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The tour stops have been handpicked by a committee of neighbors to provide you with an interesting and rewarding experience. We believe these homes represent a true cross-section of the types of houses you will find here. If there is anything we can do to make your visit better, please do not hesitate to share requests or comments with any of our volunteers.

Please visit westcentralneighborhood.org for more information about this event, or like us on Facebook to learn more about our ongoing efforts to help beautify historic West Central.

Thanks again and we'll see you on the front porch!

Joel Sauer,
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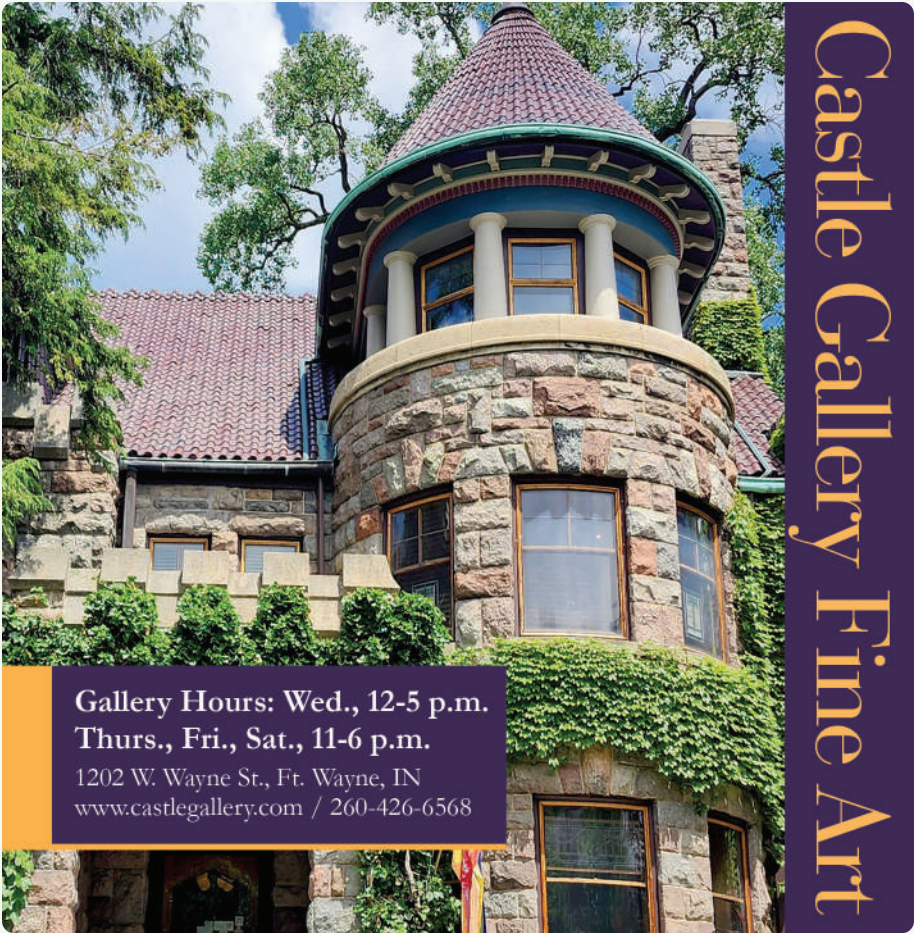
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Send an email to info@westcentralneighborhood.org with your comments and suggestions, and we'll make sure they're passed on to the committee for next year's event!



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1333 W. WASHINGTON BLVD.
(GARDEN ONLY)

After purchasing this restored house in 2005, Steve "Gus" and Laura set to work right away on creating the garden. Multiple planting beds surround the perimeter and include daisies, purple coneflowers, daylilies and Knock Out roses. Two raised beds display a variety of hostas, hydrangeas, and coral bells. In the rear corner of the yard, a secluded patio constructed of 100-year old paving bricks is surrounded by arborvitaes. A pergola, covered in flowering wisteria, is nestled in a sea of ornamental grasses, where butterflies and humming birds, attracted by the honeysuckle and butterfly bushes, are daily visitors. Gus has named the garden "Green Heaven."

Although not open for touring, the home was built circa 1892 for Captain Vill Roy Davis and his family. Its cross-gabled plan with integrated square tower is a typical subtype of the Queen Anne shape. The northern and western gable ends feature scalloped siding and scrolled brackets, and matching scrolled brackets frame the northeastern beveled window. A one-story bay window accents the western side. The porch exhibits the Free Classic Queen Anne subtype with its square balusters and smooth, round columns.



OWNER	STYLE	YEAR BUILT
Laura Paschen and Steve Gustafsen	Queen Anne	c. 1892

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1337 W. WAYNE ST.

Built on a grand scale, this early Colonial Revival home features a symmetrical facade with a recessed entry, elaborate central portico, Palladian window in the dormer, and Flemish bond brick walls with fluted corner pilasters.

Howell Rockhill was the son of notable Fort Wayne resident, William Rockhill, who served on the first city council and went on to be elected to the 30th Congress. Howell was involved in many industrial and commercial interests of the city, including managing the company that published The Journal-Gazette, and serving as director of the Fort Wayne Iron & Steel Company. He also helped organize Fort Wayne Rolling Mills and the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, for which he served in several capacities.

Known today by many neighborhood residents as "Wingspread", this home was recently converted from a five-unit apartment building back into a single-family home. This house received an ARCH award in 2019 in the category of "compatible new construction" for the carriage house, built by the owner at the time, Robert Kelly.

OWNERS

Hannah &
William Philip Arthur

STYLE

Colonial Revival

YEAR BUILT

c. 1910

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1211 W. WAYNE ST.

The American Foursquare style is exhibited here by the square layout, hipped roof with hipped dormer, and wide, overhanging eaves. The porch is supported by massive square columns and is completed with stocky wood balusters. Decorative details include bay windows on the main and east facades and small, leaded glass windows on the second story of the main facade.

In 1905 Charles and Fannie Reed built this house on land where the Fort Wayne College once stood, at the corner of West Wayne and College Streets. The Reeds lived in the house until 1925. Charles was involved with the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, serving 22 years as secretary, and was also associated with other various fraternal organizations. For several years, he was affiliated with the Pixley Clothing Company in Fort Wayne.

The house was divided into apartments in 1941 — at some point it was two apartments (one upstairs accessible through a side-yard entrance, and one downstairs), and at another point it was four apartments (two upstairs and two downstairs).

The current owners converted it to a single-family home in 2014. Over the past decade, the house has seen extensive renovations including a recent addition to restore the kitchen to the back of the house — placement that is typical of the American Foursquare layout. The restoration included extensive work on the original wood floors, many of which are quarter-sawn oak with top nails.

OWNERS	STYLE	YEAR BUILT
Sonia Checchia & Assem Nasr	American Foursquare	1905



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802 COLLEGE ST.

This Prairie-style home features many architectural details quintessential to the style including a low pitch hipped roof, broad eaves with exposed decorative rafter tails, and many vertical multi-pane over single-pane windows on the first and second floors around the entire home. A handsome ground-level solarium on the north side of the home fills with light from the surrounding multi-pane casement windows. Triple window dormers on the east and north sides complement the angles and dimensions of the roof structure. A private terrace from the second floor on the rear of the home blends into the elevation seamlessly with the continuing banding trim wrapping around the home.

The original construction of this home was completed in 1920 for long-time Home Telephone Company employee Frank Bohn. The address at the time was 1203 West Berry Street. Frank's wife, Estelle Bohn (McKay), was active in many social and philanthropic organizations in Fort Wayne. The Bohn family, including Virginia, their only daughter, would occupy this home for nearly 30 years. By 1950, the United States Census had 1203 West Berry Street listed as a boarding house run by Exie Lawellyne. Mrs. Lawellyne continued to run the boarding house well into the 1960s.

In 1986, under the ownership of Sandra McDaniel, a massive exterior restoration project began on the home which involved restoration of the original stucco. Under the ownership of Daniel Edgar, additions and renovations carried out between 1996 and 2000 consisted of extensive work to the rear of the home, including the addition of French doors to the center of the first floor and rework of the chimney's masonry. It was during this time that the address of this home changed to 802 College Street.

OWNER
Stephanie &
Keith Goad

STYLE
Prairie

YEAR BUILT
1910



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1023 W. BERRY ST.

This house, dating back to at least 1860, is an excellent example of a classic gable-front home and retains many of its original features. The main entry has a single door with a classical surround and features a small stoop. An elaborate bay window is located on the west façade facing Rockhill Street. Other original accents include accent panels and decorative trim work surrounding the body of the bay window and a frieze board with dentils.

This property, as well as several lots to the east, were once the site of a grand home built by Hon. William Fleming, who served in many prominent local governmental and private sector roles. Together with his wife, Helen, they raised twelve children at 261 West Berry Street. (as it was known before 1902) until her passing in 1914. The home and parcel remained mostly unchanged until a complete demolition of the site for the creation of a short-lived parking lot in the mid-1960s.

The house you see here today was moved in 1993 by the West Central Neighborhood Association. An expansion of Saint Joseph Hospital resulted in a need for more parking, and this home was in danger of being demolished. It was purchased by the Association and moved from Broadway to this lot, which was vacant at the time.

It's believed to have been built by a well-known carpenter named William G. Shaffer. In its original location, it was used for rentals until purchased by Dr. Hiram Hufford Van Sweringen in the late 1880s. His sons later used the home for their medical offices and rented the extra rooms. It acted as a medical or dentistry office into the late-1970s. In 2018, a second story addition was added to the southeast corner to expand the primary suite.

OWNERS
Rachel & Nicole
Saunders

STYLE
Gable Front

YEAR BUILT
c. 1860

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1012 W. WAYNE ST.

This Italianate and the carriage house to the rear of the property have undergone extensive renovations since their original construction. Despite that, many original historic accents are still intact, including the beautiful diamond pattern frieze board, corbels at the eave corners, stone window sills, and decorative brackets near the chimney. The original façade was brick and the present stucco finish was added prior to 1902.

This home was originally built by successful Fort Wayne businessman James Wilding. The Wilding family are noted in City Directories as having moved into their new home at 260 W. Wayne by 1872. In 1881, he secured a contract to be the exclusive coal supplier to the county. James and his wife, Anne, raised six children in this home with the help of their long-time live-in servant, Bertha “Minnie” Wolf. By June of 1894, the Wildings had already completed a remodel of the home. After Anne passed away in 1919, the home was sold to John and Luella Kieler for \$9,000. Interestingly, Bertha Wolf is noted as one of the sellers in this transaction.

In 1957, the property is listed as an apartment building on the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. The burgundy awnings were added to the façade and west elevation in 1995 by then owner, Chris Scott-King. In 2003, through a partnership with Housing and Neighborhood Development Services (HANDS), the owners completed numerous repairs.

OWNER	TENANT	STYLE	YEAR BUILT
Todd Sorg	Erin Cierniak	Italianate	c. 1870

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1004 W. WASHINGTON BLVD.


The architectural details of this house reflect the influence of both the Prairie and Craftsman styles popular at the time. The Craftsman features may be seen in the wide eaves with exposed rafters. The Prairie style is exhibited by the emphasis on the horizontal axis, highlighted by the stone banding under the second floor windows and running the width of the house. The wide and deep front porch, as well as the tall stained glass windows on the east side also reflect an influence of the Prairie style.

Additional architectural features include dormers in the east and west hipped roof portion of the structure, while the main façade features a unique, glassed-in gable. The porch, entered from inside via double French doors, is supported by substantial brick columns topped with stone caps. A sloped, brick water table further enhances the porch details. Off to the side, and set back from the main porch, the subtle front entrance is topped with a decorative wooden crown.

Original owners Joseph and Adelaide (Deinhart) Pierre, both Indiana natives, were married in 1887. While living in this home, Joseph operated the Pierre Dry Goods Co. at 1214-1218 Broadway (since demolished). The Pierre family continued to own the property until 1970.

Current owners Mike and Casi have done much work over the last several decades including remodeling the kitchen and converting a bedroom into a large primary bathroom. In 2004, they added the garage to complement the architecture of the house, and received a commendation from ARCH, Allen County’s local historic preservation organization.

OWNERS	STYLE	YEAR BUILT
Casi Bromelmeier & Mike Walsh	Prairie / Craftsman	c. 1912



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1013 W. JEFFERSON BLVD.

The 2008 restoration of this Queen Anne-style home helped to enhance this block of West Jefferson Boulevard. Asphalt shingle-type siding was removed and the wood clapboards were repaired, missing trim pieces were replaced, and the square tower received a new copper finial (replicated from the original). A new, full-width front porch, supported by single, round columns, was constructed to closely match the original. The square balusters are a mix of those salvaged from another West Central home and new ones made to match.

Other architectural details include a front gable embellished with fish-scale shingles and a sunburst-like vergeboard, leaded glass transom over the front door, as well as in the window to the left of the door, a bay window, and original leaded beveled glass in the front room. New features to the home include a rear deck, garage, and three stained glass transoms crafted by the owner's father.

The house was built circa 1899 for German native John Sauerteig, who lived here until 1913 with his wife Barbara and sons, Otto and Herbert. John moved to Fort Wayne in 1897 and bought the Brenzinger Bakery which he operated as the Old Vienna Steam Bakery.

Since moving in, the Jacksons have continued to make improvements by landscaping the backyard and converting the upstairs screen porch into a three season room. They've added to their interior décor with works by local artists and indigenous artwork they have found during their travels.

OWNERS

Laura & Phil
Jackson

STYLE

Queen Anne

YEAR BUILT

c. 1899



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1308 ROCKHILL ST.

This historically inspired home was constructed by Preston Allen Homes in 2017 for the current owners. Craftsman Revival and American Four-Square elements can be seen in the design including the low-pitched hip roof with large dormer on the front façade, 3 over 1 window patterns, and tapered columns supporting a large front porch. The dimensions and reveal of the clapboard siding, simple window trimming, square balustrade porch railing, and corner boards are also reminiscent of 1910s-1920s home design. The exaggerated dormer over the attached garage allows for more usable space for the owners and pairs well with the massing and style of the home.

In the early 1870s, a two-story wood frame home was located at 144 West Pritchard Street (now Lavina Street). By 1879, owner A.H. Bittinger rented the home to the Fort Wayne Relief Union as a shelter for women and girls. Lots 31 and 32 of Ayers Addition were subsequently sold to the Union for \$100. In 1893, the Union constructed a small industrial school for women and girls at the west end of the property using the address of 146 Pritchard Street. In June 1905, the Union sold the property to Harry Deck for \$2,000 who used the home as a boarding house. A short time later, the east portion of the property was sold to drug and grocery merchant George J. Schott.

By 1910, Schott had completed the demolition of the old Union home and constructed a large double house on the parcel. The double house stayed in the Schott family as a rental property until 1977 and then went through a period of short-term ownerships and subsequent disrepair. This neglect resulted in the demolition of the property in 1999.

OWNERS	STYLE	YEAR BUILT
Jason & Erica Korner	Craftsman Revival / Four Square	2017



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1732 COLLEGE ST.

The façade of this home retains many of the unique, original features. Decorative diamond pattern multi-pane transoms adorn many of the windows surrounding the home. On the Swinney Avenue side of the house, a unique oval “cameo” window is centered on the second floor below the roof dormer which is also unique in that it is faced in brick. The original stone foundation, prominent bay window, decorative brickwork accents, curvature in the architecture, boxed eaves, and frieze board all speak to the originality of this uniquely built home. Notable changes to the home include the removal of a wraparound porch and the addition of two stoops, covered by shed-roof hoods, to access the separate addresses associated with the property.

This home was built by Fort Wayne businessman William F. Lindenberg. In 1898, Lindenberg found great success as half owner of the Wayne Buggy Company and later would become the treasurer of large building supplies company, Moellering & Sons. The Lindenberg family continued to own the home into the mid-1950s renting out the first and second floor to tenants. The property was exchanged ten times between the mid-1960s and 2021 with no notable changes occurring with the exception of painting the exterior. Today, its close proximity to the Electric Works campus makes it a highly desirable up-and-coming location.

OWNERS

Jackie & Alan
Jones

STYLE

Colonial Revival/Eclectic

YEAR BUILT

c. 1903

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Back this year! We invited the neighborhood's many resident artists to open their art space to the public during the hours of the home tour. It may be a studio, gallery or even a front porch — wherever art is made, we invite you to explore!

- A SUSAN TAYLOR SURACI**
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- B COOL STUFF BY BUFF**
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The map on the back of this booklet shows the location of each Art Space — look for the blue letters.



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- 1 TOUR STOP** **TICKETS** **RESTROOMS**
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TOUR STOPS

Please enjoy the homes in any order. The red line on the map indicates the most direct route. Your ticket must be presented at each tour stop to enter.

ART SPACES

Many resident artists have opened their studios to the public during the tour. See page 35 for details.

FREE TOLLEY

Hop on or off at any of five designated stops or ask the driver to let you off as you pass a stop. Free pedicab rides will also be available from ArtsFest.

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| 1 | 1333 W. WASHINGTON BLVD. |
| 2 | 1337 W. WAYNE ST. |
| 3 | 1211 W. WAYNE ST. |
| 4 | 802 COLLEGE ST. |
| 5 | 1023 W. BERRY ST. |
| 6 | 1012 W. WAYNE ST. |
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| 9 | 1308 ROCKHILL ST. |
| 10 | 1732 COLLEGE ST. |