

City Reports

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PETE BUTTIGIEG, MAYOR

Dear Employees,

South Bend's comeback is now fully underway. There's a new civic energy evident in improvements to the physical environment and the increased vibrancy in the downtown area.

I presented South Bend's 2014 budget to the Common Council in August. The budget is not just a fiscal document. It's a statement of our priorities. The budget is grounded in the three key purposes of our administration.

First, we make the basics of life easy for residents. Since holding down a job, raising a family, getting through school, is tough enough on its own, we need to see to it that residents can do all that without worrying about whether their drinking water is clean, their streets functional, and their neighborhoods safe.

Second, we offer good government—cost-effective services delivered quickly and professionally by a transparent government that puts citizens first.

And third, the most urgent thing in front of us is to create an environment where everyone can thrive, promoting job creation and economic development by every means available.

The only way to speed up our progress is by continuing to change the way we do business in order to accelerate South Bend's comeback. We must work to continue to drive investment and grow jobs, and this budget makes that our top priority using old tools and new ones.

In the coming weeks, Council members and I will work together to frame a budget that meets these priorities. Initiatives include an expanded 311 service, improvements to key corridors and downtown thoroughfares, and more progress for vacant and abandoned houses.

Our budget will cut expenditures overall by 3.4 percent in order to balance the general fund, stay on a fiscally responsible path, and hold our cash reserves at acceptable levels. This has earned us an exemplary credit rating of "AA," the top rating among Class Two Cities in the State of Indiana.

We are well on our way to delivering the changes that residents hired us to make. In reality, perception, and reputation, our city is improving. We're changing the way we do business, embracing what our residents want, and working together to become stronger than ever before.

Sincerely,

Mayor Pete

Join us for a
FREE CLASS
PREVIEW!

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace
MILITARY EDITION

During This Life-Changing Course, You Will Learn:

- To put together a monthly spending plan that really works!
- The step-by-step process for getting out of debt for good!
- How to set financial goals and really communicate about money.
- *And Much More!*

Find out more at daveramsey.com/militarysaves

FREE PREVIEW: **September 10th** **You must attend.

CLASS START DATE: **September 24th**

TIME/LOCATION: **5:15 pm O'Brien Center**

CONTACT: **Kandee Tinkel 245-6206**

Come check out how you can have financial peace! No charge to check it out and you must attend the preview to be able to attend the class.

**First Fridays - September 6
Arts Alive!**

5:00-9:00pm
dtsbFirstFridays.com



Citywide Anniversaries

September 2013

35 Years–1978

Mark Rzepnicki..... Wastewater

25 Years–1988

Ted Carlson..... Fire Dept

Shawn Edwards..... Fire Dept

20 Years–1993

Jon Aranowski..... Fire Dept

Ronald Kaszas..... Police Dept

Jason Katowich..... Police Dept

Scott Hanley..... Police Dept

15 Years–1998

Vern Pearson..... Central Services

5 Years–2008

Sue Solmos..... Community Investment

The Studebaker Brothers Service Award

The Studebaker National Museum, in conjunction with the LaSalle Council of the Boy Scouts of America, is proud to announce the launch of the Studebaker Brothers Service Award.

This service award is offered to registered Boy Scouts and may be earned individually or by the entire unit. The purpose of this award is to introduce Boy Scouts to the life of great Americans: Henry, Clement, John Mohler, Peter, and Jacob Studebaker. Their lives and the values they held are the same values that Boy Scouts teach their members. By learning about the lives of these five brothers and by performing a service project in the community, it is hoped that the values of the Boy Scouts will be more deeply ingrained in each recipient of The Studebaker Brothers Service Award.

An application and order form must be submitted for each individual who participates in the project and who requests the Studebaker Brothers Service Award for Scouts. For more information or to receive an application and order form, please contact Courtney at 235-9002 or e-mail cbogunia@studebakermuseum.org.



Adopt a Pet

There are lots of cats and dogs waiting to be adopted. Here are a couple:

Carmen

Pet ID: 14541899

Carmen is a young, female, spayed Shepherd. She is a lovely girl who loves to play and run. She is current on vaccines. She would love a forever home to go home to.



Andy

Pet ID: A20080986

Andy is a neutered male domestic medium haired feline. He has a very distinct face and is curious about his surroundings. Andy is current with fel-o-vax vaccine and requires a rabies shot prior to adoption.



What's Under the Hood? Car Care Program for Women

Join the Studebaker National Museum on Saturday, September 14, from 9:00am to 11:00am for a fun, informative program to help women understand and perform basic maintenance on their own vehicles. The program will be presented by Ed and Melanie Herendeen, ASE certified automotive instructors from Ivy Tech Community College.

Cost for the program is \$12 for non-members and \$5 for members (continental breakfast, program, admission to the Studebaker National Museum, and program certificate included).

Please park in the Museum's Archives lot, which is located to the south of the Museum. The event will take place rain or shine and be prepared to get dirty!

This program is limited to the first 30 participants. To register, please call Courtney at 235.9002 or email cbogunia@studebakermuseum.org by Thursday, September 12.

Sharing the Road Safely with School Buses

School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation on the road today. In fact, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, **riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walking to school.** The reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers. Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, four to seven years old, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For this reason, it is necessary to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses:

All 50 states have a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.

All 50 states require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.

While state laws vary on what is required on a divided roadway, in all cases, traffic behind the school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.

The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.

Be alert. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.

Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

Sharing the road safely with child pedestrians

Young, elderly, disabled and intoxicated pedestrians are the most frequent victims in auto-pedestrian collisions. Generally, pedestrians have the right-of-way at all intersections; however, regardless of the rules of the road or right-of-way, you as a driver are obligated to exercise great care and extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians.

Drivers should not block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn. Do not stop with a portion of your vehicle over the crosswalk. Blocking the crosswalk forces pedestrians to go around your vehicle and puts them in a dangerous situation.

In a school zone when a warning flasher or flashers are blinking, you must stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign, school patrol officer or designated crossing guard.

Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see. Take extra care to look out for children not only in school zones, but also in residential areas, playgrounds

and parks.

Don't honk your horn, rev your engine or do anything to rush or scare a pedestrian in front of your car, even if you have the legal right-of-way.

Take extra precautions in school zones and neighborhood areas where children and teenagers might be riding.

Sharing the road safely with child bicyclists

On most roadways, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other roadway users and often share the same lane, but bicycles can be hard to see. The riders are exposed and easily injured in a collision. Oncoming bicycle traffic is often overlooked and its speed misjudged. Children riding bicycles create special problems for drivers because they are not capable of proper judgment in determining traffic conditions.

When passing a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction, do so slowly and **leave at least a distance between you and the bicycle of no less than 3 feet.** Maintain this clearance until you have safely passed the bicycle.

The most common causes of collisions are drivers turning left in front of an oncoming bicycle or turning right, across the path of the bicycle.

When your vehicle is turning left and there is a bicyclist entering the intersection from the opposite direction, you should wait for the bicyclist to pass before making the turn.

If your vehicle is turning right and a bicyclist is approaching on the right, let the bicyclist go through the intersection first before making a right turn. Remember to always use your turn signals.

Watch for bicycle riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling, especially if the rider is a child.

Take extra precautions in school zones and neighborhood areas where children and teenagers might be riding.

Watch out for bikes coming out of driveways or from behind parked cars or other obstructions.

Check side mirrors for bicyclists before opening the door. Some communities may fine drivers for collisions caused by opening a vehicle door in the path of a bicyclist.

National Safety Council



Employees' Corner

Central Services

We would like to give our condolences to **Brian Rowe** and all his family from Central Services on the losses of his mother and stepfather, Leota & Hobert West, in an auto accident on August 10. They had several grandchildren and great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. What a great loss to the LaPorte Community and all of the family.

Melanie Rose Coria was born July 23, weighing 7lbs 2 ozs. to Ashlee Machowiak and Miguel Coria. The proud grandparents are **John & Sue Machowiak**. John always sends us updated pictures each week on his little granddaughter, what a cutie!!! Someone is going to be spoiled by her papaw & mamaw.



Fire Department

We have a lot of Paramedic students from Ivy Tech who ride with us for their internship. On August 21 five of our Firefighter/Paramedics were recognized by Ivy Tech as outstanding preceptors.



Steve Gervais with Christine Young, the Ivy Tech EMS program coordinator.

The preceptor is the Lead Medic on the ambulance who mentors the student in the Emergency Medical Services. Some of the students work for SBF D but most of them don't. A good preceptor can make or break a student.

The following Firefighter / Paramedics were recognized as outstanding preceptors: Firefighter/Paramedic **Jared Pearish, Lt. Elizabeth Hertel-Price, Lt. Steven Downey**, Firefighter/Paramedic **Brandon Roark** and The Preceptor of the year: Lt. **Steve Gervais!** We applaud your great work!

submitted by **Andy Meyer**



Brandon Roark

Legal Department

Congratulations to Sara Simons Wagner and Ross Wagner, who were married on July 27, and enjoyed a beautiful dinner reception on the Island at Century Center. Sara is the daughter of **Ann Carol Nash** and

step daughter of **John Mortakis** (Police Dept.).

The Legal Dept. would like to welcome Deputy City Attorneys **Carrie Gaines** and **Cory Hamel**, who joined us in July. They are both experienced attorneys and will help round out our team. We are very glad to have them with us.



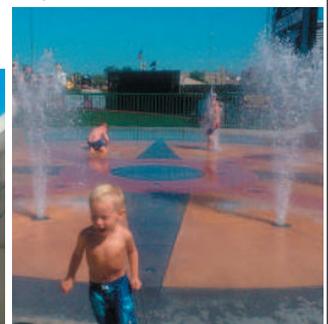
Fun Day at the Cove

The City's Employee appreciation Day was terrific! A great time was had by all. The weather was super, great for all the dunks in the dunk tank that **Mayor Pete, Scott Ford**, Executive Director of Community Investment, and **Eric Horvath**, Director of Public Works endured for United Way. All who had the joy of dunking them had a great time, as well as contributing \$200 for the cause.

Many children and grandchildren had fun in the blow up slides, hoop toss, batting cage, bouncing houses, as well as the playground and splash pad. The Streetstrider bikes were really fun to try out. And, there was plenty of good food. Thanks, Mayor Pete, for giving us a fun day together.



Santino, son of **Kelly Nardini**, EMS Billing, having lunch with **Mayor Pete**



Sam, son of **Jennifer Miner**, EMS Billing, cooling off in the splash pad, while big brother Zach, conquering the rock climbing wall like a pro.

11 Healthy Ways to De-Stress With Food

1. **Snack on a handful of nuts.** They're packed with magnesium, which seems to help keep cortisol levels low. Nuts are high in calories, so if you're watching your weight, make sure not to eat more than a dozen a day.
2. **Eat broccoli and low-fat ranch dip.** Broccoli has folic acid, which aids stress reduction.
3. **Enjoy sorbet with a vanilla sugar wafer.** Sugary foods decrease levels of anxiety-producing hormones, specifically through the production of glucocorticoid, a stress hormone linked to storing more fat in the belly. Just a little sugar on the tongue is enough to produce a feel-good effect, so don't overdo it!
4. **Have a whole grain English muffin with jam or honey.** Complex carbohydrate-rich foods raise serotonin levels, boosting your mood and helping you relax.
5. **Savor some salmon.** Omega-3 fatty acids help brain cells to function more collaboratively, helping you to deal with stress more effectively
6. **Indulge in some dark chocolate.** By far the most potent endorphin-producing food on earth, chocolate contains more than 300 different compounds, including anandamide, a chemical that mimics marijuana's effects on the brain, and theobromine, a mild stimulant. Look for imported dark chocolate with a cocoa content of 70% or more.
7. **Drink a glass of milk.** It contains tryptophan, which as it is metabolized is converted to mood-boosting serotonin. Plus, its calcium, magnesium and potassium content may help keep blood pressure down.
8. **Drink hot cocoa.** Warm drinks raise your body temperature—a feeling we associate with comfort, so it triggers a similar response in our brains.
9. **Order black tea instead of coffee.** A study by University College London shows that drinking black tea four times a day for six weeks lowered the stress hormone cortisol after a stressful event.
10. **Drink green tea**—packed with theanine, which increases the brain's output of relaxation-inducing alpha waves and reduces the output of tension-making beta waves.
11. **Drink a glass of cold water,** then go for a walk outside. The water gets your blood moving and the air invigorates by stimulating the endorphins that de-stress you.

A Little Name Dropping...

Welcome July 2013

Jeffrey Doan Central Services
 Carrie Gaines Legal Department
 Daniel Gregory Central Services
 Cory Hamel..... Legal Department
 Matthew Harmon..... Code Enforcement/Animal Control
 Allison Kibler-Campbell..... Potawatomi Zoo
 Nancy Schrader..... Fire Department

Resignations July 2013

Michael Frye..... Code Enforce./Animal Control (2 yrs 1 mo)
 Jordan McGuire Code Enforce./Animal Control (1 yr 5 mos)
 Tamara Nicholl-Smith Community Investment (2 yrs 2 mos)
 Paul Stackman..... Water Works (1 yrs 8 mos)

Hot Items for Sale

There are three "I ♥ South Bend" T-shirts now available in the Mayor's Office, 14th floor, County-City Building. The ¾ sleeve baseball tee, seen here, for \$20. There's the woman's v-neck tee for \$15, and the traditional crew-neck tee available in a variety of colors for \$10.



Change of Pace July 2013

Tony French..... Street from Heavy Equipment Operator I to Heavy Equipment Operator II
 Kelly Nardini Fire from Accounting Clerk IV to Financial Specialist I
 Karen Plencner..... from Financial Specialist I (Fire) to Crime Analyst (Police)



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

- 9/1,8,15,22,29 New Life Deliverance Center – Church Service 10am
- 9/ 7 Rain Barrel Auction Ball – Greening The Bend
- 9/7 Barbizon Modeling Talent Search
- 9/18 Business Expo – Chamber of Commerce

The Morris Performing Arts Center

- 10/4 Bob & Tom Comedy Show (at Palais Royale)
- 10/5 South Bend Symphony Orchestra: “Holst – The Planets” w/Sebastian Baverstam, cello
- 10/6 B.B. King (Blues)
- 10/8 So You Think You Can Dance? (Live TV show)
- 10/11 WNIT’s Rising Star the Magnificent 7 Live in Concert (at Palais Royale)
- 10/25 South Bend Symphony Orchestra: An Evening with Leonard Bernstein w/Jessica McCormack, soprano
- 10/26 Gabriel Iglesias (Comedy)
- 10/27 Earth, Wind & Fire (R&B)
- 11/5 Ghost Brothers of Darkland County (Musical)
- 11/12 In the Mood a 1940s Musical Revue
- 11/26-30 Jersey Boys (Broadway Musical)
- 12/1-8 Jersey Boys (Broadway Musical)
- 12/19 Straight No Chaser (a cappella sensation)
- 12/21 South Bend Symphony Orchestra: “Home for the Holidays” w/Juliette Petrus, soprano
- 12/22 South Bend Symphony Orchestra: “Home for the Holidays” w/Juliette Petrus, soprano

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Communications	Kara Kelly	5853
Comm and Econ Dev	Jenny Hullinger.....	5832
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Environmental Services	Mark Rzepnicki.....	277-8515
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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.

Employee Party



Kara Kelly tried out the Streetstrider



“Someone” was having too much fun at the dunk tank! Mayor Pete was a good sport through it all.



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