



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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We Got It!

The LPIA Board of Directors applied for a City Neighborhood Improvement Grant in the amount of \$4,996.77 and we were approved! The maximum amount of the grant was \$5,000.00.

The project consists of improving three entrance areas to Lafayette Place as follows:

1. Illumination of the marker at Calhoun/Marquette/McKinnie
2. Permanent sign at the Calhoun Gateway at Calhoun and Pettit
3. Artistic wrap of the utilities box at Lafayette and Champlain

All three components will complement the SE Area Strategy Plan and promote a positive image and perception of a southeast neighborhood in Fort Wayne, namely Lafayette Place! The entire project will beautify and enhance the corridors/gateways into downtown Fort Wayne and show community pride to our neighborhood residents, residents of southeast Fort Wayne, and all visitors traveling into this area.

We will be meeting with the City representatives in the next few weeks to finalize all paperwork and create a timeline. All projects should be completed by the end of this summer.

We're very excited about these improvements and look forward to this enhancement of our beautiful neighborhood!

Great American Clean Up

Lafayette Place will again participate in this City-wide program. By now, you all have gotten an orange flyer on your door about signing up to participate in this worthy event.

We usually have sign-up for the Great American Clean Up at the Lafayette Place Annual meeting held in April, but as we are not having an in-person Annual meeting due to Covid, we are asking for your participation with this flyer.

WE NEED AT LEAST 20 VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN UP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

We will concentrate on the common areas of our neighborhood, **or you can volunteer to clean up your street.** The City provides garbage bags, gloves, and T-shirts, so we need a count of how many volunteers we'll have.

We will meet at the Gazebo in the Esplanade at 10:00am on Saturday, May 1 to hand out all materials and assign areas.

**Please contact Westley Falcaro
by Monday April 26, 2021
to register as a volunteer**

**Call 456-1608 or email at
westley.falcaro@frontier.com**

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS MUCH-NEEDED EVENT

Recycling Schedule

There has been some confusion as to when to put out the Yellow Bins for Recycle Pick-up, so I'm posting the dates for the remainder of 2021.

Remember, garbage pick-up is every Thursday unless there is a National Holiday in that week, in which case pick-up is moved to the next day, which would be Friday

RECYCLE PICK-UP IS EVERY OTHER THURSDAY and the Yellow Bin is to be put at your curb with your garbage bin by 6am. The garbage and recycle bins are to be placed 3 feet apart so the automatic arm of the truck can attach. Bins should be facing the street and lids should be closed.

Remainder of 2021 Recycle schedule:

May 6 & 22

June 3 & 17

July 1, 15 & 29

August 12 & 26

September 10 & 23 ** see below

October 7 & 21

November 4 & 18

December 2, 16 & 30

** Service will be one day behind following a National Holiday.

LPIA Garage Sale

We're back on track for this addition-wide event! If you've been stuck inside due to Covid and found yourself cleaning and de-cluttering and now have lots of "stuff" you no longer need or want, this is a great time to put things aside for the **LPIA Garage Sale**, scheduled for **Friday June 11 & Saturday June 12**.

We put an ad in the newspaper announcing an addition-wide garage sale, but feel free to place your own ad if you have a lot of things to offer! Although we specify the sale is "Addition-wide," sometimes people only go to the sales on the Esplanade & don't venture onto the side streets. So, make sure the public is aware of YOUR sale, either through your own ad or signs, balloons, etc.

Hug the Curb

As you all know, the streets in Lafayette Place are not overly wide. School buses, Fed-Ex and UPS trucks, as well as Garbage Trucks sometime have a difficult time driving through our streets when many cars are parked on the street.

If you **MUST** park on the street instead of a driveway or garage, **PLEASE** park as close to the curb as possible. That small space between the actual curb and the street is not the line definition, park in it!

Mark Your Calendar

Although some LPIA events have been cancelled due to Covid, below are the dates for our events scheduled for 2021. Details will be posted in future Newsletters as we get closer to a specific event.

- Great American Clean Up – Sat May 1
- Dirt Day – Sat May 29
- Garage Sale – Fri June 11 & Sat June 12
- Night of Music – Sat July 24

If you have any questions about an event, feel free to contact Westley Falcaro, phone 456-1608 or email westley.falcar@frontier.com.

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 2021 or have one or more years of outstanding back dues, **it is important that you get your dues paid to avoid legal action.**

Association Dues are **mandatory** and part of owning a property in Lafayette Place, as set forth in the Covenants. This obligation is attached to the **property** through the deed, not individual owners.

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.

Important Things to Know

PETS: Be responsible for your pet! No one likes to step in “doggy poo” so make sure you clean up after your pet! If you forgot your bag, there are Pet Waste Stations throughout the Esplanade.

Not cleaning up after your pet can cost you a \$100.00 fine from Animal Care & Control. Keeping your pet on a leash and cleaning up after your pet is covered in the Fort Wayne City Ordinances.

If you know of someone who continually lets their pet “roam” and relieve itself in your or neighbors’ yards, call Animal Control at 427-1244.

LEAVES: Red River Waste Collection is no longer collecting leaves in the biodegradable bags outside your garbage can, so DO NOT leave these bags at your curb ... they will not be picked up. HOWEVER, according to Red River, you MAY put a biodegradable bag of leaves in your garbage bin, but the lid must be closed. If the City has a Leaf Collection in the Fall, we will be notified and will pass this information on in future Newsletters.

GARBAGE: DO NOT throw any food or garbage items in your yard. ALL garbage must be bagged and placed in the City bins. DO NOT place food items for animals outside as this will attract rodents.

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