

# West Central Neighborhood Association Meeting

March 17, 2025



# Our Vision

The vision of the West Central Neighborhood Association is to create a friendly environment that is rich in history, culture, diversity, and community that is valued by its residents, business owners, and visitors.



# New Member Welcome

We're so glad you're here!



# Agenda

- Yesterday's West Central
  - Lost treasures of West Central
- Elex Apartment Development
  - Kevan Biggs, Developer
- Member Announcements
- March Gift Direction
- Other Business

# Yesterday's West Central

They paved paradise and put up a parking lot

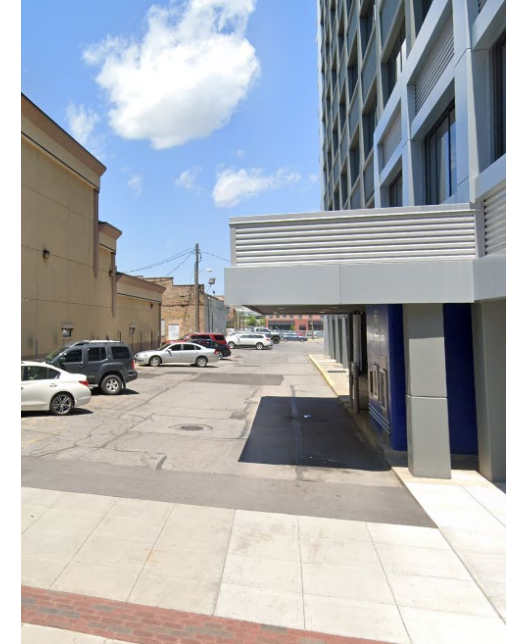
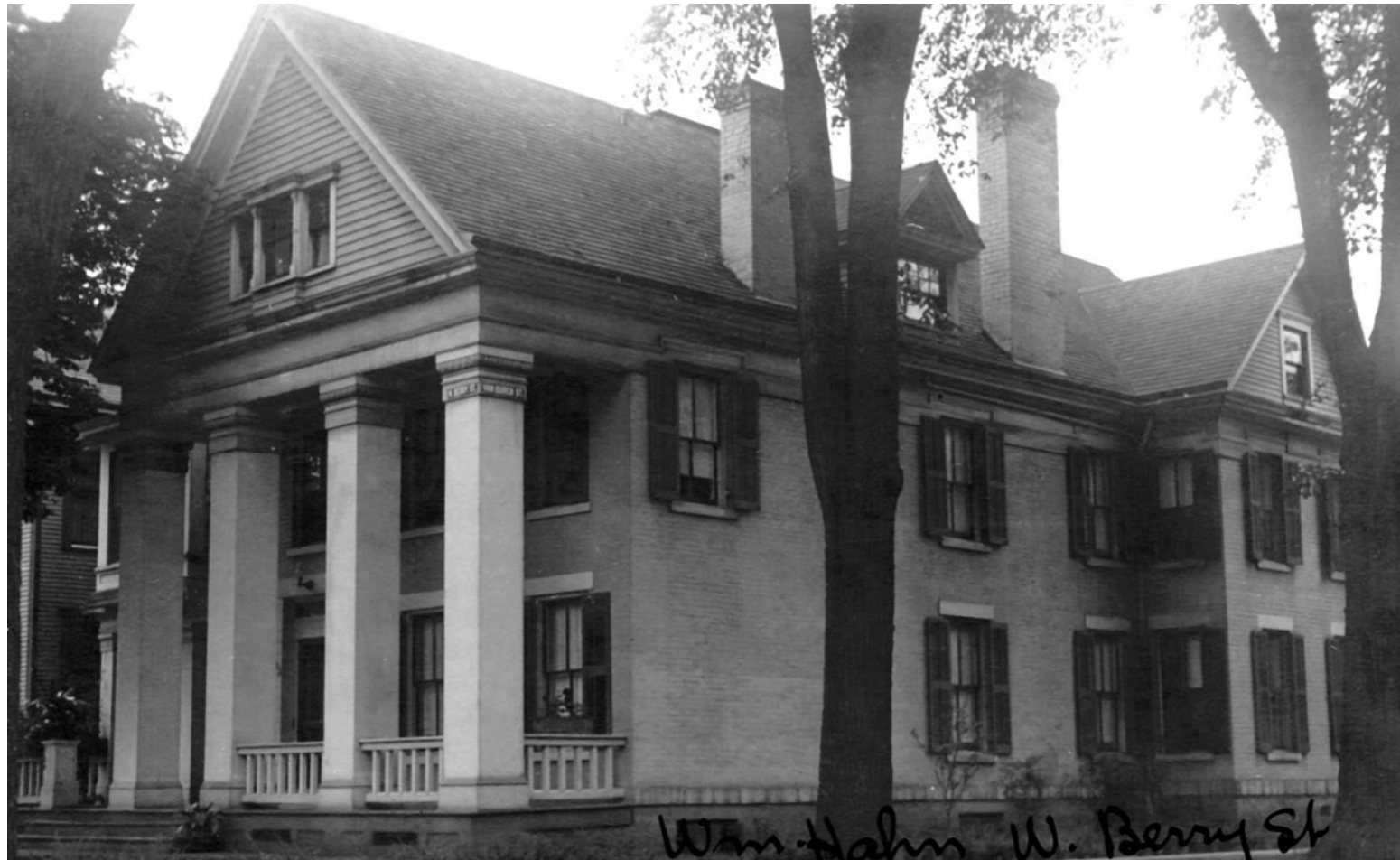
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- ✓ Creager Smith
- ✓ Community Album, APCL

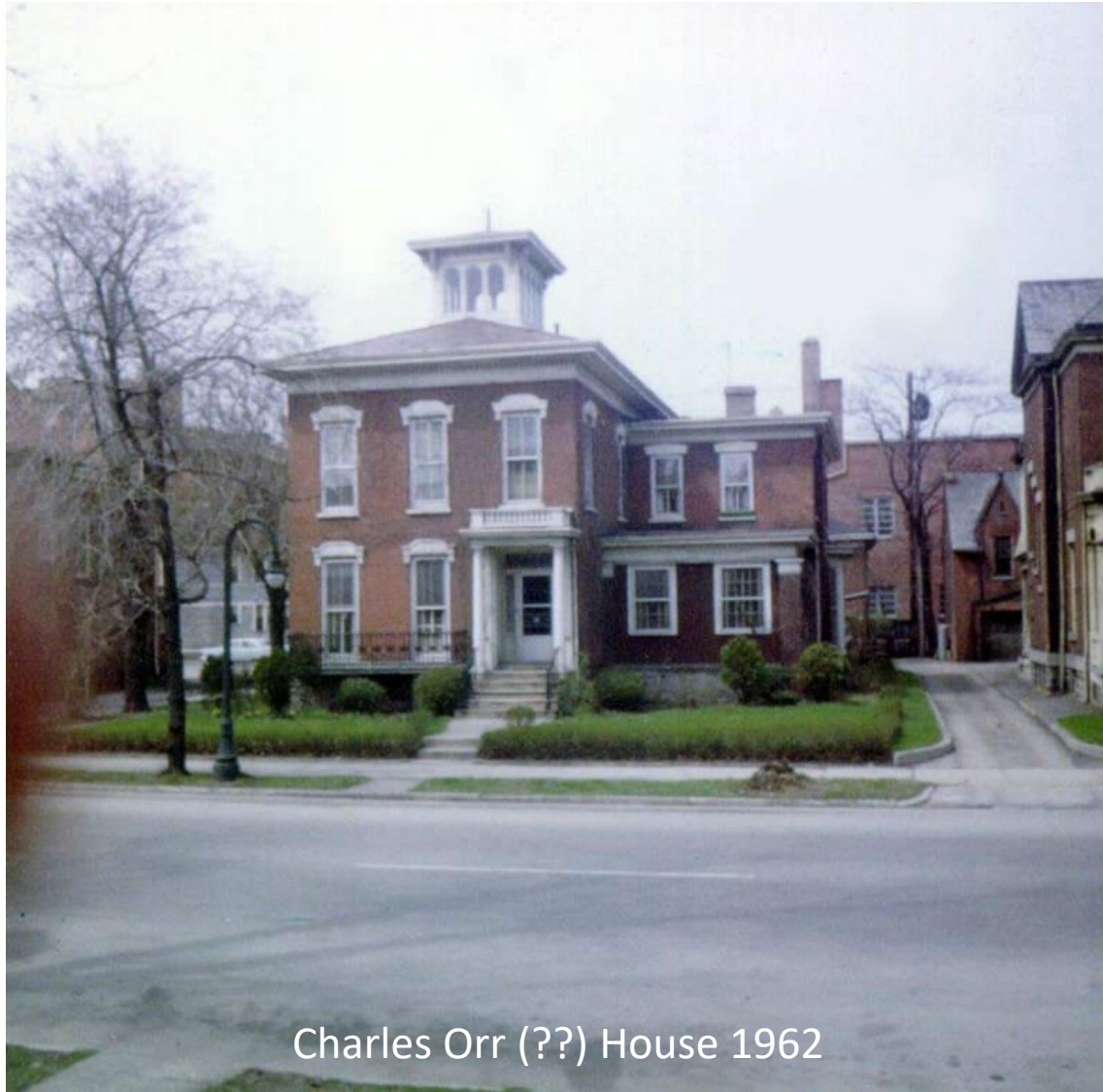


# 208 West Berry Street

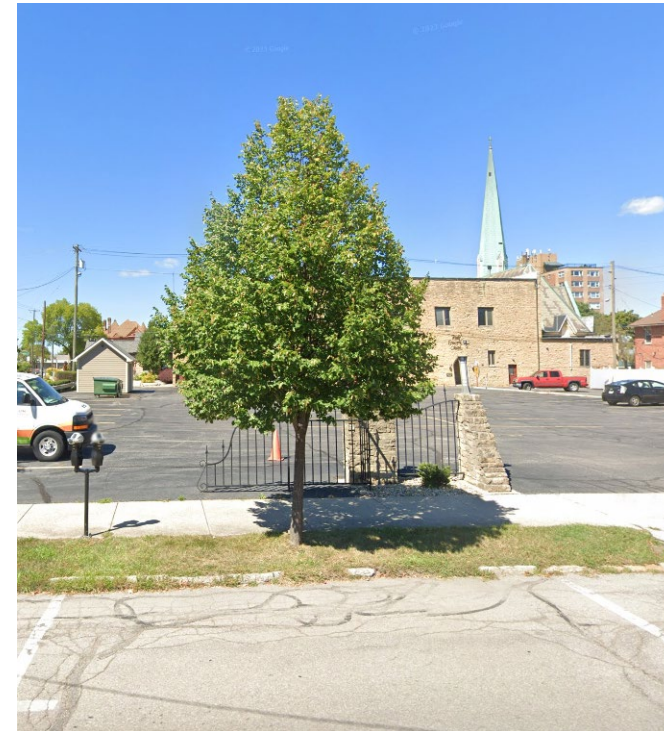
William Hahn House



# 618 West Wayne Street



Charles Orr (??) House 1962



# 435 West Berry Street



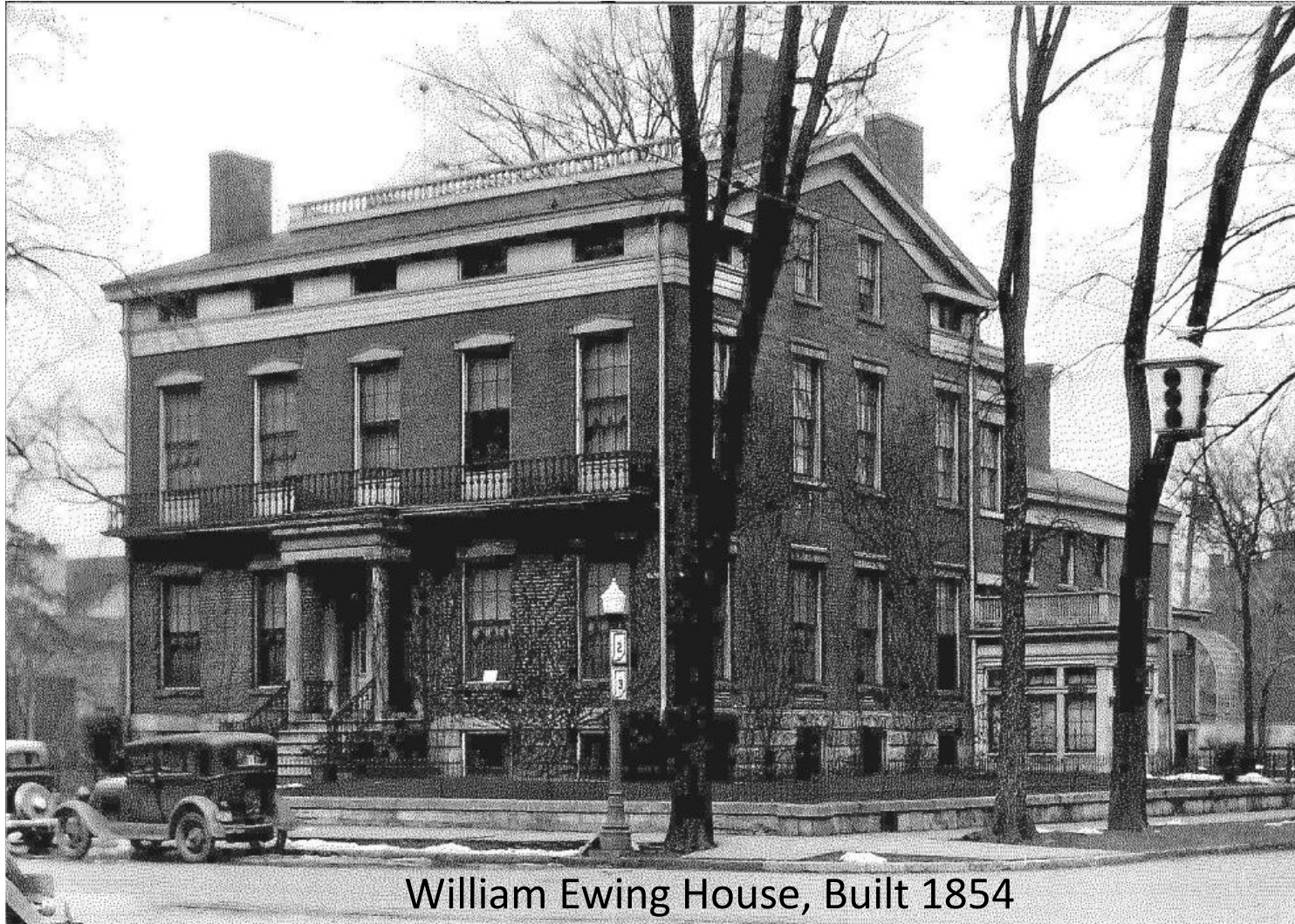
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# 400 West Berry Street



# 100 Block West Berry Street



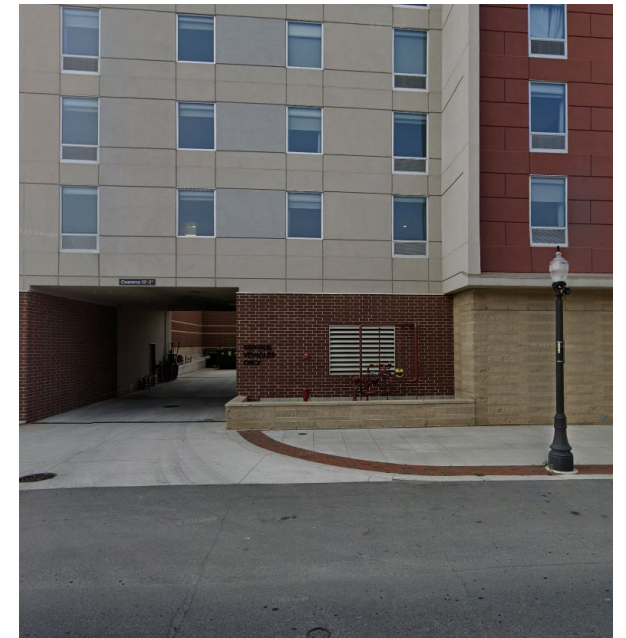
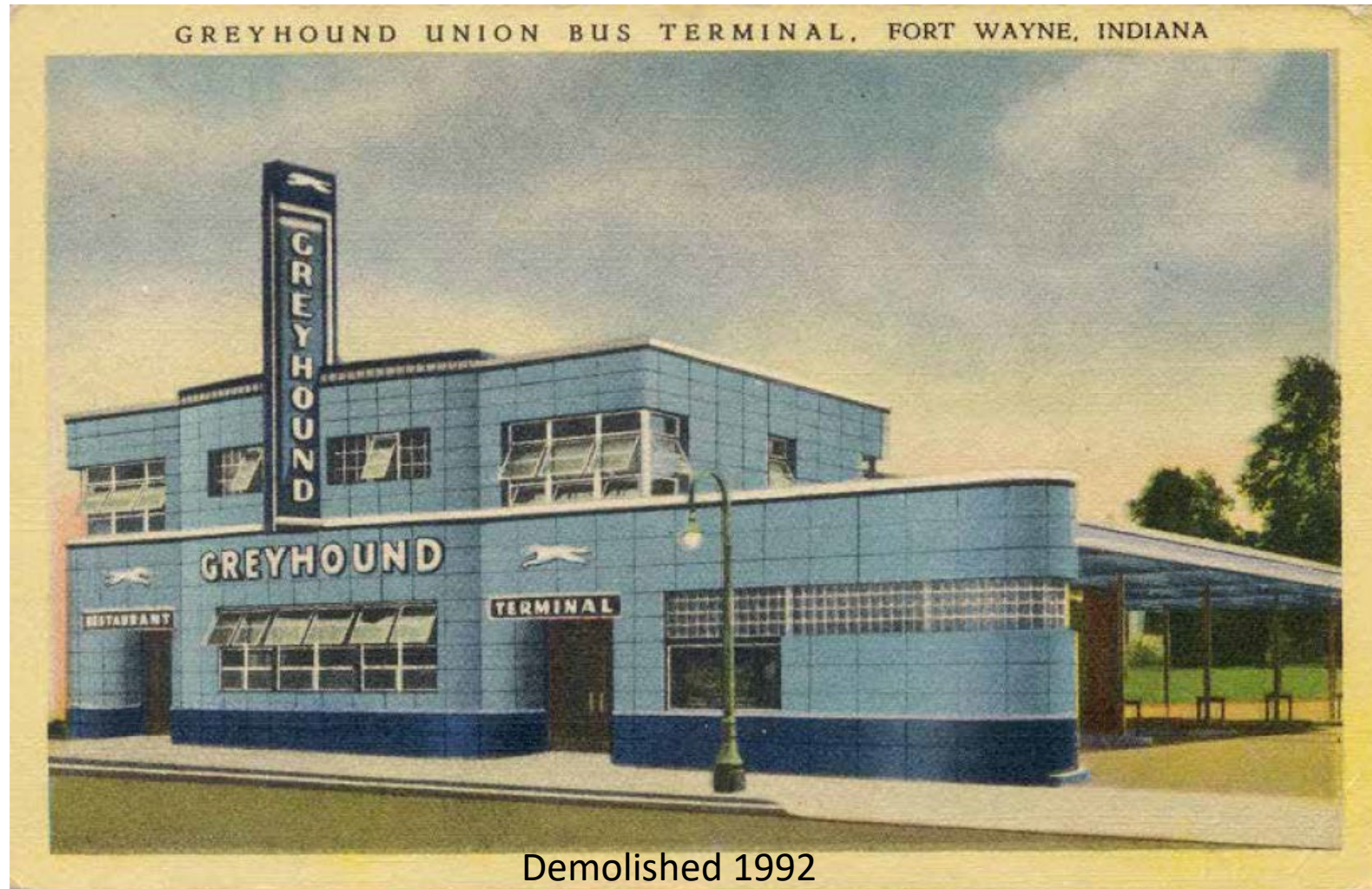
# Anthony Hotel Interior



# West Wayne from Webster (looking west)



# 223 West Jefferson Blvd



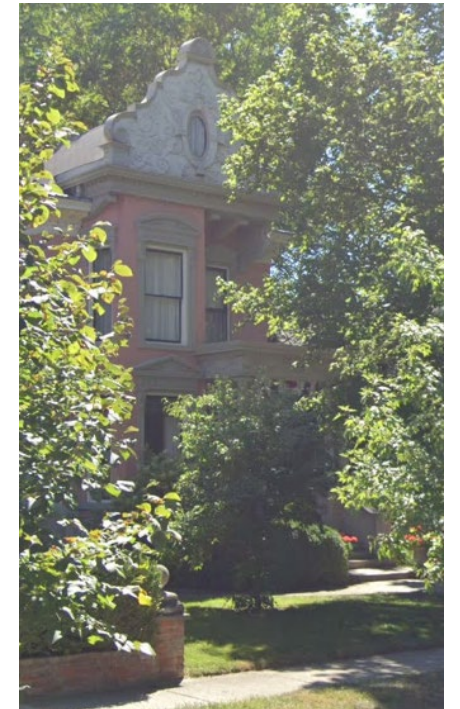
# Broadway at West Wayne (looking north)



# 633 West Wayne Street



# Now 1023 West Berry Street





But what was lost??



**William Rockhill House**

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# Rockhill at West Berry Street



# Key Takeaways

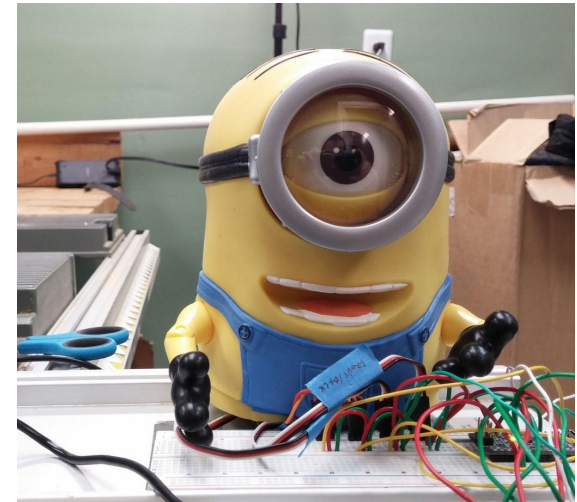
- Never look at a downtown parking lot the same!
- Once they're gone, they're gone forever
- Nothing is ever “safe”
- Historic preservation matters
  - Link to our past
  - Economic boon

Our April guest speaker will  
be Michael Galbraith of ARCH

# Elex Update

Kevan Biggs, Developer

Chris Faurote, Weigand Construction





**Tower Crane Removal  
Elix Construction**



**LEGEND**

Construction Area		Road Closed	
Construction Traffic		Additional Cranes	
Incoming Garage Traffic		Tower Crane	
Outgoing Garage Traffic			
No Parking			

**Parking Garage & Apartments Site Logistics**

**Jobsite Address**  
1450 Van Buren Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

**Primary Work Hours**  
7:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Delivery Hours**  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Required Safety Gear**  
HI-Vis, Hard Hats  
Boots, Safety Glasses

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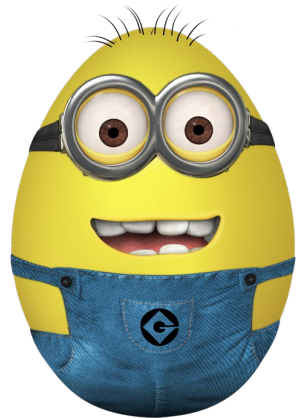
# Announcements

Coming up soon



# Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 13, 2025



**Moody Park**





# Neighborhood Block Party

Tyler Bowers, Co-Chair



**July 26, 2025**



# Green Team Formation

Calling all walkers, nature lovers, and anyone who wants to KEEP West Central clean!

- Adopt a street
- We provide the equipment (grabber tool, bucket/bags, gloves, safety shirt/vest) for you to keep at home
- Clean on your schedule, when it's convenient for you!

[greenteam@westcentralneighborhood.org](mailto:greenteam@westcentralneighborhood.org)



# March Gift Direction

Monthly \$250 contribution



## Past Gifts

- January gift: Inasmuch Ministries for housing
- February gift: Friends of the Park
- March gift: PROPOSED FROM FEB MEETING
  - Washington Elementary Food Pantry

## Giving Guidelines

- Must be a charitable organization and/or a charitable activity
  - Cannot support a specific ideology
- No political organizations
- Want to try and “spread the love”

# Other Business??

Membership



Adjourn

