



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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2026 Improvement Grant

The LPIA Board of Directors has been awarded a 2026 Neighborhood Improvement Grant in the amount of \$4,414.00 for the manufacture and installation of 15 neighborhood identity signs.

These Aluminum signs are approximately 12' x 16' and are attached by an attractive scroll hanger. The signs will be placed on streetlight poles on both external and internal streets throughout the neighborhood.

We're excited to receive this Grant to help identify our neighborhood as a premier neighborhood in South Fort Wayne!

Heat Wave Can Be Dangerous

Very high temperatures are predicted in the upcoming days. Heat related illness or even death are not uncommon.

Stay safe with these Red Cross suggestions:

- Hydrate with plenty of fluids, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Eat small meals & eat more often.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, clothes.
- Try to limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.
- Take frequent breaks if you must work outdoors.
- **Never** leave children or pets alone in vehicles.
- Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat.

Fireworks

July 4th is not that far away, so it's time to discuss **Fireworks Rules**. We hope you enjoy this special holiday, **but there are laws that govern fireworks use in the city limits**.

The Fort Wayne City Ordinance states:

Fireworks may be used only on the user's property, or on the property of someone who has consented to the use of fireworks.

Illegal explosives (such as cherry bombs, M-80s, M-250s, or quarter sticks) are strictly prohibited at all times.

- **Fireworks may be used only from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm from June 29-July 3 and again, from July 5-9.**
- **July 4th hours are extended from 10 a.m. until midnight**

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 and the Esplanade.** This is a **City Ordinance**, and it will be enforced. Anyone who sees a citizen setting off fireworks in Lafayette Place Park or the Esplanade should call the police department at 427-1222.

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

Call the Fort Wayne Police Department at 427-1222 with any fireworks-related complaint.

Your Legal Obligation

We're past the half-way mark in 2026, and there are SEVERAL property owners who have **not** paid their Lafayette Place Association Dues. Association Dues are **mandatory** and a **legal obligation** of owning a property in Lafayette Place. This obligation is attached to the property through the property deed and can be **legally enforced**.

Detailed Statements were mailed to all property owners in January. Additional notices will be mailed by post cards in the coming weeks if you owe between \$25 and \$125 in past dues. **A deadline date will be given to avoid legal action.**

Additionally, a **letter of intent to place a Lien** against a property will also be mailed from the Board of Directors. If a Lien is placed on a property, the amount owed will increase to include the dues balance as well as legal and administrations costs that can substantially increase the outstanding debt.

If you are behind in your payments and want to prevent legal action, we can set up a payment plan or work with you as needed. Call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608.

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 barbeques 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 25, 2026

Bring a lawn chair or blanket (outdoor venue)
Rain or storms will cancel

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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