



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Updates

■ The ARCH/Lafayette Place Home & Garden Tour, which was held in June, was not only a PR success as reported in the July Newsletter, but a monetary one as well. Lafayette Place received a check for \$2,898.69 after all expenses!

■ The Lafayette Place fall garage sale has been scheduled for **Friday September 8 & Saturday September 9**. We will not be placing an ad in the Newspapers, but will post on our Facebook page and on Craigslist. If you plan to have a fall garage sale, let us know & provide information on some of the items you'll be selling. We can then include this in our listings to generate interest. Call Westley at 456-1608 or email her at westley.falcaro@frontier.com.

■ The fate of the property at the corner of Calhoun and Pettit has still not been determined. The house was demolished through the Blight Elimination program and distribution of all such properties will not be made until the beginning of next year. Lafayette Place is still the top contender for this property.

■ The City has signed off on the contractors' work on the green space at Lafayette and Pettit. The lawncare and property maintenance became the responsibility of Lafayette Place as of August 1st. The City remains responsible for the operations and maintenance of the park lights.

Coming in September

Lafayette Place will once again participate in the City Utilities **fire hydrant painting program**. City Utilities will provide paint and wire brushes to scrape the hydrants. If you don't have an old paintbrush you can use, LPIA will provide paintbrushes. Associations will be paid \$5.00 per hydrant painted. We did this 5 years ago; so it's time do spruce them up!

Brightly painted fire hydrants helps the Fire Department to spot hydrants when approaching a fire scene, particularly in rainy or snowy weather.

We plan to paint on Saturday September 16. We'll meet at the Gazebo at **10am** & provide a map/address of the hydrants. We only have 4 people signed up to paint and we have about 14 hydrants. **So we need volunteers!!**

Please call Westley at 456-1608 and volunteer to paint a hydrant in Lafayette Place. Please call by September 13, but if you can't call by then and you want to volunteer, just show up!!

It's an important safety issue!

Tox-Away Day

The City of Fort Wayne Solid Waste Department will hold a Tox-Away Day event on Saturday, September 9, from 9am to 2:30pm.

Between now and then, box your chemicals and store them in a safe place, out of reach of children and away from direct sunlight. **Do not mix products together or remove labels. Leave all products in their original containers.**

NO latex paint is accepted at Tox-Away Day! Latex paint is not hazardous waste and can be placed in your garbage cart. BUT, it must be completely dried out before placing the cans in your bin.

This event is open to Allen County residents only, which includes all residents of Fort Wayne. Some fees may apply.

For more information about Tox-Away Day, go to: www.acwastewatcher.org/household-hazardous-waste/tox-away-day

Watch Out

Can you believe the summer is pretty much over? It went way too fast for me! Kids have returned to school and that means they'll be walking to bus stops and cross walks. Please be on the lookout for kids as you SAFELY drive through Lafayette Place.

Do You Remember?

Brownie cameras
S&H Green stamps
Drive-in movies
The Fuller Brush man
Car Hops
Penny candy
Howdy Doody
Gas station attendants who pumped your gas
"Speedy" Alka-Seltzer
45 rpm records

Plastic Causing a Problem

The City has identified a problem in recycling throughout the city. Apparently the culprit is plastic.

Plastic bags create significant slow downs at materials recovery facilities where recycling is sorted. The bags get caught in the rapidly moving, spinning equipment. Eventually, the sorting line has to be shut down so that workers can crawl up and cut away the tangled plastic. (Editor's note: this is probably dangerous too!)

There is a simple solution to this — keep plastic bags OUT of your curbside recycle cart!

Plastic bags include plastic grocery, shopping, and produce bags; bread, sandwich, and food storage bags; newspaper sleeves; and dry cleaning bags.

Plastic film packaging is also a problem. Film packaging includes "air pillows" used to cushion shipments, bubble wrap, and Tyvek envelopes; case wraps from cases of water, toilet paper, and paper towels; and wraps from around furniture and electronics.

All of these materials are recyclable. However, when they end up in curbside recycling carts, they cause problems.

So, please — don't put your recyclables into plastic bags, don't put loose plastic bags or film into the cart, and don't toss in bundled plastic film.

Instead, recycle your plastic film and bags at a local grocery store or other retailer that provides a bin. Most Kroger, Lowe's, Meijer, Target, and Walmart stores have bins, which are normally located near the front entrance of the store.

Film plastic is also accepted at Recycle Logic in Fort Wayne and can be turned into new bags, pallets, crates, containers, pipe, and composite lumber. In fact, many bags are recycled at the Hilex Poly Bag Recycling Center in North Vernon, Indiana.

Do You Know Your House Style?

We're very fortunate that Don Orban lives in Lafayette Place, for many reasons, but a big one is because he's the Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Fort Wayne and knows a lot about the architecture in our neighborhood.

I thought it would be interesting to find out about the architecture in our neighborhood, so I asked Don to "educate me." This is interesting stuff, so I thought I'd share the information with you!

The most popular style of architecture in the neighborhood is Colonial Revival, followed by Tudor Revival, Craftsman and Minimal Traditional. Other styles include American Foursquare and Ranch.

Colonial Revival common identifying features of the style include: a symmetrically balanced facade with a central door and entry porch; classically inspired features such as pilasters, columns, pediments, fanlights, and sidelights; double-hung windows with multiple panes of glass; and prominent cornices decorated with dentils or modillions. **Examples are 4716 Lafayette Esplanade and 202 E. Fleming Ave.**

The **Tudor Revival** style became very popular after World War I. Tudors usually have steeply-pitched side gable roofs with at least one prominent front gable and large, decorative chimneys. Their most characteristic feature is decorative half-timbering with stucco or brick infill, which is usually found in gables or on second story walls. Brick, stucco, and stone wall surfaces were common, and windows were typically casements of wood or metal, in groups, with multiple panes of glass. **Examples are 4410 Champlain and 306 Glencoe Ave.**

Craftsman houses are simple in detail and massing, placing emphasis on "honesty" in their materials and construction. The best know expression of the Craftsman style is the "bungalow." Bungalows are one or one-and-a-half story houses of modest size with low-gabled roofs and wide porches, which are often integrated into the structure. **Examples are 4418 Champlain and 4410 Kenilworth.**

The depression of the 1930s brought a simplification in building. The **Minimal Traditional** style (c.1935-c.1956) reflect the Tudor or Colonial Revival styles, but roof pitches are lower, eaves are very shallow, and decorative detailing is minimal although there is often a large chimney. Small entry porches are common. **Examples are 4527 Lafayette Esplanade and 261 E. Maple Grove Ave.**

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