



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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A Lafayette Place Contest for YOU!

Want to win a \$100 gift card?

All you have to do is decorate your house for the Holidays in the MOST FESTIVE manner!

From December 11 through December 21, three judges from outside our neighborhood will be looking at all the holiday decorations in Lafayette Place and will determine the house that has the MOST FESTIVE Holiday Decorations!

The winner will be notified in person and presented with a \$100 Gift Card. The winner will also be listed in the January LPIA Newsletter.

This is the first time we have had a contest like this, so I hope you all plan to participate!

Save your Drain

Recipes for many holiday foods contain gravy, butter, cream, shortening, and other kind of fats. Besides adding to our waist size, 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 and put that in your garbage.

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

Thank You VERY Much

It’s hard to believe that we’re getting close to the end of the year. So, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who provided their time and talents to Lafayette Place in 2023. We wouldn’t have the great neighborhood we have without these folks:

Residents who deliver all our flyers:

**Luke Bassett
Ethan & Iana Bassett
John Lehner
Christine Slatterly
Jim Vaughn
Dessire Smith
Nick & Autumn Wybo**

Residents who maintain the trash cans throughout the Esplanade and the Lafayette-Pettit Green Space AND maintain the Pet Waste Stations in those areas:

Chuck Bell, Kade Ensch, and Bryan Jenisch

The resident who puts out all the signs for our events and decorates the Gazebo for the Holidays:

Jeff Prentice

The resident who keeps the butterfly garden, and our various gardens and green spaces beautiful, and created a whole new look for the Little Free Libraries:

Don Orban

And of course, my fellow LPIA Board of Directors who give so much of their time, wisdom, and talent:

**Colton Bickel
Jeff Cyr
Anne Gregory
Don Orban
Michelle Wood
Nick Wybo**

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 & 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.

Lafayette Place/South Leaf Pick Up

2nd Round Dec 11-15

- 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 garbage or recycling carts
- DO NOT burn leaves – it's violation of City Code with a \$50 - \$75 fine

Holiday Recycling Information

This information is being provided in this Newsletter as there WILL NOT be a separate December Newsletter.

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 (rinse to remove food)
- greeting cards, envelopes, gift cards, and tags
- old calendars (remove metal or plastic coils; staples 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 (lights, bells, ornaments, etc.)
- No bubble wrap
- No plastics toys
- No batteries, electronics, or
- No artificial Christmas trees

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.

Wreaths are not accepted at the Christmas tree recycling locations. Wreaths may be placed in your garbage cart.

Seasons Greetings

**The LPIA Board of Directors
wish 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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