



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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You're Invited!

The Lafayette Place Annual Association Meeting will be held in person this year after a long absence due to COVID.

The Annual Association meeting is a great opportunity to learn about your neighborhood and ensure Lafayette Place continues to be a great place in which to live.

Whether you're new to the neighborhood, or a long-time resident, this meeting is important for you to attend. **Your input matters!**

MEETING TOPICS INCLUDE:

**Neighborhood accomplishments
Overview of 2020 & 2021
What's planned for 2022**

Election of the board of directors for 2022-2024

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

**Shawnee Branch Public Library
Corner of Calhoun and Noll Avenue
(Just past Unity Lutheran School)**

Hope to see you there!

2022 Spring Leaf Pick Up

The city will pick up leaves from March 28 to April 8 but **ONLY IN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS**.

You may place these bags at the curb/median in front of your house and **call 311 for pick up**. They will pick up the bags within 2 business days.

Do NOT rake leaves into the median or into the Esplanade or street. They will NOT be picked up. Biodegradable (paper) lawn bags are the only thing in which to place leaves or other lawn & yard waste.

Great American Clean Up

Lafayette Place will again participate in this Nationwide program **on Saturday April 30**.

The lack of consistent trash and recycle pick up has taken a toll on our neighborhood, so **we need at least 20 volunteers to clean up our neighborhood**.

The city provides garbage bags, gloves, and T-shirts, so we need a count of how many volunteers we'll have. We'll have a sign-up sheet for this event at our Annual meeting on April 20.

We will meet at the Gazebo in the Esplanade at 10:00am on Saturday, April 30 to hand out all materials and assign areas.

To volunteer, please contact Westley Falcaro by Monday April 18, 2022.

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

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS MUCH-NEEDED EVENT

Abandoned & Inoperable Vehicles

City ordinance 72.23 makes it illegal to abandon a vehicle on public or private property. Partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, or junked vehicles also may not be left within the city. **State law defines an abandoned vehicle as, "a vehicle that is three (3) or more model years old and mechanically inoperable and is left on private property for more than twenty (20) days."** If a vehicle is tagged on private property and the owner makes no appointment within 20 days to show that it is operable, the vehicle may be towed, and a \$100 ticket could be issued to the owner.

Additionally, City Code requires all vehicles parked on private property and within public view to have **valid license plates and current registration stickers. Vehicles without valid license plates or current registration tags will receive notice of the violation; tickets and even towing could result from non-compliance.**

Per the City ordinance vehicles are NOT ALLOWED to be parked in a yard or on the grass. Vehicles must be parked completely on an approved surface such as gravel, asphalt, concrete or pavers. Cars parked on the grass are subject to being tagged, requiring the owner to move the vehicle within 24 hours or incur a fine. Violators can receive tickets of \$100 per day, per violation.

To make a complaint to Neighborhood Code about a vehicle on private property, call 311. An officer will be sent out within the next 2 working days to check the complaint. If you would like to submit a complaint electronically, e-mail:

pamela.burns@cityoffortwayne.org

Please provide the following information when reporting an abandoned vehicle:

1. Address where the vehicle is located. (Exact address please.)
2. Is car in the grass or in the driveway?
3. Type, color, and year of car (if possible).
4. If available, a plate number would be helpful.

We Continue to Grow!

In 2021, and to date in 2022, 39 new residents have made Lafayette Place their home!

This growth has a lot to do with the upkeep of our common areas and your work on keeping your homes in great condition, providing good “curb appeal.”

If you have a new neighbor, please get to know them and show them the friendliness and hospitality that Fort Wayne “south siders” are known for!

And don’t forget to ask them if they’re receiving the LPIA Newsletter. I have sent a Welcome Letter to all new residents and requested contact information for the Newsletter, but have not gotten a response from everyone. So, please help me out ... and them!

Thank you for your part in keeping Lafayette Place a GREAT place to live!

Tox Away program Expands

The Allen County Department of Environmental Management (ACDEM) has expanded its Tox Away program to Saturdays. This is in addition to its regular weekly Tuesday schedule.

There are minimal fees payable by cash or check only and a weight limit of 50lbs.

The ACDEM website has a list of fees, items accepted, and the manner in which items are to be contained (NOT in plastic trash bags).

For full information & requirements call **449-4433** or go online to **info@acwastewatcher.org**.

Saturday dates are:

April 6
May 4
June 1
(No July dates)
August 3
September 7
October 12

Hours: 9am to 2pm

Location: 2260 Carroll Road

Building A Good Neighborhood

Although I firmly believe we already ARE a good neighborhood, with many good (if not GREAT) neighbors in Lafayette Place, I recently came across an actual list called "How To Build A Community." I'm publishing some of that list here, as I believe it provides great points that we all can do to be a good (or better) neighbor and therefore, a good (or great) neighborhood!

- * Greet people as you walk down the street (even wearing a mask, you can nod your head!)
- * Teach your children how to be a good neighbor
- * Plant flowers
- * Pick up after your dog
- * Buy from local merchants
- * Pick up litter
- * Hire neighborhood young people for odd jobs
- * Share your skills
- * Turn down your music in your house AND your car
- * Listen before you react to anger
- * Mediate a conflict
- * Participate in neighborhood events
- * Do not race or rev up your vehicle's engine - car, motorcycle, moped, or whatever

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