

# Sandy Point Newsletter August, 2024



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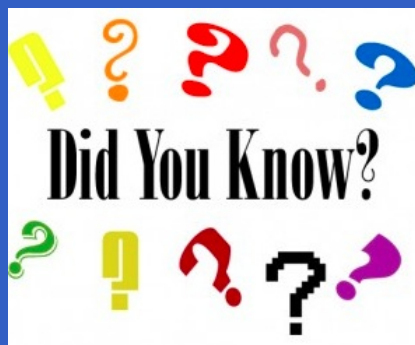


Please Welcome Our New Neighbors to  
Sandy Point

Dick Eaton & Mark Joseph Tirana  
8166 River Bay Drive East



*Great News!*  
The Roundabout at 79th and Dean Road is  
"Open for Business!"



## **Sandy Point Amendment Vote Results**

Homeowners have voted, and the results are in.

Proposed Amendment No. 1 adding Rental Ban: PASSED

Proposed Amendment No. 2 adding Resale Assessment: FAILED

The vote count is as follows:

Should the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Declaration be approved to add a rental ban?

YES 108 votes  
NO 15 votes  
and 1 Abstention

Should the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Declaration be approved to add a Resale Assessment?

YES 67 votes  
NO 57 votes

A total of 124 homes participated in the voting. For any amendment to our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions to be adopted, the owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of our homes must give their approval. Since we have 139 homes, the owners of at least 93 homes need to approve of an amendment for it to be adopted.

The Board of Directors would like to thank every homeowner who took the time to thoughtfully consider these proposals, attend the Town Hall meeting, and cast a vote. We are fortunate to have HOA members who participate and help to make Sandy Point a great place to live.



## Urban Wildlife: Living with Coyotes

As was reported last month, a wounded coyote was seen in Sandy Point recently. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources provides information and recommends steps to help people living in urban residential areas avoid conflicts with coyotes and other wildlife.

Coyotes eat mostly small rodents and rabbits. This makes them an important member of the food chain. Although their presence tends to concern people who are unfamiliar with coyotes, they are usually more afraid of humans than we are of them. In some cases, coyotes may attack and kill small pets. But coyote attacks on humans are exceptionally rare.

DNR recommends the following:

### Protect Pets

- Keep cats indoors.
- Always walk your pet on a leash.
- Accompany your pet outside, especially at night or in the early morning.

### Do Not Feed Wildlife

- Do not leave pet food out overnight. Keep pet food bowls inside when not in use.
- Avoid keeping trash outside and make sure to cover it with tight-fitting lids.
- Do not provide food and water for other wildlife, including birds. Rodents, which are a coyote's natural prey, are attracted to birdseed. Coyotes will also eat birdseed, fruit and compost.

### Discourage Coyotes

- Remove brush and undergrowth that could provide cover for coyotes or the small animals they like to eat.
- If you see a coyote in your yard or while out walking, use scare tactics. Yell. Make loud noises. Shake or throw a can filled with coins. Throw a ball, shoe, sticks, or other object at the coyote. Spray it with water.
- Never leave loose trash outside.

Stay aware and enjoy the diverse wildlife that lives amongst us at Sandy Point. To learn more, visit [on.IN.gov/animals](http://on.IN.gov/animals).

# Drinks on the Driveway

August 16th

Hosted By:

Steve & Lyndsi Grothouse and Nancy Shields  
3018 & 3022 RBDN

Bring a beverage and snack to share!





animals.

Recent research has shown a significant drop in pollinator numbers, especially bees, due to increased use of horticultural chemicals like pesticides and decreases in native habitat. To mitigate the impact many conservation groups and scientific communities suggest planting native pollinator gardens as a way to support healthy ecosystems in our own backyards and beyond.

## Planting a pollinator garden

We started planting pollinator gardens as an integral part of the Sandy Point grounds committee action plan of fighting honeysuckle and creating habitats that support mutually beneficial relationships between plants, a variety of animals and our own health and wellbeing, as well as for supporting overall protection of our environment, our food resources, and our future.

Non-stop bloom!

Our approach focuses on native plant seed from reputable suppliers like American Meadows, because native pollinators are most attracted by and adapted to native plants.

We buy mixes of plant seeds for 3-season blooms.

We leave the leaves!

Leaving your pollinator garden undisturbed at the end of the season helps provide a winter home for them. You will also see twigs, logs and rock features in the gardens. They are helpful landscaping elements that provide habitat and shelter for pollinators. Bare dirt areas are for the ground bees to burrow into. As an additional benefit: Over time pollinator gardens to condition our poor, sandy soil which supports prevention of erosion.

These features make a pollinator garden an attractive, environmentally beneficial, low maintenance complement to the groomed lawns and designed flower beds which we all love.



Our pollinator garden in it's initial season. A promising start!  
It is located along the left side of the gravel road from the gate to the tennis court

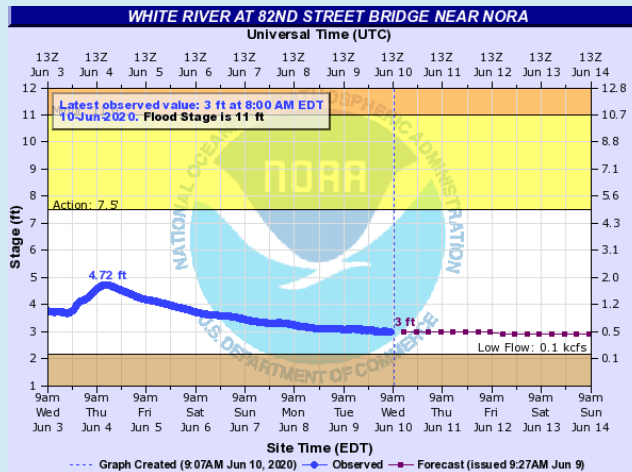
## Did you know? Fun facts about pollinators

- Monarch butterflies depend on milkweed! No milkweed, no monarch butterfly. Its caterpillar consumes 20 milkweed leaves before becoming a butterfly. We attempt to grow milkweed clusters to create monarch way-stations.
- Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds are some of the most recognizable pollinators, but bats and moths are also critical - but often overlooked - nighttime pollinators.
- There are over 20,000 known bee species in the world, and over 4,000 bee species native to North America. The majority of those are solitary i.e. they nest alone. Native bees are also up to 8x more effective pollinators than honeybees! Honeybees are not native to North America - they are an introduced species.

Go and look for yourself. Let us know what you think about pollinator gardens and don't hesitate to contact the grounds committee with your questions and suggestions.

Below is a screen shot of the Water level on the White River as taken at the 82nd Bridge location.

- Many folks care to know what it is from time to time. To get this current information you may click "[Here](#)" or on the image. Both will take you to today's forecast.



**Below are the important connections to the website and contact information for the Sandy Point Website Community**

Click here to go directly to the website

**8077 River Bay Drive East - Indianapolis, IN 46240**

**Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00PM**

*From time to time you may have a question and not know the answer or to whom to ask the question.*

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