

# City Reports

CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA



## Energized!

On average, Americans could save 40% on their utility bills through simple energy efficiency measures like turning off the lights in an unoccupied room or knowing what direction the ceiling fan should be spinning in the winter. There are also plenty of incentives for both households and businesses to save energy and money today. For example, the State of Indiana offers up to a \$1,000 deduction for the purchase and installation of new insulation (to encourage more energy efficient homes).

September 2012 marked the first time that the City hosted an energy week. Put on by the South Bend Municipal Energy Office (SBMEO), the theme for the city's first annual Energy Week was "Making \$ense of Energy." This incredible event gave residents and businesses the chance to get plugged into energy saving opportunities currently available. The week culminated in a Community Energy Day when a public tour highlighted various venues in South Bend that are leading the community towards a more energy efficient future.

Energy Week 2012 kicked off on Monday with the screening of *Carbon Nation*. This compelling and relevant film recognizes and highlights the solutions to climate change and how they relate to social, economic, and national security issues. Most importantly, instead of further alienating the concept of green energy, this documentary emphasized practical actions that people have taken in their quest towards enacting and promoting sustainability.

The Building Efficiency Expo that took place on Tuesday showed the practical ways that residents and businesses in South Bend could take advantage of available resources and technologies to save money in own their homes. Energizing Indiana, a collaborative organization between the Indiana Office of Utility Counselor and other utilities and consumer companies, shared how to improve efficiency and conserve energy. Free energy audits were given out to further empower residents to make smarter energy choices to improve their homes. For businesses, Everlast Lighting, provided information regarding energy efficient lighting solutions that could potentially cut electricity bills as much as half.

Wednesday marked a momentous occasion for the City and the SBMEO. Over 30 years of discussion finally culminated in the installation of a hydroelectric turbine at Seitz Park. Electricity generated by the turbine will be utilized to power several city-owned structures along the East Bank. Unused power generated by the hydroelectric turbine will be redirected into the main grid operated by I & M Power, which will provide up to \$40,000 per year in energy credit for South Bend.

Although electric and hybrid vehicles are the most popular alternative forms of transportation, other options exist that have yet to gain public attention. The Transportation Expo on Thursday showcased various initiatives and available products, such as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Conversions, in an effort to shed light on these mysterious alternatives. The Expo was a huge success with both interested residents and trained mechanics who learned about available CNG technologies.

The Health and Sustainability Expo on Friday elegantly linked these two seemingly unrelated topics to saving energy. As our website states, "Sustainability?! That's hippy talk. And health?! What does that have to do with saving energy? Oddly enough, everything." With focuses on landscape architecture and alternative methods of land use, the Expo educated attendees about simple ways to save energy and help the environment. According to a study conducted by the National Laboratory in Berkeley, CA, homes that have trees can save up to 30% on their heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system bills. Additionally, one-fifth of all petroleum used in the United States is used in the production and transportation agricultural products. Thus, by growing your own food or purchasing from a local farmer, you can dramatically reduce our nation's consumption of gas. Furthermore, pedestrian friendly communities provide healthier opportunities for people to commute, which mean higher productivity in the work place. The Health and Sustainable Expo concluded with an informative presentation by Dr. Chris Drew, Director of Sustainability at Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill (AS+GG) Architecture Firm, on AS+GG's initiatives to plan and design not only energy efficient buildings, but entire cities.

Technology certainly plays a huge role in making the various energy opportunities a reality. The tour on Saturday highlighted the leading energy technologies right here in Michiana. From data centers to LEED Platinum certified buildings, the day provided a look at tech advances in South Bend.

September 2012 laid the foundation for many future energy events to come and was a catalyst to facilitate conversations within the community about the importance of being more energy conscientious, for it "Makes \$ense" to think and talk about energy.

Check out the Energy Week Facebook Page and the Facebook Photo Albums for some of the events!

submitted by **Jonathon Geels**, Municipal Energy Office



# Citywide Anniversaries

## January 2013

### 35 Years–1978

Jewell Davis ..... Park Dept  
 Richard Bishop..... Police Dept  
 Derek Dieter ..... Police Dept

### 20 Years–1993

Toni Laisure ..... Central Services  
 Anne Hayes ..... Police Dept

### 15 Years–1998

Maria Scherer ..... Police Dept  
 Joseph Farkas ..... Water Works  
 Tamara Allen ..... Water Works

### 5 Years–2008

Charles Eakins ..... Police Dept  
 Aaron Shipley ..... Street Dept  
 David Logan ..... Police Dept  
 Judy Withers ..... Police Dept  
 John C Pemberton ..... Wastewater  
 Jamil Elwaer ..... Police Dept  
 Chadwick Goben ..... Police Dept  
 Joshua Mann ..... Police Dept  
 Kevin Dombrowski ..... Sewer Dept  
 Lawrence Meteiver ..... Legal Dept  
 Andrea Teeter ..... Solid Waste

## February 2013

### 30 Years–1983

John Carlin ..... Park Dept

### 25 Years–1988

Warren Oneal, Jr. .... Solid Waste  
 Michael Filipksi ..... Fire Dept

### 15 Years–1998

Michelle Smith ..... Wastewater  
 Eric Devereaux ..... Fire Dept  
 Larry Parker Jr ..... Street Dept

### 10 Years–2003

Cindy Foster ..... Police Dept  
 Franklin Fielder ..... Solid Waste  
 James Jester ..... Street Dept

### 5 Years–2008

Jeffrey Schmaltz ..... Street Dept  
 Thomas Landgrebe ..... Park Dept  
 Derek Demske ..... Street Dept  
 Allan Krol ..... Wastewater  
 Richard Payton ..... Park Dept  
 Jeffrey Small ..... Solid Waste

## Animal Care Open House



Animal Control had an open house for its spacious new facility October 31, and everyone was excited! The animals love the much roomier, healthier space. The workers are thrilled with everything! They have room to be able to really care for the animals.

There are two outdoor areas that are surrounded by the building for dogs to be able to go outside to do their business and move around. The facility is located at 521 Eclipse Place, the former Bureau of Housing space. Part of the facility was completely remade and part of it is an addition. What a great use for an old building.

There is more space to hold animals and care for them properly. Many cats and dogs are looking for a family to take them home. There are two private rooms that you can spend time with a cat or dog to see how you like each other. Be sure to stop by and visit if you haven't already.

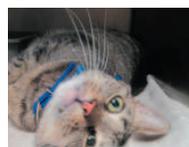
## Adopt a Pet

### Arthur



Arthur is a 1½ year old neutered male, who likes to play. Pet ID: 18780315, house trained, front paws declawed

### Helga



Medium, adult female. Helga is a 2 year old spayed tabby cat. She loves to be petted and brushed. Helga came to the shelter because her original owner died, so she is looking for a new forever home. Pet ID: 18835410, House trained

### Winnie



Terrier/Shepherd mix, large adult female.

Winnie is very active, friendly, and well socialized. She appears to get along well with dogs and children. She is heartworm negative and is up to date on her bordatella and distemper combo vaccine. She requires a rabies vaccination prior to

adoption.

Pet ID: A18875804, House trained

## Employees' Corner

### Administration & Finance

**Pam Helwig** and **Sheryll Harris** received the Penguin Award—our department's special recognition for a job well done (sticking with a project through thick and thin). Sheryll and Pam went the extra mile to make sure everything was set for end of year and beginning of year payroll. We all appreciate their extra work!



2013 resolutions:

**Jo Ellen Talos** - To be healthier in mind, body and faith.

**Cecil Eastman** - I resolved to ride a minimum of 1,500 miles this year (on my recumbent bike).

### Community Investment

December began the department's move to the 14th floor with the help of many people. **Toy Villa**, **Mike Carey** and **Tom Anderson** from Engineering, along with **Ron Taylor** and **Brian Rowe** from Equipment Services worked alongside our own **Jeff Young** to get us moved in on 14 and the Legal Department moved to 12. Jeff worked day and night and is still rearranging furniture. We couldn't quite imagine how the switch would work but Legal has fewer staff so we were able to move a few of us up and then move some of them down. It was like a big game of chess. Before we could begin to move we had to do a lot of purging and archiving. We are still working on more of the details of where to put everything but come check out the 12th and 14th floors and see how we all fit. The Mayor's Office has a great new conference room that will seat quite a crowd with new tables and chairs. All we need now is a nice balcony and windows that open!

Our department (DCI) has gone through a lot of structural changes as well. Our Mission is to use the human, communications, infrastructural, and financial resources of the City to promote a strong residential environment, robust job growth, and a healthy tax base throughout the City of South Bend. The Department is organized into four teams that work collaboratively with each other to assist the citizens and businesses of South Bend with variety of tasks. The four teams are: Neighborhood Engagement led by **Pamela Meyer**, Planning led by **Jitin Kain**, Economic Resources led by **Don Inks** and Administration and Finance led by **Beth Leonard**. Thanks, guys, for all your hard work!

### Environmental Services

Our condolences go to **Carol Kurzhal** on the loss of her father-in-law, Edgar Kurzhal, on December 30 at the age of 90.

submitted by **Mark Rzepnicki**

13th Annual  
**Daddy-Daughter Dance**

FOR DAUGHTERS AGES 3 TO 12  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013  
6:00 - 8:30 PM \* CENTURY CENTER

Experience a night of elegance "Under The Sea" with dads and daughters enjoying dancing, refreshments and a keepsake photo.

Register now in person at the O'Brien Recreation Center. You may also register either online at [www.sbpark.org](http://www.sbpark.org) or by phone using your Visa/Mastercard at 574.299.4765 or 574.299.3482.

Space is limited - register early!  
Fee: \$16 per person  
Code: 151801-A

The poster features a vibrant underwater scene with a purple seahorse, a blue crab, a yellow starfish, and various colorful fish swimming among coral reefs and bubbles.

11th Annual  
**Mom-Son Dance**

For sons ages 3 to 12  
Wednesday, March 20, 2013  
6:00 - 8:30 pm · Palais Royale Ballroom

Experience a night of elegance "Under the Sea" with moms and sons enjoying dancing, refreshments and a keepsake photo.

Register now in person at the O'Brien Recreation Center. You may also register either online at [www.sbpark.org](http://www.sbpark.org) or by phone using your Visa/Mastercard at 574.299.4765 or 574.299.3482.

Space is limited - enroll early!  
Fee: \$16 per person

The poster features a vibrant underwater scene with a pirate ship, a yellow fish, a pink fish, and various colorful coral reefs and bubbles.

## Mackinac Island Trip

September 16-21, 2013, 6 days, 5 nights per person, double occupancy, \$619.00 \$75 due upon signing. Add \$150 for a single occupancy. Final payment due 7/11/13.

Day 1: Board your spacious Motorcoach (video and restroom equipped) and set off for Northern Michigan.

Day 2: After today's Continental Breakfast, head for Sault Sainte Marie, cruise through the Soo Locks. Next, enjoy lunch on your own and spend some free time in Sault Sainte Marie. Watch ships enter and depart the Locks from the observation area or browse the unique local shops and boutiques. Later, enjoy Dinner and gaming at the Kewadin Sault Casino.

Day 3: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, your adventure begins with a ferryboat ride to peaceful Mackinac Island where the only mode of transportation is by Horse and Carriage. Take a leisurely carriage ride tour of the island and see splendid sites like the Arch Rock and Lilac Lane. Enjoy some free time to explore this quaint island. Later, cross the Straits of Mackinac again and enjoy a lovely Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll take a Guided Tour of quaint Mackinaw City. Next, see the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, dating back to 1892. After some free time at Mackinaw Crossings, visit Colonial Michilimackinac - a 1700's era Village. Later, enjoy Dinner with your friends.

Day 5: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before leaving for "Michigan's Little Bavaria," Frankenmuth, MI. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

Day 6: Today you'll enjoy a Continental Breakfast and depart for home—a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!

Presented by Howard Park Recreation Center. For information and reservations, contact **Rose Kaufman**, 235-9428.



## A Little Name Dropping...

### Welcome November 2012

**Joseph Franzi** ..... Street Department  
**Leroy Gorden** ..... Building Department  
**Jason Huston** ..... Street Department  
**Terez Parker** ..... Street Department  
**Bradley VanOosterum** ..... Water Works

### December 2012

**Eric Horvath**..... Public Works/Engineering

### Resignations November 2012

**Shawn Hipsher** ..... Water Works (3 yrs 1 month)

## Welcome to our New Employees



**Karina Carmona, Gladys Fields** (Water Works); **Dave Schultz, Laurie Crawford, Ann Orr, Jill Burdick, Ashley Gage, Lynsey Santa** (Police); **Jennifer Miner** (Fire EMS); **Amie Ziots** (SB Communications Specialist); **Cecil Eastman, George King** (Admin. & Finance); **Trudi Donovan, Anna Pelc, Heather Mosley, Tracy Uyhelji** (Parks/Zoo); **Tricia Deal** (City Clerk); **Kyle Miller** (Morris PAC); and **LeRoy Gorden Jr.** (Building Permits)

### Change of Pace November 2012

**Michael Pratt**.....Police Communications from Communications Specialist I to Communications Specialist II

### December 2012

**Jill Burdick** .....Police Communications from Communications Specialist I to Communications Specialist II

**David Schultz** .....Police Communications from Communications Specialist I to Communications Specialist II

### Retirements November 2012

**Elaine Rau** .....Police (11 yrs 9 mos dedicated service)



# January & February 2013

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

## Voice of the People

### *Sidewalk Program is a Real Beauty, 11-12-12*

Recently, several of my neighbors on Belmont Avenue, along with my wife and I, signed up for the 2012 sidewalk and curb program sponsored by the city of South Bend. This program provided a great opportunity to update and improve the safety and appearance of our block. I want to take this opportunity to thank the city for providing this service.

The crew that performed the work was excellent. They tore out the old walks, poured the new walks, leveled the tree lawn and always paid great attention to detail. While there is always some disruption with a project of this kind, the crews made every effort to keep it to a minimum. Many times we forget the professionals that we have working in our city departments. Thank you South Bend Street Department employees and hats off to a job well done!

### Century Center

- 2/10,17,24 New Life Deliverance Center Church Service 10am
- 2/12 Daddy-Daughter Dance—SB Parks Department
- 2/15 Zamora Entertainment—Latin Show & Dance
- 2/22 Maple Hill Golf Show
- 2/22 WSBL Radio Fundraiser
- 2/22-23 Maple Hill Golf Show
- 2/22-24 South Bend Civic Theater – Go Under the Sea with Kids4Kids Disney’s “Little Mermaid, Jr.”
- 2/23 Family & Baby Fair
- 2/23 SB Parks Summer Camp
- 2/26 Salute to Business 2013
- 3/1-2 Expo for Women
- 3/15-17 Michiana Home Show
- 3/19 The Great LOGAN Nose-On Luncheon
- 3/23 Jr. League Princess for a Night
- 3/23 Indiana State Taekwondo Championship

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Legal Department.....		
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### The Morris Performing Arts Center

- 2/8-9 Shrek the Musical
- 2/14 Bob & Tom Comedy Show
- 2/16 A Valentine from Gershwin
- 2/22-23 Rock of Ages
- 2/19-20 Sesame Street Live! “Elmo Makes Music”
- 3/23 The Contours – Motown Magic
- 4/06 British Heritage
- 4/09 Celtic Woman “Believe”
- 4/13 Comedians: Gary Owen, Lil Duval & Michael Blackson
- 4/27 German Heritage
- 4/28 Brian Regan Live in Concert

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