



# NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2025

### Q1 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

**FEBRUARY 10 FROM 7-8 PM AT HARRISON HILL ELEMENTARY**

- Neighborhood updates & committee reports
- Open floor to Harrison Hill residents
- 2025 Neighborhood Grant application discussion
- Approval of 2025-2027 strategy

### HARRISON HILL: HOME TO GOOD NEIGHBORS

**In 2024, we introduce the Good Neighbor Recognition program. This year, our goal is to continue to foster good neighbor relationships because good neighbors contribute to a positive community environment where people feel connected and looked after.** A strong neighborhood community with good neighbors adds significant value to a person's life by fostering a sense of belonging, safety, support, and overall quality of life, potentially including increased property values, through mutual assistance, friendly interactions, and a shared commitment to maintaining the neighborhood's well-being.

#### How to be a good neighbor:

Introduce yourself, wave, say hello to neighbors	Be mindful of noise, respect privacy, look out for others	Keep your property and yard well-maintained
Offer assistance and check-in with neighbors	Clean up litter, and pick up after your pets	Be social! Participant in events, gather with others, enjoy the public spaces

**Good Neighbors + an Active Neighborhood Association:** A healthy and active neighborhood association allows for residents to address local issues and to build community. Our goal is to ensure that Harrison Hill is a community where you feel safe and welcome.

#### How Harrison Hill Neighborhood is striving to keep our community safe and welcome:

- Working with Harrison Hill Elementary school to strengthen our relationship and ability to collaborate and support one another.
- Participating in the Southwest Area Partnership (SWAP) and Packard Area Planning Alliance (PAPA) to understand the plans and issues that affect our neighborhood.
- Connect with the City of Fort Wayne Neighborhood Development team, the Police, 311 and City Planning department to receive support, updates, and guidance.
- Safety Updates based on neighbor feedback:
  - Partner to study and add 4-way stop to S. Harrison & S. Cornell Circle
  - Added school zone speed signs
  - Added a speed sensor on S. Harrison
  - Increased police traffic tickets
  - Initiated Branning and Fairfield drainage repair
- Four standard newsletters per year, community events, Good Neighbor recognition

#### Who helps with Harrison Hill progress?

- **President:** Attend President's Meeting, PAPA & SWAP, liaison to Harrison Hill Elementary, Police, and other City offices. Know neighbors, listen and develop cohesive support for neighborhood. Lead.
- **Vice President:** Supports At-Large Zone Captains & neighbor needs. Champion others.
- **Treasurer:** Manage funds and guide fund utilization. Insurance and banking needs.
- **Secretary:** Minutes, communication (social & written).
- **At Large Zone Captains:** One neighbor per block noted as a neighbor liaison. Can be a point of contact for concerns or recommendations. Friendly face, advocate.
- **Newsletter Captains:** Distribute quarterly newsletters to each home.
- **Grounds Committee:** Support upkeep and beautification of the neighborhood.

Elections for new board will be in November 2025. If you think you might be interested in doing more in the neighborhood, please plan to join our quarterly meetings in 2025.

### Helpful Information

#### 311 Citizen Services:

Call 311 or (260)427-8311

<https://cityoffortwayne.custhelp.com>

FW Police (emergency): 911

FW Police (non-emergency):

- (260) 427-1222

Animal Care & Control:

- (260)427-1244

Councilman 5th District:

- Geoff Paddock (260)432-5700

Neighborhood Link: [nlfw.org](http://nlfw.org)

Email:

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

Website: [www.harrisonhillfw.com](http://www.harrisonhillfw.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fwhhill](http://www.facebook.com/fwhhill)

Next Door:

[nextdoor.com/neighborhood/harrisonhill--fort-wayne--in/](http://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/harrisonhill--fort-wayne--in/)

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### SPRING IN TO ACTION

- **Grounds committee** will kick-off with a spring clean up - dates coming soon.
- **Women's Book Club:** Meets monthly
- **Little Libraries:** Give or take a book. Children's book library is located at S. Cornell/Pasadena and All book library is located at Triangle Park.
- **Volunteer at Harrison Hill Elementary:** <https://harrisonhill.itschools.org/resources>
- **Gardening workshop:** Spring dates coming soon!

#### Sidewalk 50/50 Cost

**Share:** For homeowners seeking to repair concrete in their right of way.



### YARD OF THE WEEK 2025 UPDATE

Memorial Day - Labor Day  
**New Process: Yard of the Week recipient will choose the next Yard of the Week.** If you receive Yard of the Week, you will pass it on to a yard you think deserves recognition.

Recipients will receive instructions. We encourage you to explore the neighborhood, meet new neighbors and recognize beautification efforts throughout Harrison Hill.

## FINANCIAL UPDATES:

Annual dues are \$25 for each home (rent or own)

Payments can be made in two ways:

- **Paypal:**  
HarrisonHillNeighborhood@gmail.com
- **Mail:** Harrison Hill Association. PO Box 10444, Fort Wayne IN 46825

SCAN QR CODE  
TO PAY DUES.



### 2024 Fiscal Income Summary

- City Grant Reimbursement: \$3,108.00
  - Dues: \$1,848.89
  - Neighborhood of the Year Award: \$250.00
- Sum: \$5,206.89**

### Account Summary:

- Checking: \$6,464.32
- Savings: \$6,689.65

### 2024 Fiscal Expense Summary

- I&M: \$1,155.67
  - PO Box: \$170.00
  - 1st Source Bank Fees: \$30.00
  - City Permit for Concert: \$15 (Donated)
  - Electricity for Concert: \$20 (Donated)
  - Musician for Concert: \$400
  - Newsletter Paper: \$40 (Donated)
  - Erie Insurance: \$1,663.00
  - Aguilar Landscaping: \$350.00
  - Good Neighbor Signs: \$309.12
  - Plant Replacement: \$110.37
  - PayPal: TBD
  - City Grant Purchases: \$3,108.00
- Sum: \$7,296.16**

## GRANT APPLICATION IN PROGRESS: PUBLIC ART

The City of Fort Wayne offers a \$5K grant to support neighborhoods. Neighbor Lillian Thompson is leading our efforts to submit an application with the goal of strengthening neighborhood identity and curb appeal to neighborhood spaces.

The application proposes working with artists to create historically and environmentally appropriate crosswalk art to be installed at 2-6 crosswalk locations throughout Harrison Hill. With approval from the City, we would aim to begin work this summer.

We welcome anyone interested in supporting the project to join us for the initial proposal review at the February 10 meeting. Application deadline is March 2025.

## ENGAGE FORT WAYNE:

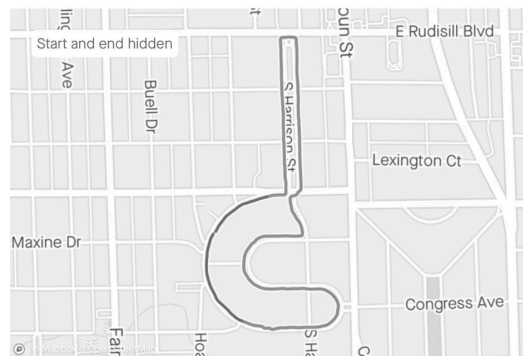
### A new public resource

Designed to foster meaningful and accessible participation in projects, discussions, and policies in the City of Fort Wayne. The website will provide project updates. The goal is to make local government participation easy and impactful.

### Some topics that may be of interest to you:

- Housing options zoning ordinance amendments
- Bluffton road ridge reconstruction & Bluffton road - St. Mary's riverbank resilience project
- Packard Park Redevelopment updates

## NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING LOOP



Distance: 1.40 mi  
Steps: 2,710

Look for the Native garden signs while you walk. Native garden patches were planted in the fall of 2024 as part of our 2024 City neighborhood beautification project.

## NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS

These are neighbors who volunteer to take a more active role in neighborhood planning, but we strive to empower everyone to take care of their neighbors and your part of the neighborhood.

- **President:** Gayle Bevill-DaDa
- **Vice President:** VACANT
- **Secretary:** Stephen Hardy (NEW)
- **Treasurer:** Jan Davis
- **At Large:**
  - Zone 1 (Boulevard + Lexington): Paul Offhaus
  - Zone 2 (N Cornell Circle + Hoagland Ave): Rusty Higgins
  - Zone 3 (S Cornell Circle + Hoagland Ave): Robin Harris
  - Zone 4 (N Seminole + S Radial Ln): Bill Smits
  - Zone 5 (S Seminole + N Radial Ln): Kelly Badger
- **Newsletters**
  - Printing: Jane Casey - Redeemer Lutheran Church
  - Newsletter Committee: Neighbors throughout
- **Grounds:** Stevie Ross
- **Website:** Alex Krouse
- **PAPA Liaison:** Stephen Hardy
- **City Grants:** Pamela Martin-Diaz and Shannon Baker
- **Historian:** Alex Krouse

## LIVING HISTORY: MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

How often do you walk through the neighborhood and wish you knew more about the neighbors living here? To celebrate the living history of our historic neighborhood, we will feature neighbors throughout Harrison Hill. Have a neighbor you'd like to see featured? Email [historicharrisonhill@gmail.com](mailto:historicharrisonhill@gmail.com).



### Jordan & Ashlyn Oloomi & Family : 217 Lexington Avenue

- **Occupation:** Jordan is the lead pastor at First Missionary Church on Rudisill and Ashlyn stays home with our four daughters.
- **How long have you lived in Harrison Hill?** Since 2019, but Ashlyn lived in the Harrison Hill neighborhood since she was in high school, and we both have lived in the 46807 our entire lives.
- **What do you like about living here?** We both went to Harrison Hill and graduated from South Side. There are so many aspects we love about being in the 07 from the diversity, the park, and all the kind people.
- **Cool fact about your house:** The built-in bookshelves by the fireplace, or a laundry chute from the 2nd floor to basement, or a sliding door at the top of our stairs. It really gives our home character.
- **Favorite past times?** We have a huge heart for our community and our zip code. Some of the things we have done as a family and as a church are building a community playground next to the church, creating social spaces by the three bus stops by our church which have benches and playground equipment, and building/establishing an after school center (the BrickHouse) next to our church which has on average 10-20 kids from the community who attended daily after school.