



ST. JOSEPH

HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Here's a glance at what's to follow:

- Notes from the May neighborhood meeting
- Meet the Neighbors: Sam & Chris
- Upcoming events

Neighborhood Meeting Notes

Thanks to everyone who joined the meeting on May 4th. It was great to see so many new faces! For everyone else, here's what you missed.

Updates from Councilman Zach Adamson

- Not a lot to report on his action items, waiting for further updates on the removal of the weekly bins from BNS.
- The city is seeking clarification on their options to continue mask requirements in Indianapolis, despite the state requirement being lifted.
- May 25 is the deadline for infrastructure funding priorities for district 17. He will be engaging neighborhood leadership to help with determining those priorities via three community meetings. We will be grouped with 'west' of interstate neighborhoods. He'll share the priority list from DPW based on items that have already been submitted.

Updates from Fabio Yataco, Mayor's Advocate

- Seeking nominations for the Mayor's Community Service Awards. The Mayor's Community Service Awards recognizes volunteer contributions and commitments to community service. Marion County residents can be nominated in one of several categories, including arts and humanities, business, education, health, neighborhood, sports, and more. Submit a nomination [here](#).
- High weeds (over 12") can now be reported via the RequestIndy app or to the Mayor's Action Center. More information [here](#).
- Project Indy - Youth 16+ Job Program. Project Indy comprises a network of community organizations, employers, and corporate partners who are providing job opportunities, soft-skill development and job-readiness training to in-school and out-of-school youth in Marion County. Apply at projectindy.net
- North Split full closure to begin THIS WEEKEND. The 18-month closure of the North Split Interchange is expected to close on or after May 15, 2021, weather permitting. During the full closure, I-65 and I-70 between the North Split and Washington Street will be closed to all traffic while bridges and roadways are reconstructed. However, access in and out of downtown will remain. Motorists are encouraged to start mapping alternate routes now. Those who will continue to drive can see detour maps at northsplit.com/maps.
- The Original Farmer's Market is back, every Wednesday 9:30-1:30pm in front of Whole Foods. For more information,

Updates from Officer Kim Evans

Relay app (relayapp.com) is now available to all citizens. It's for reporting non-emergency requests, such as suspicious activity or illegally parked cars. The app is available on Android and iOS and allows direct interaction with officers.

Police calls to the area in the past 30 days

4/21 - 200 block E 9th vehicle theft
4/27 - 901 Ft Wayne ave reported stolen vehicle
4/7 - 9th & Delaware narcotics arrest
4/21 - 400 block of E Arch St - theft from vehicle
5/3 - 400 block E 10th - theft from building

Reminder: Don't leave visible items in vehicles, even items that are not of value. Anything visible may prompt a break-in. It's recommended to put everything, particularly valuable items in the trunk. Laptops and wireless headphones are common targets.

General updates/Q&A

- Bike units are out and patrolling downtown neighborhoods
- JLL is taking over Circle Centre Mall, Simon has withdrawn all ownership so IMPD is monitoring new ownership changes closely
- Question about trash around war memorial. Citizens or organizations providing meals to the homeless are required to register with the War Memorial. This is to control the frequency of the drops and ensure there's not more food left than can be consumed. As a side note, there was an ordinance to regulate/permit homeless food drops but it did not pass city council.
- Question about whether there has been an increase in narcotic arrests but statistically, narcotic calls have been decreasing
- Question about loitering at Lugar Park. They've hired a security company to patrol until midnight and added IMPD officers for additional support from 5-8pm. Fourteen arrests have been made there in the last two weeks and there are already signs of improvement.

DPW Grant Updates

The neighborhood was awarded a matching grant from the city. Damaged sidewalks will be getting replaced throughout the city and there is talk of a redesign happening of the median at Alabama/St.Clair/Fort Wayne. More details on timing are expected in the coming week.

Treasurer's report

~ \$12,500 in the Foundation account
~ \$1,600 in the Association account
45 Association members

Beautification Committee

- At least 60 bags were collected at spring cleanup. Thanks to everyone who chipped in!
- Planning plantings for the triangle median as we await official updates on the adoption

Hospitality Committee

- Details were shared about the upcoming ice cream social on May 16, 2-4pm. [RSVP here.](#)
- Two porch parties are anticipated for June, hosted by Jan & Ric Good and Jenny & Eric Hannon. Dates will be announced closer to time!

General Q&A

- Alabama bridge work. This bridge will not be replaced as part of the North Split construction but we should be getting improvements on the underpass by way of improved lighting, drainage and paver walking paths.
- Wrong way traffic on 10th st. It was recommended to report plate numbers via the Relay app.
- 926 N Alabama. A new owner is taking over the previously approved plans to convert the property into a single family home with a few modifications. No updates on timing of when work will begin.

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



Please introduce yourselves and tell us a little about your work+interests.

Greetings from beautiful St. Joseph! We are Christopher and Samantha (Chris and Sam). We moved to St. Joseph in November of 2020. We had a family trip planned in October of 2020 in Ireland. Due to the pandemic, that trip was canceled, so we decided to move instead! We've actually been talking about moving downtown for years, and 2020 ended up being our time. We raised three amazing kids in Franklin Township on the SE side of Indy. We are now empty nesters, and thoroughly enjoying all that our city has to offer. Sam is a manager with PNC Bank, and Chris is with the IU School of Social Work. We are "work to live" people. We usually take four to five trips a year. Traveling is a big part of what keeps us motivated. We also love to cook, hang out with the family, and explore new and exciting things in downtown Indy. We are loving the walkability afforded by the amazing St. Joseph location.

Where did you move from and what attracted you to St. Joseph?

We bought a house in Franklin Township in 2000, and we lived there until we moved downtown last November. When we decided to finally move downtown, we considered many different areas of the city. However, St. Joseph had something magical about it. We live on a side street that seems to be hidden from the rest of the world. It's amazing that we can be so close to everything in downtown Indy, and still live in such a quiet, quaint neighborhood. We've also gotten to know, or at least meet many of our neighbors. Everyone is so nice, and so happy to be in our cozy pocket of town.

What's been the biggest change you've experienced since your move?

One of the major benefits of living downtown is not being tied to your car for everything. We walk, or ride our bikes to the grocery store, hardware store, or

just to explore. We do not miss the suburban gridlock. And then there is the energy of downtown Indy. Yes, it's been subdued for the last year or so, but it's still there. St. Joseph has a cool vibe as well.

What was your strongest revelation from the past year of quarantining/spending more time at home?

We can never take the time we get to spend with family and friends for granted.

Quarantining = increased wine consumption

What are your favorite local spots so far?

We have discovered English Ivy and the Alabama liquor store! We are also on a first name basis with baristas at way too many coffee shops within walking distance of St. Joseph. Our restaurant list would probably look pretty similar to most downtown residents. The Cunningham Group stands out though. We are also eagerly awaiting the reopening of The Chatterbox. Indy just isn't the same without them.

What are you most interested in doing/trying this summer?

Hopefully The Chatterbox (see above!). Maybe the new music venue at White River State Park. We need live music!

Anything else you want to share?

Please feel free to say hi if you see us out and about. We are usually cooking something fun in the evenings. If you smell something amazing wafting from our windows you should probably stop by. We have yet to learn how to cook for only two, so there's likely plenty to share!

New to the neighborhood or a long-time resident? Please email stjoeboard@gmail.com. We'd love to share your Q&A!

Save The Date

Upcoming Events

- Ice Cream Social - Sunday, May 16, 2-4pm - 10th & Alabama. [RSVP here](#).
- Two porch parties planned for June. Details will be shared closer to time.
- National Night Out Picnic - August 3

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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