

# August NEWSLETTER



## Quarterly Update

As summer fills our neighborhood with sunshine and activity, we're excited to bring you the latest updates in this edition of the Historic Harrison Hill Newsletter. Whether you've just moved in or have lived here for years, we're glad you're part of making this neighborhood feel like home.

### Next Association Meeting

AUGUST 11, 2025

7PM | Harrison Hill Elementary School, Door 2



Here are some of the items on the agenda that we'll be discussing:

- **Proposal:** Expand neighborhood boundaries to fully include Harrison Hill Elementary within the official neighborhood limits.
- **Community Engagement:** Explore upcoming grant opportunities and ways neighbors can actively get involved.

## Neighborhood Engagement Grant Update

### Project Timeline:

- August 1:
  - Install Pet Waste Receptacles on Harrison St. park strip locations
- September 1:
  - Crosswalk Art Installation at Rudisill & Harrison and Lexington & Harrison
- September 2 – September 29:
  - Art Contest open to Harrison Hill Elementary students and neighborhood children - *more info to come in the September Newsletter!*
  - Art Selection Committee will review and select final artwork
- October 10:
  - Crosswalk Art Installation at Cornell & Radial - *scheduled during FWCS Fall Break*

### Neighbors needed!

As part of our Neighborhood Engagement Grant, local artist and Harrison Hill resident Karrington Thompson has designed beautiful street art for two of our crosswalks—and we need your help to paint it!

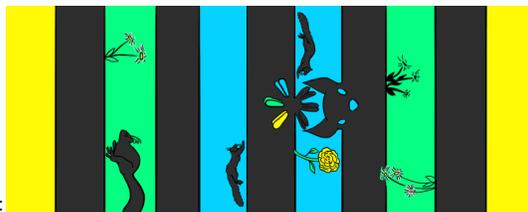
Join us on **Labor Day, September 1st from 1–4 PM** at the crosswalks at Rudisill & Harrison and Lexington & Harrison. *No artistic skills needed*—Karrington will outline the designs, and we just need helping hands to fill in the color!

### Interested in volunteering?

Text Lillianne Thompson at 260-446-1354 to sign up. All supplies and instructions will be provided!

Let's make our streets more vibrant—together!

A preview of one of the designs:



## Helpful Information

### Questions About City Services:

- Call 311 or (260) 427-8311

### FW Police (non-emergency):

- (260) 427-1222

### Animal Care & Control:

- (260) 427-1244

### I & M Power Easement Lights:

- 1 (800) 311-4634
  - Account # 043-557-645-0-9
  - You will also need the pole number when calling.
  - If a streetlight is out, call 311.

### Indiana 811 (Call Before You Dig):

- Call 811

### Geoff Paddock (Councilman 5<sup>th</sup> Dist.)

- 260-432-5700

## Good Neighbor Award

The **Good Neighbor Award** is your chance to recognize someone in the neighborhood who goes above and beyond. In the hustle of daily life, it's easy to forget how much good neighbors truly matter—this is our way of celebrating them.

### Do you know someone who:

- Greets others with a smile and kindness?
- Goes above and beyond to make our neighborhood feel like home?
- Organizes, volunteers, or supports those in need?

Scan here to nominate a neighbor



Please send nominations by 9/7. Good Neighbors will be announced the Neighbor Appreciation Concert on September 20th!

**2024 award recipients please drop off signs to 120 N Seminole Cir or 318 N Seminole Cir by August 16th.**

# August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 First Fridays! on Broadway Local Food Week Dragon Boat Races	2 Local Food Week Dragon Boat Races
3 Local Food Week	4	5	6	7 FWCS: First Day of School	8	9
10	11 Association Meeting	12	13	14 Rock & Roar Fort Wayne Zoo	15	16
17 Women's Book Club Open Streets Calhoun Corridor	18	19	20	21	22	23 Taste of the Arts Festival
24	25	26	27 YLNI Housing Series: How to Buy a Home	28	29	30
31 Lindenwood Picnic & Car Show						

## Upcoming Events

### Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Date:** 08/11/2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Harrison Hill Elementary School, Door 2

**Description:** This is a great opportunity to hear updates from the board, voice your concerns, and engage in discussions about the future of our community.

### Women's Book Club

**Date:** 08/17/2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** 4102 S Harrison St.

**Books:**

*Orbital* by Samantha Harvey

*Breakfast at Tiffany's* by Truman Capote

## Save the date!

### Fall Association Garage Sale

It's the perfect time to declutter, find hidden treasures, and connect with neighbors.

**Date:** 09/06/2025

**Time:** Proposed time 9AM - 4 PM

*Feel free to adjust to your schedule.*

**Signage:** Association Sale banners will be placed at the Harrison St. and Calhoun St. entrances by the Association.

### Neighbor Appreciation Concert

**Date:** 09/20/2025

**Location:** Triangle Park

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Description:** Let's celebrate the heart of our community—**YOU!** Join us for an evening of live music, connection, and gratitude. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, a snack and a drink to enjoy.

# Board Updates

## Association Board Elections

Interested in helping lead and serve our community?

**We're looking for dedicated residents to step up!**

Elections for President and Secretary of the Neighborhood Association Board will take place in November 2025, and we're looking for passionate, committed neighbors to get involved!

- The **President** leads meetings, guides board discussions, and represents our neighborhood to the City of Fort Wayne.
- The **Secretary** maintains records, takes meeting minutes, and supports communication efforts.

To **nominate yourself**, talk to a current board member or email: [HistoricHarrisonHill@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricHarrisonHill@gmail.com).

**Eligibility:** Must be current on dues and available to attend quarterly neighborhood and board meetings.

If you're passionate about our community and want to make a positive impact, we'd love to hear from you!

## Neighborhood Dues:

**44 Dues Received**

**179 Dues Outstanding**

Association dues help fund neighborhood improvements, events, and upkeep, supporting a vibrant and well-maintained community. Owners and renters are expected to pay these dues.



Scan to Pay or remitt payment to our PO Box.

2025 dues were due in January. Additional notices will be coming to those who have not paid for 2025.

## Bringing the Buzz to Historic Harrison Hill!

Say hello to Brittany Plassman & Dzenana Sakinovic, our new Events & Communications committee members. They're bringing energy, creativity, and connection to Historic Harrison Hill! From planning events to crafting newsletters that keep you in the loop, they're here to make sure our neighborhood stays informed, engaged, and full of fun.

Get ready for more ways to celebrate and connect as a community!



Connect  
WITH US!



Stay up to date on all things happening around the neighborhood!

## Yard of the Week

**Memorial Day - Labor Day**

Yard of the Week recipient will choose the next Yard of the Week. If you receive Yard of the Week, you will pass it on to a yard you think deserves recognition.

We encourage you to explore the neighborhood, meet new neighbors, and recognize beautification efforts throughout Historic Harrison Hill.

## Neighborhood Leaders:

*These neighbors volunteer their time to take a more active role in our neighborhood planning, but we strive to empower all residents to take care of your neighbors and your part of the neighborhood!*

**President:** Gayle Bevill-DaDa

**Vice President:** Stephen Hardy

**Treasurer:** Jan Davis

**Secretary:** Kelly DeLong

**At-Large:** Robin Harris, Kelly Badger, Rusty Higgins, Bill Smits, Paul Offhaus

**Events & Communications:** Brittany Plassman, Dzenana Sakinovic

**Grounds:** Stevie Ross

**Newsletter Support:** Dzenana Sakinovic, Brittany Plassman, Jane Casey, Stevie Ross, Craig Nix, Redeemer Lutheran Church

**Block Captains:** Andrew Plassman, Pamela Martin-Diaz, Vinnie Nix, Joe Zoch, Steve Hardy,

Jose Rivera, Robin Harris, Kelley Taylor, Sandy Jewell, Mike Connin, Amanda Pickett, Randy Rusk

**Website:** Alex Krouse



# Hey Neighbor

## Living History: Meet Your Neighbors



**Akin DaDa & Gayle Bevill-DaDa**

Akin and Gayle are dedicated neighbors known for their active involvement and volunteerism. Gayle serves as President of the Neighborhood Association, and together they bring warmth, leadership, and a strong sense of community to those around them.

- **Address:** 125 Lexington Ave
- **Occupation:**
  - Akin: Worked at Superior Essex 32 years as their lab's QC; transport driver since 2013.
  - Gayle: LMHC, RPT-S (Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Registered Play Therapist) in private practice setting.
- **How long have you lived in Harrison Hill?**
  - Akin: 30 years
  - Gayle: 41 years
- **What do you like about living here?** The people
- **Cool fact about your house:** The previous owners stated ours was a "Sears" Home.
- **What is your favorite pastime?** We love spending time with our kids (10), grandkids (29) and great grandkids (3 plus one on the way). We also love hosting gatherings that bring folks together—whether family, friends or neighbors.

**How often do you walk through the neighborhood and wish you knew more about the neighbors living here?**

To celebrate the living history of our historic neighborhood, we will feature neighbors throughout Historic Harrison Hill. Have a neighbor you'd like to see featured? Email: [historicharrisonhill@gmail.com](mailto:historicharrisonhill@gmail.com).

## Thank you, Volunteers!

Thank you for taking the time to mulch our neighborhood! Your hard work has made a big difference and helped keep Historic Harrison Hill looking beautiful. We truly appreciate your effort and community spirit.



Neighbors:  
Akin DaDa, Dave Ross, Stevie Ross, Chris McGuire, Laura West, Kyle Brittain, Craig Nix, Shannon Baker and Dzenana Sakinovic

A special thanks to **Ramo Lawn Service** for the mulch and landscaping update of the Calhoun Street entrance!

Phone: (260) 403 - 7015



## Back-to-School Road Safety

With kids heading back to school, we kindly ask all neighbors and visitors to **please slow down and observe the neighborhood speed limit**. Extra caution helps ensure the safety of children walking, biking, or waiting for the bus. Let's work together to keep our streets safe for everyone—especially our youngest residents.

## Clear Debris from Street Drains

To help prevent flooding and keep our neighborhood looking its best, please take a moment to **clear any debris from the street drains adjacent to your property**. Even small amounts of leaves or trash can cause blockages during heavy rain. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe and clean!



## Pick Up After Your Dog

For the health and enjoyment of everyone in our neighborhood, please remember to **pick up after your dog** during walks. Leaving waste behind isn't just unpleasant—it can also be harmful to lawns, kids, and our environment.

*Fort Wayne city ordinance requires immediate removal of dog excrement from public and private properties.*