



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 25. Trick or treating will be from 3pm to 5pm. The orange sheet, used to show participation, will be delivered to each resident in Lafayette Place. 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.**

Creative residents **Mike & Crystal Satriano** will present Red Riding Hood and the Wolf characters for kids' enjoyment in the Esplanade by the Gazebo. They will greet kids, hand out candy, and pose for photos from 4pm to 5pm.

Mark your Calendar!

Lafayette Place Halloween Trick or Treating
Sunday, October 25
3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Red Riding Hood & The Wolf
4pm – 5pm

Halloween Haunt

An afternoon of “frightful fun” with kids’ activities, games and concessions. Fun for the whole family!

Saturday October 17 – 3p-6p
Community Center - 233 W. Main Street
FREE ADMISSION

It's Important ... Vote!

Election Day is coming up fast, and not just for the office of the United States President. Voting is a privilege and obligation that affects us all. This year's elections seem to be especially critical and contentious, so I encourage you all to **VOTE**.

Make sure you're aware of who's running for a specific office and know their platform, whether local, state, or federal. This is the time and opportunity to make your voice heard.

The information below gives you options to vote early, to vote from satellite locations, or vote on Election Day. **Make sure you're properly registered and VOTE!**

For ballot information and more go to the Allen County Election Board website:

Allencounty.in.gov.889/Election-Board
or call Voter Registration at 260-449-7154

EARLY VOTING Oct 6- Oct 24:

Rousseau Center Lobby – 1 E. Main Steet

M-F, 8a-4:30p / Sat Oct 24, 8a-3p

Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus – 3800 N. Anthony

Sat Oct 24, 8a-3p

SATELLITE VOTING: Oct 26 – Oct 31

M-F 8a-8p

Sat Oct 31, 8a-5p

SATELLITE LOCATIONS:

Southtown Public Safety Academy

(large yellow building behind Walmart at Southtown Crossing)

Rousseau Center - 1 E Main Street

VOTING ON NOV 3 – ELECTION DAY:

Allen County is now a Vote Center County which means there are many locations to cast your ballot on Election Day from 6a – 6p. You can find a list of these locations on the Allen County Election Board website noted above.

Be Warm But Be Safe!

It's going to get cold soon. If you use alternative heating methods such as space heaters, ovens, and fireplaces, be aware of these safety points:

- * Keep all objects at least 3 ft from space heaters, furnaces or fireplaces.
- * Never use your oven or a space heater as your **main** heat source.
- * Turn space heaters off when you leave a room.
- * Have furnaces & fireplaces cleaned & inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- * Make sure you have working smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors on all levels of your home. Test monthly & change batteries yearly.

Help Prevent Flooding

Leaves can block storm drains causing standing water and flooding. You can protect your property, keep Lafayette Place flood free, and help ensure that emergency and other vehicles have access to our neighborhood by doing the following:

- Remove leaves and other material from your gutters and storm sewer drains near your home
- If you notice that your street is flooding, clear accumulated leaves and debris from storm sewer inlets to keep the water flowing.
- Manage yard waste properly by keeping it out of the street and storm drain.

City Utilities cleans the city's 19,500 inlets about once every three years but needs you, as a good neighbor, to help reduce flooding.

Important Reminder

If you own a house/property in Lafayette Place, you are legally obligated to pay Association dues, which are tied to your deed. Annual Statements are sent out in January, and we recently mailed out reminder post cards to some residents with outstanding dues. Pay your dues to **avoid legal action**.

**If you have any questions, call
Westley Falcro at 456-1608**

Lafayette Place/South Leaf Pick Up

- Round 1 – Nov 16-21
- Round 2 – Dec 14-19

- Rake leaves to the median strip in front of your house by 7am on the first day of our week
- **DO NOT** put leaves in the street or Esplanade
- **DO NOT** burn leaves – violation of City code & a \$50 - \$75 fine
- **DO NOT** put leaves plastic bags or garbage bins

If you use **Biodegradable paper bags** you can **call 311 for pick up during the scheduled dates. These bags will be picked up within 2 business days and will NOT be picked up with garbage pick-up.**

Weather conditions or the volume of leaves may cause the planned schedule to change.

For daily collection & location updates, go to **cityoffortwayne.org/leaves** or call the **Leaf Hotline at (260) 427-2302.**

Heating Help Available

Brightpoint's Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is now accepting applications to help households manage winter heating costs. Applications are open through April 30, 2027. Guidelines and eligibility and document requirements are available on their website at: **mybrightpoint.org/eap**, or call them at: **Brightpoint – 423-3546**

Now is the Time

Winter is just around the corner, so now is the perfect time to prepare our houses and yards for bad weather. Check 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 your home in shape for a possible winter blast!

People In – Wildlife Out

Temperatures are beginning to cool and cold winter weather is not far behind. In cold weather, we want to stay inside where it's warm. Guess what? So do raccoons and other wildlife!

If you have deteriorated trim and fascia boards, holes in attic vents, or an open chimney, you can bet various critters are planning on spending the winter with you.

Sealing up any openings now can help prevent the problems the critters cause when they nest in your home.

Before closing, sealing, or capping any potential entry points, make absolutely sure there are no animals already inside.

If you suspect raccoons, it's best to call a professional to remove the animal(s) and seal up the places where they're entering. You'll also want to make sure a professional cleans up any of the raccoon waste, which can contain raccoon roundworm. This parasitic worm can infect humans (and even pets) and is spread by the egg spores, which easily become airborne and can be breathed in. These egg spores can live for years as dry pods. Raccoons can also carry other illness-causing bacteria, as well as lice and fleas. And while raccoons can carry rabies, most people never get close enough to be bitten and therefore infected.

The exterior of your house can also be an invitation to wildlife. Make sure that you:

- Secure trash container lids if they are outside
- Keep tree branches trimmed six feet away from your house to not only limit access for wildlife, but to prevent damage to the roof that may allow animal entry in the future
- Clean up debris—especially leaf piles—in gutters and around the foundation

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