

City Reports



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PETE BUTTIGIEG, MAYOR

Dear Employees,

Around this time of year, the City begins to finalize the budget, deciding on our priorities for the future. We take input from community groups, economic forecasts, and City departments and then work with the Common Council to put together a plan that balances new initiatives with sound fiscal stewardship. During this process, we have continued to emphasize three key measures to ensure that South Bend is a strong and connected city: good government, public safety, and economic development.

Good government means taking care of the basics in an efficient and effective manner. The proposed priorities for the next year include a formalized illegal dumping clean-up crew, a program for the maintenance of curbs and sidewalks, and the establishment of a citizen public service center or “311” telephone line, where anyone can call to get answers on a City issue or service.

To provide safe streets and neighborhoods for every resident, the City is proposing some strategies to partner with the schools and parks to be more engaged in the lives of our youth, especially at-risk youth. The City and Common Council will also work to ensure that our Police and Fire Departments have the resources they need to serve and protect the residents of South Bend. As the largest percentage of the general budget, keeping the public safe is the most important service any city provides. To ensure progress, the City will conduct neighborhood surveys to measure performance and consistently try to improve.

There are countless factors that influence economic development, but one major impediment to our growth is the presence of vacant and abandoned properties. With over a thousand of these properties around the city, this is a serious and pressing issue for our community. Abandoned houses can drive down property values, discourage investment, and can lead to crime and blight. The City created a task force of community leaders to determine strategies for tackling this problem and we are prepared to make room in the budget for a number of their recommendations in the coming year.

To achieve these goals, we will continuously collect data and track key performance indicators to measure how we are doing. We will commit to targets and reward good work while establishing an environment that welcomes innovation and constant improvement. With the City and its citizens working together, we will break down bureaucratic walls and form part-

nerships to take on deeply rooted problems in our communities.

If we focus on these goals every day, we will make South Bend a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any suggestions or questions at any time, please call my office at 235-9261.

Sincerely,

Mayor Pete

United We Stand

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the United Way Hot Dog sale a success.

Special Thanks go to Traffic & Lighting, Park Department, Street Department and Central Services for donating all the supplies we needed.

The Hot Dog sale was a huge success because of all of you. **The City will be donating \$1,908.50 to United Way!**



Being a good sport, **Matt Sikora** wore the Hot Dog cap long enough to get his picture taken. This made **Marcia's** day!

The Mayor and his team “united” in service to the cause!



Citywide Anniversaries

September 2012

35 Years–1977

James Lopez Fire Dept
 Jim Byers Park Dept

30 Years–1982

Alma Alvarez Police Dept

25 Years–1987

Jeffrey Walters Police Dept
 Brian Dennig Water Works

20 Years–1992

Rocco Sergio Water Works
 Gregory Metzger Fire Dept
 James Szymanski Bldg Maint/Police

15 Years–1997

Jack Stilp Police Dept
 Scott Bryant Police Dept
 Ray Wolfenbarger Police Dept
 Mary Ramsdell Admin & Finance

10 Years–2002

Evelyn Cesavice Street Dept
 Wesley Weaver Park Dept
 Kenneth Stuart Police Dept
 Keith Walker Police Dept
 Jennifer Gobel Police Dept
 Johnathon Pemberton Street Dept
 Timothy Smith Police Dept
 Kathleen Eli Code

5 Years–2007

Matthew Mason Police Dept
 Kyle Dombrowski Police Dept
 Christopher Fey Police Dept
 Brian Meador Police Dept

South Bend's Smart Vision is being Recognized and Talked About

Smart+Connected Communities Institute has a large article entitled: Smart Cities Expose: 10 Cities in Transition 2012 “highlighting their efforts to reinvent themselves for the digital age using information and communication technologies.” South Bend is one of ten in the world that was chosen. Although each of the ten cities is doing something different, they are all embracing broadband. The other cities are Boston, San Francisco, Barcelona, Singapore, Stockholm, Rio de Janeiro, Oulu (Finland) and Busan (South Korea).

South Bend was picked for our collaboration with Kevin Smith and his work in creating a “renaissance district.” Kevin’s acquisition of Studebaker’s Building 84 fits into the City’s Smart Vision. You can look at the e-book and read the articles and listen to the interviews on the cities at <http://www.smartconnectedcommunities.org/docs/DOC-2182>

Kids’ Triathlon

The 12th Kids’ Triathlon took place on Saturday, July 28, at the Potawatomi Park Pool beginning at 8:00 a.m. This year’s event had 327 participants (children ages 5-14) and 92 volunteers/staff. The race started with a 25 yard swim, (13-14 year olds swam 2 lengths of the pool), followed by a 1.3 mile bike ride through the connecting neighborhood and back into the park along the front of Potawatomi Zoo, and finished with a mile run along the tennis courts, the softball diamond and greenhouse. We had perfect weather and a crowd of around

1,500 spectators who enjoyed seeing these athletes compete.

The Overall Winner Girl is Nilah Young from Osceola, with a time of 10:19 and the Overall Winner Boy is Nathan Vargo of New Carlisle with a time of 9:26.

The competition ran smoothly and the 327 kids were finished in an hour thanks to all the great help and years of experience. The comments about the event were very positive. There were lots of winners that day!



Urban Adventure

Saturday, July 28, starting out at Coveleski stadium 387 teams biked the banks of the St. Joseph River, cruised through the campus of Notre Dame and discovered the heart of downtown South Bend as they navigated a top secret map to locate and complete a variety of challenging checkpoints. The teams who conquered them all in the shortest amount of time were crowned the Urban Adventure Champions!

There were four divisions: Open, Elite, Family and Junior. They needed to be in good physical shape, able to run 1 mile and bike 16 miles down to being able to run 1/2 mile and bike 10 miles.

Special thanks to the county police, SB police and SB firemen for all their help and assistance. We had 385 teams (last year there were 320 teams). We had many volunteers from different departments in the city, which was fantastic.

In our 3rd annual Police/Fire Elite competition, the firemen beat the police teams for the 3rd time in a row. This event just continues to grow and showcase all of the great destinations we have in our community!! For you who are considering the adventure next year, begin preparing for the challenge!



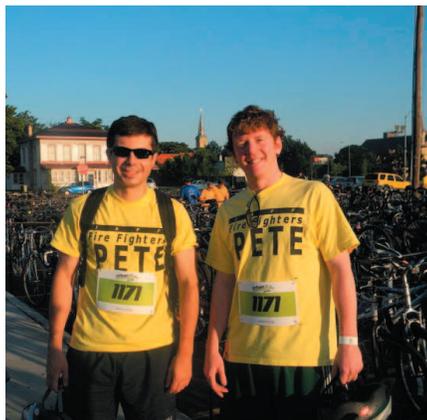
Mara Paluszewski and Beth Werge won the Women's Team Division. Mara is the daughter of Pam Paluszewski (Legal) and was an Engineering intern this summer.



A zipliner crosses the St. Joe River



Mayor Pete competes in the firefighters challenge



Mayor Pete and Mike Schmuhl were the Fire Fighters team



Mike Schmuhl readies himself for another challenge



Peter Pan and Tinkerbell won best costumes!

Two competitors pause on their bicycles



Employees' Corner

Administration and Finance

In July, we welcomed our new purchasing manager, George King, who previously worked as an account executive/administrative advisor for VHA Central, a cooperative offering consulting products and services to community hospitals. He also worked at Memorial Health Systems; Group Purchasing Services, Inc.; Office Interiors; Holy Cross Health System Corporation; Memorial Hospital; and Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester, IN.



Born and raised in South Bend, George currently lives in Cassopolis with his wife, Marianne, who is a fourth grade teacher at Stanley Clark School. George's daughter, Stephanie, lives in Colorado.

Central Services

Mary Wisniewski took her grandkids to the Potawatomi Zoo. Lacie, Lauren and Jace had a great day and the white tiger behind them looks like he's enjoying himself, too. If you haven't been to the Zoo lately, you are missing out on a great time!!!



Arthur Chlebowski, son of **Matt** and **Barb** (Code Enforcement)



Chelbowski, has earned his PhD degree in Biomedical Engineering. He has designed a device that one day may continuously monitor the intraocular pressure of the eye. This will give ophthalmologists better tools for diagnosing and monitoring patients with glaucoma - a disease that is expected to affect nearly 80 million people worldwide over the next 10 years. Arthur is now working for Jackson Laboratories in Bar Harbor, ME. Congratulations!



City Clerk's Office

Mary Beth Wisniewski, Chief Deputy City Clerk has earned the International Institute of Municipal Clerk's (IIMC) designation of Master Municipal Clerk. IIMC grants MMC designation only to those Municipal Clerks who complete demanding education requirements; and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state. Congratulations and great job, Mary Beth!

Summer Interns

South Bend has benefited from many interns this summer. A lot of projects have been tackled and staff has greatly appreciated all of their hard work. Here they are from left to right:

Administration & Finance's interns: Caleb Hartman and Trevor Dorn



The Mayor's team: back row—Tyler Olkowski, Frieda Fein, Joe Molnar, Mayor Pete, Karl Koch, Alex Lang
Front row—Justin Villa, Olivia Kennison, Kathleen Kenney, Ciro Badaro



Engineering's interns: Mark Oakley, Mara Paluszewski, Chris Warner, Joe Wesolowski and Brad Slott

Traffic & Lighting

We share our condolences to Manager **Ed Gleckler** and his family at the passing of his mother, Loretta Gleckler, in July.

South Bend Fire Department Fire Prevention Week

Open House and Fire & Safety Fair at the Central Fire Station, 122 S. Michigan, **Sunday, October 7, 1:00-4:00pm**

House demonstration at 2:00pm, Display of Fire Department trucks, Fire Safety House, Bounce House, Face Painting, Games, Mr. Fire Pup, Fire Truck "Mini One," Tours of Central Fire Station. Light refreshments will be provided.

Parents bring your camera

Healthy Living

Elizabeth McKinley will be going to different departments and talking about **Heart Attack and Stroke Warning Signs**. Here is the schedule:

9/4: Waste Water 12:05-12:25 and 12:30-12:50
 9/11: Water Works 11:30-12:30
 9/12: Street Department 6:30-7:00 AM
 9/12: Water Works 11:30-12:30
 9/13: Water Works 11:30-12:30
 9/14: Central Services 12-1:00pm
 9/18: Zoo 12-1:00pm
 9/20: Solid Waste 3-3:30pm
 9/25: Parks Department 12-1:00
 9/26: Board of Public Works Conf. room, 11:30-12:30

In October we will be starting the 8 week **pedometer challenge**. This challenge will be limited to the first 250 employees. If you wish to participate see your Payroll Clerk to sign up before September 14.

September 17 at 5:15pm begins a 12 week **Weight Watchers** program. This program will be held at the Howard Park Senior Center. The minimum for this program is 15 people. The cost is \$156 per employee. However, if you attend 10 out of the 12 meetings and reach the goal of losing 3% of your starting weight, you will be reimbursed for half of the fee. Be on the lookout for flyers and more information regarding sign up.

In October/November: Road Trips to departments on Healthy Crock Pot Cooking. Schedule coming soon! submitted by **Amanda Yasko** (Parks & Rec.)

Summertime Fun



The Red Table Plaza Lunch-time concert series wrapped up August 31. DTSB Ambassadors set up tables and chairs daily and then took them down each afternoon.

A Little Name Dropping...

Welcome July 2012

Karina Carmona Water Works
Gloria Estrada Lopez Safety & Risk
Gladys Fields Water Works
George King.....Administration & Finance
Lindsay Moskwinski..... Wastewater
Ann Orr.....Police
Anna Pelc..... Parks/Zoo
Todd Richardson.....Sewer Dept.
Daniel Wiczorek Street Dept.

Resignations July 2012

Matthew ArdaioleParks/Zoo (3 yrs 5 mos)
Maureen Cleary Parks/Zoo (5 years 10 mos)
Heather Moats..... Parks/Zoo (3 yrs 6 mos)
Rebecca Pelky..... Parks/Zoo (7 yrs 1 mo)
Rosa Perez.....Mayor's Office (6 mos)
Stephanie Scott..... Police Communications (2 yrs 2 mos)
Linda Williams City Clerk's Office

REAL Services Community Action Agency

"Helping People. Changing Lives."

2nd Annual Five-County Awards Recognition Luncheon
 Embracing the Spirit of Hope

Tuesday, October 23

Lunch and Awards Program - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Gillespie Convention Center at Saint Mary's College
 (\$25.00 per person / group tables are available)

For additional information, please phone 284-7130,
 or visit us online at www.realservices.org

Change of Pace July 2012

Shalon "Shay" Davis.....Mayor's Office from Secretary V to Administrative Assistant I
Patrick Kottkamp Fire from Firefighter 1st Class to Captain – Special Assignment
Ryan Ort Fire from Firefighter 1st Class to Captain – Special Assignment
Cynthia Reeves Water Works from Customer Service & Billing to Auditor I
Charles Zavor.....Equipment Operator III (Street Dept.) to Operator II (Sewer Dept.)

Retirements July 2012

Gregory Mack Fire (21 yrs 3 mos dedicated service)



For more information on the following events contact:

CENTURY CENTER	9711
COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME	5715
S.B.REGIONAL MUSEUM OF ART	9102
MORRIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.....	9190
PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT.....	299-4765
NOTRE DAME	631-5031
ST. PATRICK'S COUNTY PARK	288-3472
NO. INDIANA CENTER FOR HISTORY.....	235-9664
ST. JOE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS	291-4870

Century Center

- 9/2, 9,16, 23,30 New Life Deliverance Center – Church Service
10am
- 9/1 WSMK Radio Listener Appreciation
- 9/2 Michiana Latin Festival
- 9/10 The Acting Ensemble Stage Works, “Mrs. Mannerly”
- 9/12 Chamber of Commerce Business Expo
- 9/15 Michael “Milky” Wakes Jazz & Poetry Event
- 9/20-23 The Acting Ensemble presents The Chamber Plays
- 9/28 Annual MS Luncheon
- 9/29 Jr. League Thrift Shop

The Morris Performing Arts Center

- 9/16 Ron White “Moral Compass” Tour (for mature audiences) (Comedy)
- 9/29 Peter Boyer Ellis Island, The Dream of America - Symphony
- 10/17 Fresh Beat Band - Children’s Music
- 10/27 The General starring Buster Keaton - Symphony
- 10/30 Chris Tomlin “And If Our God Is For Us” Tour - Christian Music

South Bend Civic Theater

- 9/ 7-23 Steel Magnolias
- 9/28-30 The Violet Hour

Downtown South Bend

- 9/7 First Fridays, Art Alive! 5-9pm
- 9/12 Wednesday Wine Walks
- 9/2 Salmon Chase 10K run/ 5K run & walk, Football Hall of Fame, 235-5735

Unity Gardens

- 9/22 Run Toward Unity 5K Run/Walk, 9am, IUSB campus
www.theunitygardens.blogspot.com

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Administration/Finance.....	Mary Ramsdell.....	9935
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Century Center	Priscilla Phillips	9081
City Clerk.....	Mary Beth Wisniewski.....	9222
Code Enforcement	Deborah Mobley	9325
Common Council	Valarie Schey	5981
Communications	Debra Johnson.....	5853
Comm and Econ Dev	Jenny Hullinger.....	5832
Engineering Department	Marcia Qualls.....	9251
Environmental Services	Mark Rzepnicki.....	277-8515
Central Services	Mary Wisniewski	9316
Fire Department		9255
Football Hall of Fame	David Saba	5717
Howard Pk Sr Citizens.....	Rose Kaufman.....	9428
Human Rights	Nancy O’Brien	9425
Legal Department.....	Pam Paluszewski.....	5865
Mayor’s Office	Shay Davis	5850
Morris Perf. Arts Center.....	Karen King.....	5584
Park Department	Paula Garis	299-4778
Police Department.....	Barb Holleman	9311
Potawatomi Zoo	Pat Fenters.....	9800
Street Department	Ashley Rzepka	7563
Studebaker Nat’l Museum		9714
Water Works.....	Laura Vance	5650
Water Works.....	Jodie Spradlin.....	5663

If you have anything you would like to put into the paper, either contact your reporter (above), or you can fax it (235-9171) or send a typed or neatly printed copy to **Marcia Qualls (Engineering) or Mary Beth Wisniewski (City Clerk)** Please do not send anything without a name and phone number in case we have questions.

Parks and Recreation

- 9/ 2 Celtic Festival and Bryan Verkler Invitational Highland Games (Howard Park, 10am to 6pm)
- 9/8 South Bend Zombie Walk 2012 (Howard Park, 12pm)
- 9/29 Great Lakes Westie Rescue Walk estierescue@mchsi.com
- 9/1-31 Canoe and Kayak the St. Joseph River: Rentals available Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays 277-4828

South Bend Museum of Art

- Exhibits running in September:
Northern Indiana Artists (until Nov 11)
Works from Permanent Collection
opening 9/15: **We Are the Ship**—The Story of Negro League Baseball

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