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Rain = Mosquitoes & West Nile

This has been an extremely WET summer so far! So this is an important time to remember about the West Nile virus: it is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).

Out of the 60 different varieties of mosquitoes, there are three types that have been found to be West Nile virus carriers in the Fort Wayne area, and another type that carries LaCrosse encephalitis.

Mosquitoes need water to multiply and standing water can be found almost everywhere, so it is very important to keep your property cleaned up and grass mowed.

Clogged gutters, rimless tires, tall grass and weeds also harbor mosquitoes; even a wet plastic bottle cap has enough water for the female mosquito to lay her eggs.

Prevention includes spraying clothing with repellants containing DEET and applying insect repellant sparingly to exposed skin. Repellants should NOT be applied to children three years old and under. Consider wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors during peak mosquito times.

For more information about West Nile, go to: www.allencountyhealth.com - click on Vector Control.

Heat Wave Can Be Dangerous

As you all know, we're experiencing extremely high temperatures, which can cause heat related illness or even death.

The Red Cross suggests the following to stay safe during this challenging weather:

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Eat small meals & eat more often.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothes.
- Stay indoors if possible.
- Slow down & avoid strenuous exercise. Try to limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.
- Take frequent breaks if you must work outdoors.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone, or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- Never leave children or pets alone in vehicles.
- Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat.

Air-conditioning is the number one protective factor against heat-related illness and death. If a home is not air-conditioned, people can reduce their risk for heat-related illness by spending time in public facilities that are air-conditioned.

Change is Good!

We changed the date of the Lafayette Place Garage Sale to the third weekend in June and it paid off!

The date change came from discussion at last year's Annual Meeting. Surrounding neighborhoods have historically held their sales the same weekend as ours. The result was that by the time people got to our neighborhood, they had spent all of their money in other neighborhoods. By having our sales one weekend later, we saw an increase in participants and buyers.

A Health Hazard Among Us

There is a lot of poison ivy in our neighborhood. Some properties have an overabundance and it is very dangerous. **Poison ivy** leaves grow in clusters of three on vines that can grow up into trees and trail along the ground.

Mistaking these for weeds and pulling them out can have hazardous results.

A glyphosate-based herbicide **concentrate**, such as Roundup™, Kleenup™, or a specific poison ivy killer, should be mixed with water 3 times the normal strength. **Ready-mix herbicides are not strong enough to destroy poison ivy.**

DO NOT BURN THESE PLANTS – burning can cause severe lung problems. For information about these plants and how to **safely** get rid of them, there is a good step-by-step list at www.gardensalive.com



Poison oak



Poison sumac



Poison ivy

Welcome!

Lafayette Place is proving to be a very sought-after neighborhood! This is evidenced by all the new residents moving into our neighborhood. Although there are many recent newcomers to Lafayette Place, it's almost impossible to meet them all and welcome them to our great neighborhood!

Here is the list of new residents in June alone!

Keiona Harrison
Hasinah Binti Mohamad Ariff
Megan Bessey
Nora Sama

We welcome you and your families and hope to get to know all of you in the near future! If any of these people are your new neighbors ... show them a warm Lafayette Place Welcome!

Fireworks Rules

According to the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, **Fireworks are NEVER allowed in any Fort Wayne Parks. This includes the Lafayette Place Park in our neighborhood.** This is a City Ordinance and it will be enforced. Anyone who sees a citizen setting off fireworks in Lafayette Place Park should call the police department at 427-1222.

The Fort Wayne City Ordinance states:

- Fireworks may be used only on the user's property, on the property of someone who has consented to the use of fireworks, or at a special discharge location. (Note: A special discharge location is a place designated by the State Fire Marshal for the discharge of consumer fireworks).
- Fireworks may be used only from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. from June 29-July 3 and again from July 5-9.
- July 4th hours are extended from 10 a.m. until midnight

Penalties for violating the fireworks law can range from a Class A misdemeanor up to a Class C felony

**A NIGHT OF MUSIC
AT THE GAZEBO**

**Lafayette Place Esplanade
(Between Congress & Sherwood Terrace)**

Saturday July 28, 2018

Todd Harrold & Nick Bobay

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

FREE & Open to the Public

**Bring friends & family and
A lawn chair or blanket (outdoor venue)**

Vendor – Hot Dog Boyz will be selling: Hot dogs, Nachos, Root Beer Floats, Sodas, Chips & more!



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