

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FALL 2018



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Did you know there is a group of residents, non-profits, businesses and other citizens working to improve quality of life in the South Central neighborhood? Did you know there is place for you to be involved? The 8twelve Coalition formed a couple of years ago to focus on the good things here-committed neighbors, churches, leaders, and organizations-and bring them together to help improve the neighborhood.

There are teams of people working together to improve housing, education & family engagement, beautification, and business/job development. But first of all, they are working to build a stronger sense of community through activities like neighborhood events, and then, they work together on projects in the neighborhood.

Who are 'they'? They are your neighbors. It's Lezlie who leads the neighborhood association, Joy who works for the Urban Light CDC, Debbie who makes sure the park on Jefferson is mowed, James who never misses a neighborhood cleanup. And they want you to join them. This is your neighborhood, too, and what you dream about matters.

Join us on Monday, October 1st from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at South View Elementary. Learn about what has been happening, how you can be a part of it, and share your dreams as we keep making plans to improve quality of life right here in South Central. There will be dinner and childcare.

Check out all of the other upcoming dates listed on the back of this newsletter, too!



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

THE FLOWER LADY

Many people know Donna Young as the flower lady. She and her husband, Randy, have worked on improving their yard on 8th Street for the last thirty years. When they bought the house from Donna's brother in 1988, the first thing Randy did was cut down every tree on the property because he wanted it to be easy to mow. Donna convinced him to let her start a small flower garden by their porch and the project has blossomed from there to fill their yard and the spill over to the vacant properties on either side of it.

Donna and Randy met when they were freshmen at Southside High School. "I instantly knew I loved him. He was trouble though," Donna laughs, "and he's been trouble all these years." If you talk for long, you learn it's Donna who likes to stir things up, starting projects around the house and enlisting Randy's help to finish them. After 37 years of marriage, it seems to be a pattern that works. Now their grandkids enjoy the projects started years ago, playing with the little sculptures and finding treasures in rocks and plants.



Randy and Donna are big-hearted neighbors who have always loved the neighborhood. They've seen a lot of changes from their front porch over the last three decades, but they're more than just observers; they are change-makers. This year, the Youngs worked with neighbors to make a beautiful rock garden along 8th street. Randy is quite a handyman and often helps his neighbors. Donna now serves on the neighborhood association board and helps on all kinds of neighborhood projects, from the community garden to pocket park parties. Donna says, "Life has gotten better for me since I became [involved in] the neighborhood. It does a heart good to help somebody." She is happy to get out and meet neighbors both new and old. Her flowers, generosity, easy laugh, and family make South Central a more beautiful place.

WALNUT STREET PLANTING COMING SOON!

Walnut Street is part of the everyday landscape of our lives in South Central, running straight through the heart of our neighborhood. Serving as the border to downtown at the tracks, our neighborhood's section of Walnut signals the entrance to Muncie's south side. For everyone crossing the tracks, they live and work here or are just passing through, we want our neighborhood's appearance to offer a warm welcome.

After two years of planning together with South Central neighbors and business owners as well as people who work in the city and at Ball State, we are ready to landscape the empty beds along Walnut from the tracks to Willard. **All South Central neighbors are invited to join us for a volunteer work day on Friday, September 28, beginning at 9am.** We will meet at Delaware Dynamics to plant and mulch grasses, daisies, lilies, and a few trees. All materials and lunch will be provided for volunteers. Even if you cannot stay to help, come by and cheer us on!



This project is coming together thanks to a roughly \$15,000 Lowes grant through the 8twelve Coalition, generous work from Vectren Energy employees, and with support from the Muncie Action Plan's Muncie Neighborhoods. A special thank-you to Mike Planton from the Urban Forestry Board for his help in designing the plans and to Delaware Dynamics for hosting our planning sessions.

We could not be more excited about this dream becoming a reality. We can't wait to see the flowers blooming in the summer and the tall grasses still waving in the winter, welcoming us all home. This project is an encouraging example of what our community can do when those of us who live in South Central dream here and work to grow here together.



DO YOU NEED REPAIRS ON YOUR HOME?

Habitat for Humanity would LOVE to help!

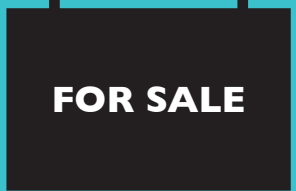
Call us today at (765) 286-5739.

WANT TO HELP BEAUTIFY YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



Residents are already helping to mow 9 properties, but we have 24 more that could use some TLC. We will provide the gas and have \$25 gift cards as a thank you. Give us a call at 765-286-5739.

Shapefiles provided by Delaware County, Indiana, GIS Department & the United States Census Bureau Projected in the East Indiana, State Plane NAD 83 (2011) Feet Projection.



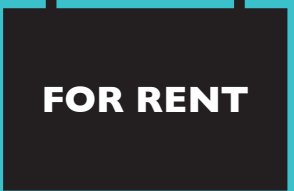
FOR SALE

1324 S. JEFFERSON ST.

Have you ever dreamed of owning your own BRAND NEW HOME? Now is your chance!

This brand new construction home is brought to you by Pathstone Housing Corp. of Indiana and will feature 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, loft/family room, and is equipped with all energy efficient appliances.

\$50,000
 Listed by: Rebekah Hanna
 RE/MAX Real Estate Groups
 Phone: 765-760-4556 (call or text)
 Email: rhanna@remax.net



FOR RENT

JEFFERSON STREET DUPLEX 1212-1214 S. JEFFERSON ST.

This renovation features 3 bedrooms and 1 ½ bathrooms. New kitchen appliances, washer/dryer provided. Tenant pays electric and gas.

Taking applications. Units scheduled to be ready in August 2018.

\$550/MONTH
 Contact Joy Rediger
 Urban Light CDC
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INCOME AND OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 15, 7:45AM - 12NOON:

Neighborhood Clean-up
(breakfast and lunch provided)

SEPTEMBER 12 - 19: First-ever Dumpster Days -
free, labeled dumpsters located around
neighborhood



SEPTEMBER 28, 9AM - 2PM: Walnut Street
planting - We will be planting flowers
and shrubs from the tracks to Willard
on Walnut Street!

OCTOBER 1, 5:30 - 8:00PM: Annual SCNA
neighborhood business meeting and 8twelve
Coalition Resident Meeting @ South View
School (dinner and childcare provided)

OCTOBER 17 & 18, 9AM - 3PM: Lowe's Days

OCTOBER 31: Trunk or Treat events throughout
the neighborhood



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