



Westside Improvement Association Inc.

Pointing Westward

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Join Us May 11th to Clean Up Helfrich Park & “The Loop”

Saturday, May 11th

9 - 11 AM

Helfrich Park Gateway Garden

Join us Saturday, May 11th from 9 - 11 AM to clean up the Helfrich Park area and the “Loop” around Mesker Park. We will be meeting at the Helfrich Park Gateway Garden at the corner of St. Joe and W. Maryland St. For those not so keen on walking, there are plenty of weeds within the Gateway Garden to pull!

We will provide trash bags, gloves and trash grabbers. We will also have water and donuts. We hope to see you there!



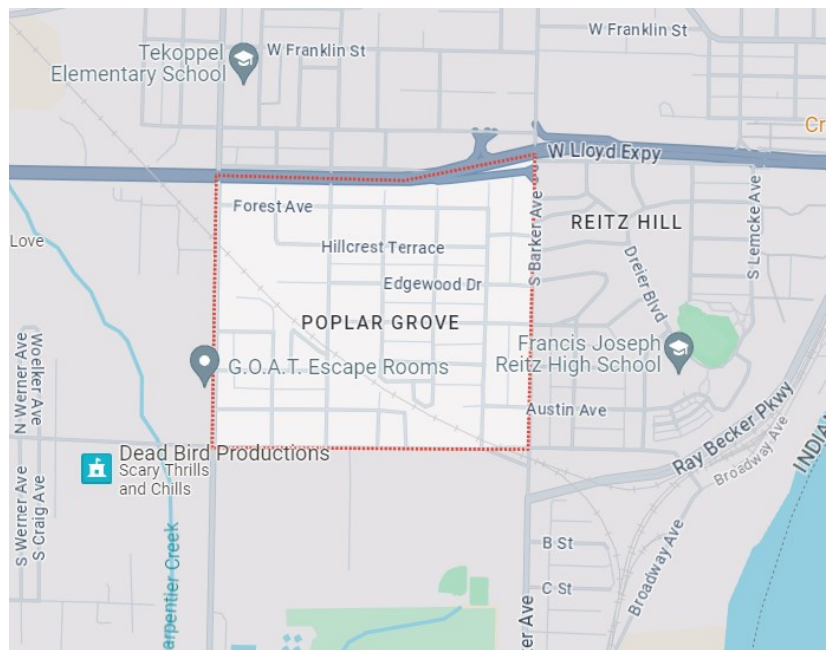
Neighborhood Spotlight: Poplar Grove

Nestled within the westside is the Poplar Grove neighborhood. Established in 1993, the Poplar Grove Neighborhood Association traces its roots back to a conversation between neighbors, ignited by a shared vision for a stronger, more connected community.

In its infancy, Poplar Grove was defined by the towering poplar trees that graced its landscape, providing shelter and inspiration to those who called it home. These sturdy trees not only offered material for building homes but also lent their name to the burgeoning neighborhood.

At its core, the Poplar Grove Neighborhood Association is driven by a shared commitment to the welfare of its residents and the continual enhancement of its surroundings. Through initiatives aimed at fostering community engagement, promoting safety, and enhancing the quality of life for all. Members have been to many meetings at the Civic Center and have accomplished a number of things including:

- Getting sewers clean to prevent basement flooding
- Partnering with Western Terrace Neighborhood and neighborhood police officers to put cameras in their vehicles
- Advocating to keep the traffic light at Barker and Marion for Reitz High School
- Having Vectren remove a large electrical box so kids wouldn't have to walk in the road to get to Tekoppel School
- Prevented an Adult Bookstore from opening on Tekoppel Ave.
- Partnered with the West Sector Police Office and other West Sector neighborhoods to get a light on Fulton Ave., Ninth Ave., and St. Joseph Ave. that indicates to drivers when a train is present on Ohio St.



To learn more about Poplar Grove, visit UNOE.com.

Doc's Words of Wisdom

The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under which whose shade you do not expect to sit.

-Nelson Henderson

Upcoming Community Events

UNOE General Meeting

Thursday, May 23rd
6:30 - 8 PM
CK Newsome Center
100 E Walnut St. Suite #1

Coffee With A Cop

Tuesday, May 21st
7 - 9 AM
Mission Grounds
5011 Washington Ave.



Family Fun in Howell Park Summer Event & Food Truck Schedule

Family Nights in June & July: 5 - 8 PM

Two adults and four children can swim for \$5.00

Free Mini Golf!

Food Truck Schedule:

June 5 & 12 - Nicholson Old Fashioned

June 19 - Sweet Dream A La Mode

June 26 - Hot Diggity Dog

July 3, 24 & 31 - Hot Diggity Dog

July 10 - Nicholson Old Fashioned

July 17 - Kim's Chuck Wagon



2024 WIA Membership Form

Clip & Send to: WIA – P.O. Box 6172 – West Wabash Station – Evansville, IN 47719-0172

The Westside Improvement Association, Inc., is a nonprofit organization (501 (c)(3)) which exists solely to act for the betterment of the west side of Vanderburgh County which includes this newsletter, Fred Padgett Award, Helfrich Gateway Garden, Clem Frank Nature Preserve, advocacy in land use issues, social functions and special awards.

Please Circle: Student - \$10 /year Individual - \$15 /year Household - \$20 /year
Corporate / Organization - \$30 / year Century Member - \$100 /year

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Questions? Contact Melanie Stagg (812) 483-9570



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For Your Positive Impact on Our Westside Community



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To enhance the natural environment of the west side of Vanderburgh County and serve the common good of its residents by exerting influence on public and private sector.



What's Happening in the WIA Community



May 11th, 9 - 11 AM

Trash Clean Up

Helfrich Gateway Garden

Corner of W. Maryland & St. Joe

May 15th, 5:30 PM

WIA Board Meeting

Howell Shelter House

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