker. Cost of attendance is \$25. Call 574-28402644 to reserve seats.)

Monday, May 12th, 11:30am:

The South Bend Education Foundations presents Great Friends of Schools Luncheon (Featuring Barbara Coloroso. For tickets and information contact the South Bend Education Foundation at 574-283-8039 or visit www.edfo.org



Saturday, May 3rd, 8:00pm: South Bend Symphony Orchestra: The Toradze Studio

Tuesday, May 6th, 6:30pm: Sesame Street Live! - Can't Stop Singing.

Wednesday, May 7th, 10:30am: Sesame Street Live! Can't Stop Singing.

Friday, May 9th, 8:00pm: West Side Story

Saturday, May 10th, 2:00pm & 8:00pm: West Side Story



Downtown South Bend May 2nd - Vintage Downtown

Experience great food, shopping, entertainment, with vintage flair!
Transpo Trolley will be running free downtown from 5pm - 9pm.

Real Services Community Action Agency www.realservices.org 574-284-2644 or 800-552-7928

Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am: Caregiver Teleconference Series

Friday, , May 23rd, 10:00am - 11:30am: Monthly Dementia Class - Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia

Friday, May 23rd, 12:00pm - 1:30pm: Monthly Dementia Class - "Caring for Loved Ones with Alzheimer's/Dementia" (different topic each month)

Unity Gardens www.theunitygardens.com

Friday, May 2nd and Saturday May 3rd:

Unity Gardens Plant Sale 2014 (The 4th annual sale at Junk Evolution, 528 E. Colfax Avenue, South Bend, IN 46617.. Proceeds help support the various Unity Gardens throughout town with supplies and support.)

Saturday, May 17th:

Unity Gardens Groundbreaking Celebration/ Season Opening (A community-wide event, with attendance and opening remarks from local dignitaries, community volunteers, and other vendors, Admission is free.)

4th Annual Community Clean-up Saturday, May 17th For more information call 574-287-1040 or email taxpro1040@a3.net

Michiana GLBT Center

Sunday, May 18th, 2:00pm - 4:00pm:

PFLAG Gathering (Coming Out Today: Stories by Parents and Children of Different Ages)

In the Bend

Sunday, April 27th: 6:30am

Pioneer Auto Assn. Car Show and Swap Meet. St. Joseph County 4-H Fair Ground. Admissions: \$5 (adults) \$1 (Children), Free (Children under 8)

Sunday, April 27th: 12:00pm

AIDS Ministries' AIDS Walk. Howard Park

Tuesday, April 29th 11:30am

Logan Outreach Series: "Post-Secondary Options in Indiana." Logan Center. Admission: Free

South Bend Silver Hawks

May 5th, 7:05pm vs Bowling Green

May 6th, 7:05pm vs Bowling Green

May 7th, 10:35a,m vs Bowling Green

May 8th, 7:05pm vs Great Lakes

May 9th, 7:35pm vs Great Lakes

May 10th, 7:05pm vs Great Lakes

May 15th, 7:05pm vs Fort Wayne

May 16th, 7:35pm vs Fort Wayne

May 17th, 7:05pm vs Fort Wayne

May 18th, 2:05pm vs Fort Wayne

May 25th, 4:05pm vs Lansing

May 26th, 2:05pm vs Lansing

May 27th, 10:35am vs Lansing

May 31st, 7:05pm vs Bowling Green

Taste of Michiana April 30, 2014

Century Center 5-8pm



\$25 ticket includes all food, wine, beer and soda