

Spring 2023

HISTORIC SOUTH WAYNE

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



Announcing the HSWNA board members for 2023

President - Andy Kurzen

Vice President - Nate Hubartt

Treasurer - Richard May

Secretary - Maria Lehr

Other board members: Sherry Aden, Kristen Emick, Jordan Kurzen, Simon May, Quincy McGhee, Matt Reibs, Ryan Schnurr

Spotted Lanternfly

First we had the ash borer, and now it's the spotted lanternfly. These invasive insects are very destructive to fruit trees and hardwood trees. We can prevent the spread if we start checking our trees for lanternfly egg masses now. When you find them, crush them using an old bank card, small rolling pin or a putty knife. Report any findings to DEPP@dnr.in.gov.



Be on the lookout!

Poison hemlock is our new unwanted neighbor. It's often spread by birds. We had three confirmed cases of mature hemlock plants last year. So our chances for more spread this year is significant. This is a biennial plant, meaning it takes two years for the plant to complete its life cycle. During the first year, it consists of a small rosette of leaves spanning about 0.75-1.5" across. It looks very similar to a carrot. These have been seen in neighbors' park strips or vegetable beds. During the second year, poison hemlock produces a flowering stalk that becomes 3-7' tall! The stems are light green and purple-spotted. The flowers can be easily mistaken for Queen Anne's Lace. If you see it, you need to dig it up and toss it into the trash. Be careful to get all the roots. If you leave any, it will come back. Also, don't compost this plant.



Thanks for your support!

Neighborhood dues are voluntary but make a great difference! Dues help support neighborhood projects and events. Pay your annual due online today at historicsouthwayne.com/membership or drop a check off to Richard May at 932 Kinnaird Ave (check made payable to Historic South Wayne Neighborhood).



Stay connected!
Join our email list.

Sign up at
[historicsouthwayne.com](http://historicsouthwayne.com/contact)
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Household dues - \$25 Business dues - \$50

Clean Neighborhood with Dirt Wain

Composting with Dirt Wain reduces waste in a landfill, supports a local business and all HSWN residents receive a discount. Check out historicsouthwayne.com/dirtwain for more information!



Save the Date!

Upcoming Neighborhood Events:

HSWNA General Meeting - March 20 at 7pm at LifeWay Church: all are welcome to come hear what is happening in the neighborhood and share any questions, concerns or ideas.

Dumpster Day - April 1 from approx. 8am - noon: there will be a large, roll off dumpster placed at the corner of Indiana and Kinnaird. Come and dispose of your approved items and let's keep our neighborhood looking clean!

Dirt Day - April 15: dirt will be delivered at approximately 8am at the corner of Indiana and Kinnaird. This quality gardening soil is free to all neighborhood residents. Just bring your own pot and shovel! (Rain date is April 22)

Great American Clean Up - May 6: come to the corner of Indiana and Kinnaird for some gloves and garbage bags and together lets keep our neighborhood beautiful! A dumpster will be available in the parking lot of South Wayne Elementary.

Kite Day - May 21 at 4pm - bring your kite to Lutheran Park, hang out with some neighbors and lets see how many kites we can get up in the sky!



Home Tour 2024!

After plans for a HSWNA Home Tour were disrupted by COVID in 2020, we are re-starting discussions with ARCH, Fort Wayne's Architecture & Community Heritage organization, to plan a home tour in our neighborhood for the summer of 2024. If you are interested in participating or helping plan this huge event, please contact us at hswna.newsletter@gmail.com.

Street Tree Grant

We are working on a city grant to add more trees to our neighborhood. If you would like your park strip (the area between the street and sidewalk) to be considered as a potential location for a new or replacement street tree, please email us at hswna.newsletter@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Check out the final installment of resident C.J. Woodring's four-part article "Fort Wayne Rocks as Potential 'Top 10 Music City'" on our website at historicsouthwayne.weebly.com/news.

