

City Reports

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City of South Bend, Indiana



Dear City Employees,

It is my pleasure to serve as South Bend's Deputy Mayor for the next seven months. As a member of the current administration from the start, serving as City Controller, I will continue the forward-looking leadership of Mayor Buttigieg, and will continue to deliver on priorities like public safety, improved housing, and economic development.

There are some exciting initiatives already underway. We are working to update South Bend's technology strategy, harnessing data and software tools to provide insights that make City services more efficient, such as optimizing trash truck routes, saving fuel and money.

An important project for workforce development is Supporting Manufacturers and Regional Talent (SMART), a partnership among local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, the regional WorkOne office, Ivy Tech, and city of Mishawaka. SMART will help residents obtain the necessary skills to excel in existing job opportunities.

We also have a big birthday coming up. Next year marks the 150th anniversary of South Bend's incorporation. Shortly we will announce the formation of a number of committees to plan and support this celebration.

I want to thank City employees for helping the community to navigate an especially harsh winter. Spring is coming. We're looking forward to warmer days ahead.

Sincerely, Deputy Mayor Mark Neal



CITY WIDE ANNIVERSARIES

January 2014

40 Years 1974

Frederick Jaronik Fire Dept

35 Years 1979

Mark Rosheck Water Works

25 Years 1989

Scott Searfoss Fire Dept
Wendy Garner Morris Perf Arts
Edwin Meyer Fire Dept
Ronald Simons Fire Dept

20 Years 1994

Randy Meller Equip. Services

10 Years 2004

Delphine Mutchler Morris Perf Arts
George Rogers Park Dept

5 Years 2009

Michelle Adams Admin & Finance

February 2014

20 Years 1994

David Firestone Park Dept

15 Years 1999

Darrell Bailey Solid Waste

5 Years 2009

Karen Plencner Police Dept
David Relos Com. Invest.



March 2014

40 Years 1974

Bill Carleton Park Dept

30 Years 1984

Joseph Muszer Police Dept

25 Years 1989

Lee Ross Police Dept
Joseph Leszczynski Police Dept
David Modlin Police Dept

20 Years 1994

Thomas Abell Fire Dept
Russell Buysse Fire Dept
Brandon May Fire Dept
Douglas Salyer Fire Dept
Todd Skwarcan Fire Dept
Danya Hardin Human Rights

15 Years 1999

Calvin Greer Park Dept
Thomas Krok Street Dept
Jennifer Jozwiak Police Dept

Change of Pace January 2014

Garrett Allison.....Sewers from Heavy Equipment Operator I to
Curb & Sidewalk Finisher

Michelle AdamsFrom Business License Administrator (Administration & Finance)
to Administrative Assistant III-DCI (Department of Community Investment)

Tamara Allen.....Water Works from Financial Specialist III to Financial Specialist IV

Anita Beachy..... Morris PAC from Sales/Event Associate to Interactive Marketing Manager

Bradley BlockAnimal Control from Animal Control Officer Senior
to Assistant Animal Shelter Manager

Michael Bueno..... Parks from Assistant Program Supervisor to Youth Supervisor

Jim ByersParks from Operations Manager to Park Grounds Manager

Thomas Cleveland.....Sewers from Heavy Equipment Operator I to
Curb & Sidewalk Finisher

Stephanie ColemanParks from Academic Coordinator-MLK Center to
Program Coordinator

Shawn Delahanty.....Administration & Finance from System Specialist III to
System Specialist IV

Rolando DeLeon..... Parks from Maintenance Foreman II to Foreman IV

Anthony "Mike" Dyszkiewicz Parks from Maintenance Superintendent to
Parks Maintenance Superintendent

Jerilyn Ellis Parks from Grower/Keeper IV to Athletic Field Maintenance

Sarah FlorkowskiParks from Office Manager to Administrative Assistant I

Kareemah Fowler.....City Clerk's Office from Ordinance Violations Clerk to
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Nick Gaul Parks from Superintendent III to Superintendent IV

Susan Gerlach.....Administration & Finance from System Specialist II to
System Specialist III

Calvin Greer Parks from Group Leader to Equipment Operator II

Brenda Hall.....Parks from Secretary V to Office Manager

Matthew Harmon.....Animal Control from Director-Administrative Services to
Animal Shelter Manager

Scott Horvath.....Water Works from Asst. Director of Distribution to Superintendent V

Brent Hussung..... Wastewater from Systems Specialist IV to Director of SCADA

Continued

Brenda IvoryParks from Academic Coordinator-Charles Black Center to Program Coordinator

Laresha Johnson Violence Prevention Coordinator to Program Coordinator

Jitin Kain.....Dept. of Community Investment from Director I-DCI to Director II-DCI

Rose Kaufman.....Parks from Healthy Seniors Supervisor to Center Supervisor

Jacob Klosinski Wastewater from Engineer II to Asst. City Engineer

Elizabeth Maradik..... Dept. of Community Investment from Associate I-DCI to Associate II-DCI

John Martinez.....Parks from Superintendent III to Superintendent IV

Michael McAlexander Parks from Group Leader-Street Island to Group Leader-Leeper

Josephine MerriweatherParks from Youth Sports Coordinator to Assistant Program Supervisor

Bob Monroe.....Parks from Group Leader-Leeper to Group Leader-Central Mowing

Paul MorelandParks from Operations Manager to Facilities Manager

Cindy Moryl.....Parks from Youth Supervisor to Assistant Program Supervisor

John Murphy Administration & Finance from Deputy City Controller to City Controller

Timothy Paluszewski.....Parks from Equipment Operator II to Operator I

Rex Pemberton.....From Animal Control Officer (Animal Control) to Maintenance Tech-Helper (Water Works)

Jose Pimentel..... Sewers from Heavy Equipment Operator I to Curb & Sidewalk Finisher

Cathie PynaertParks from Youth Supervisor to Assistant Program Supervisor

George Rogers..... Parks from Youth Sports Coordinator to Assistant Program Supervisor

Amy Roush.....Parks from Program Supervisor to Administrative Assistant Supervisor

Jennifer Sabin From Secretary V (Solid Waste) to 311 Customer Service Liaison (311 Call Center)

Phil St. Clair.....Parks from Director Parks & Recreation to Park Superintendent

George Sikora Parks from Operator I to Head Custodian

Brent ThompsonParks from Operations Manager to Forester

Seema Timble..... From Director of Financial Services (Central Services/Energy Office) to Fiscal Officer/Business Analyst (Code Enforcement)

Roy Calvin WattFrom Operator-General (Wastewater) to General Laborer (Street Dept.)

Nancy Yarbrough Water Works from Courier/Supply Clerk to Data Processor

Amanda Yasko..... Parks from Program Supervisor to Fitness/Wellness Supervisor

Robert Yeary.....Safety & Risk from Safety & Risk Manager to Director of Safety & Risk

Larry Zielinski Parks from Asst. Greens Superintendent to Group Leader-Street Island

Welcome
January 2014

Lee Bene.....Public Works / Engineering

Kara BoylesPublic Works / Engineering

Todd HowardAnimal Control

Brian Pawlowski Mayor's Office

Sarah Rivera311 Customer Service

James Schrader Administration & Finance / IT

Jo Ellen Talos Administration & Finance / Human Resources

Diane Vough..... Police Department

Resignations
January 2014

Jillian Frick Police Department (7 yrs 3 mos)

Kelly Hibbs Police Department (6 yrs 7 mos)

Antwain Johnson Police Department (11 yrs 2 mos)

Ann Carol Nash.....Legal (18 yrs 4 mos)

Luis Salazar..... Police Department (10 mos)

Mary Beth WisniewskiCity Clerk's Office (10 yr 0 mos)

Retirements
January 2014

Georgann DeVolderPolice Department (41 yrs 5 mos dedicated service)

Elizabeth Horton.....Code Enforcement (28 yrs 8 mos dedicated service)

Congratulations to Derek D. Dieter on his retirement

Derek started his career with the SBPD on December 22, 1975 when he was hired as a cadet. He became a sworn Police officer on January 10, 1978 and assigned PIN # 323 which he served with honor until the day of his retirement on February 8, 2014.

In the five decades Derek has served, he has done thousands of arrests, tickets, impounds, vehicle stops, dozens of car chases and foot pursuit's and tens of thousands of calls, including five shootouts.

He has 165 letters of commendation for outstanding and heroic police work, 20 letters of citizen recognition, 7 letters of Congressional recognition, 3 letters of Mayor recognition, and 2 letters of recognition from the St. Joseph County Prosecutor.

Derek served for 20 years on the South Bend Swat Team, including 10 years as a team leader. He participated in over 350 SWAT calls involving high-risk rescues, apprehensions of violent suspects and dozens of gun battles.

He has become the face of community policing for his decades of work with the disadvantaged and at-risk youth by founding IMPALA program, which stands for Maturity, Positively, Athleticism, Leadership and Attitude. This program has won State and National awards.

Derek's newest project which he plans to continue after retirement is a book program which promotes positive relationships with police, promotes literacy and gives youth responsibility. He also still works with his IMPALA kids who now mentor younger children. Derek is known as a coach, mentor, and friend who encourages young people to lead positive and productive lives.

Beginning to a new Beginning.



South Bend Police Hosting Spring Citizens Academy from Mar. 25th to May. 20th

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
 - Potential candidates for the Citizens Police Academy must meet the following criteria:
- * Crime Scene Processing
 - * Narcotics Enforcement
 - * Communications

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



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 For further information please contact the

February has been a great month for the **Street, Sewer and Traffic & Lighting** staff here in the City. February's focus for us is centered around one of our core functions: Remove snow and ice. From snow plowing to pothole patching, fixing and replacing signs, repairing traffic signals, addressing sewer backup calls, and patching utility cuts; all of our work this month was a result of the significant winter weather we have experienced in the South Bend area lately.

Although we appreciate the winter weather and the snow, most of the crew and staff here at the Public Works Service Center are ready for Spring and a change to something a bit warmer. If you have an opportunity please thank our field crews not just from Street, Sewers and Traffic & Lighting but all of our field crews throughout the City who dedicate themselves to ensuring that the City of South Bend is a great place to live and work by providing critical services for the City.

Ken Dahlin- Kenny has provided over 13 years of outstanding public services. Over the years he has helped shape our department in a positive direction to move forward for others who follow. Kenny enjoys riding his motorcycle. He will retire from the **Street Department** on March 7, 2014. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the city and its' residents. We wish you well on your retirement.

Bill Wells- Billy has been with the **Street Department** for 6 years. Throughout his time with the department he provided job experience to help employees better themselves as well as the City of South Bend. Bill enjoys golfing and fishing and we hope he gets to enjoy his life away from work. Bill retired from the city February 19, 2014. We wish him the best of luck. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.



Mary Ramsdell (Human Resources) and her husband, Randy, welcomed a new granddaughter, Claire Elise Stuart, on February 17. Claire weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. She missed her grandma's birthday by 7 ½ hours! Claire is the daughter of Damien and Molly Stuart and joins big brother, Isaac, and big sister, Madelyn.

On Valentine's Day the Admin & Fin. Ladies were treated to flowers made by George King, the City's Purchasing Manager. Thank you, George, from all our Valentine's!



Congratulations to Jo Ellen Talos! Jo Ellen was the winner of the Department of Admin & Fin **Penguin Award**. She was nominated for the tremendous job she has done in very difficult situations. :-)



At the recent state convention for the American Water Works Association, John Wiltrot was honored with the Water Wheel Award for his work in establishing InWARN and for his other water activities.

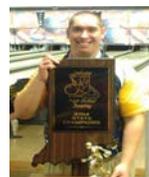
In 2006, working with the Indiana AWWA Emergency Response Committee, John was integral in getting InWARN (Indiana Water and Waste Water Response Network) set up in Indiana. The City of South Bend was one the first utilities to sign on to InWARN. There are now 101 utilities signed on with InWARN. From 2009 to 2013, John served as the Chairman for InWARN.

John has co-chaired the Water for People - Wine to Water Event in South Bend for the last six years. This event raises money for millions of people worldwide who still lack safe water and sanitation resources. Indiana has led the country in raising money for Water for People for the last three years. May 21, 2014 will mark the seventh year this event will take place.



Welcome to **Janet Cadotte**, our new Director of Human Resources! Janet's previous experience includes work at the University of Illinois, Chicago; Holy Cross Hospital, Chicago; Du Page Medical Group, Downers Grove; ALLETE/Minnesota Power, Duluth, Minnesota; and the Fond du Lac Reservation, Cloquet, Minnesota. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Superior with a degree in Human Resources Administration and Business Administration. Please give Janet a warm welcome when you see her!

Congratulations to Francisco Perez, son of Sharon Perez (Fire). He is a senior at Riley High School and member of the Riley Boys Bowling Team who won the State High School Bowling Championship on Saturday, February 15, in Indianapolis. Francisco also placed 11th in the state for singles competition. Riley's road to victory was led by Francisco who rolled a 300 game to place Riley second at the regional meet in Fort Wayne and move on to claim the team title of Semi-State Champs prior to their state championship.



We would like to express our sympathy to **Bob and Derek Kroll, Water Works Olive St.** for the passing of Linda. Linda, a wife and mother passed away February 17. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them for the loss of their loved one.



We would like to extend our sympathy to **Jason Sass, Central Services**, on the loss of his Grandmother Lorriane Berrier, 86yrs old, of Michigan City. She worked over 30 years with Indiana Bell Telephone as a customer service representative, then 10 years with the Michigan City Schools.

Auto Indiana

The Studebaker National Museum is proud to announce the opening of *Auto Indiana*, a new exhibit that will run through March 7, 2014. With *Auto Indiana*, visitors will take a ride through Indiana's rich automotive past as they discover the Hoosier State's prolific contributions. From inventors and innovators like Elwood Haynes and Ralph Teetor to automakers like Studebaker and Duesenberg, Indiana has left an indelible mark on the industry for more than a century.

The exhibit illuminates ties between the automobiles and the development of many other economic opportunities for the "Crossroads of America," such as the iron, steel and glass businesses. It also explores how the automobile became part of American Dream and popular culture, from movies to making personal memories.

Guests can also gaze down the road ahead for Hoosiers, from environmental impact of automobiles to a look at manufacturing today. *Auto Indiana* is made possible by Kroger.

The Studebaker National Museum is located at 201 S. Chapin Street in downtown South Bend. It is open Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm, and Sunday noon-5pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors over 60, and \$5 for youth ages 6-18. For more information call the Museum at (574) 235-9714 or toll free at (888) 391-5600 or visit our website at www.studebakermuseum.org.



SBACC new calendar \$3.00 ea for City employees.



2014 **D**addy-Daughter Dance
14th **A**nnual
24 **D**ifferent Cities Represented
1251 **A**ttended
5 **S**tates - Daddies traveled from
Minnesota, Florida, Illinois, Michigan & Indiana



The Delightful Daddy-Daughter Dance was a huge success!!

Pink, black, turquoise, and white balloon columns with a 50's Rock N Roll theme lined the ballroom creating an elegant back ground for the 14th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. Silhouettes of 45 record centerpieces on black linen table cloths with pink and turquoise centers also set the theme. It could have been the senior prom. The 14th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at Century Center was filled to capacity by 1,251 fathers and daughters out for an evening (6:00 to 8:30 p.m.) on their own. It was one night, however brief, when brothers were relegated to the care of mothers and grandparents at some location other than the Century Center. Some dads and daughters were making memories for the first time, but most were returning, in anticipation of creating magical moments to be cherished forever. They were not disappointed! At check in, each daughter was crowned with a tiara and draped with a white Rock N Roll Princess sash with musical notes printed in black. A personal photo op area was new this year with the expanded space including the lower level. Paul Chamberlin from the Music Machine™ D.J. service was the M.C. at the event. Refreshments included red punch and cookies frosted and decorated. There was no doubt everyone had spent hours preparing for this thoroughly elegant affair! The girls' attire ranged from Sunday best to exquisite long gowns complete with wraps, gloves and corsages to poodle skirts for this year's theme. The dads arrived in everything from dress shirts and slacks to tuxedos, top hats, and canes to jeans and leather jackets. Some couples arrived by family automobile, while others came in limousines! When the music faded and the evening ended, as each little princess exited she was handed a departing gift!! Much credit and thanks goes to the park staff and volunteers for making this elegant event run so smoothly!

Register now for the 12th Annual Mom-Son Dance, coming up March 19th at the Palais Royale. "Boys and their Cars" is this year's theme. Tickets are still available at the O'Brien Center, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, online at www.sbpark.org, or credit card payments can be made by phone 8am to 4:15pm at 574-299-3482.



Raven/Young/Female Cat



Oberon/Young/Male Cat



Leo/Young/Male Dog



Fudge/Young/Female Dog



Ashley & Mary Kate/young/Female Cat



Fire Department Congratulations! Darrell Eiler and Gerard Ellis were both promoted to Captain in Special Assignment at the February 19, 2014 Board of Public Safety Meeting. Thank you to both of their families for supporting each of them in handling the demands of the job. Congratulations Darrell and Gerard!



Welcome new Recruits! The SBFD Fire Academy is a 20 week Program. These individuals started the process 2 years ago and will graduate June 18. There are 9 men and 1 woman. They will go through EMT schooling and attain Firefighter I/II, and HazMat, Emergency Vehicle Operation certifications. Good luck to all!

DEDICATION OF THE LUTHER J. TAYLOR, SR. FIRE TRAINING CENTER

On Tuesday, February 25, 2014, a dedication ceremony was held to dedicate the new Training Center, which is named after former Fire Chief, Luther Taylor. Although the Training Center is not fully complete, the ceremony was held in order that the Mayor would be able to participate ahead of his scheduled deployment to the Middle East. Upon completion, an open house, which the public will be able to attend and tour the new exceptional facility, will be scheduled. This is a very exciting time for the South Bend Fire Department.



Only Two things in life we need, a bed and a pair of shoes. If we're not in one, we're in the other. LOL

Employees **and** their spouse/same-sex domestic partner who are participating in the City health insurance need to complete the Wellness Screening with On-Site Health Solutions or their personal physician and also complete Health Risk Assessment questionnaire on the portal at www.assethealthportal.com/csb. Spouses have their own log in credentials (username: first initial, full last name; password: full birthdate mm/dd/yyyy).

The wellness screening and the Health Risk Assessment must both be completed to get the Wellness credit.

Employees and their spouse must have the Health Risk Assessment and the wellness screening completed by March 31st to keep the lower insurance rate.

REMEMBER POPULAR UP AND COMING
 St. Patrick's Day Celebrations in Downtown South Bend
March 14, 2014 Tent Party and Pub Tour
March 15, 2014 Little Leprechaun Contest
 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
 Greening of the East Race
March 19, 2014 Mom-Son Dance
March 26, 2014 Dismas House of Michiana Silent Auction

On February 5, flocks of robins were sighted in the trees at the WWTP.



Morris Performing Arts Center
May 6 & 7
\$15, \$20, \$30 (Gold Circle), \$55 (Sunny Seats)
MorrisCenter.org or 800-537-6415



Coming Soon



Get Involved, watch for those emails from Shay at the Mayor's Office.

Morris Performing Arts Center

MARCH

Friday, March 7 **Aziz Ansari** "Modern Romance" (comedy), 7pm
 Saturday, March 8 **Disney Live!** (children), 1pm and 4pm
 Thursday, March 13 **"Hell Hath No Fury like a Woman Scorned"** Tyler Perry
 Fri-Sat, March 14, 15 **"Million Dollar Quartet"** Broadway Theater League, Fri.8pm; Sat.2pm & 8pm
 Saturday, March 29 **Pops III**, South Bend Symphony Orchestra, 8pm
 Monday, March 31 **Rain, the Musical**, (*Tribute to the Beatles*) 7:30pm



APRIL

Saturday, April 5 **Masterworks III**, South Bend Symphony Orchestra, 8pm
 Saturday, April 12 **Red Green** "How to do Everything" (comedy), 7pm
 Sunday, April 13 **Green Day's America Idiot**, Broadway Theater League, 7pm
 Saturday, April 19 **Mindless Behavior and the OMG Girlz**
 Friday, April 25 **Keith Sweat** (R&B, Soul), 7:30pm

MAY

Saturday, May 3 **Masterworks IV**, South Bend Symphony Orchestra, 8pm
 Wednesday, May 7 **Sesame Street Live! "Can't Stop Singing,"** 10:30am
 Fri-Sat, May 9,10 **"West Side Story"** Broadway Theater League, Fri.8pm; Sat.2pm & 8pm

MARCH Century Center Events open to the Public

2, 9,16,23,30 New Life Deliverance Center - Church Service 10AM
 1-2 Maple Hill Golf Show
 14,15,16 2014 Home Show
 22-23 Cavalcade of Wheels
 25 Logan Nose-On Luncheon
 29 Junior League Princess For A Day

APRIL

5 River Bend Film Festival
 6,13, 20, 27 New Life Deliverance Center - Church Service 10AM
 11-12 USA Taekwondo St. Championship, Olympic & Para-Olympic Qualifier
 12 Downtown South Bend EggStravaganza at the Grid Iron
 12-13 Great Lakes Area Cat Enthusiasts Agility Show
 22 SBCSC- Teacher of the Year Recognition
 25 Star Martial Arts Taekwondo Tournament
 25 South Bend Human Rights Commission

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Mayor's Office	Shay Davis	5850
Morris Perf. Arts Ctr.	Karen King	5584
Park Department	Paula Garis	299-4778
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Potawatomi Zoo	Pat Fenters	9800
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Any input or comments please contact your reporter (above), Marcia Qualls (Engineering), or fax to 235-9171. Your name and phone # must be included. Thank you

For more information on the following events contact:
 Century Center.....9711
 SB Regional Museum of Art.....9102
 Morris Performing Arts Center.....9190
 Parks/Recreation Department.....299-4765

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