



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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Lafayette Place Halloween

Halloween in Lafayette Place is scheduled for Sunday, October 30. Trick or treating will be from 3pm to 5pm. As always, an orange sheet, used to show participation, will be printed and delivered to each resident in Lafayette Place in plenty of time before the Big Day. To participate, place the orange sheet in your front door or window. This sign indicates that you invite Lafayette Place ghosts and goblins to visit you for treats. Remind your kids or grandkids to look for this orange sign and **only visit those homes that have this sign displayed.**

WE HAVE SPECIAL CHARACTERS IN THE ESPLANADE THIS YEAR – THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL RESIDENTS MIKE & CRYSTAL SATRIANO AND ANGEL CAMPOS! Back by popular demand are Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf and a large Dinosaur to greet kids and pose for photos in the area around the Gazebo from 5pm to 6pm.

Halloween Trick or Treating
Sunday, October 30
3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Little Red Riding Hood & The Wolf
Dinosaur
5pm – 6pm
The Gazebo in the Esplanade

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NOTE: New time for characters in the Gazebo extends Halloween hours for Lafayette Place.

Trees

As you all know by now, a large Oak tree died and fell over in the Esplanade last May. That tree has been removed, however, it brought to light a problem that has existed for over 10 years. For some unknown reason, that area in the Esplanade retains water, which then drains into the street in the 4600 hundred block on the west side of Lafayette Esplanade. For years, this water drainage has caused flooding which then becomes ice in the winter, which then becomes potholes.

After much discussion with the City Arborist and Parks Department, a resident suggestion looks like a solution! London Plane trees are known for their water absorption, so the City will plant three London Plane trees in this area to replace oak trees they planted last year which have died – at no cost to us. Although it will obviously take time for these trees to grown and fully handle the problem, we have our fingers crossed!

In other tree news ... the Calhoun Gateway area at Calhoun and Pettit has 2 trees which need major trimming and an Oak tree which is dead. We have received 2 quotes for this work, and it is scheduled to be completed on September 29.

Can You Help Out?

Volunteers to help maintain our common areas on a consistent basis are needed. If you can help keep Lafayette Place beautiful, please call Westley at 456-1608.

Get Ready

Can you believe that summer is over? And guess what is just around the corner ... weather for which we need to prepare our houses and yards.

Now is the perfect time for paint touch ups and checking on your gutters and downspouts to get rid of tree and leaf debris. Any needed roof, foundation, or chimney repairs, or driveway cracks should be on the “to do” list before bad weather rears its ugly head.

And don't forget the plumbing! Frozen pipes from leaky faucets can be an expensive headache.

Get ready for a possible winter blast by getting your home shipshape!

Be Warm But Be Safe!

Maybe it's just my age, but it seems as though summer went really fast! Although the last days of September have been up and down in temperature, it is inevitable that fall is just around the corner. And of course, we all know what comes after fall – an Indiana winter that can be very cold and snowy!

With the ups and downs in temperatures, I don't want to turn on my furnace until I have to, so I'll use space heaters in the interim. If you do also, here's some information we should all take seriously:

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that approximately 57,000 house fires a year are caused by alternative heating methods such as space heaters, ovens, and fireplaces.

So be safe & remember:

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from space heaters, furnaces, or fireplaces.
- Never use your oven or a space heater as your main heat source.
- Always turn space heaters off when you leave a room.
- Have furnaces and fireplaces cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Make sure you have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Test monthly and change batteries annually.

Are Your Dues Paid Up?

It's hard to believe but we're heading towards the end of the year and there are many residents who have not paid their \$25.00 dues for 2022.

If you live here, you are automatically a member of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association. Lafayette Place is very unique in that **membership in the Lafayette Place Improvement Association is legally tied to the deed of the property. Association dues are mandatory and do not move with the person.** Since they are bound to the property, dues are the responsibility of the current owner of a property.

Outstanding dues of \$100 or more will result in legal action, as provided for in the Lafayette Place Restrictive Covenants. If you have outstanding dues, but cannot pay the full balance, call Westley Falcaro at 456-1608 to arrange an **acceptable payment plan.**

Dues Statements for 2023 will be mailed out around the second week in January. Your statement will show your payment history and list any outstanding dues.

Vandalism Raised Its Ugly Head

The beautiful lights that were installed as part of a grant LPIA received have been vandalized. Unfortunately, someone decided to destroy both lights at the marker at Calhoun and Marquette requiring complete replacement. We will replace them at our cost and will also add a security aspect.

If you have any information about who was responsible for this incident, please contact Westley Falcaro at 456-1608. You can remain anonymous.

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I have also been informed that decorations have been stolen from yards and porches in our neighborhood. Obviously, this is not acceptable.

If you have any information about who is doing this, please contact Westley Falcaro at 456-1608. You can remain anonymous.

Fort Wayne Roof Program

The Office of Housing & Neighborhood Services is accepting applications for the City of Fort Wayne's Roof Program. This program offers qualified residents a zero percent interest loan for roof replacement for their homes. The loans will be secured by a mortgage and repayment will be required through monthly installments over a 10-year period.

Qualified applicants must own their home, it must be their primary residence and the home must be located within City of Fort Wayne limits. Applicants must also have a household income at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income.

Access program guidelines and submit an application online at www.fwcommunitydevelopment.org/HOR. The online application process allows you to submit an application from the comfort of your home and is the quickest way to apply for the program. Residents who do not have access to the online application portal and would prefer a paper application may call 260-427-8585. You will be asked a series of brief questions and then will be asked to leave your contact information on a voicemail system. A representative from the Office of Housing & Neighborhood Services will call back in the order the calls are received to determine eligibility. Residents in need of language assistance should contact Language Services Network at 260-426-6764. All applicants should be aware that there is potential for delays in the construction process due to labor and supply chain shortages.

Funding for this program comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is limited. Applications will be reviewed on a first-completed, first-processed basis. Program participation is determined on a first-qualified, first-served basis and is not guaranteed.

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