

## **WEST LAFAYETTE STATE OF THE CITY FEBRUARY 4**

*Dennis to share City's approach to responsible growth*

**West Lafayette, IN – February 4, 2013** – Using the theme of saving while continuing to build and manage growth responsibly, West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis will deliver the 2012 State of the City address tonight during the City Council's 6:30 p.m. meeting.

The Mayor also will recognize various West Lafayette residents during the City's annual Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony as part of the evening's event in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

"A State of the City is a nod to the past with an eye on the future. Each January, I share my reflections on the impressive achievements of our hard working, dedicated City team of professionals and offer a preview of our planned successes for the future of West Lafayette and our residents.

"Combining this event with the opportunity to recognize our outstanding volunteer citizens is the icing on the cake. Each year, I look forward to shining a spotlight on dedicated community members whose time, energy and talents make our City a great place to live, work and play," Dennis said.

According to the Mayor, his address this year is filled with examples of how City officials focus on saving money while continuing to build programs and services and at the same time, responsibly manage West Lafayette's growth.

"Managing the community's growth in a responsible, strategic manner is a careful balancing act. It's done in combination with astute fiscal accountability, progressive thinking and collaborations with partners like Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation.

"In addition, the proactive, innovative work of our City departments, combined with significant involvement and support by our residents are key ingredients in our ongoing, successful growth and progress," Dennis said.

The media and public are invited to tonight's State of the City, Volunteer Recognition Awards and City Council meeting.

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For questions or interview requests, contact Mayor Dennis at 765-775-5100.