



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association  
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### Great Neighbors Make It Work

One of the great things about Lafayette Place is that we have neighbors who really want to keep our neighborhood beautiful and are willing to go that extra mile and help out when needed. Keeping our neighborhood beautiful takes work that I would bet not everyone is aware of, so I want to acknowledge these residents who have recently pitched in to ensure the beauty of Lafayette Place.

**Don Orban & Jeff Prentice** planted the flowers and plants in the new garden at Calhoun & Pettit. WOW, what a difference. They also put in all the mulch for a finished look.

**Rany Yaghi** prepared the area for the garden by digging up all the old grass, weeds, and debris left from the demolition of the house that used to be on this site. Resident **Chris Wood** transported the heavy equipment Rany needed to get this job done.

The company owned by resident **Reuben Butler** was chosen by the City grant to install the beautiful fence at this site. Reuben's bid was FAR less than other bids and he attributed that to "it's MY neighborhood!"

**Bob Gomez** added a shelf to both Little Free Libraries, creating more space for reading materials and keeping them better organized. I'm so pleased that both units are being well used!

**A BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL!**

### New Neighbors ABOUND!

We know that Lafayette Place is a great place to live and now several new residents have discovered this too!

Here is a list of new neighbors who moved into Lafayette Place in July and August:

Jared Applegate – Maple Grove

Richy Trujillo & Vanessa Pala – Maple Grove

Raven Morton – Marquette

Colton Bickel & Carly Miller – Lafayette Espl

Mary Navarro Florek - Montrose

Pamela Law – Montrose

Sunamita Sanchez – Pettit

Gabriela Apodeca & Jesus Carranza - Montrose

A warm **Lafayette Place Welcome** to you and your families. Thanks for choosing Lafayette Place as your new home – we're glad you're here!

### Watch Out

Can you believe that the end of summer is just a few weeks away? 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.

## Tox-Away Day

The Allen County Department of Environmental Management (ACDEM) has partnered with the City of Fort Wayne to expand ACDEM's weekly "Tox-Away Tuesdays" collection of household hazardous waste (HHW) for Allen County residents to **Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next dates are: September 7 and October 12.**

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. 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.

Minimal fees and material limits will apply. Review product guidelines, fees (cash or check only), and directions on their website: [bit.ly/2105RK4](http://bit.ly/2105RK4).

Location: 2260 Carroll Road. You MUST enter the facility from Fort Recovery Road via Lima Road.

## What is Your Address?

It is a City Ordinance that every owner of a building on any street is required to place the address numbers of that building in a **"conspicuous place on the front of the building."**

The Ordinance further states "the numbers shall consist of figures not less than three inches in length, and so made as to be distinctly or easily read."

**Failure to place house numbers in a manner described above can result in a fine.**

It is important that you comply with the City Ordinance for many reasons, not the least of which is to help Police and Fire departments find your house in an emergency.

## Trees Are Coming

Using the Parks Department "Citizens Match Program," 8 new trees will be planted in areas throughout the Esplanade where trees have died or an area is simply sparse. An additional 3 trees will be planted in the triangle bordered by Calhoun, Calumet and Sherwood Terrace.

City Arborist Derek Veit and Don Orban, LPIA Board Secretary and Master Gardner, have chosen trees to enhance the variety and beauty of our neighborhood.

The "Citizens Match Program" allows us to purchase trees that would normally cost \$200 - \$250 each for only \$50 each – and that includes installation by the Parks Department.

The addition of trees will continue the beauty of the Esplanade and Lafayette Place for future generations.

## Recycling Schedule

We are on "A" schedule for recycling and our recycle items are picked up in the yellow topped can **every other Thursday, with your garbage.**

For your convenience, the remainder of our 2019 **recycle dates** are listed below:

**August: 29**

**September: 12 & 26**

**October: 10 & 24**

**November: 7 & 21**

**December: 5 & 19**

Go to [www.recyclefortwayne.org](http://www.recyclefortwayne.org) for more information and to get a complete list of what you CAN and CANNOT put in your recycle bin!

**NOTE:** If your garbage or recycle bin is not picked up by sunset on the scheduled day, **call 311** to complain. If you notice your entire street has not been picked up, please tell the 311 Operator.

## **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 “311 Call to City Hall” 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.

There is a menu that will list some of the City departments or issues you want to address. Complaints or problems that address things such as streets, lighting, cars, etc. can all be directed to 311 – and of course trash complaints go here also! Neighborhood Code Enforcement for property issues such as tall grass or weeds, broken windows, unkempt property, etc. is also accessed through 311.

The 311 Operator will give you a control number of your report. Keep this number as a reference of your call as it might take several calls before action is taken.

**Always call 911 in an emergency.**

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