



ST. JOSEPH

HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Lots of content to share with you this month! Here's a glance at what's to follow:

- Spring Clean Up Details - This Saturday @ 8:30am
- Notes from April's board meeting
- Welcome Britni & Cody
- Farewell to a long-time neighbor
- Unity of Indy Marketplace - Monthly First Saturdays
- Rent Assistance Program
- Updates from INDOT/North Split Project
- Upcoming events

Spring Clean Up - This Saturday!

The neighborhood spring clean up is happening this Saturday, April 10 8:30-10:30am.

Here's what you need to know:

- Meet in the empty lot at 10th & Alabama at 8:30am. Please wear a mask.
- Bags, gloves and some tools will be provided. Feel free to bring your own rakes, brooms and/or dust pans.
- We think we'll just miss the rain on Saturday but the dumpster will be available through Sunday, so if you'd like to help out more over the weekend, we can provide you some bags.
- Free St. Joseph sticker for all who join!

April Board Meeting Notes

HVAF (Helping Veterans and Families)

- Ashlee Walls from HVAF (964 N. Pennsylvania) shared proposed signage and exterior updates to their building. Their mission is to improve visibility of their facility and increase awareness of the services they provide.
- There is an open house tentatively planned for July to welcome the community to their renamed community center.
- If you'd like to learn more about the services offered or how you can volunteer, visit their website. <https://www.hvafofindiana.org>

Beautification Committee Update

- The application to adopt the triangle median at St. Clair/Fort Wayne/Alabama is still pending. Working with a nearby realty business to see if they'd like to support the effort.
- Spring clean up reminder (see above for details)

Hospitality Committee Update

- Location and details are being determined for the ice cream social on May 23. More details to come.

Treasurer's Report/Members Update

- The foundation and association banking accounts were successfully linked with our non-profit status. Henceforth, we are only the foundation doing business as the neighborhood association. This will streamline financial operations.
- The St. Joseph window stickers were delivered to everyone who joined the association this year. Brandt Construction & Robert's Camera joined as business members.

Neighborhood News

- A follow-up meeting regarding the neighborhood's application for sidewalk repairs is set for Friday, April 9. The announcement of recipients has been delayed from the original schedule of end of March.
- Support was expressed for continuing the neighbor Q&A articles

As featured in the April issue of Urban Times. If you'd like to get introduced to the neighborhood, please email stjoeboard@gmail.com



Welcome Cody & Britni (and Penny)

Tell us a little about your family.

Our family includes: Cody, web-developer and basketball fan; Britni, marketer and tennis player; and Penny, the cat, birdwatcher and chicken aficionado. We are newly married but have been together for 6 years. Our story revolves around Downtown: our first date was at Ralston's and we got married on the Circle!

What about your recent move to St. Joseph are you most excited

about?

Britni: I am excited to have neighbors and more of a community. It also doesn't hurt that we are so close to Mass Ave and the new Bottleworks development.

Cody: I'm looking forward to more space, the neighborhood feel and finding new local spots.

How long have you lived downtown? What are some of your favorite things to do in the city?

Britni: I've been here about 7 years! I love grabbing empanadas at Livery, watching the Indians at Victory Field and enjoying ice cream on the Circle steps in the summer.

Cody: About 10 years ago, my first downtown apartment was actually in St. Joseph but I didn't realize it at the time. Mostly, I love how accessible it all is – running the canal, biking to Fountain Square, etc. Nothing feels out of reach.

How has WFH been (for better or worse)?

Britni: I'm more extroverted, so I had a bit of a learning curve at the start. Now, with more space and a solid routine, I may never go back (psych).

Cody: I was WFH for almost 10 years pre-pandemic, so I was built for it. But I just got a sit/stand desk and that made things a lot nicer. Also, my wife is home too so I get to annoy her and that's fun.

What are your favorite local businesses/products?

Britni: I love Silver in the City, Gordon's Milkshake Bar and we recently discovered a local woodworker that is amazing, Radford Woodworks.

Cody: Yats is my forever favorite. I love Indy Reads, Cups coffee, and (RIP) Dick's BBQ lunch specials.

What's your favorite show right now?

Britni: That's tough! I don't have any self-control and will power through a series in a week. I like The Crown, Queer Eye and I'm thinking about restarting Schitt's Creek.

Cody: We've been watching the game show Awake lately which is one of the dumber things I've seen but good background noise and good for saying "oh I'd win this for sure." I've also been slowly rewatching the X-Files on Hulu.



Farewell to a Long-time Neighbor

Nancy Ortega and her husband, Max of 54 years, called St. Joseph home for a large part of their lives. We know there are several in the community who

knew her well and so we wanted to make sure everyone got a chance to pay tribute.

Ms. Ortega's Obituary

Unity of Indianapolis Marketplace

Unity of Indianapolis at 907 N. Delaware will be having the 1st Saturday of every month from April to September an EVERYTHING SALE-- where vendors of all things wonderful and needed will merge onto our parking and have a sale of everything-- and there's something for everyone. A family friendly event where we join with our eclectic friends and neighbors to share treasures and treats. We will even have farmers selling produce, plants, food trucks, yard sale items, crafters, artists, upcycled, re-cycled, antiques and new. Our hours will be 10am - 5 pm. Still looking for vendors and sellers. Send an e-mail to unitymarket@mail.com for an application. Hope to see all our neighbors and friends!

Rent Assistance Program

Indianapolis' rent assistance program is now open. Tenants are encouraged to submit their contact information to the waitlist currently on the site, as those on the list will have the first opportunity to apply. This assistance will cover up to 3 months rent including a combination of back rent dating back to April 1, 2020 for eligible Marion County residents. Access to applications and additional info is available at indyrent.org.

Rental Assistance Website

INDOT / North Split Updates

INDOT hosted a meeting with local neighborhoods in mid-March. Representatives from the St. Joseph neighborhood were in attendance. The only updates from information previously shared related to details of the upcoming closure happening in mid-May.

- For information regarding the upcoming closures and detours, you can review the presentation slides [here](#).
- If you're interested in the latest aesthetic guidelines for the project, those are available [here](#). Four public meetings will be held over this year and next to present this info in detail. Follow the links below for the most up-to-date communication.
- Questions/concerns? INDOT 4 U will be the best place to submit future questions/concerns/requests as people are held accountable for responding.

Website: indot4u.com

Phone: 855-INDOT4U (855-463-6848)

- There are multiple resources for staying updated on the North Split project:
Visit Northsplit.com or text "NORTHSPLIT" to 468311
Visit Facebook.com/NorthSplit
Follow on Twitter: [@NorthSplit](https://Twitter.com/@NorthSplit)
Follow on Instagram: [@IndyNorthSplit](https://Instagram.com/@IndyNorthSplit)

[INDOT 4 U Website](#)

Save The Date

Upcoming Events

- Spring Clean-up - Saturday, April 10 8:30-10:30am
- Neighborhood Meeting (Zoom) - Tuesday, May 4 - 6:30pm - Zoom details will be emailed in advance.
- Ice Cream Social - Sunday, May 23 Time TBD

Board Meetings Schedule

As a reminder, the St. Joseph Board will meet monthly on first Tuesdays via Zoom. Next meeting is scheduled for June 1. For any issues or concerns you'd like discussed, please email the board prior to the meeting. Email: stjoeboard@gmail.com

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