



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Lafayette Place Halloween

Halloween in Lafayette Place is scheduled for Sunday, October 27. As always, **an orange sheet, used to show participation, will be printed and delivered to each resident in Lafayette Place in plenty of time before the big day.**

To participate, place the orange sheet in your front door or window. This sign indicates that you invite kids to visit you for treats. Remind your own kids or grandkids to look for this orange sign and only visit those homes that have it displayed.

Once again, the **T.A.G. Art Company** will provide wonderful, live characters for kids of all ages to enjoy. Black Panther, the Pumpkin Princess, and Sponge Bob Square Pants will greet kids and pose for photos in the area around the Gazebo.

Halloween Trick or Treating
Sunday, October 27
3 – 5 p.m.

Black Panther, the Pumpkin Princess
and Sponge Bob Square Pants
4 – 5 p.m.
At the Gazebo in the Esplanade

Characters' appearance will be cancelled with rain or inclement weather.

A Privilege and a Duty

As we all know from the countless advertisements on TV and articles in the newspapers, Election Day is coming up fast for City and County offices. The date is **Tuesday, November 5.**

Make sure you're aware of who's running for a specific office and familiarize yourself with their platform. This is the time and opportunity to make your voice heard. If you don't vote, you can't complain about our various representatives!

All of Lafayette Place is in Precinct 679. There are 2 voting locations for us: **Southtown Safety Academy**, behind Walmart at Southtown Crossing, and the **Many Nations Church** at 5100 Gaywood Street, off Pettit Avenue.

If you have questions or need additional information, you can call 449-7329.

- * Take I.D with you – driver's license or state issued photo I.D.
- * Polls are less likely to be crowded during off hours: 10 -11:30am & 1:30 - 3:30pm.
- * If you need help, ask a poll worker to assist you. That's why they're there!

No matter your party affiliation, it's important and a privilege to vote.

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 outstanding Association dues. Whether you just overlooked dues for 2019 or have one or more years of outstanding back dues, **it is important that you get your dues paid.**

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.

Although non-payment of dues can be enforced through legal action, the Association would prefer to work towards an equitable solution with residents who are behind in their obligation.

If you're not sure if you are up-to-date on your dues, please call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608.

If you are behind in your payments, and cannot pay the total balance due and want to prevent legal action, we will be happy to set up a payment plan or work with you as needed.

A Lafayette Place History Note

An excerpt from "History of Harrison Boulevard Homes" by Margaret Wallace Newman:

"A great number of trees had to be felled for the building of Lafayette Place. Marie Moellering tells of gypsies living in tents south of Sherwood Terrace in the more densely wooded area. Anyone who investigated the tents were met with a good water dousing! "

Leaf Collection

I know it's only October & Fall is just now starting, but I wanted to get this information out to everyone in plenty of time, as leaf pick up is scheduled to start earlier this year than last year.

Leaf pick up weeks scheduled for the south side of Fort Wayne, including Lafayette Place are:

November 4-8 - The **first round** of leaf pick up for the **south side of Fort Wayne**

December 2-6 -The **second round** of leaf pick up for the **south side of Fort Wayne**

The Street Department will be in our area sometime during the scheduled week. You must have your **leaves ready for pick up on the first day** of your scheduled week. The planned pick up schedule may change due to weather or volume of leaf pick-up in a particular week. You can go to www.cityoffortwayne.org/leaves or all the **Leaf Hotline at 427-2302** for more information.

Please remember the following:

1. Rake leaves onto the park strip area between the sidewalk or curb in front of your house OR put them in biodegradable yard waste bags and set the bags at the curb for collection.
2. **DO NOT rake leaves into the street or into the Esplanade.**
3. If you use the biodegradable yard waste bags, you can call 311 for pick up within two (2) business days any time **during the pick up season.**

Burning leaves within the City limits is a violation of City Code 74.70.

The fine is \$50 and increases to \$75 if not paid within 30 days.

Be Warm But Be Safe!

Maybe it's just my age, but it seems as though summer went really fast! Although the last days of September had some record high temperatures, it cooled off to fall temperatures quickly. And of course, we all know what comes after fall – an Indiana winter that can be very cold and snowy!

With the ups and downs in temperatures, I don't want to turn on my furnace until I have to, so I'll use space heaters in the interim. If you do also, here's some information we should all take seriously:

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that approximately 57,000 house fires a year are caused by alternative heating methods such as space heaters, ovens, and fireplaces.

So be safe & remember:

- * Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from space heaters, furnaces, or fireplaces.
- * Never use your oven or a space heater as your main heat source.
- * Always turn space heaters off when you leave a room.
- * Have furnaces and fireplaces cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- * Make sure you have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Test monthly and change batteries annually.

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