



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Happy New Year!

I can't believe we're starting a new year! I hope you all had wonderful holidays and are ready to begin a new year with hope and enthusiasm!

Although the country has gone through a lot of challenges, we're moving forward in Lafayette Place.

As you can see, the corner of Lafayette & Pettit is almost complete. The Marker is taking longer than expected, but should be finished in the near future. The Pet Waste Stations and large trashcans have been received, but we'll not install them until spring.

We're continuing to work with the City & State programs responsible for the demolition of the house at the corner of Calhoun & Pettit. Our goal is to have this property donated to the LPIA. We hope to have that completed by this spring, so we can install the Lafayette Place sign there and begin the process of proposing landscape design.

Our neighborhood will be beautifully defined with these exciting changes!

In Case You're Wondering ...

The flag and cord on the pole at the Gazebo were pretty much destroyed during the windstorm we had recently. Replacement will require a bucket truck, so we're going to wait until spring for firmer ground.

Mark Your Calendar

Below are the dates for our scheduled events for 2017. Details will be posted in future Newsletters as we get closer to a specific event.

- Annual Association Meeting – Wed April 5
- Great American Clean Up – Sat May 20
- Dirt Day – Sat May 27
- Garage Sale – Fri June 9 & Sat June 10
- Night of Music – Sat July 22
- Trick or Treat – Sun October 29

Dues Statements

Invoices for 2017 Lafayette Place Improvement Association dues were mailed between January 11 and January 14. Several residents were on top of their game and paid even before they got their statements! Thanks!!!

The Court awarded judgment to us in the 5 cases we recently took to small claims court, so we're working through several legal channels to collect from other property owners with large outstanding balances.

If you have outstanding dues, but cannot pay the full balance, call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608 to arrange an acceptable payment plan. If you have not received your statement, please let me know.

From Our FWPD Liaison Officer:

Officer Jennifer Wiegmann, our Fort Wayne Police Department liaison officer, has asked that I inform our residents that the large number of vehicle break-ins throughout Fort Wayne have included areas close to our neighborhood and an actual vehicle break-in on Montrose Avenue.

She specifically states that you “remember not to leave anything of value, even pocket change, within sight from outside the vehicle. Even if it's a bag, gym bag, laptop bag - anything like that can be perceived to others as value, and should be taken inside the house.”

These are wise words from a professional who is seeing these crimes first-hand. Please heed her words!

Need Sidewalk Repairs?

There are several sidewalks in our neighborhood that are in deplorable condition. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem the City is going to take care of these on its own.

However, the City has announced a “Cost Share” program in which the City's Division of Public Works will provide an estimate and, by mutual agreement, the City will pay for 50 percent of the cost of the repair work and you will pay 50 percent for the cost of the work. In general, sidewalk repairs may cost about \$100 per sidewalk block or slab, or \$300 for a 3-slab stretch of sidewalk. The petitioner and the City would share the cost of that repair.

If you are interested in this program, go to the City of Fort Wayne website and fill out a petition, then, submit the petition to the Board of Public Works for further processing.

For more information, call 311 or go to <http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/costshare>

Recycling Schedule

I'm sure you all know that garbage is picked up in Lafayette Place every **Thursday**. But it seems that the date for recycling pick up gets confusing.

We are on “B” schedule for recycling and our recycle items are picked up in the yellow topped can **every other week**.

For your convenience, I am listing below all the recycle dates for pick up in Lafayette Place per the City of Fort Wayne.

2017 Recycle pick up dates for Lafayette Place:

January 27
February 9 & 23
March: 9 & 23
April: 6 & 20
May: 4 & 18
June: 2 & 15 & 29 * See note below**
July: 13 & 27
August: 10 & 24
September: 8 & 21 ** See note below
October: 5 & 19
November: 2 & 16 & 30
December: 14 & 29

**** Garbage & Recycle Service will be one day behind following a holiday observed on a weekday**

Go to www.recyclefortwayne.org for more information and to get a complete list of what you CAN and CANNOT put in your recycle bin!

No Christmas Trees In Garbage!

If you have not already disposed of your live Christmas tree or wreath, they CANNOT be put in your garbage. Unfortunately, previous pick up sites in Foster & McMillen Parks are not available this year. You must take these items to a compost site!!

WELCOME TO LAFAYETTE PLACE

According to requests I've received from Title Companies for closing information, there were approximately 20 new residents who decided to make Lafayette Place their home in 2016! It is becoming apparent that Lafayette Place is an exceptional neighborhood made up of wonderful, diverse people and beautiful, well-maintained homes.

Unfortunately, I've not been able to personally welcome them all to our neighborhood, so if you are aware that you have a new neighbor, I hope you have welcomed them & shown them how friendly we are in Lafayette Place!

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