



Westside Improvement Association Inc.

Pointing Westward

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WIA Business Updates & Evansville History at September General Meeting

We had a good turnout for the September general meeting with around 32 people in attendance! In addition to Dr. James MacLeod's talk on Evansville history, we held a business meeting sharing some updates and projects we've been working on in the last few weeks.

At the meeting, we presented a donation for \$1,000 to Jerry Rairdon, Director of Development at Wesselman Woods, to be used for new signage at the Howell Wetlands.

We also shared exciting plans for adding a covered bus stop at the corner of W. Maryland and St. Joseph Ave. (at the Helfrich Gateway Garden). Our Crime Prevention Officer, John Montgomery, also shared some updates on efforts on crime prevention efforts on the westside.

Thank you to all who joined us! We will be sharing more updates on projects as we get them!

Special thanks to Texas Roadhouse for providing barbecue sliders!



Dr. MacLeod showing a 1957 excerpt from the *Evansville Press* on the demolition of a seedy, yet historic, neighborhood, Gear Town.



Jerry Rairdon, receiving \$1,000 donation for Howell Wetlands trail signage



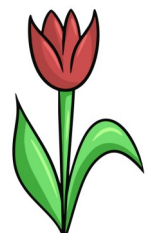
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WIA is planting tulip bulbs **Sat. November 2 from 9 - 11 AM**

Location: Helfrich Gateway Garden

Corner of St. Joe & West Maryland

Gloves Provided!



The West Side Nut Club Fall Festival is Here!

It's the most wonderful time of the year (if you're a Westsider, anyway)! Come on down to West Franklin St. from October 7-12 to support hundreds of amazing organizations!

WIA will be at booth #80, so make sure to stop by and get one of our famous sammies. We will also be handing out Munchie Maps.

For more information on events at the Fall Festival, visit NutClubFallFestival.com!

We are also still looking for volunteers for the WIA booth! If you can spare a few hours, sign up and come have fun with us!

Visit WestsideImprovement.com to sign up for a shift or contact Katie Koewler (615) 557-7390 kakoewler@gmail.com.



Welcome New Members!

Westside Improvement extends a warm welcome to our new members!



John & Carolyn Kissel
Mark Wright



Light Up the Gateway Garden

Friday, November 29th at 5 PM

Helfrich Gateway Garden

Corner of St. Joseph Ave. & W. Maryland St.

Arianna G. will bless us with a joyful song as we Light up The Gateway Garden. Mark your calendars and join us!



WIA Annual Appreciation Banquet

Wednesday, November 20th at 6 - 7:30 PM

Smitty's Italian Steakhouse

RSVP to Ryan Payne by 11/11

(812) 459-2767 or ryan@chuckcapshawrealestate.com

Upcoming Community Events

WSNC Fall Festival

Oct. 7-12

7 - 9 AM

W. Franklin St.



Fall Hike with ETC

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Sun. Oct. 13

2 - 3 PM

Howell Wetlands

1400 S. Tekoppel Ave.



WIA at Wandering Owl Twilight Tasting at Wesselman Woods

WIA will be serving a “taste” of our famous sammies at the Wandering Owl Twilight Tasting at Wesselman Woods on Saturday, October 19th from 3 - 7 PM. So if you miss us at the Fall Festival, you have another chance!

Each year, Wesselman Woods brings the community together for the Wandering Owl Twilight Tasting. This autumnal celebration gives us the opportunity to appreciate this cultural and natural treasure in Evansville while savoring great food, beer, and wine in our nature preserve. Guests can also enjoy special encounters with resident wildlife.



All proceeds from this event help fund future projects and programming.

Tickets can be purchased online at WesselmanWoods.com. Cost is \$60/person (members get a \$10 discount) which includes a tasting cup, food and drink samples and educational activities.

Doc's Words of Wisdom

"The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work."

-Vince Lombardi Jr.

Still Need to Pay Your 2024 Dues?

Please Pay Online at WestsideImprovement.com/Membership

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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



October 7 - 12

WIA Booth #80 at WSNC
Fall Festival

W. Franklin St.

October 16, 5:30 PM

WIA Board Meeting

Howell Shelter House
1101 S. Barker Ave.

October 19, 3-7 PM

WIA @ Wandering Owl

Wesselman Woods
551 N. Boeke Rd.

November 2, 9 AM

Tulip Bulb Planting

Helfrich Gateway Garden
Corner of St. Joe & W. Maryland

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