



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Great Response to Our Tour

The ARCH/Lafayette Place Home & Garden Tour has been considered a resounding success for our neighborhood! 160 people toured 11 houses and the constant comment was “I never knew this beautiful neighborhood was here!”

Even the artists/vendors who set up tents in the Esplanade were amazed that this beautiful area is largely a hidden jewel!

Although ARCH expected a considerably larger crowd, the competing events throughout the City all vied for attendees. I think everyone here was happy with the turnout and I honestly don't know how each house would have handled 5 or 6 times the number of people who walked through!

The Tour definitely dispelled the idea that the entire south side of Fort Wayne is not a good place to live and was great PR for Lafayette Place!

Speaking of Good PR

The dedication of the greenspace at Lafayette & Pettit also garnered great PR for our neighborhood! On June 19th, Mayor Henry and Westley Falcaro cut the ribbon to officially dedicate this beautiful addition to Lafayette Place. Several City officials and Lafayette Place residents attended.

Coverage included a small article in the Journal Gazette and TV coverage on WANE, WPTA and WFFT television stations.

Rain = Mosquitoes & West Nile

This has been an extremely WET summer so far! So this is an important time to remember about the West Nile virus: it is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).

Out of the 60 different varieties of mosquitoes, there are three types that have been found to be West Nile virus carriers in the Fort Wayne area, and another type that carries LaCrosse encephalitis.

Mosquitoes need water to multiply and standing water can be found almost everywhere, so it is very important to keep your property cleaned up and grass mowed.

Clogged gutters, rimless tires, tall grass and weeds also harbor mosquitoes; even a wet plastic bottle cap has enough water for the female mosquito to lay her eggs.

Prevention includes spraying clothing with repellants containing DEET and applying insect repellant sparingly to exposed skin. Repellants should NOT be applied to children three years old and under. Consider wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors during peak mosquito times.

For more information about West Nile, go to: www.allencountyhealth.com - click on Vector Control.

Lafayette Place Garage Sales

The Garage Sale that was held in June did not see many residents holding a sale. The few who did said they did OK, but not great. One of the factors may be that several neighborhoods surrounding us also had garage sales on the same weekend, thus attendees may have already spent their money and tired of trekking through neighborhoods.

The lack of participation has resulted in the LPIA Board believing we should re-think the date of our summer garage sale. Additionally, at the Annual meeting in April, residents voted to hold a second sale in the Fall. This sale would not include paid advertising, but would include putting up all our Garage Sale signs and placing information on our Facebook page and on Craigslist in addition to the Newsletter.

If these actions do not see an increase in residents' participation, Lafayette Place supported garage sales may disappear.

The LPIA Board of Directors would like your input on this. Please call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608 and weigh-in on the future of addition-wide, Lafayette Place supported garage sales.

Welcome!

Although there are many recent newcomers to Lafayette Place, it's almost impossible to meet them all and welcome them to our great neighborhood!

But I did manage to track down a few, so help me give a warm welcome to:

Barbar Ulrick
Kayla & Henry Smith
Christina Salazar & John Murray

We welcome you and your families and hope to get to know all of you in the near future! If any of these people are your new neighbors ... show them a warm Lafayette Place Welcome!

Trees in Median - Update

In the May-June Newsletter, information was given regarding an opportunity to purchase a tree for the median in front of your home. We did not receive any requests for purchase/participation.

However, it was discovered that the complete lack of trees on Fleming between Lafayette Esplanade and Lafayette Street was due to the resurfacing of the street and replacement of curbs. Therefore, the City is responsible for replacing trees on that portion of Fleming.

According to Derek Veit, the City Arborist, the trees will be planted between October 1 and December 31, 2017.

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 City 311 resource 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. Complaints or problems with individuals and things such as streets, lighting, cars, animals, trash pick up, etc. can all be directed to 311. The 311 Operator will give you a control number of your report. Keep this number handy as it might take several calls before action is taken.

Always call 911 in an emergency.

Desk Sergeant for non-emergency issues: 427-1222

**A NIGHT OF MUSIC
AT THE GAZEBO**

**Lafayette Place Esplanade
(between Congress & Sherwood Terrace)**

Saturday July 22, 2017

Todd Harrold & Nick Bobay

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

FREE & Open to the Public

**Bring friends & family and
A lawn chair or blanket (outdoor venue)**

Vendor – Hot Dog Boyz will be selling: Hot dogs, Nachos, Root Beer Floats, Sodas, Chips & more!



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