



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association  
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## **New Trees in the Esplanade!**

The Fort Wayne Parks Department recently planted over 20 new trees throughout the Esplanade – at NO cost to us!

Species include American Hornbeam, Northern Catalpa, Sweet Gum, White Oak, Bur Oak, and Red Oak.

Starting in 2022, the LPIA Board of Directors proposes to plant new trees in the medians of various streets in the neighborhood that do not have them or have a scarce amount. The plan is to focus on one or two streets at a time and do this on an annual basis if finances permit. The trees will be purchased through the City Street Tree program at a very discounted rate.

Tree plantings in the Esplanade and in the medians of our streets will help to preserve the beauty of our neighborhood for generations to come!

## **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Drop-off locations for cut, real Christmas trees will be announced in January. Ornaments, tinsel, lights, stands, and plastic bags **must be removed from the tree before it is dropped off.**

**For details, visit [www.acwastewatcher.org](http://www.acwastewatcher.org).**

**Wreaths may be placed in your garbage cart.**

## **Our Beautiful Gazebo**

A very big **THANK YOU** to **Jeff Prentice** for once again decorating the Lafayette Place Gazebo for Christmas.

It's neighbors like Jeff who do things out of the kindness of their heart that makes our neighborhood so special.

If you haven't driven or walked by to see it, take the time and enjoy! **IT'S BEAUTIFUL!**

## **Projects Are Done**

The marker at Calhoun and Marquette is now lit up for all to see! Lights are on a dusk to dawn timer. This was the last of our 3 City Grant projects and a project I personally have been wanting for about 20 years!

The other two projects were the installation of a permanent Lafayette Place sign at Calhoun and Pettit and the beautiful art wrap on the utility box at Lafayette and Champlain.

## **Dues Statements**

Invoices for your 2022 Lafayette Place Improvement Association dues will be mailed out by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2022. Dues are to be paid in full at the beginning of the year.

**Avoid legal action** - Your Statement will list any outstanding dues or liens. If you have outstanding dues and need a payment plan, call Westley at 456-1608.

## Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

The Holiday Season is upon us and many of you are making Holiday plans and getting your house ready for visits, decorations, and gifts.

Preparing your home and starting your Holiday shopping can be fun, but please remember to take precautions. Although we're fortunate to live in a very safe neighborhood, the holiday season can attract criminals from any distance. Following are some crime prevention tips for home and while shopping:

### At Home:

- Keep all doors & windows locked when leaving your house.
- If leaving for an extended period of time over the holidays, leave on some lights and TV or radio to give the impression that someone is home.
- Hide large gifts that can be seen through windows.
- Don't leave a key outdoors.
- Do not leave your garage door open.

### While Shopping:

- If possible, go shopping with a friend. Criminals are less likely to approach you if you're not alone.
- Lock **all** valuables & purchases in your trunk **before** reaching your destination.
- Never leave valuables in plain sight in your Vehicle.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Make sure cashiers return your credit card.
- Purses should be held close to the body.

## Save your Drain

Recipes for many holiday foods contain gravy, butter, cream, shortening, and other kind of fats. These ingredients can clog your drains and sewer pipes.

**Never pour grease down your drain or flush in the toilet. Using hot water and soap to wash grease down the drain is not a solution. It can still harden in your pipes or sewer line.**

You can dispose of oil and grease by placing it in an empty milk carton, vegetable can, plastic butter container, or "zip lock" bag.

Dispose of oil and grease properly and your drainpipes and wallet will thank you!

## Holiday Recycling Information

### You CAN Put These Items in Your Recycle Cart:

- non-metallic wrapping paper and gift bags (handles removed)
- tissue paper
- cardboard
- gift boxes and shoe boxes
- aluminum foil and food trays (rinsed to remove food)
- greeting cards, envelopes, gift cards, and tags
- old calendars (remove metal or plastic coils; staples are OK)

### DO NOT Put These Items in Your Recycle Cart:

- No foil or metal-looking wrapping paper or gift bags
- No ribbons, bows, beads, string, garland, or tinsel
- No holiday decorations
- No bubble wrap
- No plastics toys
- No batteries, electronics, or Christmas trees

# *Seasons Greetings*

**The LPIA Board of Directors  
wishes you and your family  
safe and joyful  
Holidays**

Christmas tree drop-off sites will be listed in the January Newsletter.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE ESPLANADE**

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