



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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NEW Recycle Schedule

Recycle bins throughout Lafayette Place will now be picked up on **Schedule A**. It is still a Thursday with your garbage, but the actual **dates will change** starting **the week of November 5**.

The September Newsletter published dates for the Recycle pick up, but unfortunately, that was before the City & Red River changed all the schedules!

So the correct Recycle dates for the remainder of 2018 are:

November: 8 & 23* (*on Friday, due to Thanksgiving)

December: 6 & 20

Lafayette Place/South Leaf Pick Up

- Round 1 – Nov 5-9
- Round 2 – Dec 3-7

- Rake leaves to the median strip by 7am on the first day of our scheduled week
- DO NOT put leaves in the street
- DO NOT put leaves in the garbage or recycling cart
- DO NOT burn leaves – violation of City code & a \$50 - \$75 fine
- DO NOT place leaves in storm drains

If you use Biodegradable paper bags you can call 311 for pick up anytime during the pick up season. The bags will be picked up within 2 business days after your call.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Available

The Allen County Department of Environmental Management (ACDEM) has expanded the household hazardous waste (HHW) program to fulfill a community need.

Household hazardous waste products can now be dropped off every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at ACDEM's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 2260 Carroll Road.

Acceptable items include: oil-based paints, propane tanks, automotive oils, herbicides & pesticides, fertilizers, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals, household batteries, household cleaners, and fluorescent bulbs.

There are minimal cash-only fees. Review the fees and guidelines on ACDEM's website prior to making a trip to the facility.

For more information call 260-449-7878, or go to the ACDEM website at:

www.acwastewatcher.org/household-hazardous-waste/facility

They Were Determined!

Sunday, Oct 28 was Halloween in Lafayette Place. Although it was cold, rainy, and windy, there were still some trick or treaters who braved the weather for a treat! Although we usually see between 300 – 400 kids, we may have gotten around 100, who were determined to fill their bags and satisfy a sweet tooth.

The Characters for the Gazebo were cancelled due to weather for the first time in MANY years! Hopefully, that won't happen again.

Heating Help Available

Temperatures are dropping! If you need assistance keeping warm, following is a list of social service agencies that may offer utility assistance:

Catholic Charities	422-5625
CANI	423-3546
Salvation Army	744-2311
Wayne Township Trustee	449-7000

Are Your Dues Paid Up?

It's hard to believe but we're heading towards the end of the year and there are many residents who have not paid their \$25.00 dues for 2018.

If you live here, you are automatically a member of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association. Lafayette Place is very unique in that **membership in the Lafayette Place Improvement Association is legally tied to the deed of the property. Association dues are mandatory and do not move with the person.** Since they are bound to the property, dues are the responsibility of the current owner of a property.

We have tried to collect outstanding dues ourselves over the last few years with some success, but unfortunately, there are still many homeowners who are far behind in their responsibility.

Outstanding dues of \$100 or more will result in legal action, as provided for in the Lafayette Place Restrictive Covenants. If you have outstanding dues, but cannot pay the full balance, call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608 to arrange an **acceptable payment plan.**

Dues Statements for 2019 will be mailed out around the first week in January. Your statement will show your payment history and list any outstanding dues.

Help Prevent Flooding

In autumn, fallen leaves can block storm drain inlets causing standing water and flooding even during smaller rain storms. You can protect your property, keep Lafayette Place flood free, and help ensure that emergency and other vehicles have access to our neighborhood by doing the following:

- Remove leaves and other material from your gutters and storm sewer drains near your home
- If you notice that your street is flooding, clear accumulated leaves and debris from storm sewer inlets to keep the water flowing.
- Manage yard waste properly by keeping it out of the street and storm drain.
- Never pour chemicals, grease, oil, paint, or any other fluids down storm sewers.

City Utilities cleans the city's approximately 19,500 inlets about once every three years. But the City also relies on your efforts as a good neighbor to reduce flooding and protect our neighborhood.

Keep Lafayette Place Clean, Safe & Flood Free

More New Residents!

Lafayette Place is proving to be a very sought-after neighborhood! This is evidenced by all the new residents moving into our neighborhood.

Here is a list of new residents in September & October!

John Wynn – Sherwood Terrace
Yvonne Mishler - Wilmette
Kelly Patty - Wilmette
Vern Adams - Calhoun
Josh & Mindy Cruz – Kenilworth
Le Win – Marquette
Nick & Autumn - Fleming

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!

People In – Wildlife Out

With cold weather, we want to stay inside where it's warm. Guess what? So do raccoons and other wildlife!

If you have deteriorated trim and fascia boards, holes in attic vents, or an open chimney, you can bet the neighborhood critters are planning on spending the winter with you.

Sealing up any openings now can help prevent the problems the critters cause when they nest in your home.

Before closing, sealing, or capping any potential entry points, make absolutely sure there are no animals already inside.

If you suspect raccoons, it's best to call a professional to remove the animal(s) and seal up the places where they're entering. You'll also want to make sure a professional cleans up any of the raccoon waste, which can contain raccoon roundworm. This parasitic worm can infect humans (and even pets) and is spread by the egg spores, which easily become airborne and can be breathed in. These egg spores can live for years as dry pods. Raccoons can also carry other illness-causing bacteria, as well as lice and fleas. And while raccoons can carry rabies, most people never get close enough to be bitten and therefore infected.

The exterior of your house can also be an invitation to wildlife. Make sure that you:

- Secure trash container lids if they are outside
- Keep tree branches trimmed six feet away from your house to not only limit access for wildlife, but to prevent damage to the roof that may allow animal entry in the future
- Clean up debris--especially leaf piles--in gutters and around the foundation

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