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April Meeting Canceled

We're sorry to say that this pandemic is still going strong! In the interest of protecting the health of all our neighbors we will cancel the WWPN Association meeting that was scheduled for April 28th. We encourage you to wave to your neighbors from your porch! We hope we will be able to meet again as a neighborhood soon. Check the May newsletter or our Facebook page (What's up in Williams Woodland) for updates.

Water Warriors

Spring is definitely in the air! And you know what that means, beautiful hanging baskets of wave petunias and potato vines will soon adorn our light poles. The flowers make WWPN look so wonderful but they don't arrive without their fair share of work! We build a team of Water Warriors each year. We are currently looking for volunteers to help pick up and hang the flower baskets (usually on a Saturday in Mid-May) and to help staff our watering crew. Watering crew consists of about one hour each week during flower season. You will use our neighborhood golf cart to visit each flower basket and water using our customized watering system. It's a nice way to spend the evening cruising our neighborhood! You can volunteer for all Mondays, or just Tuesdays in June, or every other Saturday for example. We would love to spread the volunteer work around! Please contact Lindsay Sheets to sign up.

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Community in the time of Covid-19

COVID-19 may have changed the way we do a lot of things, but one thing that remains the same in this neighborhood is our connection to one another. During this uncertain time we have seen many neighbors step up to fill the need we are all experiencing for social interaction, positive vibes, and love. From porch concerts, driveway games, craft bags, and beautiful artwork along our sidewalks and in the alley - these things exemplify who we are as a neighborhood and community. We have seen the little libraries on Woodland Ave filled with food items along with books and many posts on our WWPNA Facebook page directing neighbors on where to get the supplies and help they might need. Our neighbors have participated in a socially distant birthday party by creating signs, gifts, and even a pinata. There has been talk about trying to organize a neighborhood dance party too! Neighbors are out walking, waving, and chatting with each other at safe distances. We are checking on one another and supporting each other through this uncertain time. Our sense of community seems stronger than ever. So we say "THANK YOU!" for all the ways you are showing that you care about your neighbors and this community. WWPNA rocks!

Cleanup

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and recommended social distancing guidelines we are unable to conduct our normal Spring Cleanup. However, we think we have a great alternative! The WWPNA Association will provide a dumpster and lawn bags for its residents. A dumpster will be located at the Center for Non-Violence's parking lot at the NE corner of Webster & Taber on Saturday April 25th at 8 am. The dumpster will remain throughout the weekend. Residents may take any large trash items to this dumpster. No electronics or hazardous items are permitted. We will also have a 5-pack of lawn bags available for no contact porch pick up at 2350 S Harrison St. WWPNA residents are asked to take one pack and come back for a second (or third) pack if needed. Alley and street cleanup around your property is highly encouraged! Please follow all rules from the City of Fort Wayne Waste Management.

At Large Officers Bio

At Large: Sarah Castillo

Sarah Castillo a member; General Treasurer and Asst. to Pastor Samuel Castillo of Templo Aposento Alto Church 307 W. Woodland and a recently retired Director from the Allen County Health Dept. after 36 1/2 years has enjoyed becoming part of the WWPNA Community!! After more than 20yrs in this community it has been a joy and a privilege serving where we can and getting to know the WWPNA Community, who has always made us feel Welcomed.

At Large: Ed Fenstermacher

Ed Fenstermacher and his wife are long-time residents in the WWPNA, living at the corner of Webster and Sutzenfield. He and Marlene both are on staff for The United Methodist Church—she as a children's director for a church and he

working for the state in the areas of church revitalization and multiplication. They have three young adult sons who graduated from South Side High School. They are avid birders and keep a monthly count of the various types of birds seen in our neighborhood. Ed enjoys playing racquetball, gardening, reading, and working crossword puzzles. He also plays the accordion and collects banana stickers. Ed can commonly be seen picking up trash as he walks the neighborhood with their new dog, Bree. He served three years as WWPNA's president and has been serving as an at-large officer since. Ed and Marlene love this neighborhood!

At Large: Rebecca Gremaux

I came to WWP 13 years ago after I moved back to Fort Wayne from California. I have been active with the association all of the time since. I am also serving as Treasurer to the Packard Area Planning Alliance. I have spent time as a volunteer at Animal Care & Control. I love to garden & hanging with my pups.

At Large: Luke Holliger

Luke Holliger is the Technical Director for Arts United. There he manages the theatre spaces and events on the Arts Campus Fort Wayne. You probably attend the Taste of the Arts Festival that happens every August. It is one of the largest events he manages every year. Beyond that Luke is also the resident lighting designer for Three Rivers Musical Theatre and contracts with many other groups such as the Fort Wayne Ballet, Philharmonic, Dance Collective, North Manchester University, and all the theatre companies in town. Before his time with Arts United, he worked in elementary special education for 10 years and taught color guards, marching bands, and drum corps touring locally and nationally. Luke has lived in the Fairfield Manor for 9 years, and lives in the penthouse with his awesome dog Hank. Some time you should ask him the story about how he ended up with the penthouse. It is a good one.

At Large: Sarah Stegenga

Sarah Stegenga moved to Williams Woodland Park in 2014. She and her two children enjoy the rich friendships this community offers. Sarah teaches English at Carroll High School, Purdue Fort Wayne, and Trine University. In her free time, you will find Sarah reading on the front porch, chatting with neighbors, listening to the birdsongs in our mature trees, and collaborating with community members to achieve our common goals.

Sarah has served WWPNA in previous terms as an at-large member and as Secretary.

At Large: Terri Stumpf

I'm a retired teacher who taught in FWCS for 40 years. Dick and I came to the WWP Neighborhood about 38 years ago. Our Harrison home is our second in the neighborhood. We've raised our daughter here. I was involved with having WWP designated as an historic district. I've been pleased with our growth. Besides WWP, I've been involved with Artlink, FWBallet, Girl Scouts, and Plymouth Church. I'm so glad our neighbors stay connected in times of need and in times of joy and happiness.



Community Resources

211: Complete List of Resources. Dial 2-1-1, or visit in211.communityos.org.

Domestic Violence Crisis Line: (260) 447-7233 or (800) 441-4073, 24/7.
Visit the local YWCA website www.ywcainein.com.

Recovery Resources: Hart Hotline: (260) 427-5801. If you are in recovery but struggling with COVID-19 or life issues, or have a loved one suffering from Substance Use Disorder, please contact LSSI's Recovery Care Team: (260)-426-3347

Anxiety and Depression Support Group:
mhanortheastindiana.org/our-services/peer-support

Wellness Recovery Action Plan Courses:
mhanortheastindiana.org/our-services/wellness-recovery-action-plan

YMCA Free Grab-&-Go Supper: 2323 Bowser Avenue. Pick-up available M-F, 4-6pm

INN funds update:

Please note that the April 15 general meeting of Southwest Area Partnership (SWAP) is cancelled due to Governor Holcomb's "Hunker Down Hoosiers" order in response to COVID-19. WWPN has submitted several grant proposals for some of the INN fund money and voting for disbursement of those funds was to happen at the April meeting. SWAP reports that "our 64 excellent proposals for the INN funds have been submitted to CoFW Community Development. When we meet again, each neighborhood will have one person vote on their behalf. If your President is not available to attend that meeting, another person can be designated in writing to Bryan McMillan, Secretary, SWAP." Voting on the fund disbursement will occur at a later date.

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