



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Lafayette Place Halloween

Halloween in Lafayette Place is scheduled for Sunday, October 28. Trick or treating will be from 3pm to 5pm. As always, an orange sheet, used to show participation, will be printed and delivered to each resident in Lafayette Place in plenty of time before the Big Day. To participate, place the orange sheet in your front door or window. This sign indicates that you invite Lafayette Place ghosts and goblins to visit you for treats. Remind your kids or grandkids to look for this orange sign and only visit those homes that have this sign displayed.

Once again, the T.A.G. Art Company will provide wonderful, live characters for kids of all ages to enjoy. Captain America, the Pumpkin Princess and Sponge Bob Square Pants will greet kids and pose for photos in the area around the Gazebo from 5pm to 6pm.

Halloween Trick or Treating
Sunday, October 28
3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Captain America, the Pumpkin Princess
and Sponge Bob Square Pants
5pm – 6pm
The Gazebo in the Esplanade

NOTE: New time for characters in the Gazebo extends Halloween hours for Lafayette Place.

Have a GREAT HALLOWEEN!

Get Ready

Can you believe that summer is over? And guess what is just around the corner ... weather for which we need to prepare our houses and yards.

Now is the perfect time for paint touch ups and checking on your gutters and downspouts to get rid of tree and leaf debris. Any needed roof, foundation, or chimney repairs, or driveway cracks should be on the “to do” list before bad weather rears its ugly head.

And don't forget the plumbing! Frozen pipes from leaky faucets can be an expensive headache.

Get ready for a possible winter blast by getting your home in shipshape!

Make Sure Your Voice Is Heard!

As we know from all the countless advertisements on TV and articles in the newspapers, the mid-term elections are not that far away.

But you can't vote if you're not registered! The deadline to register to vote is Thursday, Oct. 9.

After you're registered, take time to make sure you're aware of who's running for a specific office and familiarize yourself with their platform. Knowledge is power and you have the power to choose the representatives whose platform stands for the changes and ideals you want to see in government.

If you have questions or need additional information about registering, you can call 449-7154 or go online to www.allencounty.us/voter-registration.

Talk If You Can – Call If You Must

There are many complaints that are called in to LPIA Board members that can only be resolved by you, as an individual and resident.

If you have a problem with a neighbor, we suggest you “keep it neighborly.” Whatever the complaint or situation, **talk** to the offending neighbor **first** and try to handle it in an amicable way. That might be all it takes!

The “311 Call to City Hall” is a sort of “one stop shop” in that they take the actual reports for some things or refer you to the proper agency for others.

There is a menu that will also narrow the agency or issue you want to address. Complaints or problems addressing such as streets, lighting, cars, etc. can all be directed to 311 – and of course trash complaints go here also! Neighborhood code for property issues such as tall grass or weeds, broken windows, unkempt property, etc. is also accessed through 311.

The 311 Operator will give you a control number of your report. Keep this number handy as it might take several calls before action is taken.

Always call 911 in an emergency.

What is Your Address?

It is a City Ordinance that every owner of a building on any street is required to place the address numbers of that building in a “**conspicuous place on the front of the building.**”

The Ordinance further states “the numbers shall consist of figures not less than three inches in length, and so made as to be distinctly or easily read.”

Failure to place the house numbers in a manner described above will result in a fine.

It is important that you comply with the City Ordinance for many reasons, not the least of which is to help Police and Fire departments to find your house in an emergency.

Recycling Schedule

Yes, there have been several misses of our garbage collection by this new company, but it also seems that residents are confused about the dates for the Recycling pick up.

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, the remainder of our 2018 **recycle dates** are listed below:

October: 4 & 18

November: 1 & 15 & 29

December: 13 & 28 ** See note below

**** Some dates listed are on a Friday instead of Thursday as Garbage & Recycle Service will be one day behind following a holiday.**

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!

NOTE: If your garbage or recycle bin is not picked up by sunset on the scheduled day, **call 311** to complain. If you notice your entire street has not been picked up, please tell the 311 Operator.

Fellowship Missionary Church

Invites You to
A Night of
Fellowship, Worship & Singing

Where: Lafayette Place park
Date: Thursday, October 18
Time: 7pm – 8pm

Bring a lawn chair or blanket

Be Warm But Be Safe!

Maybe it's just my age, but it seems as though summer went really fast! Although the last days of September have been up and down in temperature, with some warm days but very chilly nights, it is inevitable that fall is just around the corner. And of course, we all know what comes after fall – an Indiana winter that can be very cold and snowy!

With the ups and downs in temperatures, I don't want to turn on my furnace until I have to, so I'll use space heaters in the interim. If you do also, here's some information we should all take seriously:

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that approximately 57,000 house fires a year are caused by alternative heating methods such as space heaters, ovens, and fireplaces.

So be safe & remember:

- * Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from space heaters, furnaces or fireplaces.
- * Never use your oven or a space heater as your main heat source.
- * Always turn space heaters off when you leave a room.
- * Have furnaces and fireplaces cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- * Make sure you have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Test monthly and change batteries annually.

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