

2021 WARD PLANNING: WARD 8

CONCERNS RIGHT NOW

Violence is here on West Side. SPD focus on west side like east side

Paying a fee for yard waste pickup - MacArthur to Chatham. Concern is that we are on every other week. The big trucks are coming down the streets vs. alley and causing issues. We need to focus on street repair with this new traffic and weight.

Sidewalk needs maintenance. Illinois between Monroe and Governor needs help. A section on Illinois between Washington and Monroe on east side of street there is not a section and is needed.

Tree Trim - Cut trees but not stump. Oak Mill between Iles and Spring Mill on east side of Street. Need stumps gone. Been 6 years

SMTD Bus Stop on Spring Mill. Now it has a bunch of trash. Need a Receptical. A lot of bus stops has garbage but needs trash cans

Northbound on Iles and Spring Mill - speeding is horrible. They all take off and then down to Turning Mill. It's 40 miles but people drive about 70 miles

Spring Mill is getting a lot of cut thru traffic by the Old Fridays. People aren't paying attention when The police can read the Next Door App, that would be helpful. People are running lights and stop signs and that would help.

Fayette and Governor into a four way stop. People aren't paying attention.

Lawrence - Chatham to MacArthur are residents. People are driving 70 miles an hour. People running red lights need to have an increased fine.

600 block of Rosehill - no curb

1600 block of Edwards - no curb

Walnut to Chatham. Lawrence to Jefferson - next slum of Springfield. Not clean. Not kept up. Needs

When a house sells - require that it needs to be brought up to code so it helps re-energize

Stop rental or make the properties value and upkeep.

People going door to door but what are the rules of Peddlers License. Share with residents the rules.

West Edwards - last past 5 months rough. The other half of the duplex is into drugs and other activity. He has lost a lot of items. He needs help to get them help (Gateway). He is asking City for help to get

Where do I go to determine who owns a tree? Need to determine property lines.

HGTV - Hometown Heros. It gives hope. What resources can we pull from to get eager students to help reinvigorate this area. What can we do as a city to come together and make a difference to change

Can local businesses do something to help us get residents to improve the area? They do work and businesses reward with a coupon.

We need block champions to keep the neighborhood pride up and welcome new people.

1500 - 1600 Block of Governor - they put stuff down but then nothing happens. They need to be alerted and then can the stuff be placed closer to the time they do the work.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Fund the Police better

I want our own officer

I want to know who our officer is

Gateway in home (not institutional but in home)

Strengthen the City power on landlords who don't live here. Register these people who have renters but are absentee landlords

Sidewalks on Koke Mill by Lewis Memorial

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People need to mow every week or come up with a plan
Incentivize people to remodel these abandoned houses or businesses along these corridors
Use money to make it a walkable city but more importantly make it accessible. If accessible - it is open to everyone.
We need to be a Tree City and Green City
ACROSS THE CITY
Downtown Springfield needs people. Repurpose these buildings for something else. RUDAT came to town and went around. Sustainability Committee also created in 2002. People need to go into these buildings. More incentive for businesses if people are here.
Look at the Code and see how modern day standards can be adapted for old downtown structures and buildings. Modify our ordinances.
Need a daily newspaper. We need local news and an editorial stance that is reflective to the SJR is doublecharging and bad business practice. We need one that covers us. Provide us coverage - doesn't reflect good but mostly bad and not here.
Re-energize the universities to get us back downtown.
Ground trash - need to have a cleaner city .
Something for our children to do. Hangout is a parking lot at Dairy Queen - teenage age. Night and
Micro pantries and micro grants. When they were started by people, when we get back to normal - have a need still. The end of pandemic won't stop need. Give grants to keep them stocked and a Pillsbury Mill; Benedictine; Lake Springfield - the need is great. We need more money.
Downtown rail on Third Street track - something we can do along those lines. Other activity.
POSITIVES FROM PANDEMIC
Proud that people were taking care of other people
Supporting local - eating local, buying local
Central Illinois Food Bank has been busy getting and receiving
New micro pantries
Awareness of mental health
Family dynamic - we can stay home and do things together
Statistics - aware of the numbers. Public Health information
Response of the Health Care providers here and everywhere
2020 - 2021 car procession BLM hosted across the city.
Neighborhood News - content for every neighborhood association
Alderwoman - kept residents updated
Applaud our City and Director. A lot of pivoting this year due to COVID
Library activity - did a lot of remote services and things like seed library
Police and Fire Department helping through the pandemic