

BEYOND

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In the News

Trail connecting downtown to Notre Dame set to begin construction

The City of South Bend announced this week that [the new trail](#) will begin in downtown South Bend in the plaza on the corner of LaSalle Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. It will take pedestrians and bicyclists east on LaSalle Avenue and will culminate at the Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue intersection where users can continue to the Notre Dame campus or join the multi-use path along Angela Boulevard.

"Strengthening the connection between these economic centers will help our city grow and create a more livable South Bend for residents and outside visitors."



Community

South Bend is vulnerable to lead poisoning — here's how ND-LIT can help

[Lead exposure](#) is suspected to be a significant issue for South Bend. The source is often lead-based paint, used widely in homes built before 1978. Eighty percent of the city's homes were built before then. Notre Dame's Lead Innovation Team, ND-LIT, spent Saturday in the historic Near Northwest Neighborhood scanning homes and soil for lead as part of its Mulch Madness event. Find out how to receive a free lead screening kit.



Community

Unity in CommUNITY: Students volunteer for Back the Bend

More than 500 Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, and Holy Cross College students participated in a variety of service projects as part of [Back the Bend](#), an annual day of service in and around South Bend. Students also spread mulch and distributed free lead screening kits as part of Mulch Madness, an annual event organized by the Notre Dame Lead Innovation Team (ND-LIT).



Community

Land donation supports new approach to affordable housing in South Bend

Notre Dame donated three plots of land to the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization, the nonprofit community development organization serving the increasingly popular Northeast Neighborhood south of campus. The land, along Turnock Street, will be used to build affordable, single-family homes as part of a [newly formed community land trust](#), the first of its kind in Indiana.



National

Notre Dame lands on Forbes' America's Best Large Employers list

Notre Dame has been named as [the top educational institution](#) on the Forbes list of America's Best Large Employers 2024, and was positioned in 20th place overall, ahead of many notable corporations and organizations.

"Our employees are our most valuable asset, and so we are delighted to be named as a top employer alongside so many excellent organizations."

~ University President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.



Arts & Culture

‘The Piano Lesson’ unites community with South Bend Civic Theatre performance

[“The Piano Lesson”](#) is just one chapter in the South Bend Civic Theater’s ambitious odyssey through August Wilson’s plays. With each production, the theater hopes to become a beacon of diversity and inclusivity, attracting a wide range of audiences across the community.



Notre Dame Law student and Eviction Clinic secure unexpected victory for South Bend family

Noah Jeffcoat and his children were homeless and camping out of a pickup truck as a result of his eviction when he first met Notre Dame Law School Student Nate Barry through the [Law School's Eviction Clinic](#) last September. When he initially sought the help of REAL Services, a South Bend-based relief organization, Jeffcoat was referred to the Eviction Clinic.

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