



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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2026 Recycle Dates for Lafayette Place:

January 22 *
February 5 & 19
March 5 & 19
April 2, 16 & 30
May 14 & 28 *
June 11 & 25
July 9 & 23
August 6 & 20
September 3 & 17
October 1, 15 & 29
November 12 & 27*
December 10 & 24*

*** 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!

Mark Your Calendar

Lafayette Place Events for 2026

- Annual Association Meeting, Wed April 8
- Great American Clean Up (no city date yet)
- Dirt Day, Sat May 23
- Night of Music, Sat July 18 or 25
- LPIA Trick or Treat, Sunday Oct 25

More information on each event will be in future Newsletters as we get closer to the event date!

Association Dues

2026 Lafayette Place Association Dues Statements were mailed out the 2nd week of January. All homes in Lafayette Place are bound by law and your deed to pay the Annual Association Dues.

Payment is due upon receipt of the 2026 Association Dues Statement. Statements included a self-addressed envelope for convenience in paying your dues.

You may also pay online! It's quick and easy and there are 2 ways to get to the site:

1. Scan the QR code at the bottom of this article
2. Go to our website: Lafayetteplace.org – and click on the DUES button in the bar at the top of the first page and follow the instructions.

There is an additional \$4 fee from SQUARE which will automatically be added to your payment.

If you have questions, or have not received your statement, call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608.



So Many Scams!

There are so many scams going around that I hardly know where to begin! There are phone scams AND email scams.

There are phone scams trying to get you to get a new Medicare card (TOTALLY a scam!); scams saying they're from the IRS (the IRS will NEVER call – they do any notifications by mail); tech calls saying they are from Apple, Microsoft or another tech company asking if you're having computer problems. Say NO and hang up. There are even phone scammers claiming they're from the Jury Commission. NEVER give your Social Security number on the phone to ANYONE! **Jury Duty notification is handled by mail.**

One of the most popular phone scams starts with the phrase “Can you hear me?” HANG UP! You can also say NO, or I hear you just fine. The phrase “Can you hear me?” is used to coax you into saying YES – a word that, if said in your voice, is as good as gold for con-artists. Scammers record your affirmative answer and use it to claim you agreed to pay for some scam program.

Scammers are targeting elderly people claiming to be a grandchild, or some other relative, saying they're in trouble and need you to send money. **Don't so it!** If you are truly concerned, get all the information from the caller/scammer and hang up. Then call that relative's home number or another relative to confirm.

A new email scam is a message from your “supposed” email provider saying your email will stop unless you follow the attached link to update your information. Don't click on the link - IT'S A SCAM! If you have any questions about this, call your provider directly.

Other Email scams going around include fake order confirmations and Amazon gift cards or unauthorized purchases on your Amazon Account.

Another new email scam is called “quishing.” The email may not include words or instructions but recipients are tricked into going to a fake login page where they will see a QR code - DO NOT CLICK ON IT! Since QR codes are image files, they do not trigger spam blockers. **Don't click on QR codes in unsolicited emails.**

BE AWARE & BE SAFE

Christmas Tree Disposal

Fort Wayne residents can get **free Christmas tree disposal** at several Allen County drop-off sites **through January 16**. Sites include the **City Utilities Biosolids Facility** at 6202 Lake Ave, M-F 7am-3pm; **South Lot (near the Airport)** 10100 Smith Road, daily dawn to dusk; **New Haven Utility Shop** 2201 Summit Street, daily dawn to dusk. **All lights, ornaments, and tinsel must be removed before dropping off your live tree.**

DO NOT put your Christmas tree in or next to your garbage can. City Utilities WILL NOT pick up these trees with your garbage.

Additionally, DO NOT PUT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE ESPLANADE!!!

Lock Your Car!

Unfortunately, car break-ins are continuing all over the City including our neighborhood.

- Remember to ALWAYS lock your car
- Do NOT leave valuable items in site
- ALWAYS make Police Report, you may need it for Insurance purposes
- Police Reports assist police and neighborhoods in allocating crime prevention actions

Be Warm But Be Safe!

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.

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.
- * 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 yearly.

Who & What is the LPIA Board of Directors

The developers of Lafayette Place created the Lafayette Place Association in the legal Restrictive Covenants. If you own property in Lafayette Place, you are automatically a member of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association (LPIA). **LPIA membership is legally tied to the deed of the property and is mandatory for each property owner as long as they own the property.**

They also created a Board of Directors for the purpose of “maintaining and caring for the general interests of said Addition.” **All board members are LPIA residents who volunteer their time, energy, and efforts for the good of all residents of Lafayette Place.**

LPIA’s Board of Directors’ duties and responsibilities per the Restrictive Covenants include:

1. Upholding and enforcing all LPIA Restrictive Covenants, including any legal actions necessary
2. Maintaining all financial records and requirements – local, state, and federal
3. Collecting all Association Dues
4. Maintaining all common areas which include:
The Esplanade and Gazebo; the marker at Marquette and Calhoun; the marker and grounds at Lafayette and Sherwood Terrace; the marker and grounds at Lafayette and Pettit; the marker and grounds at Calhoun and Pettit
5. Informing residents of community and government events and issues through a Newsletter
6. Promoting the upkeep of individual properties
7. Maintaining a Board of Directors
8. Holding an annual Lafayette Place Association Meeting for all residents

Your LPIA Board of Directors have gone above and beyond to include:

1. Creating the Association Handbook
2. Creating and maintaining the Association’s website
3. Creating and maintaining the Association’s Facebook page
4. Establishing a “No Rental” Amendment to the Restrictive Covenants
5. Attending all Sheriff and Tax sales involving any Lafayette Place properties
6. Providing an HOA Letter to Title Companies to collect any outstanding Association dues at a closing
7. Sending a “Welcome Packet” to all new owners after a Title Company closing
8. Maintaining a working relationship with multiple City agencies on behalf of Lafayette Place
9. Applying for grants offered by the City of Fort Wayne to enhance Lafayette Place
10. Sponsoring neighborhood events and activities such as: Halloween Trick or Treat; Dirt Day; Great American Clean Up; and A Night of Music at the Gazebo
11. Maintaining and updating all Insurance policies relating to Lafayette Place common areas

We hope this information helps you understand and appreciate this unique neighborhood and the Lafayette Place Board of Directors.

LPIA Board of Directors

Officers

**President - Westley Falcaro
Vice-President- Don Orban
Treasurer – Colton Bickel
Secretary – Andrew Williams**

Members

**Sara Moffitt
Carol Osborn
Jim Vaughn**