



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Happy New Year!

Goodbye to 2020 with the health, economic, educational, societal, and recreational setbacks! Whew! Let's start 2021 with a positive attitude and outlook for ourselves, our immediate households, our neighbors, and finally our entire community.

Hopefully small things like this will help us prosper until the world returns to normalcy!

Holiday Recycling YES & NO

“YES” Items for your Recycle Cart:

- non-metallic wrapping paper and gift bags (handles removed)
- tissue paper
- cardboard
- gift boxes and shoe boxes
- aluminum foil and food trays (rinsed to remove food)
- greeting cards, envelopes, gift cards, tags
- old calendars (remove metal or plastic coils; staples are OK)

“NO” Items for your Recycle Cart:

- foil or metal-looking wrapping paper or gift bags
- ribbons, bows, beads, string, garland, or tinsel
- holiday decorations (lights, bells, ornaments, etc.)
- bubble wrap
- plastics toys
- batteries, electronics, or Christmas trees

Christmas Tree Disposal

If you still haven't disposed of your Christmas tree, it WILL NOT be picked up with regular trash. Free drop-off locations for cut real Christmas trees are available until Jan 16 at the Allen County Highway Dept - 2234 Carroll Road, the Biosolids Handling Facility - 6202 Lake Avenue, and the New Haven Utility Shop - 2201 Summit Street, New Haven. Call ACDEM 449-7878 with questions.

Simply take your live tree to one of the drop-off sites and leave it in the designated area.

Ornaments, tinsel, lights, stands, and plastic bags must be removed from the tree before it is dropped off. Artificial trees, wreaths and garland are not accepted.

Wreaths may be placed in your garbage cart.

I&M Announces Scams are Up

Indiana Michigan (I&M) has announced that Scam calls regarding their service are on the rise. I&M will never call you to demand immediate payment, and they do NOT disconnect without any prior warning. Scammers can spoof telephone numbers to look legitimate and will often ask for prepaid debit cards or account information. If you get a call that seems suspicious, hang up and contact them: 800-311-4634.

HANG UP if the caller demands:

- Immediate payment
- Bank or credit card info
- A Prepaid card, wire transfer, or gift card

We Continue to Grow!

Lafayette Place welcomed 32 new residents in 2020! Realtors are saying our neighborhood is one of the hottest and best-selling neighborhoods in Fort Wayne.

Property values in Lafayette Place have increased and buyers are paying list price and even above asking price! This growth has a lot to do with our beautiful and well-maintained common areas and your work on keeping your home in good condition; providing excellent “curb appeal.”

This data supports what we have always known:
Lafayette Place is a GREAT place to live!

If you have a new neighbor, be sure to give them a warm Lafayette Place Welcome!

Don't Invite Thieves

Don't advertise your Christmas gifts by placing the boxes at the curb for garbage pickup. Break those boxes down, cut them up, and recycle them!

Dues Statements

Invoices for your 2021 Lafayette Place Association dues will be mailed out by the 2nd week of January 2021. Dues are to be paid in full at the beginning of the year.

Remember, Association Dues are Mandatory and part of your deed. Failure to pay your dues is enforceable by legal means.

Avoid legal action - Your Statement will list any outstanding dues or liens. If you have outstanding dues and need a **payment plan**, call Westley at 456-1608.

We Enjoyed the Beauty

Once again, **Jeff Prentice** decorated the Esplanade Gazebo for the Holidays. It was truly a beautiful site for all to enjoy. Jeff's creativity and time are truly appreciated!!

THANKS JEFF!

LPIA Board Info

As I'm sure you're all aware, the 2020 Annual Association meeting was cancelled due to Covid, and it looks like the 2021 Annual Association meeting will also not be held due to the pandemic. Should that change, notification will be sent out.

However, the LPIA Board of Directors continues to work on behalf of the residents in Lafayette Place. Monthly Board meetings are being conducted via Zoom for the safety of our Board members.

No Annual meeting in 2020 meant no election of new Board members for a 2-year term. Fortunately, the 4 Board members whose terms would have expired all agreed to extend their terms to 2022. Those members were Anne Gregory, Amy Grubbs, Kevin Rarey, and Michelle Wood.

In 2021, there will be 3 open positions on the Board, but again we do not foresee an open Annual meeting in April of 2021 due to the pandemic. The Board members whose terms will expire in 2021 are Westley Falcaro, Don Orban, and Wayne Reeves. At this time, all have agreed to continue for terms to 2023 unless an actual in-person vote at a 2021 Annual meeting could be held and other people are voted in.

In November, Board member Kevin Rarey asked to be removed from the Board due to outside duties. In accordance with Section 3 (h) of the Association By-Laws, the Board elected Nick Wybo as interim Director to complete Kevin's term which will end in 2022.

Nick is a Systems Manager for Ash Brokerage and brings business and computer expertise to the LPIA Board. He is very community oriented and is excited to contribute to the neighborhood he and partner Autumn Ault joined in 2018. Autumn is a 5th grade teacher who continues educating her students both in-person and online. They have made many updates to their home on Fleming and their household has expanded to include a beautiful Husky/German Shepherd puppy. As there was no Board meeting in December, we will welcome Nick to the LPIA Board at his first meeting in January!

Lafayette Place 2021 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 2021 recycle dates are listed below.

January 14 & 28
February 11 & 25
March: 11 & 25
April: 8 & 22
May: 6 & 20
June: 3 & 17
July: 1. 15 & 29
August: 12 & 26
September: 10 & 23 ** see below
October: 7 & 21
November: 4 & 18
December: 2, 16 & 30

**** 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 for more information and to get a complete list of what you CAN and CANNOT put in your recycle bin!

LPIA Board of Directors

Officers

President - Westley Falcaro

Vice-President- Don Orban

Treasurer – Amy Grubbs

Secretary – Michele Wood

Members

Anne Gregory

Wayne Reeves

Nick Wybo