



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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2022 Recycling Schedule

We all know of the missed pick-ups & problems with Red River Waste. Although the City is supposedly working to provide a new contractor for this service, it will take several months to get one in place. Meanwhile, below is the Recycling schedule that is supposed to be in place.

We are on “A” schedule for recycling and our recycle items are picked up in the yellow topped can every other Thursday, with your garbage.

Your garbage & recycle bins must be 3 feet apart & at the curb by 6am for the truck to pick up!

2022 Recycle Dates for Lafayette Place:

February 10 & 24

March: 10 & 24

April: 7 & 21

May: 5 & 19 ** see below

June: 2, 16 & 30

July: 14 & 28

August: 11 & 25

September: 8 & 22 ** see below

October: 6 & 20

November: 3 & 17

December: 1, 15 & 29 ** see below

**** Some dates listed are on a Friday instead of Thursday as Garbage & Recycle Service will be one day behind following a National holiday.**

Go to www.recyclefortwayne.org for more information and to get a complete list of what you CAN and CANNOT put in your recycle bin!

2022 Lafayette Place Events

At this time, the LPIA Board of Directors is scheduling Lafayette Place events for 2022 as follows. Cancellations may occur if Covid restrictions are in place. We will advise of any changes in upcoming Newsletters.

◆ **Annual Association Meeting – Wed April 13**

◆ **Great American Clean Up – To be determined by the City of Fort Wayne**

◆ **Dirt Day – Sat May 28**

◆ **Garage Sale – Fri & Sat June 10 & 11**

◆ **Night of Music – Sat July 23**

◆ **Trick or treat – Sunday Oct 30**

Dues Statements

Invoices for your 2022 Lafayette Place Improvement Association dues have been mailed out. Dues are to be paid in full upon receipt.

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.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Doug Guerin who passed on Monday January 31. Doug was a wonderful neighbor and friend of Lafayette Place. He will be missed.

LPIA Board Seeking Sidewalk Grants

The City of Fort Wayne announced an infrastructure project to repair “lifted” sidewalks for 2022. We have been advised that Lafayette Place sidewalks are on the list for these repairs.

To assist this project, and ensure we get what we need, resident John Lehner spent several weeks this fall walking our sidewalks and created a large document of sidewalk conditions. These included descriptions and pictures of lifted, cracked, damaged, and non-existing sidewalks. This report was provided to the City Public Works Department. We have since been advised that the infrastructure project will only address lifted sidewalks

We then learned of a \$5,000.00 grant that is being offered to SE area neighborhoods through the Southeast Area Partnership (SEAP). We can apply for this grant to repair or replace sidewalks in conjunction with the City 50/50 cost-share sidewalk program and use the grant money for our “50” cost-share portion.

Here's how it would work: We will apply to the city for 25 sidewalk squares repair/replacement. Our portion of the cost for each sidewalk square is \$200. At the same time, we apply for the SEAP grant showing we've applied to the City for the 50/50 program. We could repair/replace 25 squares with the \$5,000 SEAP grant.

Westley Falcaro is writing the grants and will provide updates in future Newsletters.

If you have a damaged or missing sidewalk, you can always apply for the City cost-share program yourself. The City's Division of Public Works will provide an estimate and, by mutual agreement, the City will pay for 50 percent of the cost of the repair work and you will pay 50 percent.

If you are interested in this program, and don't want to wait to see if your sidewalk will be included in the grants we're seeking, go to the City of Fort Wayne website and fill out a petition, then, submit the petition to the Board of Public Works for further processing.

For more information, call 311 or go to <http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/costshare>

Space Heater Safety Tips

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly half (48%) of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. While more than two out of five (44%) of home heating fires involve space heaters, space heaters are involved in 86% of home heating fire deaths.

If you are using a space heater to warm up, here are some important safety tips:

- Plug all space heaters **directly** into a wall outlet, don't use an extension cord or power strip.
- Check your space heater for cracked or damaged cords and plugs.
- Make sure your heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Keep anything that can burn, like bedding, clothing, and curtains, at least 3 feet away from your heater.
- Place space heaters on a solid, flat surface.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Car Safety Tips in Winter Weather

With this latest winter storm, it's a good idea to be prepared even if you're just driving locally. Here are some tips to help you avoid the worst of winter hazards and keep you and your loved ones safe.

- Don't let your gas tank get below ¼
- Keep your tire pressure at recommended levels
- Carry in your car:
 - ✓ flashlight
 - ✓ flares
 - ✓ fix-a-flat
 - ✓ first aid kit
 - ✓ empty gas can
 - ✓ extra warm clothing and/or blanket

Protect Your Pipes

With the recent and upcoming frigid temperatures, it's a good time for this reminder.

There's nothing more frustrating than waking up on a cold winter morning to find that you have no water because your pipes have frozen! Head off a disaster by taking steps **now** to protect your pipes.

Here are some tips from Fort Wayne City Utilities:

Indoor Pipes

The pipes that are most vulnerable to freezing are those located in un-insulated spaces such as crawl spaces, basements, attics and garages, or in exterior walls.

Insulate pipes in these exposed areas with foam insulation at a minimum. If you have experienced frozen pipes in the past, consider wrapping those pipes with electrical heating tape and then insulating them.

If you can't protect pipes, you may need to let the water run during very cold weather. Remember, hot water pipes can also freeze, so let a small steady stream of lukewarm water run. For sinks against outside walls, it may also help to open cabinet doors below the sink so warm air can circulate.

If you're taking a winter vacation, don't turn off the heat. Leaving the thermostat set to at least 55 can help keep pipes from freezing.

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