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Editor's Note: Since this will be the last Newsletter of 2025, I wanted to do something a little different. I'm still including some holiday and end-of-year information, but on page 2 I'm adding some "stuff" which I hope you'll find fun and/or interesting. So here goes...

Lafayette Place/South Leaf Pick Up

Round 2 – Dec 1-5

- Rake leaves to the median strip by 7am on the first day of our scheduled week
- DO NOT put leaves in the street
- DO NOT put leaves in garbage or recycling carts
- DO NOT burn leaves – it's a violation of City Code with a \$50 - \$75 fine

For daily collection & location updates, visit the website: cityoffortwayne.org/leaves or call the Leaf Hotline at (260) 427-2302.

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

- * Keep all doors & windows locked when leaving your house.
- * If leaving for an extended period of time over the holidays, leave on some lights and TV or radio. to give the impression that someone is home.
- * Hide large gifts that can be seen through windows.
- * Don't leave a key outdoors.
- * Do not leave your garage door open.

Fort Wayne Holiday Events

Headwaters Ice Rink opens Nov 22.

Clinton & Superior – call 427-6000 for info & cost

Santa's Workshop

Community Center 233 W. Main St.

Make-n-Take Crafts / Christmas shopping/
"Buddy" the elf

Wednesday Nov 26, 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Downtown Night of Lights Nov 26 - Dec 31

Parkview Field Holiday Lights Nov 14 -Jan 4

Blue Jacket Fantasy of Lights drive-thru in

Franke Park Nov 17 - Dec 31

Wild Lights at the Zoo Nov 28 – Jan 4

Holiday Recycling Information

DO NOT Put These Items in Your Recycle Cart:

- No foil or metal-looking wrapping paper or gift bags
- No ribbons, bows, beads, string, garland, or tinsel
- No holiday decorations (lights, bells, ornaments, etc.)
- No bubble wrap
- No plastics toys
- No batteries, electronics, or
- No artificial Christmas trees

All of the info included on this page is from the Internet. I hope you find them fun or interesting!

Original meaning of a deck of cards:

52 cards – 52 weeks in the year

2 colors – day & night

4 suits – 4 seasons of the year & 13 weeks per season

12 count cards – 12 months

Add each of the cards – incl aces = 365 – days in a year

Joker – leap year

Common Idioms only half quoted:

“Great minds think alike” ...

but fools seldom differ

“Curiosity killed the cat” ...

but satisfaction brought it back

“Rome wasn’t built in a day” ...

but it burned down in one

In the English Language:

- There’s no word that rhymes with “oranges”
- The longest word without a vowel is Rhymes
- The word “set” has the most definitions
- “I am” is the shortest complete sentence

Automobile Trivia:

- Electric cars date back to the 1800s
- 75% of all Rols Royces ever made are still on the road
- The first speeding ticket was given in 1896 for going 8 mph
- Cruise control was invented by a blind man named Ralph Teetor in the 1940s
- Windshield wipers were invented by a woman Named Mary Anderson

TECH Historical Facts

- Nike’s “Just Do It” slogan was inspired by a murderer’s last words
- Apple’s first logo showed Newton under a tree
- Google was almost called “Backrub”
- The first Amazon logo showed a river, not a smile
- Nokia started as a paper mill in the 1800s
- Samsung started as a grocery store selling noodles in 1938
- Adidas & Puma were started by two rival brothers
- The first product with a barcode was Wrigley’s chewing gum

Nature

- **Eagles** can achieve speeds of over 160 mph & have eyesight 4 to 8x sharper than humans
- Some birds can sleep while flying, staying airborne for months
- The *Daniellia cerebrum*, a fish as tiny as a fingernail, outshouts an elephant
- Male lyrebirds mimic chainsaws and car alarms during mating
- Ravens can solve puzzles better than 5-year-old children
- The peregrine falcon’s dive is faster than a Formula 1 car – can dive at 240 mph

Soda Pop Trivia

- Coca-Cola - invented in 1886 as a medicinal tonic
- Pepsi - originally called Brad’s Drink renamed in 1898
- Dr. Pepper was created in 1885 – oldest major soft drink brand
- 7 Up originally contained lithium citrate, a mood-stabilizing mixer
- Canada Dry Ginger Ale - developed in 1904 as medicinal
- Mountain Dew was created in TN in 1940 as a whiskey mixer

Seasons Greetings

**The LPIA Board of Directors
wish you and your family
safe and joyful
Holidays**

Christmas tree drop-off sites will be listed in the January Newsletter.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE ESPLANADE

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