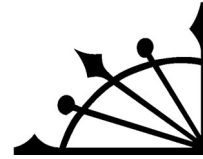


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NNN Community Dates

Portage Farmstands plans to traditionally reopen the last weekend in May. That will be May 25th. Please see their Facebook page for the latest updates.

Hope for the Hungry Food Pantry dates in 2024 are **Saturdays** April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, and Dec 21, each day from 11AM-1PM or as supplies last. All dates are at the NNN Community Center, 1013 Portage. See hope4thehungry.com for information.

The **Artist Group** meets Thursdays and Fridays in the 1013 Portage Community Center, 9:30 AM to noon. Bring your art gear and join them any time.

BOTANY, No. 6, The Portage Collective, Franks Place and Brain Lair Books all share special events online at : www.botanyorbust.com, www.eatno6.com, [@theportagecollective](https://www.facebook.com/theportagecollective) and [@FranksPlaceSB](https://www.facebook.com/FranksPlaceSB) on FB , and www.brainlairbooks.com respectively. There are seasonal events aplenty with our area shops/restaurants.

The Local Cup at 1009 Portage Ave. is open with hours subject to change. They are currently open Thursdays 7-12:30, Fridays 7-12:30, Saturdays 9-1, and Sundays 12-4. Find them on Facebook [@TheLocalCupSB](https://www.facebook.com/TheLocalCupSB).

Miss Kim's Culinary Crew, Meets monthly on Saturdays teaching children basic, no-cook kitchen skills. Call or email Ms. Kim to register and join the fun!!! Phone: 574-520-8408. Email: eatyolocafe@gmail.com

French Conversation Groups meetings take place at the St. Joseph County Public Library Main Branch classrooms, downtown South Bend Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00PM. For details, watch the ListServ or contact grgloster@hotmail.com.

The **NNN Ignite Grant Committee** has all but completed the St. Paul Bethel playground (715 Leland Ave). There is one upcoming workday to install additional playground equipment for the park on April 20th. We will need volunteers. Details to come, stay tuned to the Listserv and NNN Facebook page

The Community Fridge accepts donations of perishable food (in the fridge) and shelf-stable food 24/7. It's on California Ave. side of our building, adjacent to the NNN Patio.

NNN's holiday closures are May 27, week of July 4 and September 2.

Adopt a Block neighborhood clean-up starts at 8 AM, for donuts and coffee, in the 1013 Portage Community Center, April 20, 2024.

The NNN Annual Meeting will be at 6 PM, May 23 in the NNN Community Center, 1013 Portage.

Arts Café is September 29, 2024. Sing ups for vendors and community partners will start this summer.

Historic Preservation Commission Award News

The Historic Preservation Commission recognizes investment and care taken with historic area properties in their annual Southold Awards. The original Post Office designation for the current South Bend riverfront area was Southold. To even be nominated for a Southold Award is a great honor. A number of NNN properties received a 2023 annual nomination in recognition for historic integrity.

Six homes, one business and one public amenity in the NNN were nominated for these awards. These include homes at 710 Park, 846 Park, 815 Forest, 834 Forest and 738 Leland, the Firehouse/No. 6 Restaurant at 701 Portage and the Coal Line Trail Bridge over the St. Joseph River. Categories for the Southold Awards include recognition for both restoration and preservation. No. 6 won for Adaptive Use.

Congratulations to all these worthy nominees, their owners and preservers!

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Indiana Landmarks Moving the NNN, again*Todd Zeiger*

This summer, a neighborhood landmark will be on the move when the **Poledor House** at 211 W. Marion Street is relocated to Navarre & Portage, helping beautify the entrance to the Chapin Park neighborhood by filling in a disruptive parking lot. St. Clair Development (South Bend) donated the house to Indiana Landmarks, which is developing the project, helping ensure the c.1913 landmark survives another 100 years.

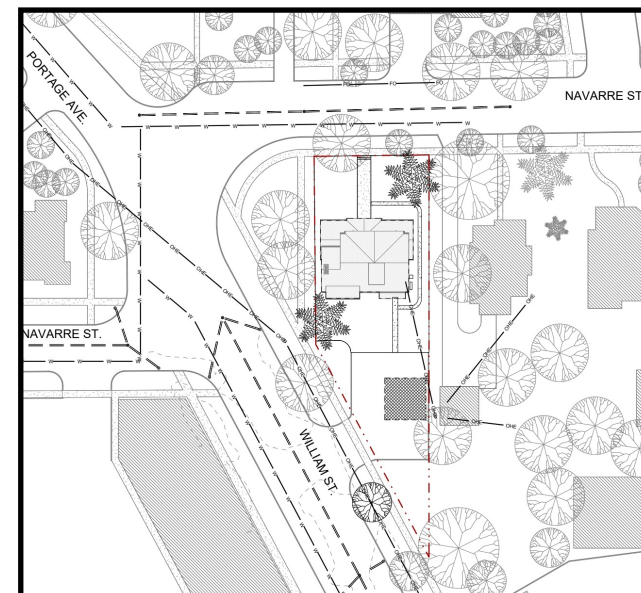
Many recognize the distinctive red brick Craftsman-style house and remember its longtime resident and owner Ted Poledor, whose family operated the beloved Philadelphia Candy Store/Lunch counter in downtown South Bend. Jacob Kerner, fire chief for the Studebaker Corporation and later for the City of South Bend, constructed the house in c. 1913 retaining architect W.W. Schneider for its design.

The Poledor family immigrated from Greece, opening a candy store in downtown South Bend in 1901. Eustis Poledor lived with his family above the store until he purchased the house on Marion from Kerner in 1920 just before marrying Yiota in Greece. Their son Ted lived at the house following his birth in 1931 until his passing in 2022.

Remarkably, and owing to the family's ownership for over 100 years, the house remains largely as-constructed, retaining original interior light fixtures, Craftsman-style woodwork, coffered dining room ceiling and built-in cabinetry. One of the colored glass windows is a tribute to the Greek flag.

This summer, Wolfe House Movers (North Manchester, IN) will transport the house west on Marion Street to Portage and on to its new forever site at 402 W. Navarre. Presently, applications are underway for the necessary approvals from the City of South Bend. The Poledor House will be sold with protective covenants upon completion of the project this winter.

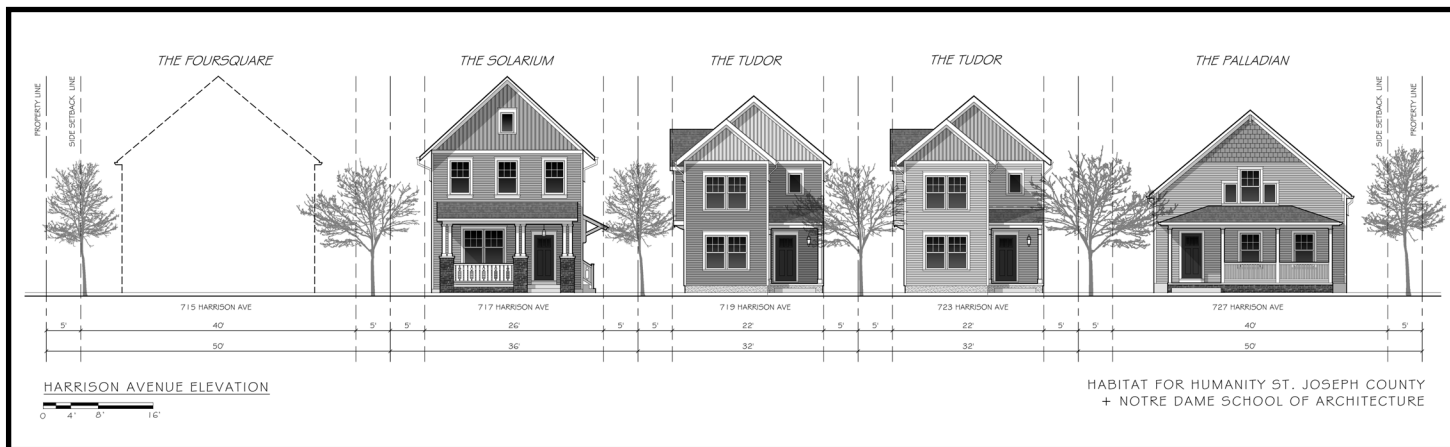
Meanwhile, the **May House**, which Indiana Landmarks moved to 919 Riverside Drive last year, awaits sewer and water connections before it will be available for purchase. Unexpected difficulty in securing contractors for that work has delayed that work. This spring, window restoration will be completed, with exterior rehabilitation wrapping up this summer after front entry rehabilitation and fresh paint are completed. Look for updates at www.Indianalandmarks.org - For sale. Or contact Todd Zeiger at tzeiger@indianalandmarks.org for more information.



Habitat to be Building on Harrison

Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County is in the final planning stages to develop five vacant lots in the 700 block of Harrison Ave with five new construction single-family homes. In this development, Habitat is partnering with the City of South Bend, who have provided funding assistance promoting the development of new infill housing, as well as with University of Notre Dame architecture students, who have participated with Habitat in designing contextual neighborhood homes.

This block of Harrison is due to see quite a bit of development in the next two years, with this Habitat build, three NNN projects, continuing work by Cross Community CDC, and additional builds from the recently awarded low income housing tax credits to Advantix (based in Evansville). The NNN plans to host an informational meeting in late summer or early fall to share any additional information available about upcoming development projects in the NNN area. Watch the listserv and our Facebook page for additional details about these meetings.



Habitat offers Aging in Place opportunities for Roof Repair and Replacement

Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County would also like to share that they are accepting inquiries for their Aging in Place program. The goal of Habitat for Humanity's Aging in Place program is to help seniors age 60 and older in St. Joseph County continue to live in their own homes and community safely, independently and comfortably. They are now accepting inquiries for roof repair and replacement only. Please fill out the inquiry form at www.hfhsjc.org/aging-in-place-application or call 574-288-6967 ext. 226

Projects are accepted based on available funding and eligibility for initial qualification. Aging in Place program clients pay Habitat a \$25 to \$125 fee. In return, Habitat structures all project costs as a forgivable loan that will not have to be repaid unless the Aging in Place client sells or transfers ownership of their home within five (5) years after the completion of their repair project. The forgivable loan amount is reduced by 20% each year and then completely cancelled after five (5) years.

Adopt-a-Block Cleanup, Saturday April 20th!

Our neighborhood's annual litter cleanup, in partnership with the City of South Bend's Neighborhood Enforcement Team is coming up soon! Join your neighbors to "adopt your block" and join us for coffee, donuts, equipment, and safety instructions at 8 am, April 20, at the NNN Community Center, 1013 Portage—and we will disperse from there throughout the neighborhood, with lots of locations for trash bag collection points. Questions? Sign up? Call us!

Would you like to be on the NNN ListServ and be in contact with your neighbors about Community information and announcements? Please email or call us with your name and email address to nnnassistant@nearnorthwest.org or 232-9182.

¿Le gustaría ser parte del grupo de emails de "NNN ListServ" y estar en contacto con sus vecinos/as respecto a la información de la comunidad y sus anuncios? Por favor, mándenos un email al nnnassistant@nearnorthwest.org o llámenos al 232-9182.

Seeking contributions for the Common Ground: News You Can Use. Feel free to write 100-300 words about your non-editorial neighborhood happenings. Subject to editing and space available, we welcome your contributions. Call the office for more information.

The Art of Neighboring

by Community Organizer, Andre Northern

As a member of Gen X on the cusp of Gen Y, I grew up seeing genuine neighboring but with that said, it seemed like a dying artform by the time I reached early adulthood. Social media was gaining legs as Facebook was beginning to send Myspace to the obsolete grave yard to join cassettes and Betamax video tapes. That was about the same time I was in college. By my second year I, like others my age and younger, jumped all the way in. It didn't take me long to see not only did we open a Pandora's Box, we blew the lid completely off. It was clear to me that people were beginning to compartmentalize their lives even in those early years of cell phone use.

Cut to where we are now and it's clear that social media has completely changed how we interact. People are quicker to judge and demonize each other and their problems instead of helping each other. You can find millions of videos of neighbors fighting and arguing while videos of neighbors helping each other are pretty scarce. Yes, these issues have always existed, and it can be argued that the only difference is we have devices to video record these issues in real time. But it could also be argued that the same culture of viewing our lives device first has heightened our negative interactions. Our steady diet of content compels some to behave as if they are one video away from becoming a viral sensation, for better or worst.

As I began this role as Community Organizer and Networker for the NNN, and learned more about the art of neighboring, I held on to my hope that the artform was still alive. It's been a relief to me to see example after example in the NNN over the years that not only is it still alive, it is thriving.

My first glimmer of hope was three weeks into beginning this role. We were abruptly in the middle of a pandemic and lockdown. Immediately, neighbors mobilized to get food deliveries, hand sanitizer and masks to our elderly neighbors. I got call after call from people who just wanted to help. In one of the bleakest of times, I found the outpouring of generosity and desire of others to organize to take care of their neighbors inspiring. I didn't know it then but it would be demonstrations like these that would restore me in the darker moments of public service.

What I've also learned in the years after that desperate time in our lives is this neighborhood's uniqueness isn't just the beautiful turn of the century homes or its diversity, it's the intent of those who live here. People who believe in services to others live here and look to live here. That among many other things define the culture here. I can be cynical at times, but it is here that I am often reminded of all the things that came out of Pandora's Box, something still remained; hope.

Leadership, South Bend Mishawaka

2024 Distinguished Alum: Laquisha Jackson, Signature Class 49

Many of you know LaQuisha Jackson as the person who runs the monthly Food Pantry at the NNN. She's also (now) an award winner with Leadership South Bend Mishawaka.

Leadership SBM was established to form community leaders through civic leadership development and connects program graduates with professional and service opportunities within our regional community. Focused and directed towards solving local problems through the education and collaboration of budding leaders, Leadership SBM's Signature Program provides an immersive and rewarding pathway towards both self-actualization and community development. With a strong emphasis on foundational leadership skills, professional networking and practical application, the Signature Program has been finetuned over the last 45 years to provide the local community with the leaders it needs and the leadership our community deserves.

Leadership SBM describes LaQuisha as: "the visionary founder of Hope for the Hungry, embodies the principles of servant leadership and is an active advocate for positive change in the community. She stands out as a beacon of hope, bringing peace and joy to those she serves. LaQuisha's impact extends beyond the immediate provision of food; it encompasses a holistic approach that aims to uplift and educate the community."

Please congratulate and celebrate Laquisha's success.

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