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March Meeting Canceled

Due to restrictions put in place by various levels of government, and more importantly the concern and well-being of our neighbors, March's Neighborhood Association Meeting has been cancelled.

Please, keep your eye on Facebook, as we hope to use that to communicate information to the neighborhood. If you aren't already a member of the neighborhood Facebook page, please join! Just search for **What's Up in Williams Woodland - For Neighbors Only**. Anyone who lives in the neighborhood or owns property in the neighborhood is welcome and encouraged to join! The neighborhood Facebook page is a great place to keep up with neighborhood happenings, and to ask your neighbors if you ever need help (Need to borrow a tool? Advice on a plumber? Or, in today's world, help with something because of COVID-19?).

If you aren't on Facebook, but would like to communicate something to the officers, please feel free to contact Charlie at cjfritz01@yahoo.com or 260-249-9817.

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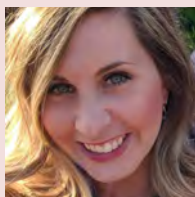
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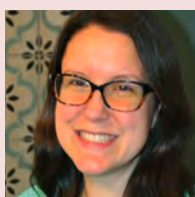
2020 Officers



Treasurer: Lyndsay Sheets

Lyndsay Sheets lives on W Sutenfield with her longtime partner, Raul Perez and their two rescue pups Ruco and Dexter. They bought their home in 2012 and have loved getting to know the neighborhood over the years. Lyndsay joined the WWPB Board as an at-large member several years ago and after serving as President for a couple years has since occupied the role of treasurer. She also works to maintain our Instagram

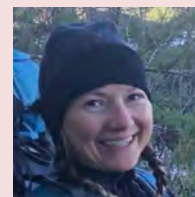
and Facebook presence and is always looking for a fun, positive story or photo of WWPB to post there! She is currently also serving as Secretary of the Packard Area Planning Alliance, a coalition of area neighborhoods, for the next year. She is a huge fan of the '07 and loves our community and its parks, restaurants, and of course the best neighbors around.



Secretary: Courtney Pifer

Courtney Pifer lives on Webster with her husband, Kevin. You might see them out walking their dog, Bentley pretty often. They also have two indoor cats, Oliver and Freddie. They bought their home in August 2018 and have taken on the giant task of renovating the former duplex back to a single-family home. You might remember it from being on the Holiday

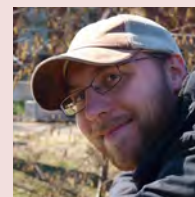
Home Tour the past two years: the first year gutted, and the second year almost complete! Courtney and Kevin also deliver the monthly newsletters for Webster St. This is Courtney's first time serving on the WWPB Board. She loves this neighborhood (especially the amazing neighbors!) and the '07 in general. She is looking forward to getting to know you all better through her new role in the neighborhood as Secretary.



Vice President: Amy McComas

This 4th of July will mark 15 years I have lived in this neighborhood. Time flies! I knew when I moved here that I wanted to live in this area because of the diversity, walkability, and historic homes. Little did I know that this neighborhood was so much more. In addition I found a community of problem-solvers, dreamers, helping hands, and the best of friends. It's hard to convey to others what it's like to feel

comfortable talking to just about any neighbor (and I love the range of topics!), and to know that we watch out for each other and help each other out, and like to have fun together! So, if by some chance we have not met yet, I hope we get to connect soon—porch season is just around the corner and I would be glad for the opportunity to learn more about you and your hopes/dreams/ideas for the neighborhood and our community.



President: Charlie Fritz

Nancy and I moved into the neighborhood in 2013. We first rented a house on Webster, and then later in 2016 purchased a house on Harrison. In 2017, I was voted in as Secretary of the Neighborhood Association. In 2019 I was voted in as President. This year I was re-elected for a second term. I consider the opportunity to serve my neighborhood a really amazing thing.

For several years now I have called myself a cheerleader for Fort Wayne, and being able to step into a role where I can not only cheerlead but also make a difference has been incredibly rewarding. I am looking forward to another year of making Williams Woodland Park the best neighborhood in Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne the best city in the Midwest.

Historic Preservation Article Series provided by PAPA

The Story of 215 W Creighton Ave

Do you know the stories of the homes on your block? Here's another quick history lesson about a local home—located this time within the Williams-Woodland Park neighborhood! In 1889, the famous Fort Wayne architect John Wing built his home at 215 W. Creighton Avenue. John Wing was born in 1852 in Dexter, Michigan. Although he was not an architecture student in college, he studied in his spare time before moving to Fort Wayne. In 1881, Wing founded the architectural firm of Wing and Mahurin with Marshall Mahurin. Some of the local buildings Wing and Mahurin designed include: The Old City Jail (the modern Historical Museum), "Brookside" (the John Bass Mansion), the Elektron Building, the Fort Wayne City Hall, and many homes located in The West Central Neighborhood.

Provided by the Historic Preservation Committee of the Packard Area Planning Alliance and Fort Wayne's ARCH, Inc.

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 WWPB 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 Lyndsay Sheets to sign up.



Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Looking for a restaurant or business recommendation? Questions about your membership? Contact your officers, listed below.

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Time to pay your annual dues!

Anyone who has not yet paid their dues for this year can deliver or mail them to our Vice President, Amy McComas, at 343 W. Suttentfield St. Or better yet, come to our next Association meeting to drop them off in person.

As a reminder, your 2019 dues are for the year 2019—January through December 2019—so the sooner you pay them, the more value you'll get out of them. There

are many benefits to being a member: it's your link to city government, a great way to get to know your neighbors, and it gives you an official vote on important matters that can affect the neighborhood.

Dues are \$25 per household
(a pretty good deal for all we have to offer!).

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