



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association  
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## Recycling Schedule

As you probably know, garbage is picked up in Lafayette Place every **Thursday**. But it seems that the date for **recycling** pick up gets confusing.

We are on “B” schedule for recycling and our recycle items are picked up in the yellow topped can **every other week**.

For your convenience, our 2018 recycle dates per the City of Fort Wayne are listed below:

### 2018 Recycle Dates for Lafayette Place:

**January 25**

**February 8 & 22**

**March: 8 & 22**

**April: 5 & 19**

**May: 3 & 17**

**June: 1 & 14 & 28 \*\* See note below**

**July: 12 & 26**

**August: 9 & 23**

**September: 7 & 20 \*\* See note below**

**October: 4 & 18**

**November: 1 & 15 & 29**

**December: 13 & 28 \*\* See note below**

**\*\* Some dates listed are on a Friday instead of Thursday as Garbage & Recycle Service will be one day behind following a holiday.**

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!

## Beautiful Christmas Decorations

Thanks once again to Jeff Prentice and Don Orban for the beautiful Christmas decorations they put up in the Lafayette Place Gazebo. **Unfortunately** someone felt it was necessary to break one of the wood snowflakes. We sincerely hope this spree of vandalism will STOP!

## Speaking of Vandalism ...

Vandals have broken the doors to BOTH of the Little Free Libraries. We have seen several instances of vandalism to the boxes for the last 2 years. As this was originally a project through the Rotary Club, we'll contact that organization regarding repairs and to evaluate whether to continue with the Little Free Libraries or **take them down**. It is a sad thing that a few might deprive others of nice, free reading materials!!

## Dues Statements

2018 Association Dues Statements were mailed out the second week of January.

Between personal letters, payment plans, and legal actions, we were successful in collecting \$3,267.20 in back (outstanding) dues in 2017.

If you have outstanding dues, but cannot pay the full balance, call Westley Falcara at 456-1608 to arrange an **acceptable payment plan**. If you have not received your statement, please let me know.

## SCAM Alert!

Recently, callers claiming to be from **NIPSCO** have contacted customers demanding payment through a prepaid card. These calls are **NOT** from NIPSCO or anyone affiliated with NIPSCO.

Remember these tips to protect yourself and your personal information from suspicious callers:

■ **Call NIPSCO first** – If you aren't sure about a phone call, email, program, offer, or person claiming to be affiliated with NIPSCO, call the 24-hour Customer Care Center at 1-800-464-7726.

■ **Guard your personal information** – Never give personal information, including Social Security numbers and banking information, to unconfirmed sources.

■ **Know your payment options** – NIPSCO will never ask for a pre-paid debit card or money gram as a payment method.

If someone visits your home:

■ **Ask to see an ID** – NIPSCO employees and contractors carry photo ID badges.

■ **Use caution with cash** – NIPSCO employees **do not** collect cash payments nor deliver cash refunds or rebates to customers. **Do not** send cash through the mail.

For more information about scams, visit the NIPSCO website at [NIPSCO.com](http://NIPSCO.com).

## Do You Know Why 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

## Hug the Curb

As you all know, the streets in Lafayette Place are not overly wide. School buses, Fed-Ex and UPS trucks, as well as Garbage Trucks sometime have a difficult time driving through our streets when many cars are parked on the street.

If you **MUST** park on the street instead of a driveway or garage, **PLEASE** park as close to the curb as possible. That small space between the actual curb and the street is not the line definition, park in it!

## FREE Tax Preparation Services

From January 27 through April 7, various places in Fort Wayne are offering free tax preparation services to people with incomes under \$54,000.

**There are specific requirements and documents you will need to take. Call 211 for information & details.**

## Car Safety Tips in Winter Weather

Whether you're traveling local streets or going on a trip, here are some tips to help you avoid the worst of winter hazards and keep you and your loved ones safe.

- Don't let gas tank get below ¼
- Keep your tire pressure at recommended levels
- Carry in your car:
  - ✓ flashlight
  - ✓ flares
  - ✓ fix-a-flat
  - ✓ first aid kit
  - ✓ empty gas can
  - ✓ extra warm clothing
  - ✓ warm blanket

# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & PLAN TO ATTEND!**

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

**LOCATION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER**

As a property owner in Lafayette Place, you are automatically a member of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association (LPIA). The Annual Association meeting is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about your neighborhood and what it takes to ensure Lafayette Place continues to be a great place in which to live!

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 at 456-1608 or email at [westley.falcaro@frontier.com](mailto:westley.falcaro@frontier.com).

## **2016 – 2018 LPIA Board of Directors**

### **Officers**

**President - Westley Falcaro**  
**Vice-President- Michelle Wood**  
**Secretary – Don Orban**

### **Members**

**Anne Gregory**  
**Kevin Rarey**  
**Wayne Reeves**

