

# EAST SIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## The Connection



GRAND RISING! Happy Holy Day!  
Give thanks and praises - blessings...



Bishop Gary L. Bush, Sr.,  
Overseer

The East Side Community Association's (ECA) support for the Abundant Love Church Thanksgiving Food Drive is a wonderful example of community spirit and generosity. It's amazing to see how everyone came together to help ten families during the Thanksgiving holiday. In addition to an additional eight (8) more families in our community received a turkey, making the impact even greater.

Special thanks to the sponsors: Prime, Charles Law; David Thomas; and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - Tau Nu Chapter, Fort Wayne, IN. Also, a big shoutout to the ECA members: Ruby Bates, Saydi Whitt; Lee Lane; Maria Teresa; Kimberly Burnett; Madeline Nugent; David Thomas; Charles Law; and Sadie Hatch.

It's acts of kindness like these that truly make a difference in our community. Kudos to everyone involved!



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Please join us!  
East Side Community Association  
Next meeting: January 21st, 2024  
6:00 pm  
Abundant Love Church  
2615 New Haven Ave

MLK

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR CLUB INC OF FORT WAYNE

*Save the Date*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025**

**39TH ANNUAL DR. KING  
UNITY DAY CELEBRATION**

Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Innovation  
10622 Parkview Plaza Dr | Fort Wayne IN 46845  
10:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM

**EVENT COST**  
\$40 Adults  
\$20 Children  
\$10 Youth 12-18  
**VENDORS**  
\$50 per table,  
plus an additional  
\$15 for goods  
Catering: 313-241-6224

**There's**  
TONY BETTON, JR.  
21Alive Insight Host

**KING**

*"The time is always right, to do what is right."* -MLK

2025

Where Community Matters

REACTIVATION NEWS  
EAST SIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Adopted November 1986  
Ms. Evelyn Floyd, Founder

Reactivated, May 2024



**BOUNDARIES**

NORTH: Norfolk & Western Railroad  
SOUTH: Pontiac Street and the Penn Central Railroad  
EAST: Edsall Street (west side only)  
WEST: Anthony Blvd. and Wayne Trace

**ECA MEETING(s)**

Our monthly meeting of the East Side Community Association for the election of the Board of Directors shall be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday of every month.

**The Board of Directors** may provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of any additional regular meeting of the Board without other notice than such resolution.

Follow us:

Engage Fort Wayne  
East Side Neighborhood Reactivation

Ruby completed an  
application with Engage  
FW – for Neighborhood Pride  
placards with our logo

## Contact East Side Neighborhood

Want to contact Eastside Neighborhood  
activating resident Ms. Ruby Bates?  
If so, please use the e-mail below.

**Name:**

Ms. Ruby Bates - Activating Resident

**Email:**

[eastsidecommunityna@gmail.com](mailto:eastsidecommunityna@gmail.com)

**Elected Officers:**

Ruby Bates, President  
Charles Law, Vice President  
Maria Teresa, Secretary  
Dave Thomas, Treasurer  
Lee Lane, Sargent at Arms  
Saydi Whitt, Spanish Speaking Translator

Cultivating a community  
for the next generation

## BECOME A

East Side Neighborhood  
Association Member

We Need Your Voice For Our  
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS!



## City of Fort Wayne reminds residents: No parking on grass - AroundFortWayne

Tuesday, September 17th, 2024

# City of Fort Wayne reminds residents: No parking on grass

The City of Fort Wayne's Department of Neighborhood Code Compliance reminds residents that parking on the grass in residential districts violates City Ordinance.



## City of Fort Wayne Indiana news release:

### **City of Fort Wayne Reminds Residents: No Parking on Grass**

Fort Wayne, Indiana (September 17, 2024) – The City of Fort Wayne's Department of Neighborhood Code Compliance reminds residents that parking on the grass in residential districts violates City Ordinance.

Parking in yards and on grass can cause damage to infrastructure like curbs, sidewalks, underground water, data, gas, and sewer lines, as well as cause damage to tree root systems that could eventually kill trees. The damages will result in a cost to homeowners for the repairs.

In wet seasons, parking vehicles in the grass or yards causes ruts in the ground that can collect water, promoting optimal mosquito breeding grounds and affecting the neighborhoods.

During dry seasons, parking vehicles with hot engines on grass or in yards increases the risk of vehicle and grass fires.

The City urges residents to maintain safe parking practices and respect their neighborhoods by only parking on Approved surfaces.

Violations are subject to a \$100 fine per day.

*Stay Informed...*



311 or  
427-8311





## CITY'S COMMITMENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE CONTINUES WITH FOUR MAJOR PROJECTS ADVANCING AT CITY COUNCIL

December 4, 2024 - Fort Wayne's record year of \$48.9 million in neighborhood infrastructure improvements continues with four major projects receiving preliminary approval at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

### \*Ardmore Avenue Widening Project from Covington to Lower Huntington roads - \$6.973 million

This is a federal aid project with 80% of the work being federally funded. The contract is for preliminary engineering starting in 2025. Construction would be in three phases starting in 2032, 2034 and 2036.

\*Harvester Community Phase III Asphalt Street Reconstruction - \$2.398 million (includes East Side Community Association) Construction would begin as soon as possible with substantial completion in late 2025 and final restoration in spring 2026. The project would be funded with American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

\*Mount Vernon Park Neighborhood Improvements - \$1.068 million Construction would start in early spring 2025. The project would be funded with American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

\*Leesburg Road Extension - \$11.980 million Construction would start as soon as weather permits in January 2025 and be completed in fall 2026, including all restoration.

All time frames on the projects are weather dependent. "In partnership with Mayor Sharon Tucker and City Council, we're continuing to make significant progress in neighborhoods throughout all of Fort Wayne," said Shan Gunawardena, Public Works Director for the City of Fort Wayne. "The approval at the Committee Session step is a significant win for residents and neighborhoods as we advance projects that will have a lasting and positive impact on our community."

City Council is expected to give final approval on the projects next week.

## WINTER IS HERE!

- ◆ Replace Smoke Alarm Batteries
- ◆ Focus on sealing air leaks around windows and doors with caulk and weatherstripping,
- ◆ Checking and adding insulation in your attic and walls, cleaning gutters,
- ◆ Have your furnace inspected and serviced by a professional.
- ◆ Change or clean your furnace filter regularly.
- Drain outdoor hoses and disconnect them from faucets.
- ◆ Open cabinet doors under sinks to allow warm air to circulate around pipes.

### #211

#### United Wayne Agency

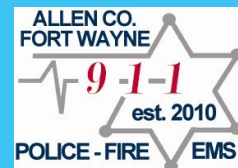
Free service call

### #311

#### First Call To City Hall

Non-emergency requests  
7:30am to 5:30pm

**Emergency  
Response  
Team**



## REPORT POWER OUTAGES:

**Indiana Michigan Power / AEP**

1.800.311.4634

**NIPSCO Gas Company**

1.800.464.7726 or

Text "OUT" TO 444111

**Animal Care & Control**

1.260.427.1244

## Did you know?



City of  
**FORT WAYNE**  
cityoffortwayne.org

### CITY OF FORT WAYNE WINTER CONTINGENCY/EMERGENCY SHELTER PLAN



The winter contingency/emergency shelter (WCES) plan for the upcoming winter season will be in effect starting on December 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

**\*Just Neighbors 2925 E. State Blvd, - families who need shelter should call (260) 458-9772.**

WCES will be open 7:00 p.m. to 6:45 a.m. each night. Families should check in by 9:00 a.m. A background check will be run on all adults. WCES staff can be reached at 260-452-5106 during shelter hours.

**\*St. Joseph Missions Women's Shelter - single unaccompanied women who need shelter should call (260) 426-7358.**

**\*The Rescue Mission . Individuals must be 18 years of age to receive an emergency weather bed night.**

Individuals should be sober when they arrive and should not have any active warrants. Individuals can check in at 404 E. Washington Blvd.

**If an individual believes they are ineligible for services at The Rescue Mission, call (260) 426-7357 ext. 156 between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

**The Rescue Mission Day Shelter:** 404 E Washington Blvd,  
**Meals for the Community:**  
Breakfast: 7:00 AM ~ Lunch: 12:00 PM ~ Dinner: 5:00 PM

**The Salvation Army Warming Station:** 2901 N. Clinton St,  
Mon.-Fri., 9:00 AM-4:00 PM | **Transportation: Citilink Bus Route #8**

**InAsMuch Ministry Warming Center:** 930 Broadway Street  
Mon., Wed. and Fri. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Public Library – Main Branch Warming Center** 900 Library Plaza  
Mon - Thur: 9:00 AM-9:00 PM ~ Fri. - Sat: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM  
Sunday: 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

**Project.ME Warming Center:** 2305 Broadway  
Mon. - Fri: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM / Sat-Sun: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
**Transportation: On Citilink Bus Route #1**  
**Note: Adults only due to the nature of services provided.**

**Citilink buses will serve as mobile warming centers to help the community stay warm. \*Note: All rides must have a valid bus pass.**

**More details can be found here:**  
**<https://engage.cityoffortwayne.org/winter-contingency-plan>**

The City of Fort Wayne is providing a grant of \$15,000 through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to assist the implementation of the winter contingency/emergency shelter plan.

### News You Can Use | Fort Wayne City Utilities | Water That Works

#### Homes built before 1937

are likely to have lead service lines.

**Remove Lead Water Lines from Your Property**  
**The EPA says No Amount of Lead is Safe Protect Your Family – Replace your Lead Line**

If you have a lead or galvanized pipe on your property that brings water into your home, you could have lead-contaminated water coming from your faucet.

As a property owner, you are responsible for the pipe you own that connects from the City Utilities system to your meter.

Thanks to a federal grant we are able to offer free lead line replacements in portions of the following neighborhoods:  
Hamilton ~Bloomington ~ Renaissance Pointe  
East Side ~ Harvester ~Oxford

Don't miss the chance to get lead out of your home. Replace the water pipe on your property. TAKE ACTION NOW!