



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association  
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## A New Decade!

Happy New Year everyone! Can you believe we're starting a new decade? 2020 sounds so futuristic, but here we are. Let's all work together to make this a banner year for Lafayette Place by maintaining or establishing these few things:

1. good relationships with neighbors
2. clean & well maintained houses & yards
3. up-to-date Association dues
4. compliance with LPIA Covenants
5. participation in LPIA activities
6. support for the LPIA Board of Directors

If each individual resident works to accomplish these points, Lafayette Place will continue to be a neighborhood where people want to live and prosper!

## Welcome

There were 34 new residents who decided to make Lafayette Place their home in 2019! It is becoming apparent that Lafayette Place is an exceptional neighborhood made up of wonderful, diverse people and beautiful, well-maintained homes. **Welcome to all!**

If you have new neighbors, I hope you have welcomed them and shown them how friendly we are in Lafayette Place!

## 2020 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.

**Your garbage & recycle bins must be 3 feet apart & at the curb by 6am for the truck to pick up!**

For your convenience, our 2020 recycle dates per the City of Fort Wayne are listed below.

### 2020 Recycle Dates for Lafayette Place:

January 16 & 30  
February 13 & 27  
March: 12 & 26  
April: 9 & 23  
May: 7 & 21  
June: 4 & 18  
July: 2 & 16 & 30  
August: 13 & 27  
September: 11 & 24 \*\* see below  
October: 8 & 22  
November: 5 & 19  
December: 3 & 17 & 31

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

## Christmas Tree Disposal

If you still haven't disposed of your Christmas tree, Christmas trees will NOT be picked up with regular trash. Free drop-off locations for cut, real Christmas trees are available until Jan 18 at the Allen County Highway Dept – 2234 Carroll Road and the Biosolids Handling Facility – 6202 Lake Avenue.

Ornaments, tinsel, lights, stands, and plastic bags **must be removed from the tree before it is dropped off.**

**Wreaths may be placed in your garbage cart.**

## Dues Statements

2020 Association Dues Statements will be mailed out the second week in January. The Statement shows all assessments and all payments for your property. Association Dues are **mandatory** and are part of the deed to your property. Dues collection can be enforced legally as provided for in the Restrictive Covenants.

**Avoid legal action** - If you have outstanding dues, but cannot pay the full balance, call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608 to arrange an **acceptable payment plan.**

## Mark Your Calendar

Here are the dates for 2020 Lafayette Place events:

- ◆ **Annual Association Meeting – Wed April 8**
- ◆ **Great American Clean Up – Sat May 2**
- ◆ **Dirt Day – Sat May 23**
- ◆ **Garage Sale – Fri & Sat June 12 & 13**
- ◆ **Night of Music – Sat July 25**
- ◆ **Trick or treat – Sunday Oct 25**

## 2019 Wrap Up

A number of projects that had been in the works for a long time finally came to fruition in 2019.

The most noticeable one, of course, was the completion of the lot at the corner of Calhoun & Pettit. A Lafayette Place sign was erected identifying our neighborhood, a garden was created at the sign, a new fence highlights the lot, and 4 trees were planted along the fence.

And speaking of trees, eleven (11) new trees were purchased and installed through a special program with the Parks Department. Three of the trees were placed in the triangle area at Calhoun, Sherwood Terrace and Calumet, and the remaining eight were planted throughout the Esplanade. These trees were placed in areas that had never had a tree or where trees had died and been removed. The trees vary in species and will continue the look and legacy of Lafayette Place.

The Night of Music continued to be our most popular event. About 200 people enjoyed the July evening with the Todd Harrold Band, and the weather couldn't have been more perfect.

Unfortunately, the same can't be said about Halloween in 2019. There were about half the amount of "trick or treaters" and fewer homes participating. The small quantity of kids was especially noticeable at the Gazebo, which featured characters from T.A.G. Art as well as neighbors in costume. This event will be discussed at the Annual Meeting to determine its future.

2019 also saw our first success in a lawsuit against a company using a house as a rental, which is against our Restrictive Covenants. This win sets a legal precedent for the LPIA Board to use in the future.

Dues collection continued to be a problem. Annual Association dues are a minimal \$25.00 per lot, per year, yet we have thousands of dollars in outstanding dues. The lack of anticipated dues makes it difficult to maintain the LPIA budget and upkeep of the neighborhood.

## **PLEASE Dispose Of Liter Properly**

NOT IN OUR STREETS, THE ESPLANADE, PARK, OR ANY OF OUR GREEN SPACES.

There are three garbage bins located throughout the Esplanade: south at the intersection with Fleming, middle at the dead-end with Glencoe, and north at the intersection with Congress. Additionally, there is one on the west side of the Gazebo, at least one in the park, and two in the green space at Lafayette and Pettit.

If you are walking throughout the neighborhood and see trash, how about picking it up and disposing of it in one of these bins? If we all do our part, we can keep Lafayette Place clean and beautiful!

**BUT, these garbage bins are NOT for your personal household garbage!** In the past several months, these bins have been filled and overflowed with someone's personal household garbage - especially the garbage bin at Fleming and the Esplanade. These bins are not picked up by the City garbage collection; **they are emptied and paid for with LPIA funds.**

Individual household garbage is collected every Thursday. If your garbage is set out at the curb in front of your house at the appropriate day and time, and is not collected, call 311 and report it, but **DO NOT** place your household garbage in the bins located throughout the Esplanade, in the park, and in our green spaces.

**Thank you**

### **LPIA Board of Directors**

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