



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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So Much Happening!

It's been a while since the last Newsletter (my apology – health & personal issues competed for my time) so there's a LOT to tell you.

The first thing to share is that Lafayette Place has been chosen as the featured neighborhood for this year's ARCH Home & Garden Tour! We are SO excited about this honor. In case you don't know, ARCH is Fort Wayne's historic preservation organization and is well known for its annual Home & Garden Tours. ARCH anticipates we will have between 500 & 800 people for this tour.

There are 10 houses and 1 garden only participating in our Tour. Participating homes are:

125 E. Fleming – Westley Falcaro & Bob Gomez
202 E. Fleming – Byron & Lorna Ulrick
208 E. Fleming – Ashley Mansfield
328 E. Fleming – Heather & Dan Carroll - **garden only**
4302 Champlain – Lisa Madrid
4418 Champlain – Gayle Topp
4527 E. Lafayette Esplanade – Don Orban
4535 E. Lafayette Esplanade – Sandra Zozulia
4538 W. Lafayette Esplanade – John Lehner
4621 E. Lafayette Esplanade – Nathan & Jana Pharr
4660 Calumet – Bill & Sherry Mardin

Additionally, there will be food trucks selling delicious food & drinks. We are also working to bring various artists to display & sell their wares in the Esplanade. ARCH will also have a "Silent Auction" in their tent set up in the Esplanade. These activities will be located in the Gazebo area of the Esplanade.

ARCH will handle all the publicity, media, and ticket sales.

LPIA has procured \$3,700 in sponsorships! Our share of the expenses comes to \$2,200, which means we'll have a profit of \$1,700 BEFORE any ticket sales! All profits from ticket sales will be shared equally between ARCH and LPIA.

This will be a GREAT event and a wonderful opportunity to promote Lafayette Place. So it is REALLY IMPORTANT that ALL our properties look their best! PLEASE make sure your grass is cut, weeds are pulled, and no debris or trash is visible.

This is also the perfect incentive for any "sprucing up" that needs to be done – i.e. paint touch ups, gutter cleaning or repair or any thing else to make your property as attractive as possible.

As previously stated, we are expecting between 500 & 800 visitors strolling through our neighborhood for this one-day event. Let's make sure Lafayette Place is seen as one of the best and most beautiful neighborhoods in Fort Wayne!

DATE: Saturday, June 24

TIME: 10am – 4pm

TICKETS: \$12 in advance / \$15 day of

Tickets may be purchased online at:
ARCHFW.org or ARCH office – 818
Lafayette Street, next to United Way.

And MORE Things Happening ...

Great American Clean Up – Sat May 20

Lafayette Place will again participate in the City-wide Great American Clean Up. Our focus will be on the landscaping around the Gazebo and trash pick up throughout the Esplanade. If you haven't already signed up, you can still call Westley at 456-1608 or just come to the Gazebo, Saturday, May 20 at 9:30am. We'll work for about 2 hours.

Dirt Day – Sat May 27

6 cubic yards of peat & black dirt mixture will be split between the north & south ends of the Esplanade. Residents may take one wheel barrel of dirt until 12noon, after which time they may take an unlimited amount.

Garage Sale – Fri June 9 & Sat June 10

An ad will run in both the Journal Gazette and the New-Sentinel on Friday and Saturday. This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of stuff you haven't used in a long time or no longer need ... and make a little money at the same time!

Be A Good Neighbor

Summer weather allows us to open our windows and doors and spend more time outdoors. But summertime also brings out noises and activities that can be disturbing to our neighbors.

Make sure ONLY YOUR household is listening to your music, laughter, and conversations. Sounds are magnified at night, so be considerate when you have outside gatherings and cookouts. And **please do not leave the volume cranked up on your car radio while it is parked outside.**

Racing and revving up vehicles (whether an automobile, motorcycle, moped, or whatever!) create a noise disturbance and a safety issue.

As always, we hope that neighbor talking to neighbor about a problem or disturbance will result in a happy ending and an enjoyable summer for all.

Do You Want A Tree?

Age and disease has eliminated many trees in medians throughout our neighborhood. Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation has a program to purchase trees to be placed in the median in front of a home.

There are specific criteria for planting and the type of tree that is acceptable, and an application form must be completed online by July 1. **The cost is \$50.00 per tree and the Parks Department will plant them if we order as an Association.**

Lafayette Place resident Cheryl McCarthy has volunteered to be the contact person/organizer for this project. So, if you want a tree planted in front of your home, **call Cheryl McCarthy no later than Friday, June 23 at 458-9265.**

One application and order with all locations will then be turned in. Checks for your tree should be made payable to LPIA and we will then pay with one check to cover all orders. No order will be placed without payment.

The trees will be planted between October 1 and December 31, 2017. If you have any questions, call Cheryl at 458-9265.

Summary of LPIA Annual Meeting

A quorum of 30 residents attended the 2017 Annual Meeting on April 5, 2017. Highlights included:

- Summary of events & activities for 2016 & 2017
- Update on the Lafayette & Pettit green space
- Upgrade of computer program for LPIA financial data
- Back dues collected through individual communications and/or legal actions = \$4,296.20
- Liens placed for dues collections
- Board elections for 2017-2019
- Vote to move Annual Meeting date to the second week in April due to Spring Break

Lafayette Park
2017 Summer Playground Program
June 5 – July 28
Mon – Fri 9:00am – 5:00pm

Each year, the Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department provides a **FREE** summer program in Lafayette Park for children 5 years and older. Parks Department staff supervise the program and children are free to come & go as they like, there is **NO** registration needed.

Some of the activities include kickball, t-ball, Mancala, basketball, arts & crafts and the Kohl's Healthy Kids fitness program. **FREE lunches are provided by Fort Wayne Community Schools between 11am and 12noon.**

This program includes a Summer Carnival
Wednesday, June 14 from 5pm – 7pm

For more information, contact the
Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department 427-6000

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