

West Central Neighborhood Association Meeting

February 16, 2026



Our Vision

To preserve and promote a unique, historic neighborhood defined by its connected community, rich architecture, and outstanding livability for all.

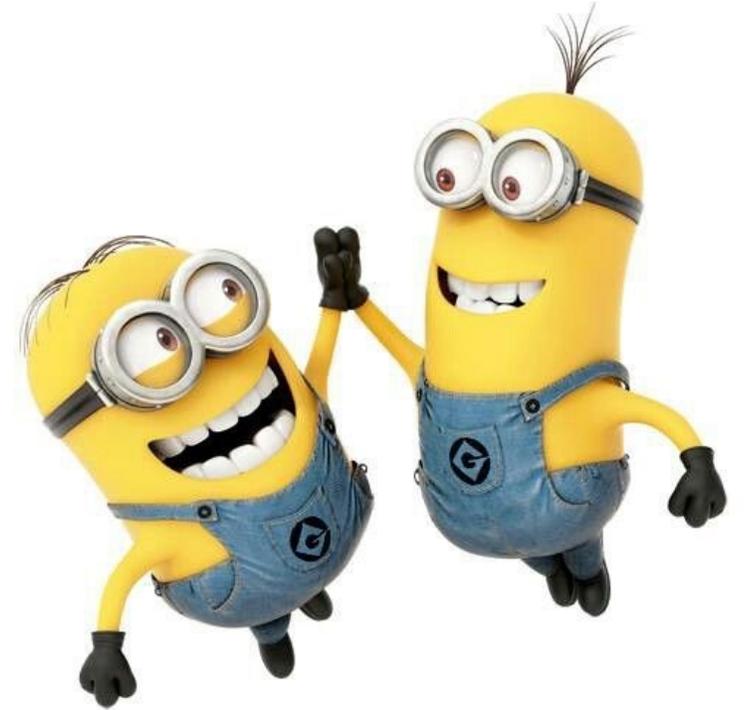


Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
 - New members
 - Business member spotlight – Dignity Memorials
- Yesterday in West Central
 - Transportation History in WC (Tom Cain)
- Final 2026 Budget
- Connected Neighborhoods Grant Update
- Beautification Update
- Announcements
- Home & Garden Tour Call to Action!
- February Gift Direction

New Member Welcome

We're so glad you're here!



Business Member Spotlight

Dignity Memorial



Lindenwood Cemetery

2324 West Main Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46808
260-432-4542



Yesterday's West Central

Transportation History in WC

Tom Cain



Transportation in West Central

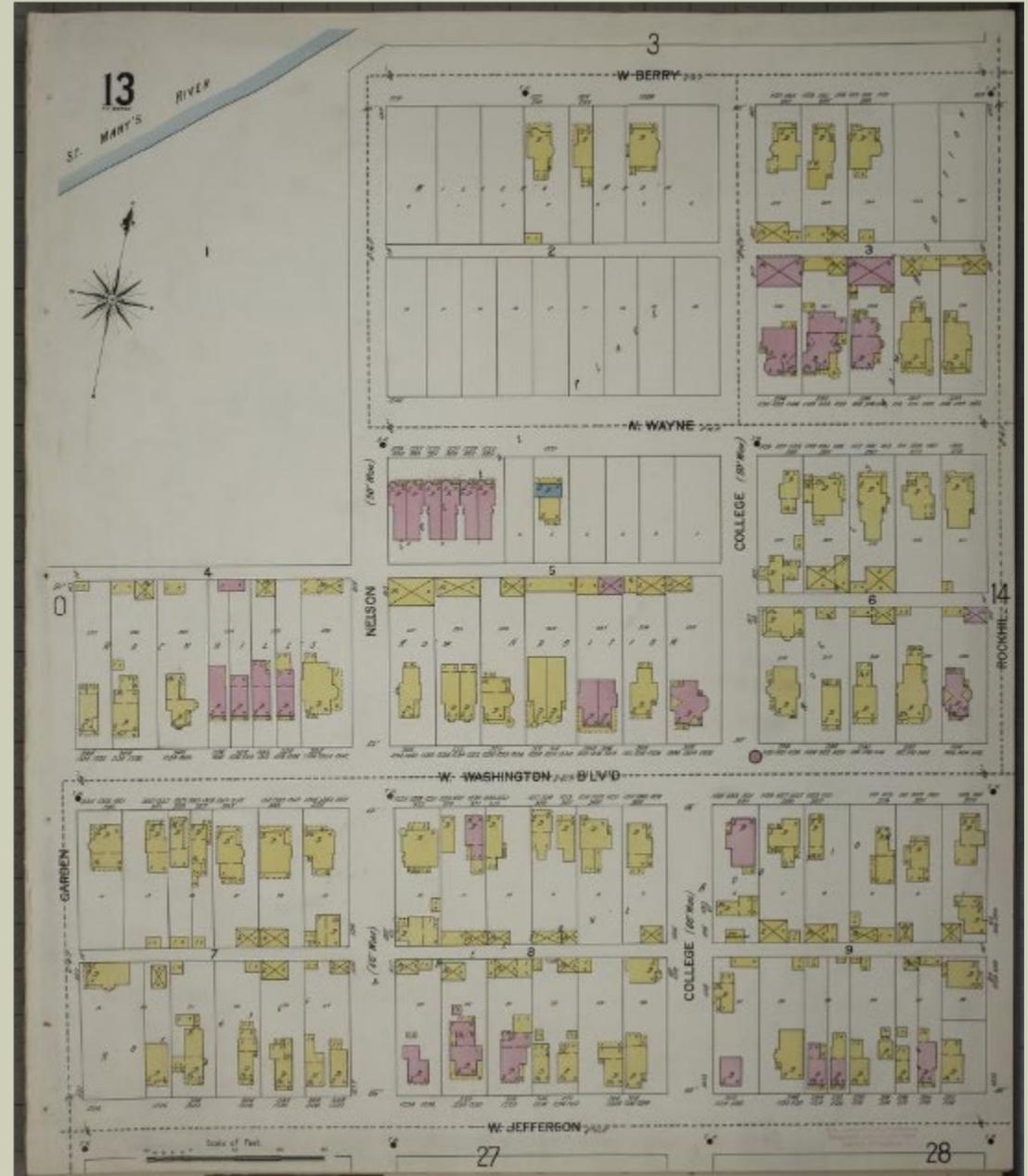
How people got around

How it shaped West Central



BROADWAY AND JEFFERSON JULY 1890.
Frank Caroll (Nephew of Supt. M^{rs} NUTT) Driver.
Information by M. O. Cutter who is still in service.

Narrow Lots =
Lots of Frontages =
Short Travel Distances



Horses and Carriages



THE MARKET.

1898

Muck and Manure

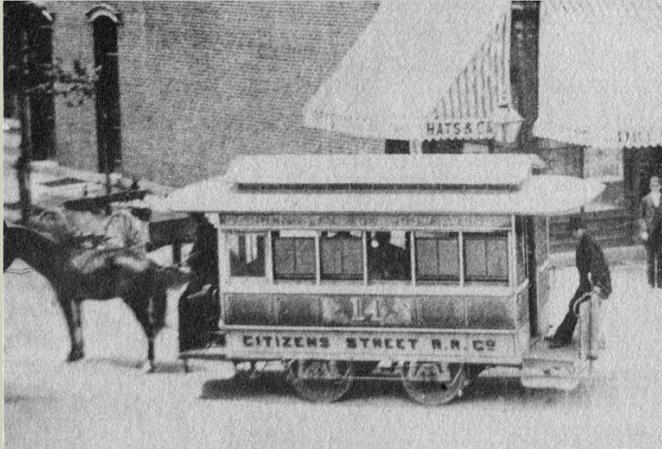


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COLUMBIA STREET, WEST FROM CLINTON STREET.

1889

Street Rails



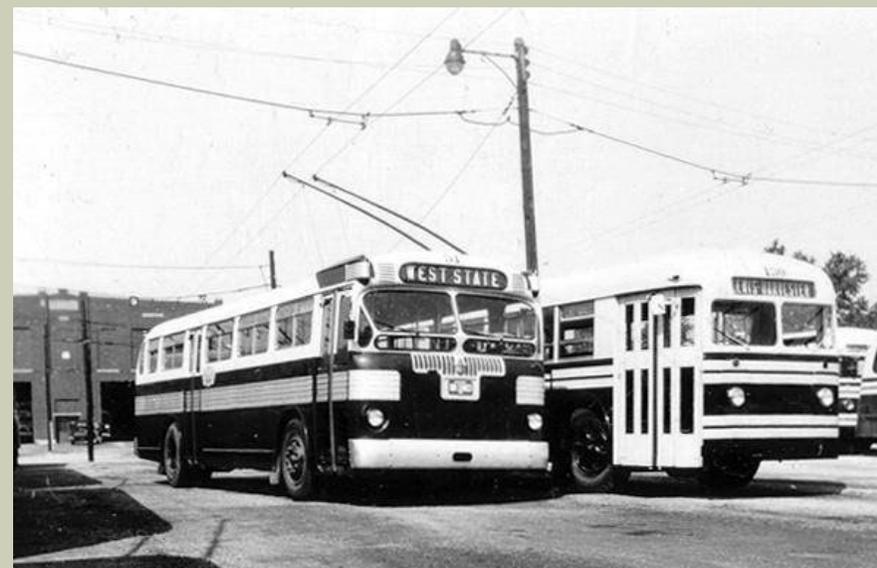
Trolley Lines in Red



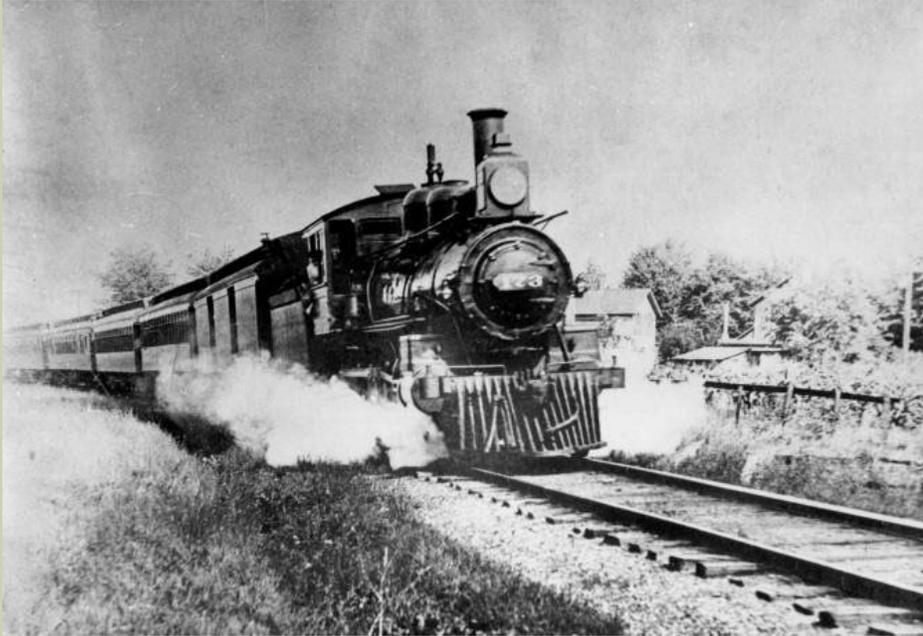
Trolleys to Buses



Trolley Car



Rails Shaping West Central



Bicycles Paving the Way



Age of the Automobile



Crawford Family - 1908
1623 Cass Street 6462



Swinney Park Bridge, U.S. Road #24
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Chas. E. Wermuth & Son, Inc., Contractors
State Highway Dept. - Indianapolis, Indiana



Civil Defense and One Way Streets

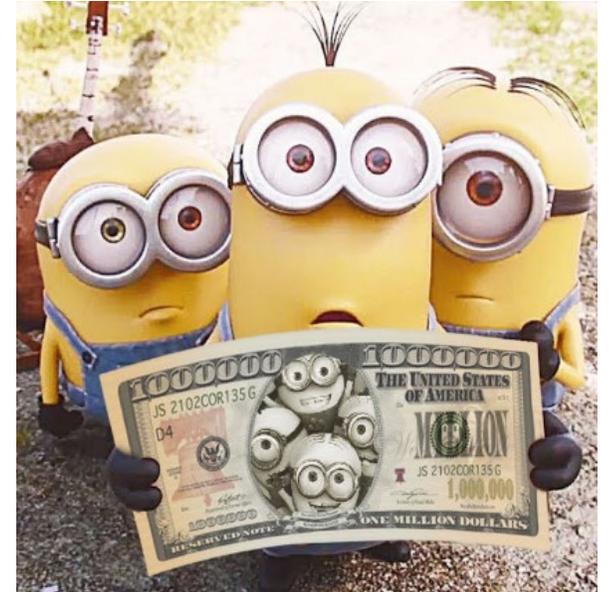


Transportation in West Central

Thank you

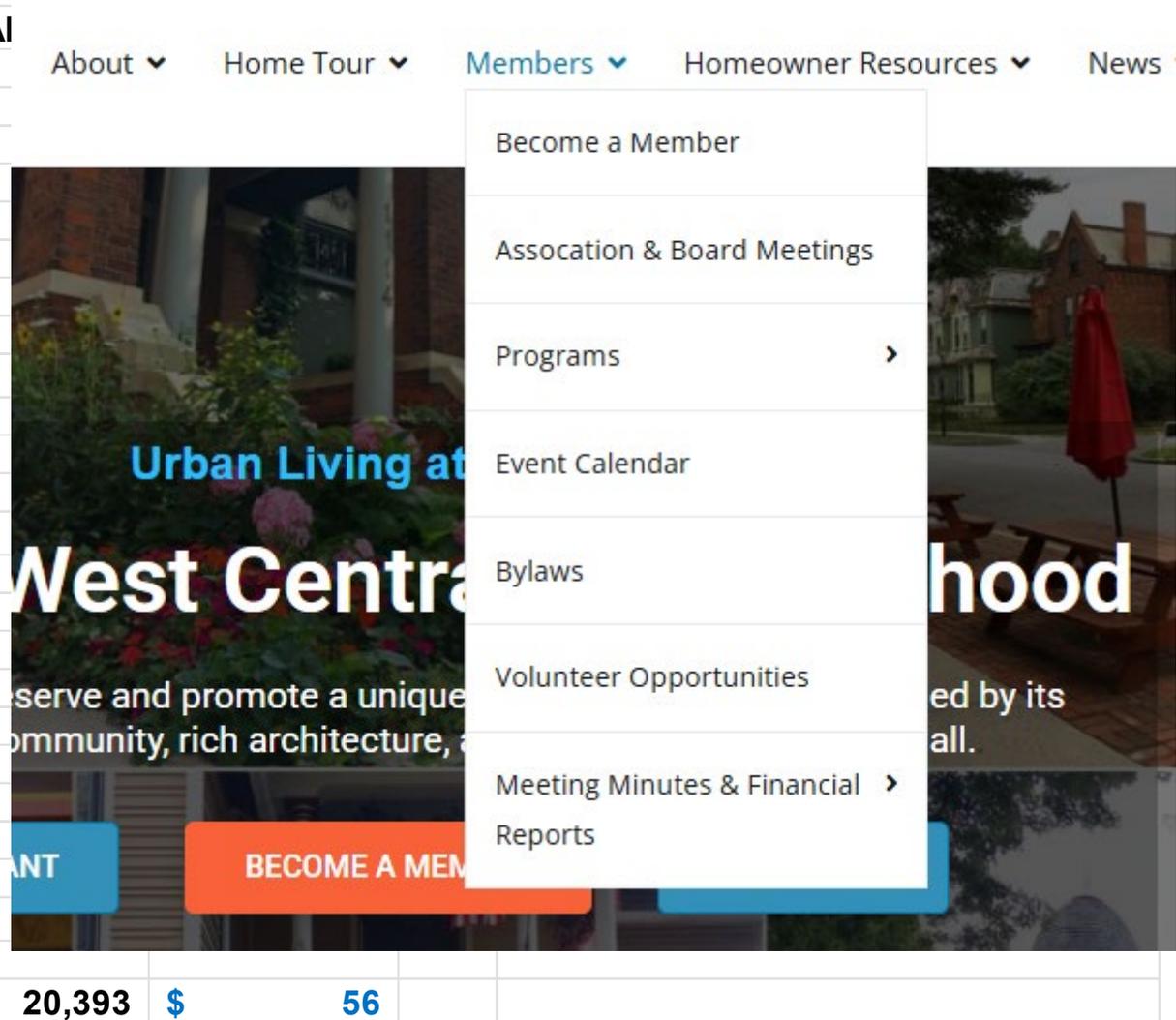
2026 Final Budget

Chris Todd, Treasurer



2026 Budget (Final)

INCOME	TOTALS 2024	TOTAL
HGT-ARTSFEST	\$ 73,120	\$
MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 3,016	\$
INTEREST-SAVINGS ACCT	\$ 6	\$
INTEREST-CDS	\$ 4,476	\$
FW TIRE/TV PROGRAM	\$ 14	\$
OTHER INCOME		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 80,632	\$
EXPENSES		
HGT-ARTSFEST	\$ 26,267	\$
MEMBERSHIP COSTS	\$ 737	\$
MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS (DONATIONS)	\$ 15,711	\$
GENERAL & ADMIN COSTS	\$ 4,942	\$
MEMBER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS	\$ 5,232	\$
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 4,944	\$
MEMBER PROGRAMS	\$ 5,526	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 63,359	\$
YEAR NET	\$ 17,273	\$



The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with the following items: About, Home Tour, Members, Homeowner Resources, and News. The 'Members' dropdown menu is open, listing: Become a Member, Association & Board Meetings, Programs, Event Calendar, Bylaws, Volunteer Opportunities, Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports. The main banner features the text 'Urban Living at West Central' and 'hood' over a background image of a house. A 'BECOME A MEMBER' button is visible at the bottom of the banner.

Connected Neighborhoods Grant

Kelly Benton, VP



Improved Neighborhood Safety Near Schools

- **Curb bump-outs on Jefferson and Washington Blvds near Washington Elementary**
- Curb bump-outs on W. State near Price Elementary
- **Flashing school zone signage on Jefferson and Washington Blvds near Washington Elementary that are activated at specific times during the school day**
- Same as above for Price Elementary
- Speed table at 3rd Street near Bloomingdale Elementary



High Impact, Small-Scale Improvements

- **Additional street lighting on streets surrounding Moody Park**
- Street lighting improvements near Franklin School Park
- **Enhanced pedestrian visibility at key crossings near Moody Park, Hamilton Park, and Franklin School Park**



School Infrastructure and Enhanced Park Use

- **Additional lighting within the interior of Moody Park**
- Additional lighting within the interior of Hamilton Park
- **Internal pathway at Swinney Park connecting the rivergreenway (via existing pedestrian tunnel underneath Jefferson) to the tennis courts and bathrooms**

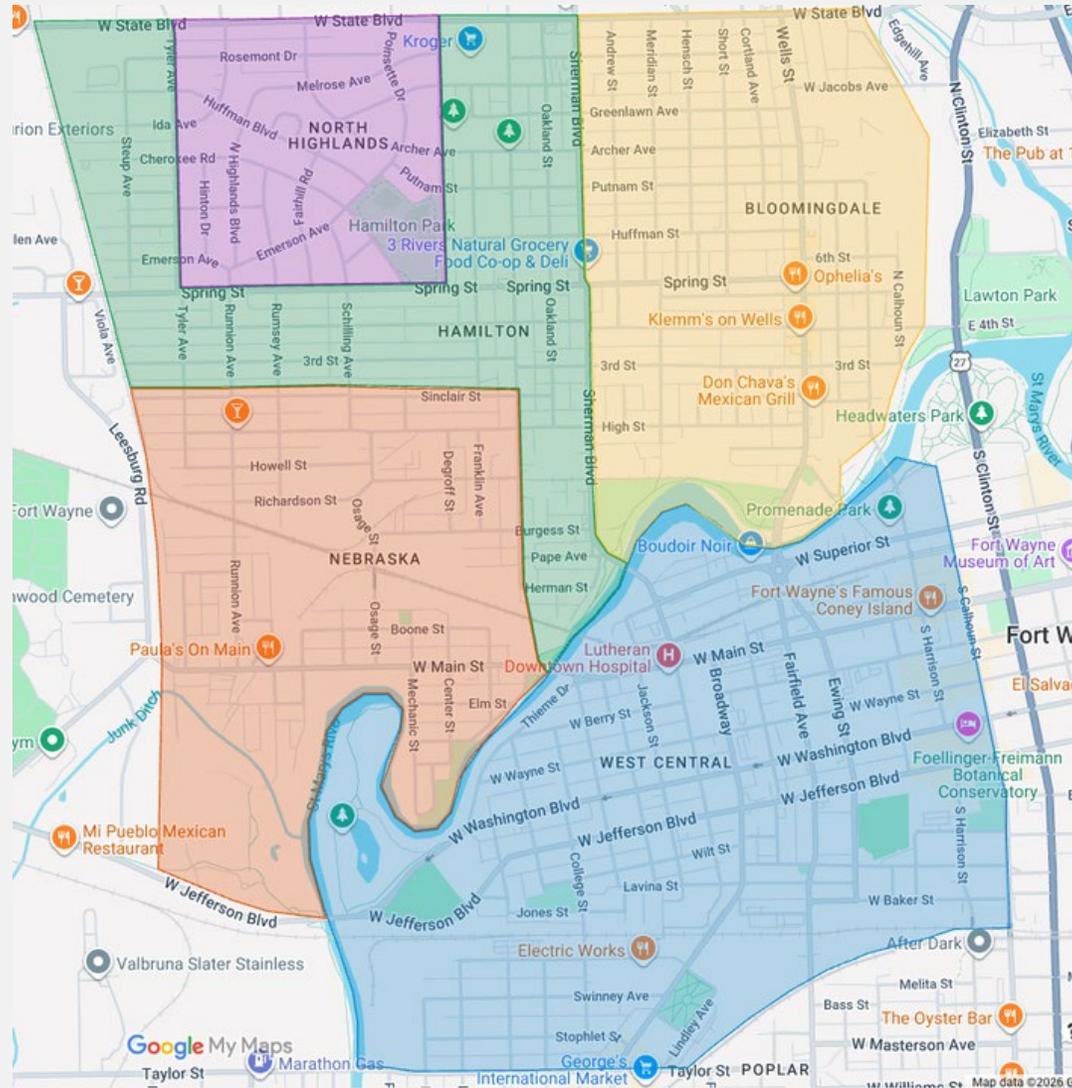


Enhanced Connectivity with Trails and Sidewalks

- **Install trail lighting on the Rivergreenway, especially between the Main Street bridge to Bloomingdale Park**
- Improved sidewalk connectivity serving Bloomingdale Elementary in the Bloomingdale neighborhood
- **Install pedestrian refuge island and/or landscaped medians on Main Street between Union Street and Cherry Street**



What's Next?



Beautification Program Update

Kelly Benton, VP



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Home Beautification Program

Types of projects:

- Soffit, gutter, or porch repair
- Exterior painting (visible from the street/sidewalk)
- Concrete steps and walkway replacement
- Landscaping (on the street/sidewalk side of your house)
- And more!

Members only, must be current on dues

Must comply with HPC regulations (when applicable)

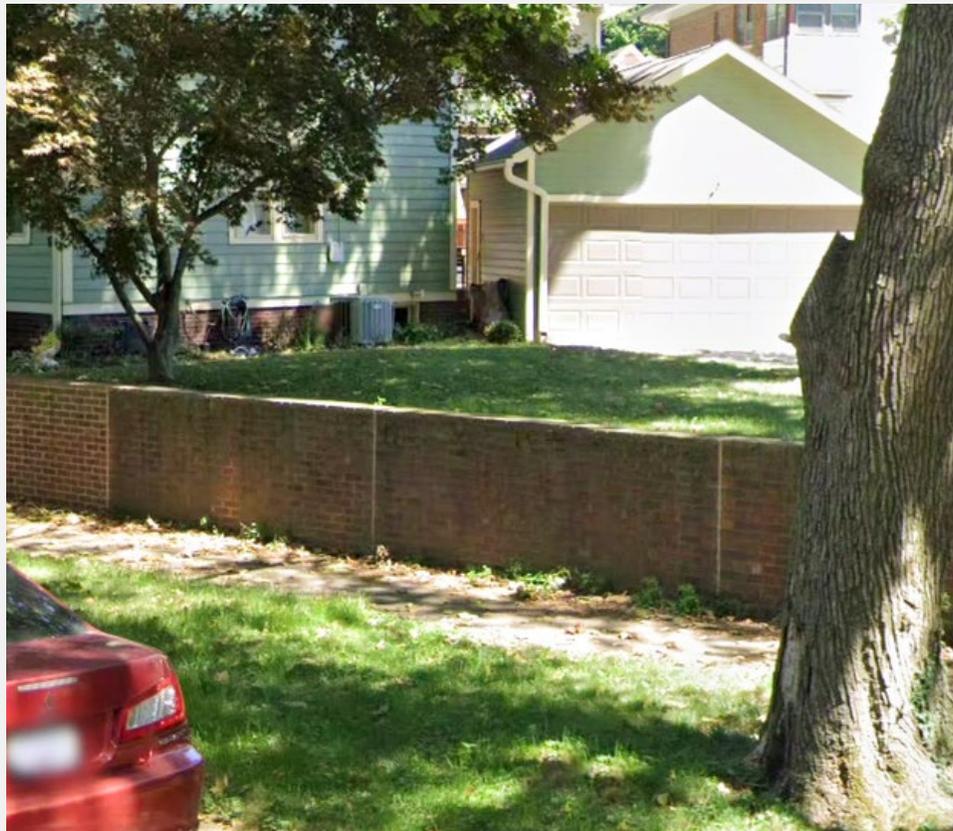
Apply beforehand or within 90 days of completion

We will reimburse 50% of the project, up to \$500.

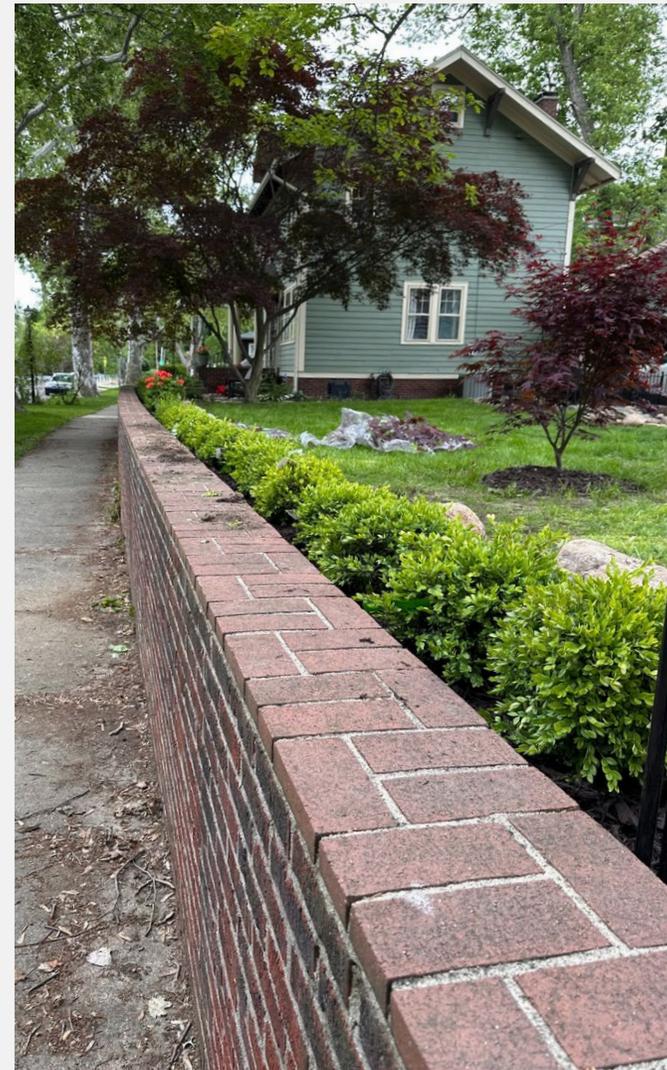
Supplies, materials, and labor costs can be included (must have documentation).

Home Beautification Program

815 Thieme (2025)



BEFORE



AFTER

Home Beautification Program

1309 Rockhill (2025)



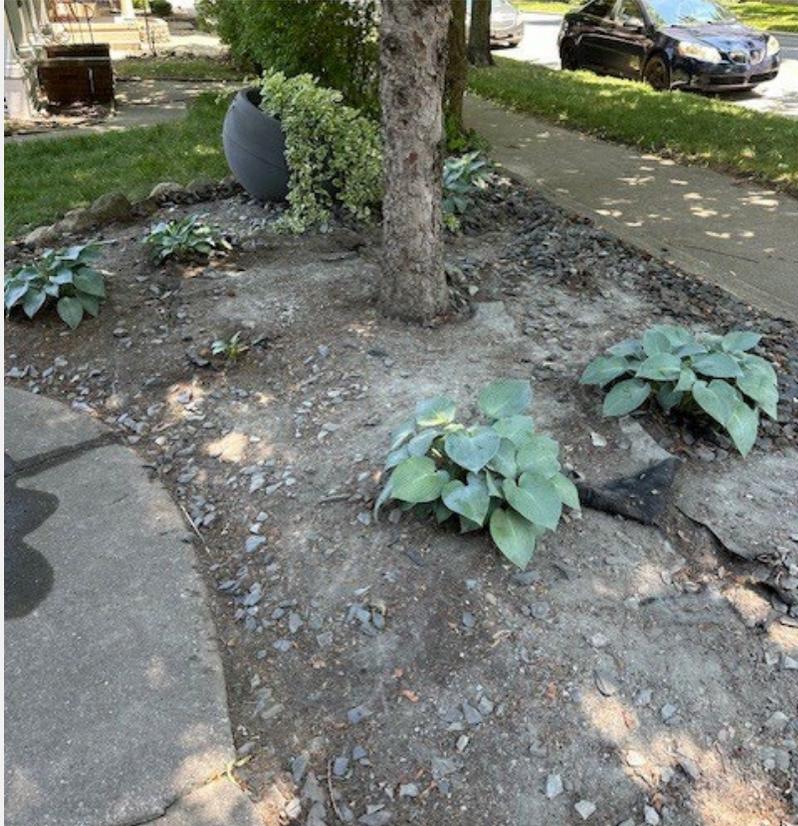
BEFORE

AFTER



Home Beautification Program

824 W Washington (2024)



BEFORE

AFTER



Home Beautification Program

901 Wilt (2024)



BEFORE

AFTER



Home Beautification Program

923 W Washington (2024)



BEFORE

AFTER



Home Beautification Program

1134 W Berry (2024)



BEFORE

AFTER



Home Beautification Program

1211 W Berry (2024)



BEFORE

AFTER



BUILDING PERMIT

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Sidewalk & Curb Program

Types of projects:

- Public sidewalks
- Curbs along the street in front of your property (or on the side if you live in a corner)

Members only, must be current on dues

Must comply with HPC regulations (when applicable)

Must apply to the city for a cost estimate before contacting us

The city will pay 50% of the total and we will reimburse 50% of your share. This means you only have to pay 25% of the total cost!

Sidewalk & Curb Program

816 College (2023)



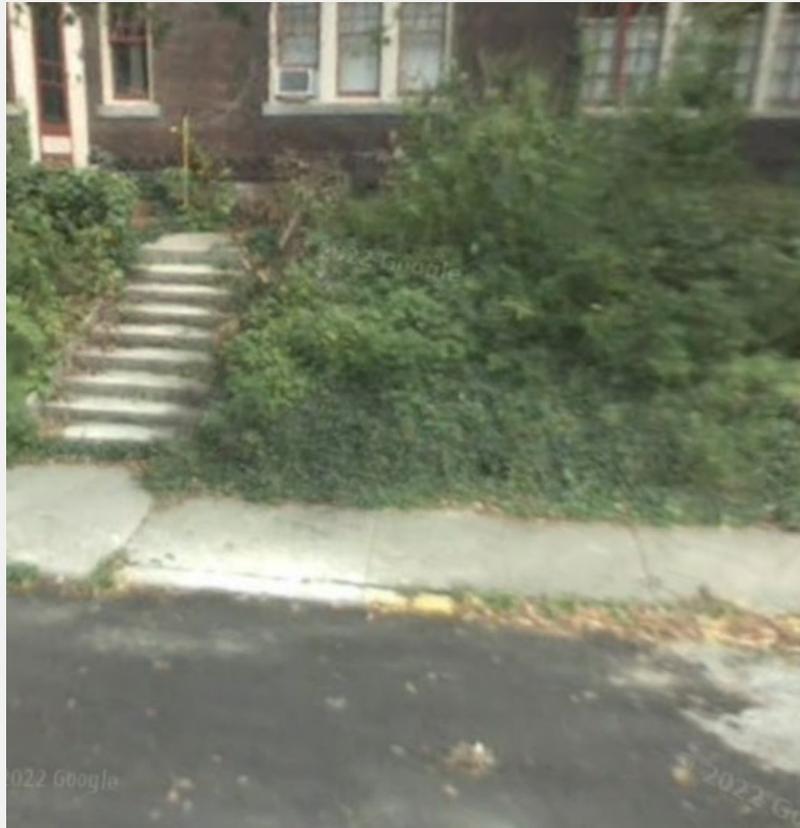
BEFORE

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Sidewalk & Curb Program

821 Nelson (2023)



BEFORE

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Home Security Program

Types of projects:

- Exterior security cameras / doorbell cameras
- Exterior security lighting
- Package delivery receptacle

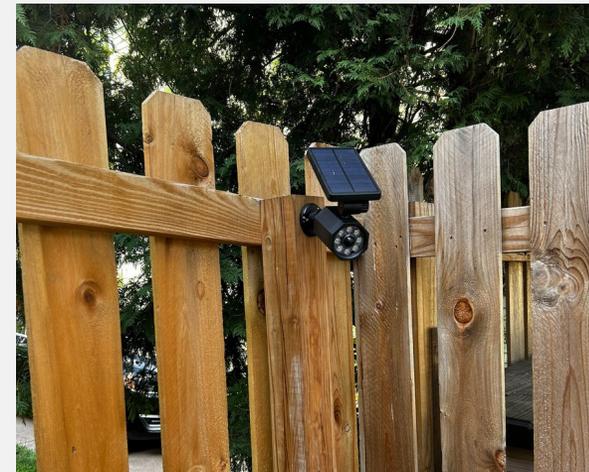
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We will reimburse:

- Exterior security / doorbell cameras: 50% co-op up to \$100
- Exterior security lighting: 50% co-op up to \$40
- Package delivery receptacle: 50% co-op up to \$50

Includes purchase and professional installation on any side of your home (exterior only)

Home Security Program



Announcements

Coming up soon



WCNA Winter Mixer

When: Monday, February 23

5 – 7:00 pm

Where: Electric Works West Hall Mezzanine
(upper level)

What: Snacks, cash bar

Why: Really??



February Gift Direction

Monthly \$250 contribution



Monthly Giving

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
- June: Emmanuel Lutheran food pantry
- July: PBS TV-39
- August: 13th Step House
- October: Arena Dinner Theater
- November: Toys for Tots
- January: Forgotten Stones

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

Have a great week!

