



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Lafayette Place/South Leaf Pick Up

- Round 1 – Nov 8-12
- Round 2 – Dec 6-10

- 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 pickup season**. The bags will be picked up within 2 business days.

Weather conditions or the volume of leaves in a particular area may cause the planned schedule to change.

For daily collection updates, visit the website: cityoffortwayne.org/leaves or call the **Leaf Hotline at (260) 427-2302**.

Lafayette Place Trivia

From a book written 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 their tents were met with a good water dousing.

NO LPIA Halloween

The Lafayette Place annual Halloween event has been cancelled due to continued Covid concerns. However, the City's Halloween observance on October 31 is still scheduled and participation is an individual choice. Should you choose to do so, I would suggest that you turn on your porch light to announce your participation to trick or treaters.

Annual Meeting

As you know we were not able to have an Annual Association Meeting in 2020 due to COVID and restrictions and common sense will still not enable us to have one this year - 2021. As a substitute for the in-person meeting, a flyer will be distributed to all Lafayette Place residents in the next week or so. It is on bright lime-green paper and will be placed on or around your front door. The flyer covers the highlights usually reported at the Annual Association Meeting. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact Westley Falcaro, LPIA Board President at 456-1608.

WOW! Check it Out

The beautiful art wrap on the Utility box at Lafayette & Champlain (by McKinnie Avenue) was installed on Monday, October 11. It was designed by Jon Allmandinger of Williams & Wagner Advertising with guidance and suggestions from the LPIA Board of Directors. This was one of the 3 projects paid for through the City Neighborhood Grant we received. IT IS SO COOL!

People In – Wildlife Out

Temperatures are beginning to cool and actual cold weather is not far behind. In 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 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

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.

As of October 8th, 24 new residents have moved into Lafayette Place!

We welcome you and your families and hope to get to know all of you in the near future!

If you have a new neighbor, show them a warm Lafayette Place Welcome!

IMPOTANT INFORMATION

Upcoming Garbage/Recycling Collection Changes

FROM THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE - Due to the continued challenges of COVID-19, beginning Monday, Oct. 4, garbage and recycling crews will **collect only City of Fort Wayne-issued carts used for residential collection.**

In addition, workers will collect only one bulk item per week per household. A bulk item is considered furniture or a large non-freon item that doesn't fit in the collection bin. These restrictions are being reinstated to protect workers and residents. These practices will assist in the efficiency of getting garbage and recycling materials collected through driver shortages and equipment challenges that are being experienced. When drivers are quarantined due to a personal case of COVID-19, a family case of COVID-19 or exposure to the virus, it makes timely collections more difficult. Also, routes are completed faster when extra bags outside of carts and additional bulk items don't have to be collected. The updated collection process will remain in effect until further notice.

Residents are reminded that **lids on garbage and recycling bins should be closed** when placed at the curb for collection. Residents interested in obtaining additional City-issued garbage bins for \$2 and/or additional City-issued recycling bins at no charge should contact 311.

Residents should place yard waste in City-issued garbage bins or take yard waste, including leaves, limbs, and branches to the City Utilities Biosolids facility at 6202 Lake Ave. Drop off fees are \$1 per 100 pounds. Biosolids Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday Noon-6 p.m.

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