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Work Begins on Lindberg Bridge

The design is complete, bids advertised and work getting underway to build the Lindberg Road Bridge, the city's first bridge. Plans are to open it to traffic by August 2011.

"Building a bridge is the surest, safest way to guarantee success and longevity," Mayor John Dennis says of replacing the road now running through a marsh.

Road closing and detours will be required, but the city will monitor traffic and post officers if needed.

The bridge is a joint project between the city of West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County. The city's sole expense in the project is the design work, which was funded through the Kalberer/Cumberland/Blackbird Development Area tax-increment-financing district. The county is overseeing and funding construction and inspection through its Cumulative Bridge Fund, which is generated from gasoline taxes.

West Lafayette's first bridge will soon provide a smooth ride for Lindberg Road travelers.

"In building a bridge, we're relying on known design elements and parameters," says City Engineer David Buck. "Reliance on approximated and widely varying soil properties is eliminated."

American Structurepoint is serving as the engineering consultant, and ATC Associates as geotechnical consultant. "Both have excellent resources and staff for complex projects such as this," Buck says.

Jason Emmons, French Lick, transformed this tree trunk into art at the home of John and Vicki Satterly on Cumberland Avenue.

West Lafayette A Winter Wonderland

Riverside Skating Center

The coolest place in town for winter fun is Riverside Skating Center. Skate sessions are $4; skate rental, $2, and private bookings are available.

"The rink offers a family friendly atmosphere, well-trained and polite staff, great music and a warming room with hot cocoa and snack concessions," says Joe Payne, Parks and Recreation superintendent.

The always-popular Skate with Santa (and his elves) is 9 to 11 a.m., December 18. Cost of $20 for one adult and child includes donuts and hot cocoa; reservations are required.

More information at www.westlafayette.in.gov or 775-5110.

Lilly Nature Center, Celery Bog

"Winter at the Celery Bog reveals another side of the property," says frequent visitor Susan Ulrich. "Without leaves on the trees, you can locate used nests, see squirrels scurrying around after nuts, and appreciate the shape of the land while getting better views of the birds."

Winter visitors she's spotted include White-throated Sparrows, White-crowned Sparrows, Northern Juncos, Purple Finch and others, all mixed in with resident species from Northern Cardinals to woodpeckers.

"Lilly Nature Center's one-way glass provides a warm place to watch birds at the feeders," says Stewardship Coordinator Dan Dunten.

Lilly Nature Center and the Celery Bog are open year round.

Much to Appreciate, Enjoy Here

by Mayor John Dennis

Winter may be settling in, but that's not going to keep West Lafayette folks holed up inside. We're a bustling, connected community, and people like to be out and about.

We appreciate the seasons here, so walkers will be at the Celery Bog and skaters at Riverside even when it's cold. From Morton Community Center's activities to the new Purdue Crew Boathouse, from Purdue University to winter at the bog, we really are an all-inclusive package.

Who needs a beach in Florida with all this right here?

If you do have a little time after all these activities, consider pitching in to help our great and growing city. Some volunteer opportunities are listed in this newsletter. So are updates on key city projects, so you can stay informed and connected to this great community.

Safe Routes to School Celebrated

West Lafayette celebrated International Walk to School Day in October as part of the city's Safe Routes to School program. Mayor John Dennis, School Superintendent Rocky Killion and Purdue student athletes assisted walkers and passed out fruit.

Morton Center A Hub of Activity, Renovation

Range of Programs, Classes

Pick an interest, and it's likely you'll find a Morton Community Center activity to match it. Among upcoming opportunities: fitness classes, watercolor painting, ballroom dancing and senior aerobics.

With some 10,000 people coming through its doors each year, "Morton is a meeting place for people of all ages who are exploring a variety of interests," says Director Brenda Lorenz. "The range of programming brings in a diverse group, all pursuing something fun and exciting for them."

Kitchen Remodeling

Thanks to a $13,682 grant from The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, Morton's kitchen is getting a much-needed makeover. Used by numerous groups and classes, the kitchen will be expanded and a dishwasher, water heater, triple-bay sink, cabinets and countertop installed.

Pottery is among the many offerings at Morton Community Center.

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Recycling, Trash Collection. Weekly curbside pickup and not having to sort are helping boost recycling, which is up about 25 percent. The city has introduced a new 48-gallon recycling toter to give residents a larger container. To purchase one, call 775-5242. Also of note: All yard waste picked up is now composted.

Transforming Food to Energy. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is in its second year of processing Purdue food waste, averaging 20 tons a month during the academic year. A new grinder goes online soon. "We hope to generate between $15,000 and $20,000 worth of electricity and heat a year from food waste with the new grinder," says Utility Director David Henderson.

Street Work. City Engineer David Buck reports that the second phase of the Cumberland project, Yeager to Salisbury, is now in design with utilities moving next summer and construction beginning by early 2012. In another project, on Yeager from Northwestern to Sagamore West, he says, "We are purchasing right-of-way, and utilities are planning relocation work." Yeager will be open during the project.

Staff News. West Lafayette welcomes:

Nathaniel Biddle
Officer, Police Department

Megan Furst
Part-time Office Assistant, Mayor's Office

Katrina Gutwein
Head Patrol Dispatcher, Police Department

Kimberly Ridge
School Crossing Guard, Police Department

Amy Spann
Administrative Assistant, Wastewater Treatment Utility

Brad Walker
Maintenance Technician, Parks and Recreation Department

Gretchen Ely and Kathy Lafuse won the September Beautification Award.

Bethany Hansen, August Beautification Award winner.

Be a Good Neighbor

Seeking Volunteers. Lending a hand can make your neighborhood and community great. Get involved in your neighborhood association (information at www.westlafayette.in.gov), help with the next Global Fest, become involved with the Tree Fund or sponsor an Adopt-a-Spot area.

Shoveling Snow and Ice. Help your neighborhood this winter. City code requires owners or occupants of property adjacent to sidewalks to remove snow or ice within six hours after daylight or after snow ceases falling. Follow the diagram shown. Arrange for someone to do it for you if you will be out of town. Please move parked cars off the street during a snowfall and clear snow from mailboxes. The Street Department plows main streets first, then side streets.

Council of Neighborhood Representatives Formed. The newly formed Council of Neighborhood Representatives—one goal in our new strategic plan—met in August and October and convenes again in the spring, says Housing Program Coordinator Dale Dixon. So far, topics among members of 18 neighborhood associations have included signage, traffic and beautification.

Beautification Award Winners. Recent winners of the Beautification Award are:

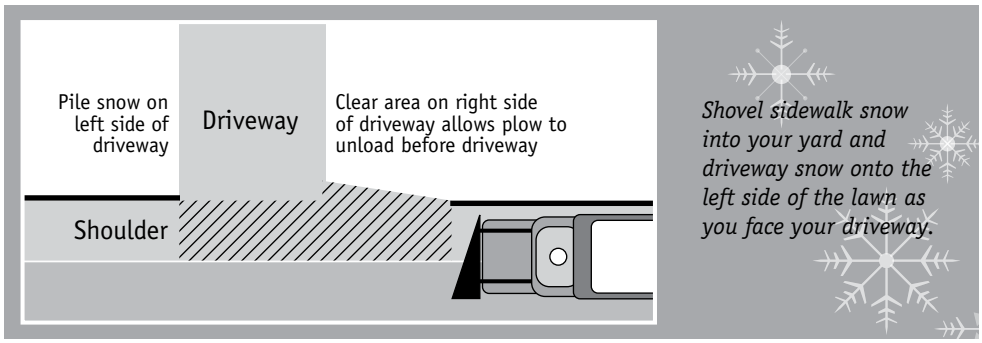
Master Gardeners of Tippecanoe County, Celery Bog butterfly garden, July

Bethany Hansen, 220 Cedar Hollow Court, August

Gretchen Ely, 618 Eden St., and **Kathy Lafuse**, 624 Eden St., September

Brenda Jurich and **Robert Larew**, 729 Lagrange St., October

Marshall Porterfield, 844 Rose St., November



Shovel sidewalk snow into your yard and driveway snow onto the left side of the lawn as you face your driveway.

Police Beat

Drug Drop-off. Anonymous drop-offs of over-the-counter and prescription drugs may be made from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, West Lafayette Police Department lobby. DARE Officer Janet Shepherd reports an overwhelming response from the community to this program.

Rape Aggression Defense Classes. Free RAD classes for women will be offered January 25 to 27, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Applications, due by January 10, are available at Police Department Records Division or www.westlafayettepd.us. radKID classes are also regularly offered.

Track Police Activity. For information on police activity by location, visit www.CrimeReports.com, where you can also sign up for alerts.

Businesses Choose West Lafayette

Among recent business developments:

DowAgrosciences LLC dedicated its Purdue Research Park office and greenhouse, where it will employ 30 scientists and research assistants.

Purdue Research Park welcomed newcomers **Allegro Dynamics** LLC, **Bioscience Vaccines** Inc. and **Schoolhouse Partners** LLC.

Westminster Village broke ground on The Health Center, a $10 million, 25,000-square-foot addition and remodeling to open fall 2011. It will be open to anyone in the community.

River Bend Hospital is the new name for the former Wabash Valley Hospital.

New restaurants include **Café Lumos**, **Maza Mediterranean Grill & Tapas Bar**, **Red Mango** and **Von's Dough Shack**.

Join the Fun

Riverside Skating Center

Check hours at 775-5110 or www.westlafayette.in.gov

Skate with Santa

Saturday, December 18
9 to 11 a.m

City of West Lafayette

City Summit

Monday, February 7 • 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Purdue

Figure as Modern Relic

January 10 to February 20
Stewart Center Gallery

Vanguard Jazz

January 21 • 8 p.m.
Purdue Convocations, Loeb

Rubberdance Group

January 29 • 8 p.m.
Purdue Convocations, Loeb

Arabian Nights

February 18 to 27 • 8 p.m.
Purdue Theatre, Pao Hall

Holiday Closings

City Hall will be closed:
December 23 and 24
January 3 and 17

Village Improvements Completed

Recent Chauncey Village enhancements include paver repairs, universal access ramp, an information kiosk, cultural district signs, the Mythic Wabash mural and new benches, trash cans and ash urns.

"We want to present a clean, welcoming image to visitors," says Redevelopment and Greenspace Administrator Beverly Shaw. Each year some 2 million people make Tippecanoe County their destination, and about 85 percent visit West Lafayette, Purdue and the Village.

"The Boiler Volunteer Network is playing an appreciated role by picking up litter," Shaw adds.

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