



The Official Newsletter of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association
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It's Important - Don't Miss This!

The **Lafayette Place Annual Association Meeting** is right around the corner! As a property owner in Lafayette Place, you are automatically a member of the Lafayette Place Improvement Association (LPIA) per our Restrictive Covenants.

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. And to meet your neighbors if you haven't already!

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:

Overview of 2024

What's planned for 2025

Election of the Board of Directors for 2025-2027

Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Please come a little early to sign-in

Shawnee Branch Public Library

Corner of Calhoun and Noll Avenue
(Just past Unity Lutheran School)

Per Lafayette Place Improvement Association By-Laws, your Association dues must be current to vote at the Annual Meeting. **DUES MAY BE PAID AT THE MEETING BY CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CASH.**

Hope to see you there!

2025 Spring Leaf Pick Up

The city will pick up leaves from March 31 to April 12 but **ONLY IN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS. DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS!**

You must place these bags at the curb/median in front of your house and call 311 for pick up. The spring leaf pick up crews do not check streets for leaf pick up – you must call 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.** For daily updates on the leaf collection schedule, call 427-2302 or visit the city's website. Updates will be posted by 3pm specifying where crews will be collecting for the **following day.**

Neighborhood Improvement Grant

The LPIA Board of Directors has applied for a \$5,000 Neighborhood Improvement Grant offered by the city.

We are requesting money for 4 projects:

■ Improvement to the landscaping beds surrounding the Gazebo to include cutting/edging the beds and filling with mulch

■ Purchase of paint to paint the gazebo. Neighborhood volunteers will provide the labor

■ Purchase of bench & trash can for new bus stop in the triangle empty lot at Calhoun/Calumet/Sherwood Terrace

■ Purchase of 10 trees, through the Citizens Match Tree program, to be placed in the medians on Kenilworth and Wilmette

A Proposed New Bus Stop

Several months ago, in response to a complaint from Lafayette Place neighbors, Westley Falcaro, LPIA Board President, contacted CitiLink regarding trash at the bus stop at Calhoun and Congress. After many discussions with the appropriate CitiLink personnel, she was informed that, as a result of their re-evaluation of ridership, they will be removing several bus stops along Calhoun Street. Westley and CitiLink then discussed eliminating the stop at Calhoun and Congress and incorporate the stops now at Calhoun and Fleming, and Calhoun and Sherwood Terrace to create a new stop in the empty triangle lot at the triangle intersection of Calhoun Street/Calumet Avenue/Sherwood Terrace.

This stop location would reflect our neighborhood, therefore, to make this proposed stop more friendly and aesthetically appealing, and to avoid the continuation of trash accumulation at a bus stop, Westley suggested adding a bus stop bench and trash can. Unfortunately, CitiLink cannot afford this addition, so Westley suggested including it as a project in LPIA's application for the 2025 Neighborhood Improvement Grant. The bench and trash can will be owned and maintained by LPIA and CitiLink will provide a new Bus Stop sign and re-direct their route to these changes.

The City Right-of-Way Department will provide and install the concrete pad for the bench and trash can as part of their 2025 projects and budget.

This project would add a major convenience to all residents in Lafayette Place as well as residents in neighboring southeast areas.

Construction Continues

I know you've all watched the construction at the old Walgreens site in Southgate Shopping Center. The sign on the fence announces it will be a car wash and it looks like it's going to be a big one!

I hope it will open in time to get all our vehicles looking good for summer weather. New business in the south side of Fort Wayne is a good thing!

As a reminder, the Bluffton Bridge construction is ongoing and is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2026.

Great American Clean Up (GAC)

As in previous years, Lafayette Place is planning to participate in this Nation-wide event by cleaning up our neighborhood. Volunteers will meet at the Gazebo on **Saturday, May 3 at 10am** and work until noon. Areas will be assigned. The city provides garbage bags, gloves, and T-shirts.

We need at least 8-10 volunteers to clean up our neighborhood. If we don't have enough volunteers, we will not be able to participate.

After the work is done, a volunteer celebration with food, drinks, prizes, and live entertainment will be held at Headwaters West from 11:30am to 2pm. Your GAC shirt is your entry.

Please join us - contact Westley at 456-1608 or sign up at the Annual Meeting on April 9.

Have You Noticed It?

A large black pole has been erected in the empty triangle lot at Calhoun/Calumet/Sherwood Terrace. When completed, it will have satellite dishes at the top. This is a communications tower owned by Verizon. The new design is not really that noticeable nor invasive. These towers are being placed throughout the city and will hopefully enhance cell phone and internet capability.

Neighborhood Code Reminder

Fort Wayne's Department of Neighborhood Code Compliance (NCC) has issued a statement reminding residents that parking on grass in residential districts **violates City Ordinance.**

The NCC press release further states that parking in yards and on grass can create ruts that can collect water and become breeding grounds for mosquitoes in wet season, as well as cause damage to infrastructure, such as curbs, sidewalks, and underground utility lines.

Additionally, parking vehicles with hot engines on grass can increase the chance of grass fires.

City officials say violators of the city ordinance are subject to a \$100 fine per day.

Items that can always be placed in your recycling cart include:



Items that can never be placed in your recycling cart include:



Paper



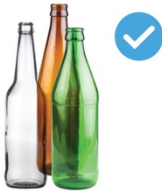
Flattened Cardboard



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Tools



Toys



Scrap Metal



Diapers



Yard Waste



Medical Waste



Construction Waste



Electronics & Batteries



Plastic Caps & Lids

How to prepare your recyclables:



Empty. Clean. Dry.

Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid.



Don't Bag It.

Never put recyclables in containers or bags.

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