



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Make Sure You Vote!

As we should all know by now, Election Day is coming up fast. And not just for the office of the President.

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 plan to vote by mail make sure you have requested an absentee ballot. When sending in your ballot, using a .55 cent stamp should assure first class delivery instead of delivery as bulk mail. Be sure to mail well before Election Day.

All of Lafayette Place is in Precinct 679. Here is a list of polling places, dates and times:

EARLY VOTING:

Memorial Coliseum:

M-F Oct 6 – Oct 23, 8a-4:30p / Sat Oct 24, 8a-3p

M-F Oct 26 – Oct 30, 8a-8p / Sat Oct 31, 8a-5p

Mon Nov 2, 8a – 12 noon

Satellite Locations:

Southtown Public Safety Academy

Rousseau Center - 1 E Main Street

Hours for both: M-F October 26 –30, 8a-8p

Sat Oct 31, 8a – 5p

VOTING ON NOV 3 – ELECTION DAY:

First Missionary Church, 701 W. Rudisill Blvd
6a – 6p

If you have questions or need additional information, you can call 449-7154 or 449-7329 or go online to www.allencountyvoters.info.

Meeting with the Mayor

The Mayor's office invited residents of Lafayette Place to meet with Mayor Tom Henry in a Zoom meeting held on September 21. Thirteen Lafayette Place residents participated in that meeting.

Mayor Henry began with a summary/update of various projects the City is currently working on, including the proposed 2021 budget.

After the summary, participants were given an opportunity to ask questions. A question from Westley that specifically pertains to Lafayette Place was:

Q: What can be done about drivers cutting through at high speeds from Lafayette to Calhoun on Congress, Sherwood Terrace and Fleming?

A: Speed bumps cannot be placed on public streets, but you should contact SE Deputy Police Chief, Paul Shrawder to see what he can do. I (Mayor Henry) will also notify him of this situation

UPDATE: Westley has followed up with the SE Deputy Police Chief, Paul Shrawder, who has committed to providing officers at those streets, at the specific times we provided, in order to catch speeders and give tickets. It is hoped this will solve this problem.

In response to a question about the status of FW Police Officers and body cams, we were told that a few have them now and the 2021 budget includes the purchase of 100 with the goal to purchase 100 every year until all officers have body cams.

It was a very good meeting!

Halloween 2020

The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo has cancelled its popular Wild Zoo Halloween, however it will still be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Halloween, Oct. 31. Hints of the season will still be visible.

Some City-wide Halloween events have also been cancelled including the Haunted Castle & Black Forest and the Zombie Walk, however other downtown events will still take place.

"Fright Night 2020: The Year to DISTANCE" will involve activities that allow participants to stay socially engaged and physically distant. For information about downtown Halloween activities go to info@downtownfortwayne.com.

City-wide Trick or Treating hours will be on Saturday October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30pm, however safety guidelines will be in effect and announced closer to Halloween.

All Lafayette Place Halloween activities will be cancelled this year. We sincerely hope to resume this much-loved event next year!

At Last!

There is a new "sit down" restaurant on the south side! The new **Chance Bar** is located on Fairfield at Maxine in the building that housed Hartley's for many years. It just opened in early September and is getting rave reviews for both food and service on the Next Door Neighbor site.

This welcomed venue joins The Club Room at the Clyde and the 07 Pub on Broadway at Bluffton Road. And let's not forget the Friendly Fox!

Some of these also have entertainment on weekends. Call them for information.

It is important that we support these businesses to ensure they stay here, so if you plan to eat out – eat in the south side in one of these restaurants! I believe they all have take out as well.

Chance Bar, 4301 Fairfield – PH: 403-2513

07 Pub, 3516 Broadway – PH: 456-6807

Club Room, 1806 Bluffton Rd – PH: 407-8530

Friendly Fox, 4001 South Wayne – PH: 745-3369

Are Your Dues Paid Up?

Lafayette Place Association dues are only \$25.00 per lot, per year, yet there are many residents who have outstanding Association dues. Whether you just overlooked dues for 2020 or have one or more years of outstanding back dues, **it is important that you get your dues paid to avoid legal action.**

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 this obligation.

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

Be Warm But Be Safe!

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.

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.

Help Prevent Flooding

In autumn, fallen leaves can block storm drain inlets causing standing water and flooding even during smaller rainstorms. 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

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