

# City Reports

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Mayor Pete Buttigieg



Dear, City Employees

We're hoping the harsh winter weather has passed once and for all and that we're soon enjoying everything that spring has to offer—including yard work. With that in mind, the administration reminds residents of the ordinance prohibiting the use of plastic bags for yard waste collections that went into effect January 1. Plastic bags containing yard waste create environmental problems at the City's Organic Resources Center, costing taxpayers thousands of extra dollars and prompting the City to institute the ban. According to the amended ordinance, yard waste for pickup must be placed in a biodegradable paper bag or other container approved by the City. It must be separated from other garbage. Individual bags or containers may weigh no more than 35 pounds. Residents may also rent a yard waste container from the city for \$16 per season during the yard waste collection period from April through November. The City-provided container will not be subject to the 35-pound weight limit. To sign up for a yard waste container, please call the City's customer-service line, 311.

We encourage residents to participate in the annual Rebuilding Together event on April 12. Established locally in 1989, Rebuilding Together has rehabilitated 845 homes, saving residents \$11 million in repairs. Work varies from yard clean-up and trash removal to small carpentry jobs and painting to major skilled tasks such as roofing work and updating electrical and plumbing systems. All repairs are completed at no cost to the homeowner. This year's effort will take place on Saturday, April 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The organization will rehabilitate 21 homes in South Bend's Near Northwest and Lincoln Park neighborhoods. For information on how you or your group can volunteer, please call 574-235-5823.

Additionally, South Bend Parks and Recreation is establishing a five-year master plan to guide the development of physical space and activities. The plan will establish direction to inform staff, advisory committees, and elected officials. The City has been gathering information and feedback from residents during a four-month process. The plan will be presented to the public and the Common Council in June. Residents are encouraged to continue to offer input by filling out a survey online at [sbpark.org](http://sbpark.org). The City also reminds residents that we're in the final stages of a mandatory water meter exchange program and continues to attempt to contact residents who still need to have their meters replaced. To avoid possible interruption of water service, please do not delay. Schedule your meter exchange today by calling 574-235-5636. We're glad that spring is finally here and hope to see you out and about around town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Neal".



Deputy Mayor Mark Neal

**SOUTH BEND** A face familiar to Michiana is getting attention on the national scale, in a **Washington Post** article titled "**The Most Interesting Mayor You've Never Heard Of.**" Michiana has certainly heard of him " South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

The article cites Buttigieg's deployment as one factor that makes him an unusual city leader, along with his age. At 32, he is the youngest mayor of a city with a population of more than 100,000 people. The article talks about how Buttigieg has revitalized the city, which was named on a list of "America's Dying Cities" as recently as 2010.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg had to balance a tricky set of themes in his State of the City speech on February 12. Not only did he have to lay out his agenda for the upcoming year, he also had to address the fact he wouldn't be in South Bend for most of it. "With the minor exception of some home improvement projects waiting for me at my house," he said, "nothing underway in this City will stop or pause during the next seven months, and I know I will return home to an improved administration and an even stronger community."

***Change of Pace***

***February 2014***

**Darrell Eiler**.....Fire Department from 1<sup>st</sup> Class Firefighter to Captain  
**James Gomez**.....Police Communications from Communications Specialist I to  
Firefighter Recruit  
**Cory Hamel** .....Legal Department from Deputy City Attorney III to Assistant City Attorney  
**David Qualls, Sr.**..... Park Department from Assistant Greens Superintendent to Plumber IV  
**Patricia Short** .....Police Communications from Communications Supervisor I to  
Communications Supervisor II  
**Mattie Taylor**..... Police Department from Lieutenant to Captain

***Welcome***

***February 2014***

**Shane Anders**.....Police Communications  
**Scott Applegate**..... Fire Department  
**Alex Borrelli**..... Fire Department  
**Janet Cadotte**..... Administration & Finance / Human Resources  
**Corrie Carr** ..... Fire Department  
**Cynthia Fish**..... Parks Department  
**Cory Hamel**..... Legal Department  
**Nicholas Houser**..... Fire Department  
**Patrick Kelly**..... Fire Department  
**Anthony Maciejewski**..... Fire Department  
**Justin Mika** ..... Fire Department  
**Roger Nawrot** ..... Engineering  
**Todd Shepherd** ..... Fire Department  
**Paul Singleton**..... Legal Department  
**Denise Skwarcan** .....Police Communications  
**Trevin Stankiewicz**..... Fire Department

***Resignations***

***February 2014***

**Mark Bachman**..... Water Works (7 mos)  
**Beth Ferrettie**.....Legal Department (9 mos)  
**Brandon Lent**..... Police Department (3 mos)  
**Billy Wells** .....Street Department (5 yrs 10 mos)

***Retirements***

***February 2014***

**Christopher Chapin**.....Fire Department (18 yrs 4 mos dedicated service)  
**Derek Dieter** .....Police Department (36 yrs 0 mos dedicated service)  
**David Hecklinski** ..... Police Department (38 yrs 1 mo dedicated service)  
**Ian McQueen**.....Police Department (26 yrs 5 mos dedicated service)  
**James Szczechowski**.....Fire Department (34 yrs 7 mos dedicated service)  
**James Szymkowiak**.....Fire Department (35 yrs 11 mos dedicated service)  
**Sherri Taylor** .....Police Department (32 yrs 9 mos dedicated service)  
**William Young** ..... Park Department (36 yrs 3 mos dedicated service)

April 2014	Citywide Anniversaries	
<b>30 Years 1984</b>		
Ed Herman		Water Works
<b>25 Years 1989</b>		
Scott Ruskowski		Police Dept
Edward Humphrey		Code
Peggy Hertel		Water Works
<b>20 Years 1994</b>		
Cori Bair		Police Dept
<b>15 Years 1999</b>		
Joy Phillips		Police Dept
Gregory Early		Police Dept
Timothy Paluszewski		Park Dept
<b>10 Years 2004</b>		
Brenda Ivory		Park Dept

**Anniversary Correction:** (as of 2013)  
**20 Years 1993**  
 Karen Plencner Fire Dept.

**Patrick Corbitt Kerr Named City Engineer**

Patrick Corbitt Kerr, Ph.D.,P.E., has been named City Engineer for the City of South Bend. Kerr joins the Department of Public Works after serving in both the public and private sectors on a variety of civil engineering projects throughout Indiana, Michigan, and along the Gulf Coast. "Corbitt's experience will be invaluable to the department as he assumes this important position," says Eric Horvath, Director of Public Works.

Congratulations to **Randy James** from SB City **Building Department**. Randy is the first inspector to achieve a Combination Residential Inspector certification. This means Randy is now certified in structural, electrical, plumbing and HVAC residential inspections!! Way to go, Randy!!

The difference between **TRY** and **TRIUMPH** is just a little **"UMPH."**



City Clerk's office welcomes their new **Ordinance Violations Clerk, Emily Sexton.**

Emily previously worked for DTSB and was used to giving out parking tickets, now she can collect the money for them!!! Glad to have you join the City team, Emily.



**SBFD Retirement Dinner-April 12, 2014**

Captain John Firtl  
 Captain James "Jim" Szymkowiak  
 Captain Robert "Bob" Severeid  
 Lieutenant Christopher "Chris" Chapin  
 Pump Engineer James "Jim" Szczechowski



Thank you for your commitment, dedication and years of dedication and distinguished service to SBFD and the Citizens of South Bend.

**Become a South Bend Firefighter**  
**Proudly Serving The City of South Bend**

**Apply by picking up an application at:**  
 South Bend Fire Dept.  
 1222 S. Michigan St.  
 South Bend, Indiana  
 (574) 235-9255

**Applications will be accepted between**  
 January 27 and May 30, 8:00 am.-4:00pm

**You may download an application: southbendin.gov**

Deadline to turn in completed application is 4:00pm. May 30, 2014

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be between 21-35years at time of being sworn in for 2015 & 2016
- Possess a High School diploma or GED
- Must have a clean driving and criminal record
- Must be in good physical shape
- Indiana law prohibits the hiring of anyone convicted of a felony

Firefighters employed by the South Bend Fire Department Protect life and property through their involvement in:

- Fire Prevention
- Firefighting
- Hazard Mitigation
- Emergency Medical Care
- Technical Rescue
- Disaster Response

**The City of South Bend is an Equal Opportunity Employer**





## CAPTAIN MATTIE TAYLOR

It's a first for the South Bend Police Department. Lt. Mattie Taylor today became Captain Mattie Taylor. The 31-year veteran of the force is the first African American female to achieve that rank.

"For anyone who is coming behind me, especially trying to get African American females in this profession, basically because of the demographics, is very difficult but to be out there as a mentor and as a role model, and to see that, hey, you know, maybe this can happen to me you know this is something to aspire to. For those reasons its important," Capt. Taylor told NewsCenter 16.

Capt. Taylor will remain in charge of recruiting and officer training for the department.

During her distinguished career Capt. Taylor has worked as a DARE officer, an evidence technician, and an investigator with the detective bureau.

She is also a talented singer and has been called on to sing the National Anthem at official police functions.

### Human Rights Awareness Luncheon at the Century Center

The South Bend Human Rights Commission and the City of Mishawaka are sponsoring a Human Rights Awareness and Recognition Luncheon and Fair Housing Workshop on April 5, 2014. This years keynote speaker will be Todd Schurz, President and CEO, of Schurz Communications, Inc. This year's theme is "Coming Together" - How has the Media helped to advance Human Rights issues. A free workshop by HUD will be held from 8:30 am until 11:15 am., prior to the luncheon, including issues of why the Fair Housing Act of 1968 is important , and fair housing education. The luncheon will be held 11:30 am until 1:00 pm during which time individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to the field of human rights/relations will be recognized with four awards— Housing, Employment, Education and ADA. Three scholarships will be awarded to high school students residing in South Bend or Mishawaka who are winners of an essay contest. For more information, please contact **Fred Harris. 574-235-9356**

Submitted by: **Nancy O'Brien (Human Rights)**

### South Bend Police Hosting Spring Citizens Academy from Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> to May. 20<sup>th</sup>

The Citizen's Police Academy was established to promote an understanding of the South Bend Police Department and its policies and procedures. In addition, the academy provides training in all aspects of law enforcement and the issues that face police officers on a daily basis. Our Academy goal is to foster a spirit of cooperation between the city, its citizens and their Police Department. It is hoped that graduates will get to know more about the men and women who are protecting their community and why they make the decisions they do while performing their duty.

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 9 week program and classes are held on Tuesday nights from 6pm-8:30pm. Class size is limited to 40 participants, and is free of charge. Some of the general topics discussed are:

- Hands on demonstrations from K-9, SWAT and the Bomb Disposal Unit
- Shoot, Don't Shoot simulator (F.A.T.S. simulator)
- Patrol Operations
- \* Crime Scene Processing
- \* Narcotics Enforcement
- \* Communications



Potential candidates for the Citizens Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age of 18 years old
- Subject to criminal history check
- \* No prior felony convictions (Certain Misd. offenses may disqualify you also)



You may obtain an application in the lobby of the Police Department,

or download an application by visiting the South Bend Police Department

web page at [www.southbendpolice.com](http://www.southbendpolice.com) For further information please contact the Academy coordinators,

Lt. Patrick Hechliniski (574) 235-7527 or Ptl. James Burns (574)235-9401.



All the "I  SB" leprechauns walked in the 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown South Bend. Even the weather was a bit warmer this year. :-)

**MOM & SON DANCE 2014**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, a historic ballroom, the Palais Royale Ballroom was transformed into "Boys and their Toys Adventure" for moms and their sons. An elegant evening never to be forgotten!

Cars were the theme of the Red, Black and White checkered ballroom with arches that outlined the dance floor. This created an elegant background for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mom/Son Dance. The centerpieces, race cars on black and white linen tablecloths, also set the theme. Punch and cookies were delightfully served. The Palais Royale was filled to capacity by moms and sons out for an evening, from 6:00-8:30 p.m., on their own. Some were making memories for the first time, but most were returning in anticipation of creating their own magical moments to be cherished forever. They were not disappointed! At registration, each boy received a race ring, wristband, and checkered race bandana. Photo op areas were available for purchase by the Music Machine and Fun Zone photo booths. The crowd was entertained by Paul Chamberlain, who owns and operated the Music Machine DJ service. Moms arrived in everything from long formal gowns to Race Fan attire, and boys from Race Car Fans to tuxedos. Some couples arrived by the family automobile, while others came in limousines! As the music faded and the evening ended, each young man was handed a speed racer gift bag. Much credit and thanks goes to the Park Staff and Volunteers for help making this elegant event run so smoothly. Also a huge thank you goes to Dennis Andres, who made the location available.



Stella/Adult/Female Cat



Sid/Young/Male Cat



Mork/Young/Male Dog



Vanilla Ice/Adult/Male Cat



Baxter/Adult/Male Dog



Santa/Adult/Female Dog

**NEW CELTIC WOMAN “EMERALD: MUSICAL GEMS” DVD  
SCHEDULED TO AIR ON WNIT CHANNEL 34  
FILMED AT THE MAGNIFICENT MORRIS**

The new Celtic Woman “Emerald: Musical Gems” DVD scheduled to be aired during upcoming PBS television specials was filmed at the Morris Performing Arts Center, South Bend, Indiana. The show is scheduled to air on the South Bend PBS station, WNIT Channel 34, during the station’s pledge drive on Monday, March 10, 2014, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 15, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Viewers can enjoy newly reimagined performances of fan favorites in this new special filmed at the Morris. This one-of-a-kind interactive concert experience showcases the group’s sparkling pure voices and fairytale charms. Viewers will also get to see behind the scenes as preparations were made for the 2013 concert.

Filming for the new DVD took place during the Celtic Woman “Believe” show held at the Morris on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Dramatic lighting was used in the theater which showcased the beautiful architecture highlights of the historic venue. Audience members were treated to some delightful encore musical and dance performances as the producers filmed some “retakes” for the DVD. Patrons who attended the show at the Morris will want to watch the WNIT specials to see themselves as part of the audience clapping, dancing, and giving standing ovations for the performers.

Opening in 1922, the Morris Performing Arts Center is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and underwent a major renovation in 2000. The center hosts a variety of concerts, in addition to serving as the home to the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and the Broadway Theatre League. For a full list of events, visit [www.MorrisCenter.org](http://www.MorrisCenter.org)

**Morris Performing Arts Center**

**April 2014**

Saturday, April 5	Masterworks III	SB Symphony Orchestra, 8pm
Saturday, April 12	Red Green”How to do everything” (comedy)	7pm
Saturday, April 13	Green Day’s American Idiot	BTL (Broadway Theater League), 7pm
Saturday, April 19	Mindless Behavior and the OMG Girlz	7pm
Friday, April 25	Keith Sweat (R&B, Soul)	7:30pm

**May 2014**

Saturday, May 3	Masterworks IV	SB Symphony Orchestra, 8pm
Tuesday, May 6	Sesame Street Live! “Can’t Stop Singing”	6:30pm
Wednesday, May 7	Sesame Street Live! “ Can’t Stop Singing”	10:30am
Fri-Sat, May 9, 10	West Side Story	BTL 8pm, Sat.2pm

**June 2014—Fridays by the Fountain—11:45-1:15pm**

Friday, June 6	Kennedy’s Kitchen
Friday, June 13	Velvet Jones
Friday, June 20	Don Savoie

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Any input or comments please contact your reporter (above),  
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Your name and phone # must be included. Thank you

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St. Joseph Co. 4H Fairgrounds.....	291-4870

Life is like a roller coaster. You can either scream every time there is a bump or you can throw your hands up and enjoy the ride.

