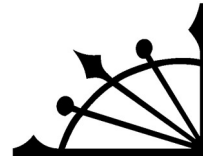


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A special Thank You to Evie Barton and all her musical friends for the very delightful Mondays in the Garden summer music series. Hats off to all of you !



Come visit the Sherman Ave Garden during Arts Cafe

NNN COMMUNITY DATES

The Local Cup Pay-It-Forward Coffee Shop at 1009 Portage Avenue is Open:

FRIDAY 9AM-1PM
SATURDAY 9AM-1PM
SUNDAY 1-5 PM
TUESDAY 7-10 AM

EVENTS

Saturdays, 10 AM at the Local Cup, Walk with a (student) Doc meets at the Local Cup and then heads out for a wander around the neighborhood. Learn about health topics and share a relaxing physical activity.

Saturdays through October 26, 9AM-1PM, the Urban Garden Farmer's Market is open at the 1006 Portage Parking Lot. Pancakes available some weekends 9-11.

Sunday, Sept 15, 4-6 pm, NNN neighbors are invited to be part of the Faith in St. Joe County Leadership Assembly, addressing issues of gun violence and policing. Meeting at St. Augustine's Church on W. Washington.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 27-30 the NNN needs Volunteers to help set up, take down and host Arts Café. Call the office to lend a hand.

Sunday, September 29 from 11AM-5 PM is Arts Café, our annual block party, food and music festival, art and crafts show, home tour and Kid Zone Event. Just. Show. Up. Have. Fun.

ONGOING

Yoga Classes in the Mary Grace Room with Ann Clark, Mondays, 4-5:15 PM, no charge

Zumba with Carlos Centellas in the Community Center, Tuesdays 6-7 PM, \$5.00 per session

Hoop Embodiment Classes, 6:15-7:15 PM in the Community Center, most Wednesday evenings, \$ Fee

Drawing & Painting, Fridays, 10 AM-12 PM, NNN Community Center, with area Artists

Kid Time many Saturdays while SMC is in session, 10-11:30 AM in the Mary Grace Room. See The Local Cup Facebook page for more information

Casual Kids Get Together, 10-11:30 AM in the Mary Grace Room on the third Fridays of the Month

REGISTRATION REQUIRED EVENTS: *Please call the office for additional information*

Michiana Community Male Chorus meets Thursday evenings

Raven Body Balance classes are Thursdays and Sundays at the NNN.

A **Grandparents Support Group** is meeting in the Mary Grace Room and welcomes new members.

Krista Kuskye offers photography classes for the Home Schooled

Change 180, a support group for people coming out of challenging relationships is meeting monthly at the NNN

St Joseph County Public Health is offering Nutrition Classes in the Mary Grace Room September through November.

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SEPTEMBER 2019

Warming up to the 16th Annual NNN Arts Café

We hope that neighbors and community members alike will join us in celebrating the 16th annual Arts Café in the NNN, on Sunday, September 29th, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. This family friendly fall festival showcases the NNN housing work recently completed, and brings in artists, food vendors, and musicians in a festival atmosphere.

We will again welcome a neighborhood hayride, and the very popular Kid Zone. Whether you are interested in seeing the redevelopment of the NNN, sampling some local food, shopping for unique art for your family and friends, or just wanting to enjoy the atmosphere, there is something for everyone.

The event is free and open to the public, with the Welcome Tent and entrance to the event being at the corner of Portage and California Aves. Food and art are available for purchase during the event.



Seeking Arts Café Volunteers

We need neighbors to lend a hand in the set up, and take down of Arts Café on Friday, Saturday and Monday before and after the event.

We also need volunteers for the day of event to wrangle and facilitate all that goes on - from loading the wagons to directing participants as they set up, etc.

Many hands make for short volunteer shifts, light work and fun. Call the office or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4EADA62FA0F58-2019> to sign up.



The Art of Neighboring

By André Stoner

The Near Northwest Neighborhood is one of the most racially and economically diverse neighborhoods in South Bend. At the time of the 2010 census, the racial make-up of the neighborhood was 56% white, 33% Black and 10% Latino. This can create some moments of tension, but it is also a real opportunity and strength.

In 1903, the eminent Black man of letters, W.E. B. Du Bois, famously predicted that the issue of the 20th century for America would be "the problem of the color line." Unfortunately, more than one hundred years later, we have not yet achieved "the beloved community" that Martin Luther King, Jr. called us to.

Our culture tends to look at the present moment, without seeing the historical context. One of the rich rewards of my work is hearing the stories of my neighbors. Sometimes it is delightful. Sometimes painful and hard. In the past months, I've heard several stories of why my Black neighbors and their families moved north during "the great migration" -- a teenage boy was scared for his life, because of an interaction with a white adult; a family that fled north because the mother was repeatedly sexually attacked by white men.

I've been pondering again that while my hard-working great-grandfather did well enough for himself to set up each of his sons with fertile Iowa farms, my Black pastor friend's great-grandfather was a sharecropper in Mississippi in a brutalizing environment.

In the wake of the Eric Logan shooting, I've also heard several stories of traumatic encounters Black neighbors have had with South Bend police officers over the course of the past decades. Each new event can re-traumatize.

I am struck by how as whites and Blacks, we can live very close to each other, yet our experiences and our worlds are so vastly different.

As a white person, I feel called to listen and learn, and to re-commit myself to work to create that "beloved community" where everyone is seen and heard, where each person has the opportunity to thrive and flourish, and where we strive to be in right relationship with each other. That may sound nice, but it can be very hard work. I invite us all to be on this journey together.

Welcome Our Fall Intern, Salomé Haldemann

We want to welcome Salomé Haldemann as an intern here at the Near Northwest Neighborhood. Salomé is a student at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart. Her interests are in Theology and Peace Studies, and she will be working in the NNN on issues of housing and social justice.

Salomé is from Strasbourg, France. She loves cooking, eating, and playing with her nieces and nephews. She will be working with us at the NNN until December. Please welcome her as you see her around the neighborhood.

2020 City of South Bend Budget Hearings

Budget season is underway! Join the South Bend Common Council and City administration for the remaining public hearings on the 2020 budget. Here's your chance to be part of the process and provide your input on the City's priorities for 2020. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers on the 4th Floor of the County-City Building. All meetings start at 5:30 p.m.

August 28, 2019 at 5:30 pm	Police Department
September 4, 2019 at 5:30 pm	Code Enforcement, Animal Care and Control, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Rights
September 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm	Transpo, Building Dept, Community Investment, Redevelopment, City Clerk, Common Council, Mayor's Office
September 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm	Salary Ordinance
September 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm	Special Initiatives and Follow Up Questions
September 25, 2019 at 5:30 pm	Council Hearing Back up date if required

Would you like to be on the NNN ListServ and be in contact with your neighbors about Community information and announcements? Please email or call us with your name and email address to nnnassistant@nearnorthwest.org or 232-9182. Ask us how to use our shared space, or find more information at <http://www.nearnorthwest.org/neighborhood-projects/community-space-use/>

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Community Outreach Team Update

The outreach team has been hard at work this summer - training new members, completing an asthma educator certification, and planning for an upcoming Community Health Worker training. Our new team members have wasted no time getting out in the neighborhood to meet our fine neighbors and continue our work educating families about lead hazards and how to live lead safe. The team hosted a Christmas in July/Free lead testing event for the Diamond Avenue neighbors. While the goal was to bring the testing to our neighbors, extreme heat and storms forced us to move to the Mary Grace Room. We hope to try more events like this in the coming months.

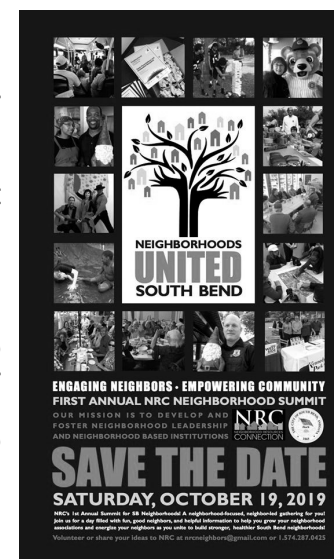
Home Lead Test kits are still available. Call the office and ask about this resource to help identify if your home may have lead hazards.

As we move into fall, the Outreach Team is planning to offer more family-friendly events as a way to build relationships with families, share what we know about lead hazards and asthma issues, and help connect people with resources. Our work remains focused on promoting health and wellbeing for our neighbors - healthy kids, healthy families, healthy community.

NRC Summit

Neighborhood Resources Connection (NRC) is sponsoring and organizing a first Neighborhood Summit called Neighborhoods United South Bend on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

The NRC has a mission to develop and foster neighborhood leadership and neighborhood based institutions. This 1st annual summit for South Bend Neighborhoods will be a day filled with fun, good neighbors, and helpful information to help grow our neighborhood associations, and to energize our neighbors as we unite to build stronger, healthier South Bend neighborhoods.



NRC is welcoming volunteers and those who want to share their ideas at nrcneighbors@gmail.com or 574-287-0425

Welcome Community Outreach Team (COT) Members

We're pleased to welcome Katheryn Redding and Rachel Schrank to our Community Outreach Team (COT) which focuses on helping families and children live lead-safe lives.

Rachel's help is loaned to us. She and her family moved to South Bend and their Hudson Ave home 6 years ago. Her family team is husband, Zach, two kids Ansel (7) and Viola (5) who are both students at Madison, and two dogs. A critical care unit nurse at Memorial Hospital, she also became interested in the relationship between environment and health. That led her to a fellowship with the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, which led her to a role sharing her skills with the NNN Outreach Team. Rachel is learning much about our neighborhood, its environment, and her neighbors.



Katheryn lives in the NNN with her dog and a twenty year old son. She's the wonderful volunteer that takes care of the community garden at Portage and Leland. Katheryn is always advocating and pulling for others to show more interest and leadership in their community.



Please join us in welcoming Katheryn and Rachel to the important work they do here in the NNN.



Seeking contributions for the Common Ground: News You Can Use Feel free to write 100-300 words about your non-editorial neighborhood happenings. Subject to editing and space available, we welcome your contributions. Call the office for more information.