



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Mark Your Calendar

Below are the dates for our scheduled events for 2018. Details will be posted in future Newsletters, as we get closer to a specific event.

- Annual Association Meeting – Wed April 11
- Great American Clean Up – Sat May 21
- Dirt Day – Sat May 26
- Garage Sale – Fri June 15 & Sat June 16
- Night of Music – Sat July 28
- Trick or Treat – Sun October 28

Time Well Spent

Taking “Fido” out to do his “business” is not something you want to spend a lot of time on. But you **must** stay long enough to pick up after your pet.

This is not only a City Ordinance - it’s common courtesy. Legally, you can be fined if this City Ordinance is not followed.

Lafayette Place residents are fortunate to have three (3) Dog Waste bag centers and trash bins located in the Esplanade and an additional two (2) Dog Waste centers and trash bins in the green space at Lafayette & Pettit.

The size of your dog doesn’t matter. Animal waste can still be washed by rain into the sewers where it goes into our drinking water system. And adults and children can accidentally step in it.

Do your duty & pick up after your pet!

Yards & Medians NOT for Vehicles

There are some residents who are parking cars in their front yards or the grassy median between the sidewalk and the street.

THIS IS ILLEGAL. The City Ordinance 72.23 governing this action is as follows:

72.23 PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. Permitted and prohibited parking in residential districts is summarized as follows ("Y" means yes; "N" means no):

Parking of vehicles in Residential Districts				
	Driveway / Street / Alley / Yard			
Operable automobiles	Y	Y	Y	N
Operable vans	Y	Y	Y	N
Operable motorcycles	Y	Y	Y	N

Penalty

- (a) Inoperable and/or abandoned vehicles, \$100.
- (b) Illegal vehicles in residential area, \$100.
- (c) **Operable vehicles in yard, \$100.**

Each and every day such violation is committed or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such. All fines shall be payable to the Violations Bureau located in the office of the City Clerk.

If you have a neighbor who is in violation of this Ordinance, **speak to them first.** You can call 311 to report it if it continues. You must give the operator the house address in violation.

Another Scam Alert!!

There is a new scam going around and you should definitely be aware of it. A caller will state he/she is from Morton Snow Associates in Indianapolis and is calling to tell you that you are the second place winner in a Consumer Publishing lottery and you've won \$500,000!

This is BOGUS – it is a SCAM! The phone number they've been calling from is an Indianapolis area code – the last few times they've called from 317-516-0733, but they may be using other 317 numbers as well.

Association Dues

Thank you to all Lafayette Place residents who have mailed in their dues according to their 2018 Dues Statement, which was mailed out in early January. We're receiving payments daily and hope the balance of homeowners will be sending in their payments soon.

If you have outstanding dues, but cannot pay the full balance, call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608 or email westley.falcaro@frontier.com to arrange an **acceptable payment plan**. **If you have not received your statement, please let me know.**

Household Hints (from the Internet)

- ✓ Listerine will clean dirty grout
- ✓ Morton salt will absorb wine stains
- ✓ Peanut butter will get scratches out of CDs
- ✓ Pam cooking spray will dry finger nail polish

A Thought To Live By

Life is a gift to you.
The way you live your life is your gift
to those who come after.
Make it a fantastic one.

Be Safe With Natural Gas

With the cold we've been having, many people are looking for alternative or additional methods to staying warm. A common method is for people to turn on their stoves to help heat the house. Obviously, such a move is inviting the danger of a fire, whether you have an electric or gas stove, but gas stoves may pose an additional problem.

Although generally safe to use in the home, when natural gas does not burn up completely because of faulty installation or lack of ventilation, it emits a byproduct of **carbon monoxide**.

Carbon monoxide, CO, is a dangerous gas that you can't see or smell. It happens when appliances that burn fuel aren't working right. Carbon monoxide can make you very sick. You can often tell the difference between the flu and CO poisoning because you won't have a fever, everyone in your family may feel sick, or the symptoms might disappear when you leave the house. When humans breathe in carbon monoxide, it gets into our blood and stops the oxygen from getting to our brain.

Natural gas is odorless and highly flammable. Gas companies add a "rotten-egg" odor as a safety precaution because leaks, although rare, can occur.

Here are some safety tips if you suspect a natural gas leak:

- Whether there is a faint or strong gas odor, get out of your house **immediately**.
- Don't try to locate the source of smell/leak.
- Don't touch anything electrical, including switches and doorbells, and don't use a flashlight or telephone. ANY electric spark (even static electricity) could cause an explosion.
- Call the gas company from a neighbor's house or your cell phone once you are outside and far away from your house.

Consider installing gas detectors in your home. Check with NIPSCO for information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & PLAN TO ATTEND!

The Lafayette Place Annual Association Meeting Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**SHAWNEE BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Corner of Calhoun and Noll Avenue**

Yes, April seems like a long ways away, but this is the time to start thinking about your role in our neighborhood and any issues you'd want to bring up at the meeting.

Please remember, the meeting is not a "gripe session," but a time to share positive thoughts, plans and ideas to enhance living in Lafayette Place.

Elections to fill Board positions for the 2018-2020 term will be held. If you are interested in serving a two-year term on the LPIA Board of Directors, please contact Westley Falcaro by March 30, 2018, at 456-1608 or email at westley.falcaro@frontier.com.

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