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When Gardening with Kids, THINK BIG!

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othing gets kids excited about gardening more than growing something really big! Of course, sun flowers and tree seedlings are classroom staples, but here are some of our favorites for single season greatness that are easy to grow in the Indiana climate.

Colocasia or Elephant Ears: This bulb grows anywhere from 3 to 5 feet

in a single season and will produce large leaves shaped like elephant ears. Depending on the variety, the leaves can be as large as your hand in a single season, or as large as a child, after several seasons of growth. This is a tropical plant however, so the corm or rhizome will need to be dug up and moved indoors during the winter. Be careful about yard placement, because

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Brick Alley Redone

Construction on the brick alley from Beaver to Indiana between Wildwood and Kinnaird is finished, and it looks great! This historical asset to our neighborhood will serve us for many years to come. If you would like to see other infrastructure projects in our neighborhood in the future, your Historic South Wayne Neighborhood Association is your connection to City resources who can get them done. Attend a future meeting or contact us at hswna.newsletter@gmail.com to give us your ideas!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Historic South Wayne ARCH 2020 Home Tour

We have set a tentative date for our Historic South Wayne home tour for June 27, 2020. We are still looking for more people interested in either volunteering for a committee or having your house be on the tour. Please contact us at hswna.newsletter@gmail.com and let us know how you would like to be involved.

We are hoping to have at least 10 homes on our tour, but just a reminder that volunteering your home as a tour stop does not guarantee it will be chosen.



New Signs

Thanks to the Neighborhood Grant awarded to us by the City of Fort Wayne, we now have new Historic South Wayne signage around the neighborhood. These new signs will provide the following benefits:

- Update and freshen up the "brand" of our neighborhood and make it consistent with our other neighborhood association literature and media.
- Bring better attention to the boundaries of our neighborhood to let motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians know where they are as they travel through.
- Add to our sense of pride as a neighborhood that is active, organized, and cares about improving aesthetics.

We are thankful for the many years that our current signs have served us. If you are a longtime resident of the neighborhood, or someone who was involved in the association around the time the previous signs were installed, contact us at hswna.newsletter@gmail.com to find out about having one of the old signs as a keepsake.

HEADS UP: TRAFFIC ALFRTI

Because of the Tunnel Works project currently underway by the City of Fort Wayne, the intersection at Rudisill and Broadway will be closed for up to 10 months starting sometime this summer.

We will keep you updated on details and specific timing as we receive them.

Preserving the Past

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERIES

Editor's Note: this is the first in a series of articles we will be including about historic preservation which have been provided by the Historic Preservation Committee of the Packard Area Planning Alliance (PAPA) and Fort Wayne's ARCH, Inc.

What is Historic Preservation?

Historic Preservation can be as simple as keeping older buildings and places useful. Along the way, you often find yourself enjoying the high-quality materials, good design and stories within these historic spaces, too. How many people have you heard say, "You just don't find good woodwork like this anymore!" They're correct, and that's just one of the values of historic preservation and living in an older home.

You too can discover the historic gems within your home. Not only can you uncover and appreciate these features, but you can do so while reaping the many benefits that historic preservation has to offer.

Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation

According to data provided by the Allen County Assessor's Office, local home-owners in historic districts are experiencing a surge in property values. The overall value in Williams Woodland Park, a local historic district, increased by over 44% in the eight years since 2010. Property values within the West Central local historic district have similarly risen, with statistics showing an increase of over 46% in the past eight years. By comparison, Wayne Township Residential prop-

erties saw a collective value increase by just 19% over the same eight-year period.

The Cultural Benefits of Historic Preservation

From Queen Anne to Colonial Revival, the homes within PAPA's eleven neighborhoods come in all shapes and sizes— each one unique and each one adding value to our neighborhoods' distinctiveness and beauty. When vou choose to restore vour old home. rather than modernize or rebuild, you are recognizing this inherent worth. When they see historic buildings not just preserved but in active use, both tourists and longtime residents witness and appreciate the aesthetic and cultural diversity of our neighborhoods. That diversity is an impressive strength.



KITE DAY FINALLY GETS OFF THE GROUND!

After three straight cancellations, we were finally able to have Kite Day on May 26. The weather still wasn't perfect, but we had around 100 people show up. We also had some surprise media coverage. Looking forward to doing it again next year!

Check out **historicsouthwayne.com/news/kite-day** for an awesome drone video and links to the Journal Gazette's front page story and photos (left) and ABC21's news story (right).



Summer Tall Grass/Weed Program

The City of Fort Wayne's Tall Grass/ Weed Program kicked off Monday, May 20. Neighborhood Code Compliance is responsible for enforcing this program, which calls for weeds or grass to be no taller than nine inches.

Reports of high grass or weeds that exceed nine inches can be made by calling 311 or 260-427-8311. Online reports may be filed at www.city-offortwayne.org/citizen-services. Individuals reporting a violation will

need to have the property's specific street address to register the concern.

"The Tall Grass/Weed Program is designed to improve the appearance of our neighborhoods and protect property values," said Susan B. Eisenhauer, Neighborhood Code Compliance director. "By helping remove blighting influences, the Tall Grass/Weed Program can improve the quality of life for all residents."

When Inspectors determine there is a violation, they take date-stamped electronic photos and post a placard on the cited property. As a courtesy, an abate notice is mailed to the owner of record who then has five days to correct the violation. After five days, the City's mowing contractors will inspect to see if the property is in compliance and if not, they will mow and also take date-stamped before-and after-photos. The owner will then be charged for the mowing; if the invoice is not paid within 30 days, a lien will be placed on the property.

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wind can damage the very large leaves.

Castor Bean Plant: This plant also puts on a big show in one season, growing 6 to 9 feet tall with large oak like leaves and strange bright tubular flowers. Wind is less damaging, but should be avoided. The beans are poisonous if ingested, so be careful if involving very young children. This is considered an annual plant in our climate and not suggested for overwintering inside the home due to allergy and asthma concerns because of the amount of pollen it produces, outside though it shouldn't be a problem.

Zucchini: There is nothing more fun to watch grow than zucchini. It is also such a great opportunity to teach children about growing fruits and vegetables to eat themselves. Be sure to have plenty of room for the leaves to spread, and don't plant too many, a single plant can produce 4-12 zucchinis, and sometimes more with good fertilizer.

If you try any of these plants with your children and family, please send pictures to the Historic South Wayne Neighborhood Association Facebook page for us to share! Happy gardening!

Neighborhood Walk with Geoff Paddock

City Councilman Geoff Paddock, our 5th District representative, has invited us to participate in a neighborhood walk once the weather improves. The purpose is to take a tour of our neighborhood with him and talk about what City Council has been working on and let him know what is important to us.

Our walk has been scheduled for **Saturday**, **June 15**, **at 10:30 a.m.** Meet in the parking lot of LifeWay Bible Fellowship at 3000 South Wayne Ave.

Neighborhood Calendar

- Saturday, June 15, 10:30 a.m. Neighborhood Walk with City Councilman Geoff Paddock
 - Meet at LifeWay Bible Fellowship building
- Monday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. **HSWNA Board Meeting** @ LifeWay Bible Fellowship
- Friday, August 2, 7:00 p.m. South Wayne Cinema (aka Movie Night) @ 908 Kinnaird Ave.
- Monday, September 16, 7:00 p.m. **HSWNA General Meeting** @ LifeWay Bible Fellowship
- Saturday, September 28, 8 a.m. 2 p.m. Fort 4 Fitness Block Party @ Kinnaird between Beaver and Indiana
- Monday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. **HSWNA Board Meeting** @ LifeWay Bible Fellowship

Upcoming Recycling Collection Dates June 7, 21, • July 6, 19

Welcome Committee Needs Your Help

If you know of a new resident that has moved into our neighborhood, please let us know at **hswna.newsletter**@ gmail.com. The Welcome Committee is doing its best to find out who our new neighbors are and give them a warm welcome to Historic South Wayne, but sometimes there are some who move in under our radar.



Submit Your 2019 Dues and **Get a Free** Magnet!

Membership in the Historic South Wayne Neighborhood Association is a great way to become involved, to help our neighborhood improve, to know about what's going on, and best of all, to get to know your neighbors!

Paying your \$25 annual household dues can be done easily and securely on our website at historicsouthwayne.com/mem**bership** or fill out the form below.

TIP: You can set up an annual donation and never have to remember to pay your dues each year.

Paid members will receive a Historic South Wayne refrigerator magnet. If you're already paid, we will be delivering yours soon!

Contact us hswna.newsletter@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on our board!

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