



ST. JOSEPH

HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Happy New Year! We have lots of things in the works. Here's a preview of all the information you'll find below.

- Neighborhood Meeting - Tues, Feb 2 @ 6pm - See the agenda and how to join
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Neighborhood Meeting - Tues, Feb 2 @ 6pm

We will be hosting our upcoming neighborhood meeting on Zoom. If you don't already have that software installed, you can download it from: <https://zoom.us/download>. Also available for Android and iOS devices.

Agenda

- Guest speakers: IMPD Officer Kim Evans - neighborhood 30-day crime update, City-councilman Zach Adamson for brief Q&A, and Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate Fabio Yataco for brief Q&A
- Neighborhood updates: DPW sidewalk repairs, signage, membership and involvement opportunities
- Treasurer's Report
- Beautification Committee
- Hospitality Committee
- Introductions/general Q&A

How to Join

(A reminder email with this information will be sent out the day of the meeting.)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89599076818?pwd=a3JWVXZicEJvUUVlOFVPOXNHWEVOUT09>

Meeting ID: 895 9907 6818
Passcode: 934239

If you have problems joining, email stjoeboard@gmail.com

January Board Meeting Notes

Beautification Committee Update

The board voted in favor of taking over adoption of the median at Fort Wayne, Alabama & St. Clair. Chair Ric Good will pursue options with DPW to paint the utility box on that location and seek advice on native plantings/landscape design resources from Keep Indy Beautiful (KIB).

Tree plantings along New Jersey (between 10th & 11th) should happen before the end of the year.

Ric will also be coordinating with all KIB block captains to see if the free plants provided could be utilized for the adopted median.

DPW Public Right-of-Way Grant Program

The board voted to commit \$10k of foundation funds for the project. This would allow the neighborhood to apply for \$20k in sidewalk repairs from DPW. The application will be submitted this week and notification will be received in mid-March regarding acceptance or denial of the application. If approved, more details will be provided via email and a fundraising effort will be undertaken to replenish foundation funds used for the project. While the application is pending, more research and discussions with the city will happen to better understand out options as a neighborhood to handle infrastructure repairs such as sidewalks. Currently the waitlist for such repairs is several years and our neighborhood has some very hazardous conditions primarily on 10th, 11th, and St. Joseph streets.

Membership

A call for membership in the association will happen in February and flyers should be created for distribution with the January Urban Times. (Those are being delivered this week.) Approval was given to creating St. Joseph window clings as a thank you for household memberships, as well as offering businesses a St. Joseph street banner to display in their storefront in exchange for their membership.

Urban Times

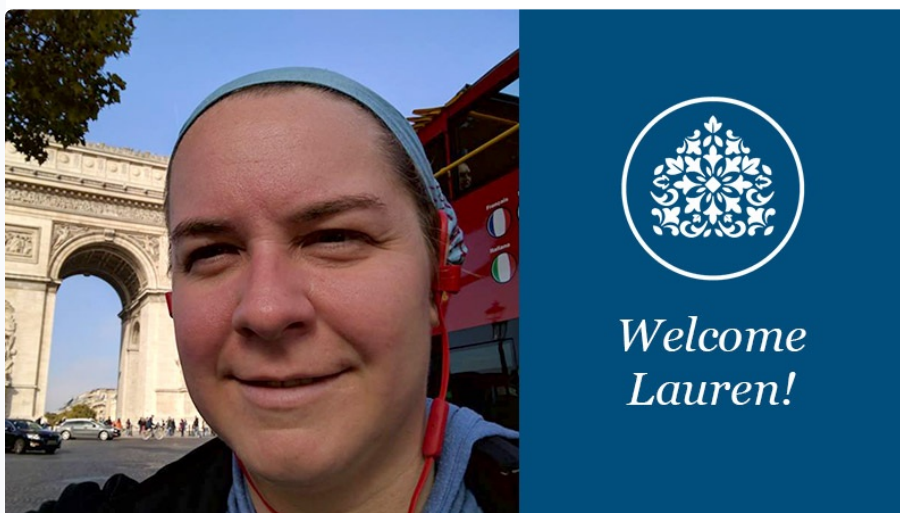
Future article topics were discussed. There was strong support for continuing the Q&A approach to welcoming/introducing new neighbors. Jan Good confirmed she'd communicate publication deadlines to the board. As a sidenote, all neighbors are welcome to submit articles for consideration in our St. Joseph section of the Urban Times. Just contact the board for more information: stjoeboard@gmail.com

President's Report

Mark Godley shared that he had drafted a roles and responsibilities document which he hopes will ease the transition for future board members into the role of president. He also shared further detail on the COA approval for 947 Alabama which required a single concession (the use of a fixed storefront window in lieu of double-hung windows) from the owner. Details are forthcoming on anticipated construction start dates.

Meet Lauren Malhoit

We'll continue to share articles shared to the Urban Times in our monthly updates! As a reminder, if you're interested in submitting an article OR you know someone who is new to the neighborhood, please contact stjoeboard@gmail.com. We'd love to feature them in an upcoming article.



St. Joseph Welcomes Lauren Malhoit
By Eric Hannon & Mark Godley

This month those of us in St. Joseph extend a warm welcome to one of our

newer residents, Lauren Malhoit. Lauren moved into a beautifully renovated historic home in the northern section of the neighborhood. On behalf of our neighborhood association - Greetings Lauren, and welcome to the neighborhood.

Q: Please tell us a little bit about yourself.

A: Hi Mark, thanks for the warm welcome! Let's see a little about me... I moved to Indy about 10 years ago for a job as a network engineer at a software company called lasta based in Carmel. I'm originally from the Toledo area, but I've lived in various parts of Ohio and Michigan as well. Back then I lived in the Real Silk condos on Mass Ave, which was a great place for someone in her early 30s. Since then I've lived in Herron Morton, had a very brief stint up north in Trader's Point, a year at the 360 apartments at Market Square, and finally landed here in the St. Joseph neighborhood a few months ago. Let me just say, it's great to be back downtown! I've had a couple other jobs based in Indy, but for the last almost 7 years I've been a remote worker first at Cisco, and finally made the jump to a product marketing role at Juniper Networks about three years ago.

Q: What attracted you to your house and to St. Joseph?

A: Having spent a lot of time downtown for the last decade, I was pretty familiar with it all. I visited around 20 houses in, I think, every single neighborhood. I actually thought there was one on 25th I might buy, but didn't really like how far north it was. I took one last look at the one on 11th and fell in love with both the location and the uniqueness of this house and St. Joseph. I love that all the houses look different comparatively, and mine in particular has the charm of a house that's been around for a while, but has been updated to be very modern. Being able to walk to Mass Ave or the Circle was also very appealing to me.

I also got a dog about a month before Covid hit. My dog, Hedy Lamutt, has a LOT of energy, so the backyard was crucial. She is also terrified of other dogs (and sometimes people) which makes her lash out a bit. So, if you see us walking, it's probably best not to come up to us. She's just a bit antisocial (read: VERY antisocial).

Q: What do you like most about living downtown?

A: For me, downtown Indy is the perfect blend of things to do and city noise while also feeling fairly clean and safe. Beyond that, though, I love trying new restaurants, and though there are a few around the various suburbs I enjoy, there's no better place than downtown if you're looking for great restaurants. Being able to walk everywhere is great, too, especially during these times. Being a remote worker (and having been one for years), it's very easy to find yourself becoming a bit reclusive. Just going out and seeing other people walking, saying a quick hello, does wonders for the spirit. There really is more to do down here, even while being socially distanced and careful. Recently, I took my girlfriend to Winterlights at Newfields, Penn & Beech, and then out for a great dinner to celebrate her birthday. And a bonus, we get all of the food delivery options here! Yes, I'm aware my likes tend to be very convenience and food oriented.

Q: What are 3 places downtown that you would tell a friend they need to try (neighborhoods, restaurants, parks, etc.)?

A: This is a tough one, especially right now. If you ask me again next week, I might have three totally different answers, but here goes...

1. This might be cheating, but the Cunningham Group just seems to be nailing it. I haven't had a bad meal at any of their restaurants, and they cover the gamut of food choices.
2. If you're looking for a date idea, Penn & Beech was a lot of fun. Personally, all those smells can be a bit rough on the old olfactory system for me, but for 45 minutes it was a fun and different activity when you're looking for something to do besides just eat.
3. I'm trying to think of something besides food. I guess I'll go with an oldie, Tibb's Drive-in Movie Theater. I had actually never been to a drive-in theater before I moved to Indy and I try to get there a few times every summer.

Q: When the pandemic subsides and regular life resumes what are you looking forward to doing?

A: Honestly, I'm just looking forward to not living with the stifling pressure and stress a pandemic brings on. If you're looking for a more specific answer, though, I would say traveling. I love living here, but traveling is important to me. Last year I was able to visit 5 different continents and had about 150,000 miles spent in the air. I spent a lot of time being terrified of flying, and now I'm fortunate enough to be able to go to some really cool places for work. My

employer has banned travel for now, so I'm waiting for that to be lifted and to ultimately feel safe doing it by my own standards.

General Reminders

Board Meetings Schedule

As a reminder, the St. Joseph Board will meet monthly on first Tuesdays via Zoom. Next meeting is scheduled for March 2. For any issues or concerns you'd like discussed, please email the board prior to the meeting. Email: stjoeboard@gmail.com

Association Membership

You'll be getting membership renewal reminders with this month's delivery of Urban Times. If you have opted into the auto-renewal option in PayPal, you don't need to take any action. You can join at stjoeneighborhood.org.

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