



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association  
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## We Got The Grant!

The LPIA Board of Directors applied for the 2025 Neighborhood Improvements Grant in March ... and we got it!

Our request included 5 projects, and we already have completed two of them!

- Clean-up & insert plastic border edging at the Gazebo landscaping beds and fill with mulch - DONE
- Remove dead pine tree next to the Gazebo – DONE
- Purchase paint & supplies to paint the gazebo.
- Purchase bench for new bus stop in the triangle empty lot at Calhoun/Calumet/Sherwood Terrace
- Purchase of 5 trees, through the Citizens Match Tree program, to be placed in the medians at Champlain & Wilmette

The remaining 3 projects are on schedule. The types (species) and locations for the 5 trees have been approved by the City Arborist and the homeowners adjacent to those locations have agreed to water the trees until they are established. They will be planted between October and December.

The City Grant Coordinator has ordered the bench for the new Bus Stop and the pavement base and sidewalk upgrades are on schedule for late July or early August.

The Gazebo will be painted when the weather accommodates – it's been way too hot!

## 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.

## Thank You!

A BIG Thank you to **Don Orban & Jon Allmandinger** who installed beautiful plantings where the dead tree was removed at the Gazebo!

## Neighborhood Code Reminder

Fort Wayne's Department of Neighborhood Code Compliance (NCC) has issued a statement reminding residents that parking on grass in residential districts **violates City Ordinance**.

The NCC press release further states that parking in yards and on grass can create ruts that can collect water and become breeding grounds for mosquitoes in wet season, as well as cause damage to infrastructure, such as curbs, sidewalks, and underground utility lines.

Additionally, parking vehicles with hot engines on grass can increase the chance of grass fires.

**City officials say violators of the city ordinance are subject to a \$100 fine per day.**

## 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 City 311 resource 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. Complaints or problems with individuals and things such as streets, lighting, cars, animals, trash pick up, etc. can all be directed to 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.**

Desk Sergeant for non-emergency issues: 427-1222

## Be A Good Neighbor

Summer weather allows us to open our windows and doors and spend more time outdoors. But summertime also brings out noises and activities that can be disturbing to our neighbors.

Make sure **ONLY YOUR** household is listening to your music, laughter, and conversations. Sounds are magnified at night, so be considerate when you have outside gatherings and cookouts. And **please do not leave the volume cranked up on your car radio while it is parked outside.**

As always, we hope that neighbor talking to neighbor about a problem or disturbance will result in a happy ending and an enjoyable summer for all.

## Cooking Out?

If you're planning to cook outdoors, please keep these facts and safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in mind:

- \* Gas grills, hibachis, and barbecues are involved in an average of 8,900 home fires each year. Charcoal or other solid-fueled grills add another 1,300 home fires per year.
- \* Propane or charcoal grills are for outdoor use only and should be placed away from your home or deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- \* Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area and never leave your grill unattended.
- \* Keep your grill clean. Remove grease or fat buildup from grates and trays below the grill.
- \* If you use a charcoal grill:
  - \* Use only charcoal starter fluid or self-starting charcoal. If you choose an electric charcoal starter, use an extension cord specifically for outdoor use.
  - \* Never **add** charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
  - \* When you are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before transferring them to a metal container for disposal.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**A NIGHT OF MUSIC**  
**AT THE GAZEBO**  
**Lafayette Place Esplanade**  
**(Between Congress & Sherwood Terrace)**  
**Saturday July 26, 2025**

**The Todd Harrold Band**

**7pm to 10pm**

**FREE & Open to the public**

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

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