



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
October 2024 Issue Westley Falcaro, Editor

LPIA Halloween - CHANGES

Many residents have complained that the majority of Trick or Treaters only go to houses on Lafayette Esplanade and don't check out our many side streets. Some residents don't get Halloween kids at all!

So, we're proposing a fun solution, and you'll have a choice: you may continue to hand out candy from your house, OR you may participate in the new **TREAT CIRCLE in the Esplanade** - bring your candy to the Esplanade area by the Gazebo & hand it out to the kids who are there to see the Characters. Feel free to dress in costume as you hand out treats!

There will be a specific designated area for this, so if you plan to participate this way, you must call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608 to get your name on that list so we can anticipate numbers and space allocations. **Please call no later than Thursday, October 24.**

The orange sheet we send out each year to show **participation at your house** will still be provided. This sheet is to be placed on your front door or a front window to let kids know they may come to your house for treats.

**LPIA Halloween – Sunday October 27
Trick or Treating 3-5pm
Pictures with Characters 4-5pm**

LPIA Halloween Characters

Residents **Michael and Crystal Satriano** have provided incredible characters for Halloween at the Gazebo for the last 3 years. And this year will be no exception.

Along with several other residents joining in the fun, **the characters for LPIA Halloween 2024 will be the Adams Family!** Yep, Morticia, Gomez, Uncle Fester, Grandmama, Wednesday, Pugsley, and even "Thing" will be on hand for pictures. These characters will be brought to life by residents **Michael & Crystal Satriano, Brian & Dawn Quick, Anna Slotterback & Andrew Williams, and Ethan Bassett.** Try to figure out who plays which character when you see them in person!

We are SO lucky to have such creative people who live in Lafayette Place and want to provide so much fun and enjoyment!

**LPIA Halloween – Sunday October 27
Trick or Treating 3-5pm
Pictures with Characters 4-5pm**

Heating Help Available

Temperatures are dropping! If you need assistance keeping warm, following is a list of social service agencies that **may** offer utility assistance:

Catholic Charities	422-5625
CANI	423-3546
Salvation Army	744-2311
Wayne Township Trustee	449-7000

Lafayette Place/South Leaf Pick Up

- Round 1 – Nov 4-8
- Round 2 – Dec 2-6

- Rake leaves to the median strip by 7am on the first day of our scheduled week
- DO NOT put leaves in the street or Esplanade
- DO NOT burn leaves – violation of City code & a \$50 - \$75 fine
- DO NOT place leaves in storm drains

If you use **Biodegradable paper bags** you can call **311 for pick up starting October 28 through December 6 only. These bags will be picked up within 2 business days and will NOT be picked up with garbage pick-up.**

Weather conditions or the volume of leaves in a particular area may cause the planned schedule to change.

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

Are Your Dues Paid Up?

We're heading towards the end of the year and there are many residents who have not paid their \$25.00 dues for 2024.

Per our legal Restrictive Covenants, if you live here, you are automatically a member of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association. Lafayette Place is unique in that **membership in the Lafayette Place Improvement Association is legally tied to the deed of the property. Association dues are mandatory.** Since they are bound to the property, dues are the responsibility of the current owner.

Outstanding dues of \$100 or more may result in legal action. If you have outstanding dues, but cannot pay the full balance, call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608 to arrange an **acceptable payment plan.**

Dues Statements for 2025 will be mailed out around the second week in January and are due upon receipt. Your statement will show payment history and any outstanding dues.

Help Prevent Flooding

In autumn, fallen leaves can block storm drains causing standing water and flooding. You can protect your property, keep Lafayette Place flood free, and help ensure that emergency and other vehicles have access to our neighborhood by doing the following:

- Remove leaves and other material from your gutters and storm sewer drains near your home
- If you notice that your street is flooding, clear accumulated leaves and debris from storm sewer inlets to keep the water flowing.
- Manage yard waste properly by keeping it out of the street and storm drain.

City Utilities cleans the city's 19,500 inlets about once every three years. But the City also relies on your efforts as a good neighbor to reduce flooding and protect our neighborhood.

Keep Lafayette Place Clean, Safe & Flood Free

Be Warm But Be Safe!

Fall is here and it's getting colder. If you use space heaters, 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.

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.

People In – Wildlife Out

Temperatures are beginning to cool and cold winter weather is not far behind. In cold weather, we want to stay inside where it's warm. Guess what? So do raccoons and other wildlife!

If you have deteriorated trim and fascia boards, holes in attic vents, or an open chimney, you can bet various critters are planning on spending the winter with you.

Sealing up any openings now can help prevent the problems the critters cause when they nest in your home.

Before closing, sealing, or capping any potential entry points, make absolutely sure there are no animals already inside.

If you suspect raccoons, it's best to call a professional to remove the animal(s) and seal up the places where they're entering. You'll also want to make sure a professional cleans up any of the raccoon waste, which can contain raccoon roundworm. This parasitic worm can infect humans (and even pets) and is spread by the egg spores, which easily become airborne and can be breathed in. These egg spores can live for years as dry pods. Raccoons can also carry other illness-causing bacteria, as well as lice and fleas. And while raccoons can carry rabies, most people never get close enough to be bitten and therefore infected.

The exterior of your house can also be an invitation to wildlife. Make sure that you:

- Secure trash container lids if they are outside
- Keep tree branches trimmed six feet away from your house to not only limit access for wildlife, but to prevent damage to the roof that may allow animal entry in the future
- Clean up debris—especially leaf piles—in gutters and around the foundation

LPIA Board of Directors

Officers

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

Members

Tyrell Hollins
Jim Vaughn