West Central Neighborhood Association Meeting

June 16, 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

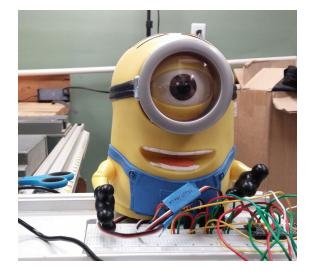
We're so glad you're here!





Electric Works & Union Street Market Update

Scott Ferguson





Campus – New Tenants

- AON
 - Moved in late last month, formally opening this month
 - Also known as K&K, which has a long Fort Wayne history
 - 200+ employees
- Indiana Tech
 - Acquired building 36
 - Construction imminent opening fall of 2026



USM Update

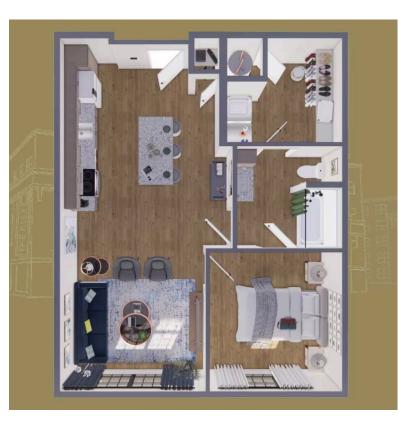
- The Berry
 - Fresh fruit blended with Kuehnert Dairy Ice Cream
 - Interested in feedback if you've had it
- Carmeli's Dough
 - 70% wholesale indicative of the goals of USM
 - Baked doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, Mediterranean baked goods
 - Chapman's pizza dough

- Berne Apparel
 - 'pro' gardener and apparel
- USM merchant pipeline/curation
 - Salad bar / fresh grilled
 - Test kitchen
 - Retail lab



The Elex Update

- First block 55+, income verification
 - \$450 / month
 - 56 units / 78% under lease
- Second block open market
 - 1, 2 bedroom units
 - https://www.elexliving.com/
- Interest in WC tour?





Farmers Market – Public Market Trust

- PMT welcomes Joel to the board!
- WC engagement on the PMT and it's focus
- Farmers Market is now year-round
- Stacking events onto market days
 - Hoolie ponies
 - Car shows
 - Festivals



Campus Events

- Growth over last year focus on community engagement
- 80% of events done at zero or reduced cost
- Goal is over 100k people at community events vs. 60k last year

- West Central Wine Club
 - Third Thursdays wine flites, appetizers, presentations
- Second Tuesdays
 - Spirit flites, appetizers, presentations



Home and Garden Tour

- We hope to have a curated GE history exhibit in the forum
 - We will have a cash bar with a donation to WC
- Volunteer pre-tour party on the Roof

- Hope to have Elex tour
- Wayfinding, promotions
- Sponsorship from Chapmans and campus
- More details to come!



Yesterday's West Central How to research your home

Shelley Rothgeb







1020 Jackson St



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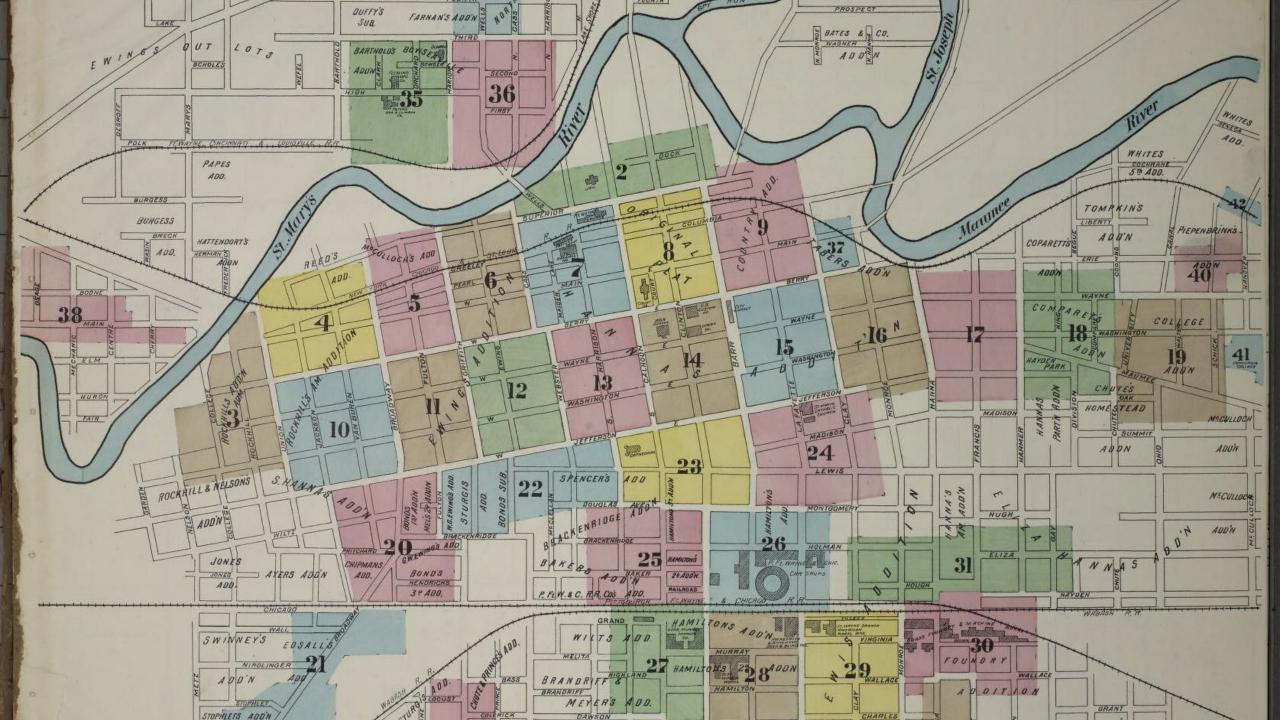
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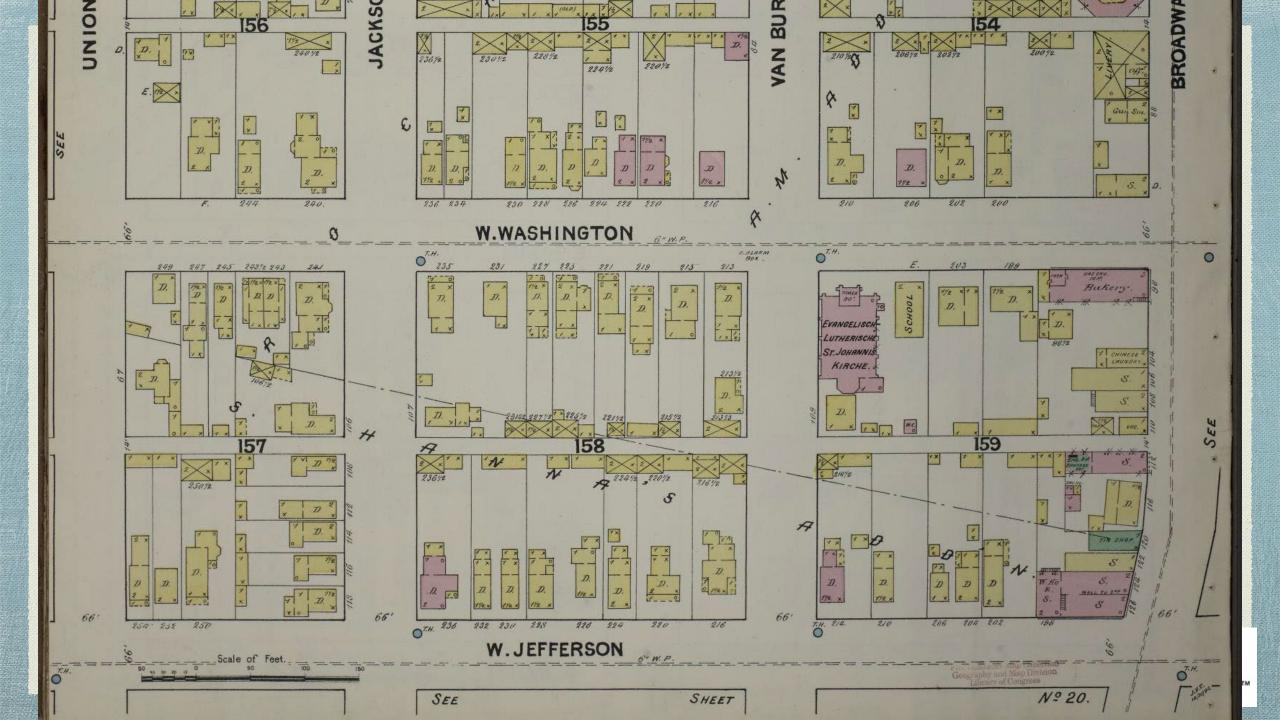
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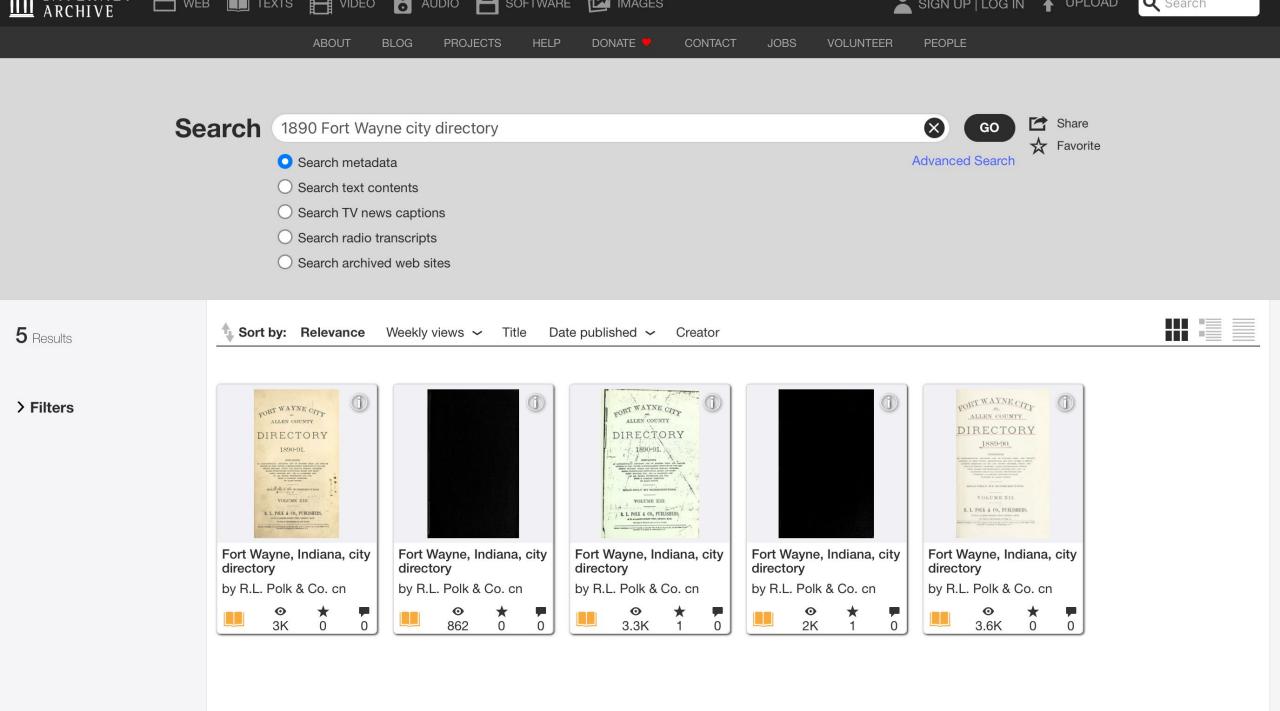
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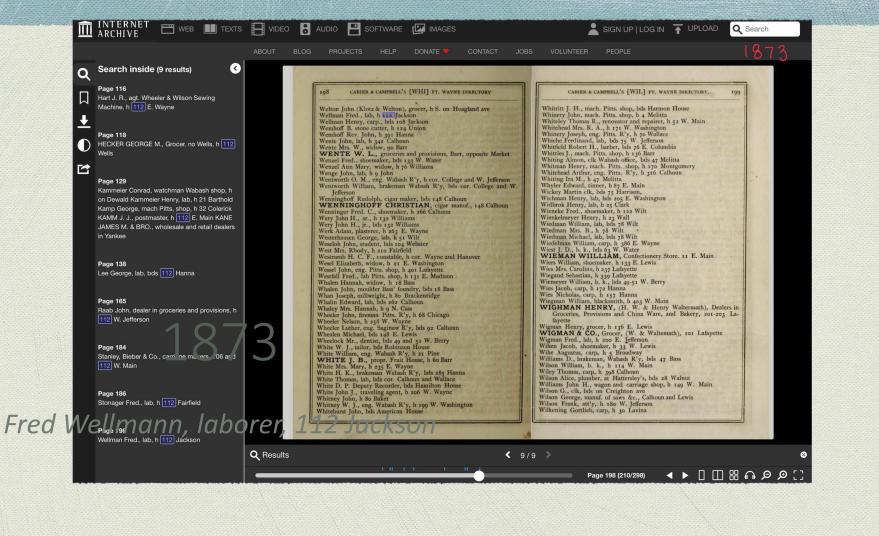
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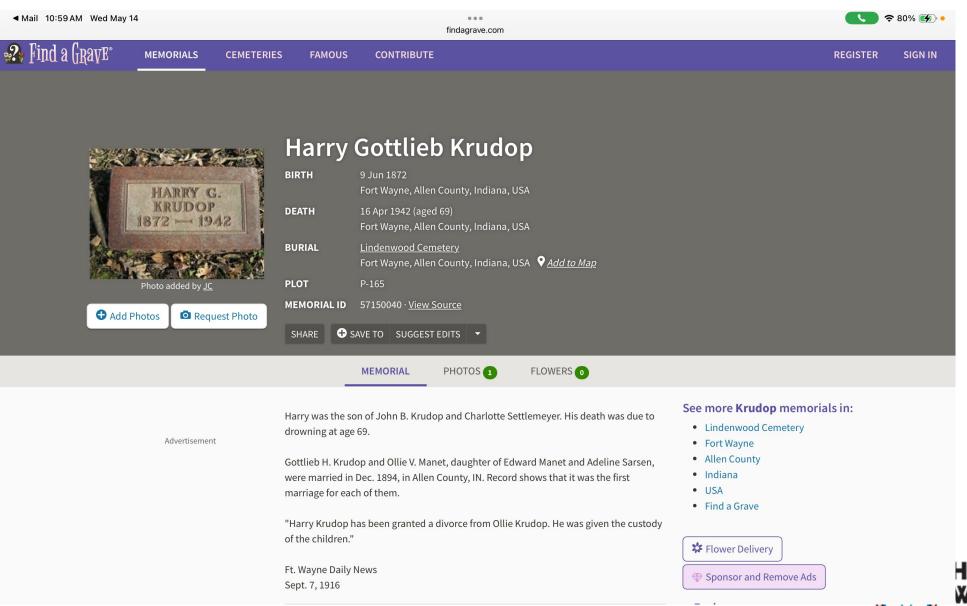
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The Frederick and Sophia Wellmann House

1873





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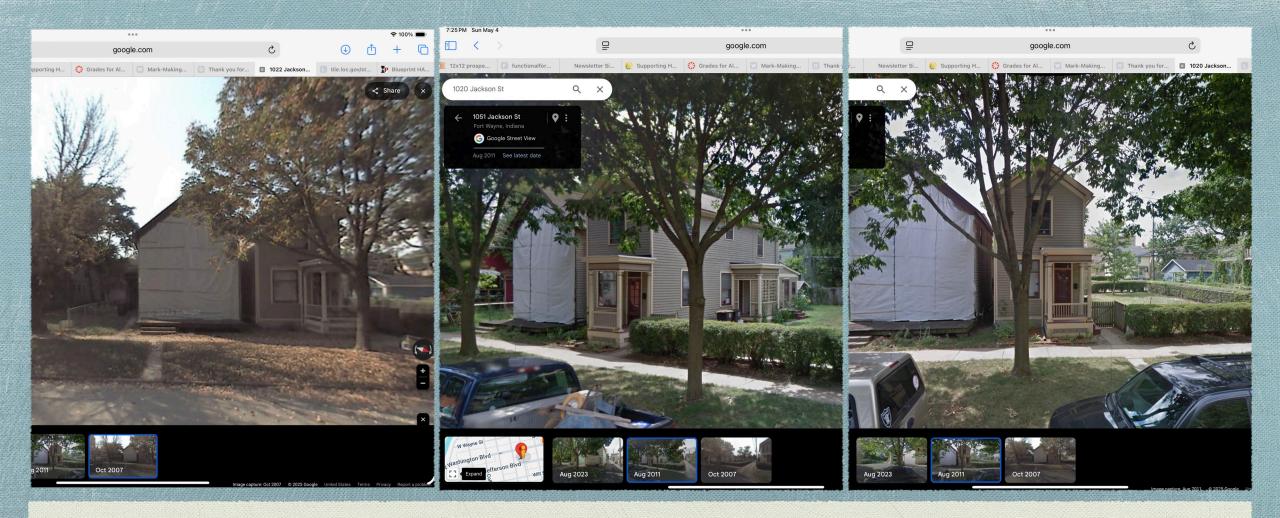
Commendations to

1020 Jackson Street

Eric Heffley

Honored for complete exterior and interior rehab of narrow house, including removal of non-original side porch, extensive siding and trim repair, multi-color paint scheme and construction of new garage.



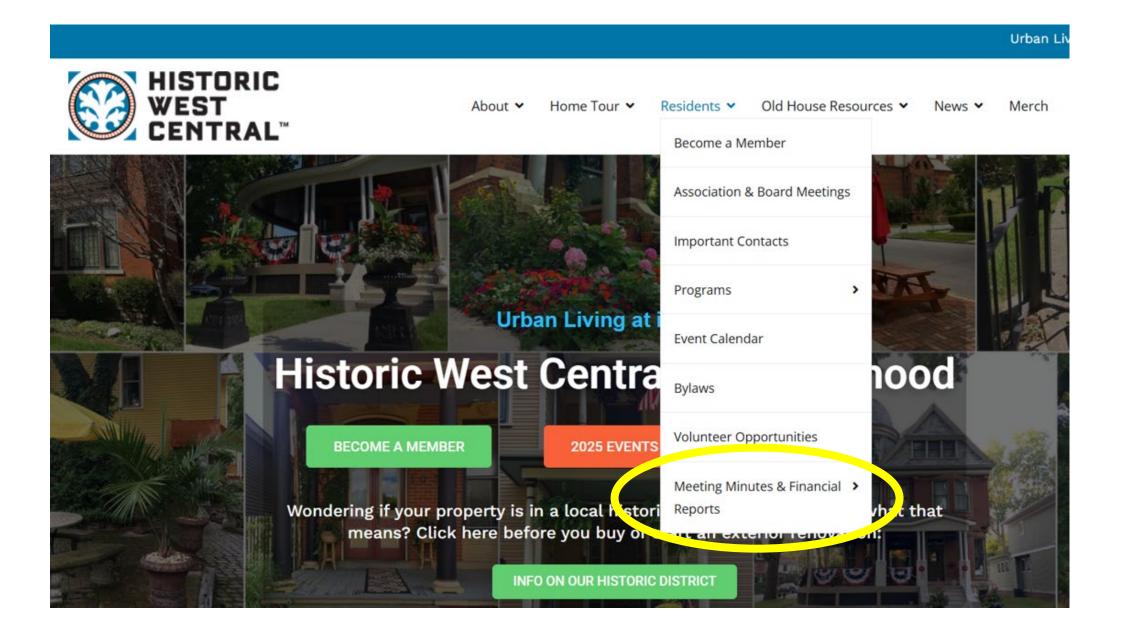


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Treasurer's Report George Taylor





Membership's Report

Anita Kuker



Neighborhood Promotion We live here!



Our Goals

- Identify the West Central boundaries

 Unite disparate areas
 Build engagement
- Amplify the brand & historic designation • Strengthen historic preservation
- Remind "visitors" this is a neighborhood

 People live here
 Speed & noise matter
 Safety matters
- Pursue membership priorities • Use our financial resources





Jersey Barrier Artwork

- 19 very functional & necessary barriers on the western gateway of West Central
- While functional, not attractive!
- Want to cover them will public art
- Build on investment in the Amaryllis Sculpture
- "Calm" traffic as it enters our neighborhood
- Further beautify that gateway





Jersey Barrier Process

- WCNA will issue a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) only to seasoned public art artists
- Those who provide a formal response with all the details would be nominally compensated for that work (as is customary)
- Winner to be chosen by the WCNA board
- Looking for paint barriers in 2026, completion by fall



Our Ask

- No decision today, will present again at July meeting for a vote
- Looking for approval of a \$10,000 total budget
 - \circ Artwork
 - $\circ \, \text{Paint}$
 - \circ RFP payments



Announcements

Coming up soon





Upcoming Events

- Block Party
 - \odot Saturday, July 26
 - \odot 11 am 2 pm
 - \odot Contact Jackie Jones if you can volunteer!
 - **(**419) 553-9194





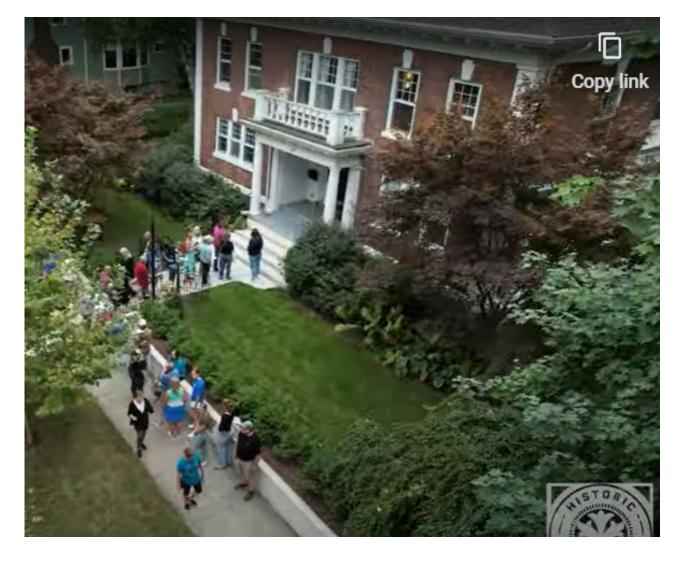




2025 Home & Garden Tour

Ryan Benton, Committee Chair





June Gift Direction

Monthly \$250 contribution





Past Gifts

- January gift: Plowshares at the Union Street Market
- February gift: Friends of the Park
- March gift: Washington Elementary Food Pantry
- April gift: ARCH
- May: Wellspring Interfaith

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"



Adjourn



