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Proceeds from the Home & Garden Tour

enable the West Central Neighborhood Association (WCNA) to further its neighborhood preservation and improvement efforts. We continue to work toward funding projects such as saving homes and historic district expansion.

Free horse-drawn carriage and pedicab rides

are provided by the Neighborhood Association for your enjoyment. These rides will operate along the tour route both days from 11 AM to 5 PM. Please take advantage of these free rides to move from one tour stop to another. The enclosed map indicates the route the carriages will take.

Food and Refreshments are available

at the Artsfest from a variety of vendors. The ArtsFest is on Wayne Street between Jackson and Rockhill streets. St. Joseph Hospital is hosting an **ice cream social** from 12:00 to 2:00 at Van Buren and Berry Streets, which is Also Open C on the tour map.

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The drawing will be held on Sept. 15. You need not be present to win. All proceeds go to the West Central Neighborhood Association.

West Central Neighborhood History

Although the West Central Neighborhood encompasses all of downtown Fort Wayne west of Calhoun Street, the heart of West Central is its residential area, the development of which began as early as the 1830s. Because of the historic and architectural significance of this area, the West Central Neighborhood was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 and was designated a Fort Wayne Local Historic District as early as 1985. The West Central Neighborhood was named the “Best Old House Neighborhood” in Indiana for 2010 by This Old House Magazine.

The neighborhood originally was inhabited primarily by the working class who walked to their nearby workplaces. As Fort Wayne grew throughout the nineteenth century and the local transportation system improved, the West Central Neighborhood became a favored area for the middle and upper classes as well. The original smaller, vernacular homes were replaced by larger homes designed in the fashionable architectural styles popular between 1830 and 1950.

The north side of the neighborhood, along Berry and Wayne streets and Washington Boulevard, was where many of the city’s most prominent families built large, stylish homes. On the south side, situated between Jefferson Boulevard and the former Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, exists a collection of modest, small-scale cottages arranged along narrow, tree-lined, brick streets. Many workers for the businesses and various industries stretching along the south side of the railroad corridor resided there. A similar residential area exists between the railroad tracks and Taylor Street.

The West Central Neighborhood also encompasses the Broadway business corridor. This major street developed into a busy commercial area serving the daily needs of the local residents. A wide variety of shops including groceries, bakeries, hardware stores, and millineries once lined the street.

Please enjoy the tour stops in any order. Tickets must be presented at each stop for admittance.

Visit us online at WestCentralNeighborhood.org



Letter From The President

Thank you for attending our 33rd annual West Central Home & Garden Tour. Year after year our goal as a neighborhood association is to bring you a diverse group of homes to inspire you and show our pride by reinforcing the beauty and culture of urban living in Fort Wayne. We are surrounded by magnificent homes, trees, rivers and a downtown which continues to thrive by offering more recreation, arts, entertainment and business opportunities to its community. Our hope is throughout our Tour and ArtsFest you see the benefit of investing time, money and labor into restoring and maintaining historic homes, churches and buildings in our city's urban core. By keeping our neighborhood vibrant, we offer a unique advantage to our residents and friends who work, live and play downtown. Please enjoy the Tour & ArtsFest. Like us on Facebook or visit www.westcentralneighborhood.org to learn more about our ongoing efforts to help beautify West Central through programs such as our Street Tree Planting, Paint Grant programs, as well as home renovation projects.

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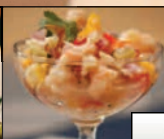
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At a Glance
Style: Colonial Revival

Year Built: 1914

First Residents: William
and Clara Yarnelle



Fort Wayne's first female architect, Joel Ninde, designed this red brick, Colonial Revival house in 1914. Design features include parapeted end gables and small gabled dormers. The portico, centered main entry with fanlight and sidelights, and the two-story solarium are additional classical details.

The house is associated with William Page Yarnelle who was born in Fort Wayne in 1884. Residing here with wife Clara and their five children, he was known in Fort Wayne for his involvement in many civic enterprises.

The various causes in which he was involved included fund drives for World War I and the American Red Cross, and building campaigns for the Chamber of Commerce, the local YMCA, and the Catholic Community Center, among others.

Additionally, he served as vice-president of the hardware wholesaler Mossman-Yarnelle Company (started by his father Edward F. Yarnelle), vice-president of the Prudential Building and Loan Association, and director of the Fort Wayne chapter of the American Red Cross. He helped organize the acquisition of the Swinney Homestead to be used as the historical museum for the Fort Wayne-Allen County Historical Society. His son, James, resided next door at 1410 Swinney Court, also on the tour today.



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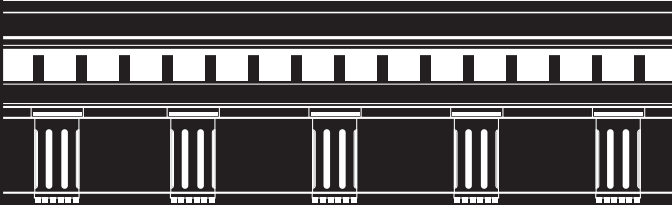


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At a Glance
Style: Colonial Revival

Year Built: c.1938

First Residents:
James and Rita Yarnelle



Standing as one of the newest residences in West Central, this Colonial Revival-style house was built circa 1938 for James and Rita Yarnelle.

The side-gabled structure features a somewhat unusual asymmetrical façade with the front entrance positioned to one side.

Typical of the style, however, are the house's six-over-one, double-hung windows and the decorative pediment, supported by two fluted pilasters over the multi-paneled front door.

Growing up next door at 1404 Swinney Court (also on the tour today), James was born in 1915 to William and Clara Yarnelle. Married to Rita Lassus in 1936, James was a traveling salesman for the Mossman-Yarnelle Company, a wholesale hardware business started by his grandfather, Edward Yarnelle.

James would eventually own the company before moving to Denver in the 1960s, where he died in 1973.



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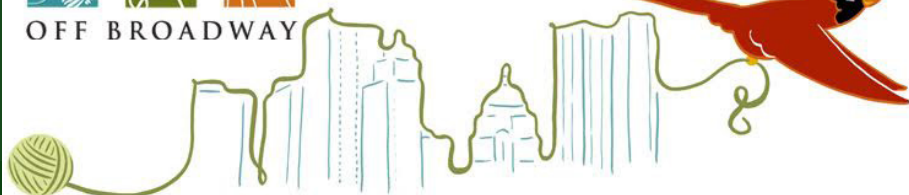
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At a Glance
Style: Italianate

Year Built: 1874

First Residents: Edward
and Michael Ehle



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Built in 1874-1875 for brothers Edward and Michael Ehle, this Italianate-style double house once included a wraparound porch. The windows with segmental arched and decorative stone hoods, along with the wide cornice supported by paired brackets, are distinctive features of the style. Of special interest is the brick carriage house with attached privy.

During the 1930s, movie actress Marilyn Maxwell lived here with her family. She attended Central High School through her sophomore year, after which time she began singing with a band and left Fort Wayne. The garden in back, nestled among the iron and brick-walled courtyards, first was developed in 1964. With more than 200 varieties of plants tucked into the rocks and borders, many of the original plantings still survive.



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At a Glance

Style: Queen Anne

Year Built: c. 1908

First Residents:
Sylvester and Bertha
Sutton



This stop is a work in progress.

Constructed circa 1908, Sylvester and Bertha Sutton lived in this Queen Anne style house from 1909 to 1913. The Suttons purchased the property from the City and Suburban Building Company, which likely built the structure.

Currently undergoing renovations, the primarily wood clapboard house with integrated front porch supported by two, square posts, sits on a foundation of cast blocks.

Exterior design features include a front gable accented with arch detail and fish-scale shingles; a transom over the front door; and a leaded glass upper sash in the front, first story window.

Sylvester Sutton was born in Huntington, Indiana, in 1868, and while living in this house, worked as a physician for the J.W. Kidd Company, a mail-order medical business. He married Bertha Seidler in 1907, with whom he had a son, James. At age 96, Sylvester passed away and is buried alongside Bertha in Lindenwood Cemetery.



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At a Glance

Style: Colonial Revival

Year Built: c. 1909

First Residents:
Archibald and Sadie
Morrison



Exhibiting Colonial Revival-style details, this house was built circa 1909. Constructed in a cross-gable plan and sided in wood clapboards, the house features sloping, wood-shingled gables, and a mix of single and paired, one-over-one and multi-paned windows.

The main entrance, centered on the north side of the house, is sheltered by a stepped-back porch roof supported by two square columns.

Archibald and Sadie Morrison, along with their daughter, Sadie, were early residents of this house, renting here from 1910 to 1912.

Archibald, a native of New York state, worked as a mechanical engineer for Fort Wayne Electric Works. The family moved to Philadelphia after 1912.





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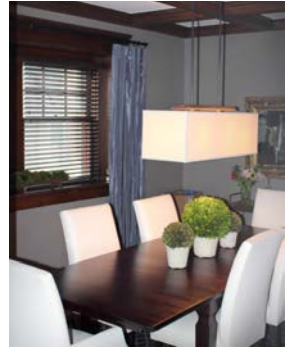
Brandon Steffen,
Resident and Owner

At a Glance

Style: Craftsman
Tudor Revival

Year Built: c. 1912

First Residents: Henry
and Bertha Jordan



This townhouse occupies the southern half of a Craftsman/Tudor Revival duplex built circa 1912, and is a companion property to the adjacent Craftsman style duplex to the north. The building has a hipped roof with a large, central dormer flanked by projecting front gables.

Reflecting the Craftsman style are the knee braces under the eaves and the square posts supporting twin porches. The stucco exterior walls, with a half-timbering effect on the second-story gables, exhibit the influence of the Tudor Revival style.

The matching, three-sided bay windows near the front entrance of each duplex add additional interest to the façade. Inside, you'll find natural oak woodwork, hardwood floors, and a beamed ceiling.

The earliest known residents of 915 Union Street were Henry and Bertha Jordan and their daughter, Marion, who began renting here in 1913.

Henry was born in about 1872 in Maryland, but came to be known as a clothing salesman in town, working at the TJ Israel clothing store on Calhoun Street as well as at Wolf and Dessauer. He died at age 68 while still residing here.



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At a Glance

Style: Richardsonian
Romanesque

Year Built: 1887

First Residents: Ely and
Emma Hoffman



The Hoffman/Baltes house was designed in the Richardsonian Romanesque style by the architectural firm of Wing & Mahurin in 1887 for Andrew Ely Hoffman, who went by his middle name.

Typical of this style is its rough-cut stone exterior of red brick and sandstone as well as the arched porch openings and floral carvings surrounding the doors and windows. Other exterior details include a parapeted and gabled dormer.

The elegantly designed interior features quarter-sawn oak hardwood parquet floors inlaid with cherry, several ornate fireplace mantels and intricately carved woodwork throughout.

Ely Hoffman was born in New York in 1836. He lived in Virginia in the 1860s and fought for the South in the Civil War. After the war, he moved to Fort Wayne and started the Hoffman Brothers Lumber Company at the corner of Main and Van Buren Streets with his brother William. Ely died in 1913, but his wife Emma continued to live here until her death in 1930.

The house was then used as various residences and offices throughout the 1930s and 1940s. It was purchased by Dr. Joseph Baltes in 1950. He occupied the building for 34 years until renovating the house 1985. It was then occupied by his son, Dr. William E. Baltes, and his wife Marsha. The property has been in the Baltes family for over 60 years.



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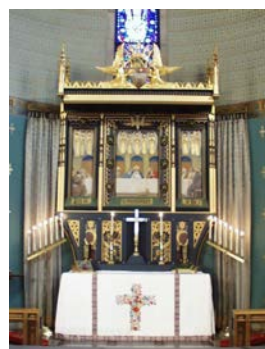
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Lutheran Church

At a Glance

Style: Gothic Revival

Year Built: 1923

First Pastor:
J. William Albaugh



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In 1956, a wing housing the chapel and classrooms was constructed, designed by A.M. Strauss and Associates and Oscar H. Murray, a consulting architect from New York. A mural in the altar area was painted by Austin Purves, known for his mosaics, murals and frescoes in American churches and public buildings. The stained glass windows were done by the George Payne Studios of New Jersey. In 2009, the West Washington Boulevard entrance and Seeds of Faith gathering area were completed.

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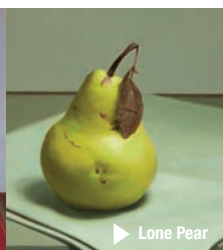
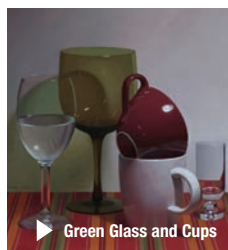
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At a Glance

Style: Gable-front

Year Built: c. 1861

First Resident:
Ernst Breimeier



This was a work in progress tour stop last year.

German native Ernst Breimeier bought this property in 1861 after the area was platted by Samuel Hanna and the lots were sold off. Probably built shortly thereafter, it is likely that Ernst was actively involved in the construction of this house and that of the similarly-designed house next door to the east, which he also owned. It was once written that Ernst was “one of the leading contractors and builders whose work has adorned Fort Wayne.” He contracted for several prominent Fort Wayne buildings including Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The Breimeier family is known to have lived in this house from at least 1872 until about 1884, at about the time Ernst married his third wife, Eliza. Ernst eventually had six sons and two daughters. He died at the age of 74 in 1911.

Constructed of brick, the gable-front house features a full-width front porch supported by single, square wood columns. A wide frieze board accents the eaves, and two arched, multi-paned, casement windows enhance the second-story of the main façade.

After sitting vacant for more than two years, the property was purchased by Emmanuel Lutheran Church in 2013. The restoration began in 2014, and after hundreds of volunteer hours and partnerships with architect, Scott Greider, Lutheran Housing Support and Laborers for Christ, the home was finished in 2015.

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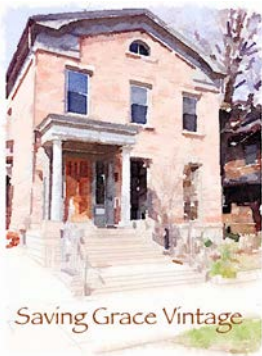
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At a Glance

Style: Colonial Revival

Year Built: c. 1910

First Resident:
Anna Provines



This stop is a work in progress.

This Colonial Revival-style duplex was built in 1880 on the back of the property owned by the Keefer family, residents of 1035 West Jefferson Boulevard. Consisting of side-by-side symmetrical units, the building has a hipped roof with two gabled dormers projecting off the main facade and a single-gabled dormer on each side. Accessed by a central set of shared, concrete steps each unit features an off-set, cast concrete block front porch, supported by smooth, round columns. Paired bay windows lend additional architectural detail to the north and south sides.

The property sat vacant for a number of years until the current owners purchased it about a year ago. They are doing the majority of the remodeling work themselves on weekends while they live in 1115. They plan to remodel 1113 next. Renovations to 1113 include changing the entry to the basement in order to create a second-story deck and adding a bath and laundry area to the first floor. In addition, space for storage is being added and the electrical and plumbing is being brought up to current standards.

The earliest known residents of 1113 Rockhill Street were widow Anna Provines, a native of Portland, Indiana, and her adult daughter, Lena May, who worked as a stenographer. They lived here beginning in 1911. In 1913, George and Katherine Oppelt, along with their daughter Gertrude, moved into 1115 Rockhill Street.

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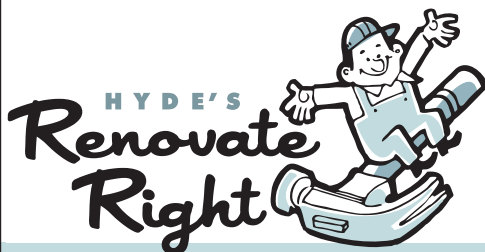
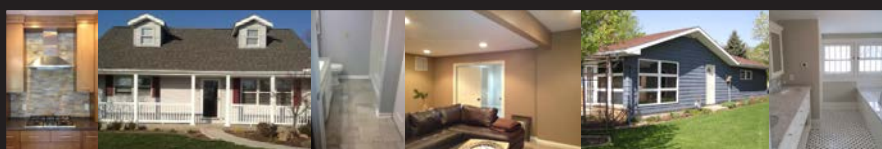
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The West Central Neighborhood Association — along with NIPR, the Downtown Improvement District, St. Joseph Hospital, and Mad Anthony Brewing — proudly invites you to join us for two afternoons of exceptional, live entertainment, fantastic food and drinks, and a bevy of creative and unique artisans:

Saturday September 12

1:00 PM to 1:45 PM	Ft. Wayne Ballet Youth Co.
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Duane Eby
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Alex Renbarger
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Fierce Invalids
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	The Goats' Beards
8:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Hope Arthur Orchestra

Sunday September 13

12:00PM to 1:00 PM	Addison Agen
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	The Truebedoors
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Possum Trot Ochestra
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM	West Central Jazz Quartet

ArtsFest is located on WAYNE and UNION STREETS between Jackson and Rockhill streets. For reference, please refer to the map on the back of this brochure. ArtsFest and the Mad Anthony Food & Beverage area are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC of all ages. Must be at least 21 years of age to purchase alcohol. Thank you for being responsible and respectful of our neighborhood and its residents. *Enjoy!*

2015 Artist Lineup



It is with great pleasure that the West Central Neighborhood Association would like to thank all the artists and vendors participating this year. It is their creativity, art, and friendliness that helps tremendously in making the ArtsFest so interesting, beautiful, and successful.

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Artists

The ArtsFest has been an integral part of our West Central Home and Garden Tour for many years. From a small, intimate gathering of friends and artists and musicians hosting the event in a selected backyard during the Tour to a full-scale event located on our West Central streets, the ArtsFest now encompasses dozens of artists, well-known musicians, and local food vendors.

The expanded ArtsFest garnered the Downtown Improvement District's award for "Best Event of the Year" in 2009. Our all-volunteer ArtsFest committee has once again put together an exciting array of local and area artists, musicians, and food vendors for your enjoyment as you tour our beautiful historic homes. Browse the booths of our artists and select a one-of-a-kind treasure for your home or as a unique gift.

This year our artists include the following:

Abbey Kennedy
Angela Napier
Beth Moak
Cathy Parrot
Chef Eric Braun
Clinton Kelly
Diane Groenert
Diane Penix
Don Osos
Ellen Mensch
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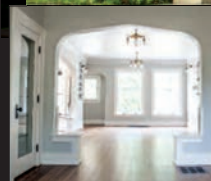
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Also Open

A: Swinney Homestead
 B: West Central Hair Company
 C: St. Joseph Hospital Plaza
 D: Saving Grace Vintage

E: Emiley's Haute Cottage
 F: House of Furniture
 G: Terry Ratliff Gallery

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- Stop #1: 1404 Swinney Court
- Stop #2: 1410 Swinney Court
- Stop #3: 1216/1218 W. Washington
- Stop #4: 1313 W. Wayne
- Stop #5: 817 Nelson
- Stop #6: 915 Union
- Stop #7: 624 W. Wayne
- Stop #8: 450 W. Washington*
- Stop #9: 829 W. Jefferson
- Stop #10: 1113/1115 Rockhill

Also Open (see page 35)

- A: 1424 W. Jefferson
- B: 719 Union
- C: Van Buren & Berry
- D: 614 W. Berry
- E: 515 W. Wayne
- F: 537 W. Jefferson
- G: 1124 Broadway

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- Carriage and Pedicab rides are FREE for tour patrons.
- Enjoy the tour stops in any order.
- Tickets must be presented at each stop for admittance.
- *See page 23 for Trinity English Lutheran tour hours.

