



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association  
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## Lafayette Place Halloween

Halloween in Lafayette Place is scheduled for Sunday, October 26. Trick or treating will be from 3pm to 5pm. The orange sheet, used to show participation has already been delivered to each resident in Lafayette Place. To participate, place the orange sheet in your front door or window. This sign indicates that you invite Lafayette Place ghosts and goblins to visit you for treats. Remind your kids or grandkids to look for this orange sign and **only visit those homes that have this sign displayed. You may also hand out candy at the Gazebo area in the Esplanade during the time the special characters are available for candy hand out and photos with kids.**

Thanks to our wonderful residents **Mike & Crystal Satriano** and **Brian & Dawn Quick**, the **Addams Family** will return with Morticia, Gomez, Grandma and Uncle Fester characters. They will greet kids, hand out candy, and pose for photos in the area around the Gazebo from 4pm to 5pm.

### Mark your Calendar!

**Halloween Trick or Treating**  
**Sunday, October 26**  
**3:00pm – 5:00pm.**

**The Addams Family Characters**  
**4pm – 5pm**  
**By the Gazebo in the Esplanade**

## City Utilities Work

I'm sure you're all aware of the digging and mess that is going on throughout our neighborhood. City Utilities is in the beginning of a massive project to relocate the water shut off valves from the easements, usually found behind each property, to the median area in front of each property. This move is necessary because the original locations from 1915 are no longer appropriate for any repair work needed. The locations are not accessible to the workers nor are they convenient for property owners.

**And, these pipes and lines are now over 100 years old and are deteriorating.** It's better to do this work now at the City's cost, than for residents to experience pipes collapsing and pay thousands of dollars out of their pockets!

We have been told that individual homeowners will be notified by City Utilities of work affecting their property.

## Now is the Time

Summer is over and now is the perfect time to get your home in shipshape for a possible winter blast!

Protect your house by removing tree and leaf debris from your gutters and downspouts. Any needed roof, foundation, or chimney repairs, or driveway cracks should be on the "to do" list before bad weather rears its ugly head.

And don't forget the plumbing! Frozen pipes from leaky faucets can be an expensive headache!

## Lafayette Place/South Leaf Pick Up

- Round 1 – Nov 3-7
- Round 2 – Dec 1-6

- 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 put leaves in your trash or recycling cart
- DO NOT burn leaves – violation of City code & a \$50 - \$75 fine
- DO NOT place leaves in/over 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](http://cityoffortwayne.org/leaves) or call the Leaf Hotline at (260) 427-2302.

## 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.

## Pay LPIA Dues ONLINE!

Your LPIA Board of Directors realize that many people now pay bills online instead of using bank checks or money orders, so now you can also pay your Lafayette Place Association (LPIA) dues online!

The Board has contracted with SQUARE to provide this service. 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](http://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.

Remember, if you live in Lafayette Place, you are obligated by law and your deed to pay the Annual Association Dues. The Restrictive Covenants allow the LPIA Board to use legal actions to collect outstanding dues. If you're unsure if you have an outstanding balance, or have any questions regarding Association dues, contact Westley Falcaro at 456-1608.



## Why Do We call it ...

A "Buck"? – because in the 1700s, trappers could sell a single buckskin for one dollar

The "Fuzz"? – because London Bobbies once wore fuzzy helmets

The "Limelight"? – because theatre spotlights used to burn lime to create light

## **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

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