



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association  
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### Some Local Info Re COVID19

You may already be aware of some of this information, but we're including it here in case you don't.

**School Closing** - Governor Holcomb has extended the state of emergency an additional 30 days, therefore **all schools in Indiana will be closed until May 1.**

**Free food programs for kids** – Fort Wayne Community Schools will provide free meals for children from birth through high school. Pick up times are 10:30am to 1:30pm at all schools. Children must be present to pick up meals which will be distributed by **drive-up or walk up.**

**At Harrison Hill Elementary**, for elementary school kids meals, go to the back of the school on Buell Drive, door 4 – walk-up or drive-up.

**The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Kids Cafe** program meals will be available at **Jennings, Cooper, Weisser and McMillen Centers Monday through Friday between 4 and 5 p.m. for K-12 students.**

- \*The meals will be offered for youth to pick up and take with them.
- \* The meals are first-come, first-served and will be served as supplies last each day.

**Taxes** - The state of Indiana will align with the federal government to delay state income tax payments from April 15 to July 15. The U.S. Treasury extended the deadline to pay federal income tax by 90 days.

### Annual Meeting Cancelled

The LPIA Annual meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, is **CANCELLED** due to the restrictions resulting from the Coronavirus.

Our meeting was to be held at the Shawnee Public Library, however, all libraries will be closed until at least April 11 and gatherings of more than 10 people have been restricted.

We will notify everyone of a new meeting date when it is rescheduled.

Thank you for your understanding - be safe!

### Ordering Food?

As you know, all restaurants and bars in Fort Wayne have been ordered to close until further notice as a precaution to the Coronavirus.

However, you **can** order food for delivery or take-out if a restaurant is offering that. If you plan to order food during this time, the 07 Pub on Broadway at Bluffton Road is donating 100 percent of it's take-out sales to their employees during the time they are closed.

You may want to support this south side business if you are going to order food.

**07 Pub  
3516 Broadway  
456-6807**

You may also consider Waiter on the Way (local company), Grub Hub, Door Dash, or Uber Eats.

## Abandoned & Inoperable Vehicles

City ordinance 72.23 makes it illegal to abandon a vehicle on public or private property. Partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, or junked vehicles also may not be left within the city. **State law defines an abandoned vehicle as, "a vehicle that is three (3) or more model years old and mechanically inoperable, and is left on private property for more than twenty (20) days."** If a vehicle is tagged on private property and the owner makes no appointment within 20 days to show that it is operable, the vehicle may be towed and a \$100 ticket could be issued to the owner.

Additionally, City Code requires all vehicles parked on private property and within public view to have **valid license plates and current registration stickers. Vehicles without valid license plates or current registration tags will receive notice of the violation; tickets and even towing could result from non-compliance.**

**Per the City ordinance vehicles are NOT ALLOWED to be parked in a yard or on the grass.** Vehicles must be parked completely on an approved surface such as gravel, asphalt, concrete or pavers. Cars parked on the grass are subject to being tagged, requiring the owner to move the vehicle within 24 hours or incur a fine. Violators can receive tickets of \$100 per day, per violation.

**To make a complaint to Neighborhood Code about a vehicle on private property, call 311.** An officer will be sent out within the next 2 working days to check the complaint. If you would like to submit a complaint electronically, e-mail:

[pamela.burns@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:pamela.burns@cityoffortwayne.org)

**Please provide the following information when reporting an abandoned vehicle:**

1. Address where the vehicle is located. (Exact address please.)
2. Is car in the grass or in the driveway?
3. Type, color, and year of car (if possible).
4. If available, a plate number would be helpful.

## Important Recycling Information

Recycling items must be placed loosely in your recycle cart OR use paper bags to bag recyclables.

**DO NOT use plastic bags** for your recyclables as they damage machinery and will just get tossed in the landfill.

This includes:

- \* No plastic grocery bags
- \* No plastic bread wrappers
- \* No plastic newspaper wrappers

You will find bag drop-off bins for these items at the entrances of both Kroger at Southgate and Walmart at Southtown Crossing.

The reason behind this is that staff, who sort recyclables at the Materials Recovery Facility, could miss the plastic bags as they sort the non-recyclable items on the fast-moving conveyor belt line. When the plastic bags get caught in the equipment, staff must shut down the line to have somebody go in and cut them out. This is time consuming, costly, and **dangerous.**

For more information, contact the City of Fort Wayne's Solid Waste Department at 311 or [311@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:311@cityoffortwayne.org).

## Citizen-Match Tree Planting Program

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Citizen Match Tree Planting Program. For a \$50 contribution, you can have a tree planted within the Right-of-Way in front of your house.

Any tree that has been planted in the public right of way is a street tree. The public right of way's width varies from street to street, but it is generally defined as the area from the street side curb inward to a distance of approximately 8 feet. This area is used for sidewalks, utility lines, and street trees.

**Deadline to apply for a tree is July 1, 2020. Planting of trees will start in mid-October.**

Further details and the application can be found by visiting [fortwayneparks.org/street-trees](http://fortwayneparks.org/street-trees) or by calling 260-427-6400.

## **Something Old, Something Funny !!**

I thought we could all use something other than depressing news during this unprecedented crisis. So here are some historical trivia as well as funny quips. I hope you enjoy them!

- \* You know you're old anytime you're entering your DOB with a smartphone and to get to your year you have to spin that thing like you're on Wheel of Fortune!
- \* You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- \* At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase 'minding your 'P's and Q's'.
- \* Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale' and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and thus we have the term 'gossip.'
- \* You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!
- \* Today is the oldest you've ever been; yet the youngest you'll ever be. So - enjoy this day while it lasts!

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