

The Tutt Library is very excited to be a part of the Southeast Neighborhood, and we look forward to continuing helping our neighbors during this difficult COVID period. If your family or someone you know needs help with the following services please stop by our library at 2223 Miami Street on the corner of Miami and Ewing, or call us at 574-282-4367 for assistance.

- Help filling out Rental and Utility Assistance applications. We are knowledgeable about township and county-wide programs offering this type of assistance
- Help filling out unemployment vouchers or troubleshooting issues with ID.Me Verification processes
- Assistance applying for SNAP or food assistance programs. We also provide lists of active food pantries in the area
- We provide free tax forms, and can help you look up stimulus check status information
- We can help patrons apply for healthcare services through HIP or the HealthCare Marketplace with our Certified Application Counselors
- During COVID the library is also free faxing, copying and printing services up to 20 pages a day per patron at each of our library locations. We can also help scan and send paperwork to any organization that might need a copy of those documents for you.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Neighborhood Cleanup April 24 9:00 A.M

SOAR Monthly meeting (virtual) May 11 6:00 P.M.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88104037654?pwd=b1dUa0xHekUwblQyVDI0MlpCYXVQdz09>

SOAR Monthly meeting (virtual) June 8 6:00 P.M.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88104037654?pwd=b1dUa0xHekUwblQyVDI0MlpCYXVQdz09>

SOAR Monthly meeting (in-person & Virtual)
Broadway Christian Parish July 13 6:00 P.M.



Soaring Into the Future

SOAR Neighborhood Newsletter Spring 2021

- SOAR (Southeast Organized Area Residents, Inc.) is the neighborhood association for this area and acts to represent all residents, home-owners and renters, to work together to make a safe, attractive, vibrant community.
- We encompass the area bordered by Sample (north) Ewing (south) Miami (east) and Michigan (west)
- SOAR is YOUR neighborhood association. Our purpose is “to represent the interests and aspirations of those who live on the Southeast Side of South Bend to preserve and enhance a safe neighborhood for all.”
- SOAR meets to second Tuesday of each month. Join us!

466 Works, CDC Spring 2021 Updates:

We have been very busy collaborating with our community neighbors, businesses, the city of South Bend, & other partners. In 2020, we built 4 new houses and have four new neighbors. We will close on 2 additional houses: 1 the week of April 12, 1 in June. We have the funding and plans to build 5 more houses over the next 12 months. That will result in 11 houses: 13 since the beginning. Our agreement with the South Bend Community School Corporation to build one of their houses in the neighborhood is still viable. We have been working with an IUSB sociology intern, Knif King. He is working on a Mapping Project. This project will lay out in colors and shapes the step-by-step details of the template 466 Works uses from the beginning to the end of a project. We are proud of our hard work and we want to make sure members in the future do not have to re-invent the wheel. We are working on a similar internship relationship with Ivy Tech students. We look forward to next steps of housing rehabilitation while continuing to build new houses. Please feel free to contact any 466 Works members with any questions. Conrad Damian can pass on any messages.

SOAR receives technology grants

In order to go virtual during the pandemic, SOAR received a grant from the city which pays for our Zoom membership for a year so that we have been able to keep meeting each month. This grant will also allow us to continue to meet through zoom even after we return to in-person meetings, as we hope to do in July. This will allow the homebound and others to attend our meetings. A second grant will allow us to develop a new web site to replace our current one and also train people to keep it up to date. We have been assisted by Enfocus to develop a program that will assist those in our neighborhood who may be uncomfortable with technology to receive help using technology in their home or at the Tutt Library Branch.

Neighborhood Family Picnic scheduled

Although we had to cancel last year's annual Neighborhood Picnic, we have planned our annual picnic for Saturday, September 18 from 11:00 to 2:00. Watch for signs and fliers with all the information in September.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

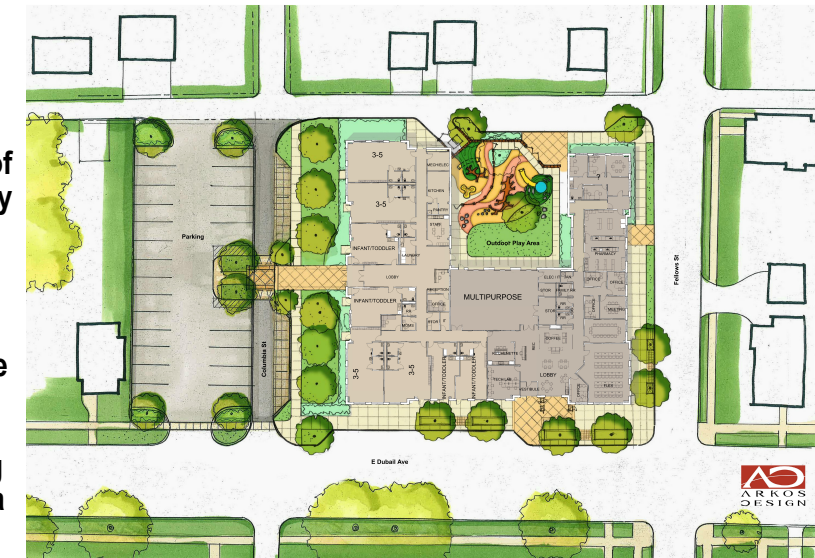
While the past year has presented challenges, the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County has seen tremendous growth expanding their reach and collaborating with new community partners. “We are proud to be part of the fabric of the southeast community and are determined to do whatever it takes to serve the kids and families who call this neighborhood home,” said Jaqueline Kronk, CEO. On Friday, April 30, the Club will partner with the City of South Bend for its next round of Friday Night Life, inviting area teens to the OC Carmichael Jr. Youth Center on Sample Street for a night of food, games, dancing, sports, art, and more from 8 pm to 1 am. This month includes the addition of a Middle School Night on Saturday, May 1 from 8 pm to Midnight. The purpose of the event is to provide a fun and supervised place for young people to be, during hours when most places are closed, and options are limited. Then in June, the “Screen-Free Summer” program at six sites will provide a safe place for kids ages five to 18 to spend their days off their devices and playing sports, creating art projects, exploring theatre, and spending time in the great outdoors. “We aren’t doing any of this alone, and we are so grateful for the community for joining us on this journey,” said Kronk. “2021 is going to be our best year yet, as we continue to ensure success is within reach for every child.” Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County
502 E. Sample St., South Bend, Indiana 46601
574-232-2048
More at bgcsjc.org.



Hello! First Tee is so happy to be part of the (Southeast Neighborhood! I'd like to introduce you very briefly to some of our programs. First, kids 17 & under play FREE at Studebaker Golf Course. Studebaker Golf Course provides free greens fees and First Tee has golf clubs, balls, tees, and ballmarkers kids can use. Two afternoons per week (Tuesdays and Fridays, from 1:00-4:00), we'll even have our coaches at the course to play with kids. Second, we provide a number of programming options:
Life Skills Classes--we incorporate some values, some healthy habits, and some golf skills with a whole lot of fun!
PGA Jr. League--competition program created for beginners and advanced golfers under 17. Think 'Little League meets golf.'
Girls Golf--girls-only activities involving crafts, golf, and friendship
PGA Family cup--monthly golf events for families
Find our schedule and registration information at www.firstteeindiana.org (look for Michiana) or on our facebook page. Scholarships are available for all of our programs that charge a fee. Contact Jenny Zimmerman with question (Jzimmerman@indianagolf.org or 574-360-2764).

UNITED WAY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER UPDATE

United Way, along with community partners, is building a new neighborhood center that will serve as a model in the fields of education, youth and community development. The Southeast Neighborhood Center will be built on the corner of Fellows and Dubail, on a total of 5 empty lots which have been donated to the United Way by 466 Works (3) and the City of South Bend (2). One side of the building will host an affordable, high-quality childcare program for 112 children ages Infant—Preschool, as well as before and after school programming for school-aged children up to age 12. The other side will offer various youth, family and senior programming. The building will be open throughout most hours of the day, most days of the week, including a multipurpose room, various meeting spaces, café area and playground.



We are so excited to have a safe, warm and welcoming place, with lots of different things to do, available to anyone in the neighborhood and surrounding community. Like most of our community, we experienced construction delays because of the pandemic. Even so, we are thrilled to share that the project is on track to break ground in June 2021, with the goal of being open to the public by Fall 2022. Our confirmed partners, who will offer onsite services include: Bowen Center, Head Start, Logan Center, REAL Services, St. Joseph County Public Library and Healthy U R.X. Pharmacy. We're still growing this list of partners, so please stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to opening. United Way has intentionally asked for your feedback throughout the Southeast Neighborhood Center development—and we are so grateful to those of you that shared your voice. We wouldn't be where we are today if it weren't for partners like SOAR, 466 Works and Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church. We continue to be humbled by your partnership—thank you for trusting us to bring this exciting new project to your neighborhood!

Southeast Neighborhood Infrastructure Project

This project is the second phase of a rehabilitation project for a large sewer serving combined sewer area 18. The first phase extended from the Ewing and Michigan intersection to Dubail and High intersection; this work was completed in 2018. This second phase includes similar work: sewer and manhole rehabilitation of the brick sewer which is 72-inches (6 feet) in diameter. This method of rehabilitation impacts neighborhoods less than open excavation or trenching projects and extends the service life of infrastructure while reducing groundwater infiltration into the sewer. The rehabilitation method used is cured-in-place pipe, which consists of inserting a “liner sock” into the sewer, filling the sock with water until it cures, and then releasing the cured water into the downstream sewer. To perform the work, pumps and hoses/pipes are setup to bypass the flow in the sewers around the work area to allow contractors to perform the rehabilitation. The bypass extends from the ball fields south of Studebaker School then crosses several streets extending in the north direction to Lincolnway. The rehabilitation is planned to be complete by April 2021 with surface restorations and bypass equipment removals complete by May 2021. The City's Contractor is Inland Water Pollution Control also known as IPR. The contractor utilizes subcontractors to assist in performing work such as traffic control signage, manhole restorations, paving, sewer cleaning, sewer video inspection, and bypass management. Rehabilitation of sewers of this size is a huge feat, and the City understands the impact to the community during construction is less than ideal and we appreciate the SOAR Neighborhood's patience with the contractor and the city during this time.

SOAR honored at Neighborhoods United Summit

At the Neighborhoods United Summit in October 2020, SOAR was presented the Neighborhood Association of the Year Award 2020. Sponsored by the Neighborhood Resources Connection, the Summit brought community leaders from all over South Bend to discuss issues facing our city and its neighborhoods that can be worked on cooperatively. In honoring SOAR, NRC noted the many ways in which SOAR has collaborated with others in improving our neighborhood, developed a sense of community, sponsored various neighborhood activities and continued to meet and work through the pandemic. In addition to this award, the Faithful Service Award was given to Conrad Damian, SOAR president for his many years of community service.



Southeast Organized Area Residents (SOAR), the neighborhood association for the southeast side, has partnered with the Drucker Institute and the St. Joseph Public Library to provide their residents curated learning content on Bendable. Bendable is the new people-powered learning platform available to St. Joseph County residents.

Any St. Joseph County resident can take advantage of over 2000 digital resources for free on Bendable, as long as they have a public library card. As COVID restrictions ease, Bendable users will also be able to access a host of in-person learning opportunities as well. SOAR is using Bendable to provide resources like Career Prep, Rental and Mortgage Assistance, and even Getting Started with Zoom to its residents through the Bendable Community Shelf Feature. To take advantage of your neighborhood association's Community Shelf and all that Bendable has to offer, go to bendable.com and sign-up.