



January 2023

Happy New Year!

Save the Date!

January 31, 2023, 7PM

Neighborhood Meeting
Backyard Composting;
Officer Nominations;
By-laws Discussion
Boys and Girls Club

February 28, 2023, 6PM

Annual Chili Cookoff
Election of Officers
Boys and Girls Club

March 25, 2023

Guess Who's Coming to
Dinner...???
Varying Locations

April 25

Neighborhood Cleanup

June 3

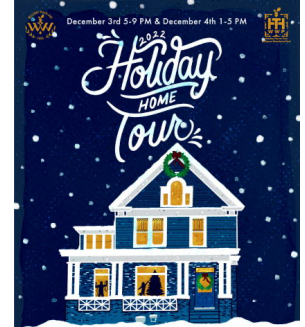
PorchFest!

Holiday Home Tour – What a Success!

Holiday Home Tour 2022 Is in the Books

The Holiday Home Tour Committee is pleased to announce that after two years of no in-person tour, we are back! Here are a few highlights:

- Average attendance 685 (Saturday and Sunday combined)
- Profit after a few outstanding bills-over \$10,000
- A gift of \$1,000 is being donated to Alive Community Outreach from our profits
- Total income including grants, sponsorships, and ticket sales-\$15,6463.77
- Many volunteers hosted, prepped, planned, and opened homes and apartments for visitors



There are too many people to thank in person, but we do give a huge shout out to Lyndsey and Raul Perez. They spent countless hours with art work and the web presence promoting the Tour. Thank you both for your incredible work. Also, thanks to those who opened their homes: Josh and Melissa Summers, Amy Cooper McComas, Dick and Terri Stumpf, Elizabeth Hodges and Mike Pascual, Noel and Alicia Schutt, Joe and Stephanie Johns, Rebecca Quesenberry and Larry Wuest, Joanna Finch, and Joel and Donna Kline. Many thanks also to the 2022 HHT Committee members: Marlene Fenstermacher, chair, Pete Bolakowski, Charlie Fritz, Elizabeth Hodges, Lyndsey Perez, Raul Perez, Ann Schlagenhaut, Meredith Stumpf, Terri Stumpf, Judy Summers and Roger Summers. We'd love some new members – contact Marlene if interested.

- The next Holiday Home Tour will be December 2-3, 2023.
- We have two homes already confirmed for next year—why not add yours? You have 11 months to get ready! Our goal is to have homes committed by the end of June.
- The ornaments on the lampposts in our neighborhood don't just appear and disappear! Help is needed taking them down and putting them away. Please consider helping with this task, which involves an hour or less of your time. Look for an announcement on the Facebook page when there is a warm Saturday or Sunday.

City Grant Application due soon

This year's Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program is again available. In years past we used these funds for trees, as well for our HIP/SIP grants. We are thinking of applying this year for additional historic markers in front of 5-6 houses, but are very open to additional ideas. To share your ideas, please check out the survey posted on Facebook or contact Terri Stumpf. Applications are due March 1, so please respond by February 3.

2023 dues are due!

Checks (made payable to WWPNA) or cash can be given to Donna Kline (2402 Webster); you can pay from our website (URL in the column to the left), or by using this handy QR code:



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Backyard Composting – in January?

ADCEM (Allen County Department of Environmental Management) Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Shelby Nichter, will join us at the Boys and Girls Club on January 31 at 7PM to speak on the benefits of composting, the importance of keeping organic material out of the landfill, and how to determine the best method of composting for you. Come to learn and bring your questions.



We will also be nominating officers at this meeting. Please come and add your voice!

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

Want to get to know your neighbors better, a few at a time, and enjoy some great food? On Saturday, March 25, WWPN will be hosting our first Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner event. Here’s how it works:

Individuals or families can sign up to either host or attend a dinner; the organizers match up hosts with attendees. Hosts provide the main course and are told how many people to expect (hosts can set a limit, of course); attendees are told the address of their host and what to bring (salad, dessert, etc.) The best part is that no one knows who they will be eating with until they arrive! Even the hosts only know how many people are coming to their home. It’s a great way to meet people you don’t yet know, in a small, comfortable social setting.

A sign-up form will soon be posted on Facebook; for those of you not on Facebook, please contact Donna Kline (see contact info to the left).

Officer Nominations

It’s that time of year again! Nominations for officers will begin at the January meeting; in February at the Chili Cookoff more nominations will be accepted and voting will take place. Please be thinking of people you feel would be good leaders, and don’t be shy about raising your own hand!

If you can’t attend the meeting and would like to nominate someone (or yourself), please contact Sarah McComas (see contact info to the left).

Congratulations, Condolences and Updates

- Condolences to the family and friends of Bill Hadlock, longtime neighbor and friend, who passed away December 1. He is and will be missed.
- Congratulations to Dori Graham on the publication of her children’s book, “Brave Miss Muffet.”
- Welcome to new neighbors:
 - Hunter and Jay, who moved into what will forever be the “IU house” on Taber. They are already considering being on the 2023 HHT!
 - Courtney Ayla Ezis and her family, who are renting 343 Taber
 - Lilly and @@@, who have adopted the “mansion” at the corner of Webster and Creighton