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# NEWSLETTER

Next Neighborhood Get-Together at Simpson United Methodist Church  
**April 26 – Dessert 6:30 p.m.-Discussion 7 p.m.**

## Spring Cleaning!

*by Richard Friedman*

April is here and we all know what that means – warmer weather, rainy days, soccer, baseball, and, of course, Spring Cleaning! Yes, soon it will be time for the Great American Cleanup which will be held this year on Saturday, May 21. This year Williams Woodland has requested a cleanup location of our own, one which will be beneficial not only to the city but also to those who come to visit our neighborhood. Our assigned area is the Harrison and Calhoun corridors, stretching from Creighton Ave on the north end of our neighborhood all the way up to the railroad tracks just north of Grand Street (the short street just past St. Vincent De Paul). Neighborhood residents interested in participating should meet at the corner of Harrison and Creighton at 8:00 that morning. Gloves and bags will be provided by the city.

Other neighborhood events that are coming up that you might want to start planning for include our annual neighborhood garage sale (scheduled for June 11) and a plant swap scheduled for June 25. While this seems like a long time from now, getting those cluttered closets and garages cleaned out and getting things priced and prepared for sale takes a lot of time and effort. We would like to really increase participation in both of these events this year so please plan ahead so you can be a part of these great events.

Likewise, I would like to encourage any resident to join us at our monthly book club. Each month the club chooses a book to read and then we get together to discuss our thoughts about the book. This month's meeting will be at Judy Summer's house on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and we will be discussing the book *The Glass Castle*, a memoir written by Jeannette Walls about her rather untraditional childhood. It is a great book that I have been assigned to read twice for social work classes and which David and I both loved.

I'd also like to encourage everyone to take advantage of this great weather by getting out to meet your neighbors. I have been seeing many people out working in their yards or just taking walks. Both of these activities provide a perfect time to chat with neighbors you know well or to meet new people. Even if it just a quick "hello" or an offer to let someone borrow a rake or edger that you have and they do not, these are the things that build a community.

Finally I would like to remind everyone to keep careful watch of both your property and that of your neighbors. With the warmer weather generally comes an increase in crime and other negative activities and there has already been some of that occurring. By working together we can better keep an eye on everything that goes on in the neighborhood. Also, if you would like, you can join our neighborhood email list by sending me an email to get updates about things that are going on. Which also reminds me that WWPAN also has a facebook page that we use to post reminders about neighborhood events so please "Like" us there too! I hope to see all of you at this month's meeting.

## Enjoy An Evening Out with WWPN & Friends!

***When: April 30 - 8pm***

***Where: Williams Theater on the campus of IPFW***

***What: King Lear by William Shakespeare - directed by our own neighbor John O'Connell***

Contact: Judy Summers if interested - (We can get a group rate of \$10 for a group of 10.)

Synopsis: The ties that bind in KING LEAR are woven of deceit, greed, grief and joyfulness. Often regarded as Shakespeare's crowning achievement, this tragedy about the relationship between parents and their offspring shows us how quickly we can become blinded by fear and killed with love.

## Neighborhood Clean-up

It's time for our annual neighborhood cleanup! This event is separate from the Great American Cleanup and involves only our neighborhood. The city provides us with a garbage truck for a four hour period during which we are able to clean up the alleys, empty lots, areas around vacant homes and anything else in the neighborhood. All we have to do is provide the manpower to follow along and do the actual cleaning.

This year we will be meeting at the ***corner of Woodland and Hoagland at 7:45am on Saturday April 23***. We will have the truck from 8:00 - 12:00. You'll need to bring rakes, shovels, gloves, tarps and whatever else you want to assist in cleanup. Our main targets this year will be the vacant homes and the alleys up near Creighton.

If you cannot be there at the beginning, feel free to join us at any time. We will be moving throughout the neighborhood through the alleyways. You can also work individually around your house and alleys and set out things out to be picked up as we come by.

Please join us for this wonderful event that not only lets you get to know your neighbors but also helps keep our neighborhood looking good. As an added bonus there will even be donuts available at 7:45am! If you have any questions contact Richard Friedman [ender32881@yahoo.com](mailto:ender32881@yahoo.com).

## Our Woodland Park

*By Justin Vedder*

The Tree Committee would like to remind people that the application process for Street Trees is still open and to fill out an application ASAP to be considered before all the funds run out. Also, the neighborhood association has granted us funds to assist homeowners interested in planting/maintaining trees on their private property. The deadline to be able to plant trees this spring is QUICKLY approaching and will be gone soon. If anyone is interested in planting a tree in their yard *this spring* they need to contact us today! They can contact any of the tree committee members:

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## Do You 46807?

If you live, work, play or have a genuine interest in 46807, please join other stakeholders in a day of planning concrete actions to make this great area of the City of Fort Wayne even better.

Here's what you can expect

- A gathering of excited, involved residents and people who love 46807
- A positive focus toward a better future
- Actions from the meeting that will create results.

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER **Jim Capraro**, Senior Fellow, Institute of Comprehensive Community Development

**April 30, 2011 • 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. • Lunch Provided**  
South Side High School • 3601 South Calhoun Street • Fort Wayne

*Sponsored by Chase Bank, IACED, and Pathfinder Community Connections*

## WWPN Book Club

WWPN Book Club will meet at Judy Summers home (353 W. Woodland Ave.) on April 28 at 7pm. The book for the month is *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

### Summary:

Jeannette Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were both their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary Walls had four children. In the beginning, they lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and above all, how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary, who painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family, called herself an "excitement addict." Cooking a meal that would be consumed in fifteen minutes had no appeal when she could make a painting that might last forever. Later, when the money ran out, or the romance of the wandering life faded, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town -- and the family -- Rex Walls had done everything he could to escape. He drank. He stole the grocery money and disappeared for days. As the dysfunction of the family escalated, Jeannette and her brother and sisters had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they weathered their parents' betrayals and, finally, found the resources and will to leave home. What is so astonishing about Jeannette Walls is not just that she had the guts and tenacity and intelligence to get out, but that she describes her parents with such deep affection and generosity. Hers is a story of triumph against all odds, but also a tender, moving tale of unconditional love in a family that despite its profound flaws gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life on her own terms. For two decades, Jeannette Walls hid her roots. Now she tells her own story. A regular contributor to [MSNBC.com](http://MSNBC.com), she lives in New York and Long Island and is married to the writer John Taylor.

## Real Estate Review

The following homes are still available in the Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood.

2316 S Harrison	3 bedroom	2 bath	\$68,900
2428 S Harrison	Triplex		\$68,500
2415 Hoagland	4 bedroom	2 1/2 bath	\$185,000
321 W Suttentfield	5 bedroom	2 bath	\$89,900
125 W Creighton	4 bedroom	3 1/2 bath	\$80,900
2417 Webster	3 bedroom	2 1/2 bath	\$149,900

## Advertisements

If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Steph Johns at [Stephanie.olivia@gmail.com](mailto:Stephanie.olivia@gmail.com).

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## Upcoming WWPNA Social Events

**Apr. 23, 8:00 AM** - WWPN Clean Up

**Apr. 26, 6:30 PM** - Neighborhood Meeting

**Apr. 28, 7:00 PM** - Book Club Meeting

**May 15, 8 AM** - Great American Clean-up