

Summer a Time for Street Improvements

Plan on a smooth Lindberg Road ride soon. Bridge construction progress has been steady and on schedule. Construction will include a reinforced concrete deck and railings. Plans are to open the road for traffic by the time football season rolls around.

Elsewhere in the city, contractors are making hay—rather, improving roads—while the sun shines.

Improvements under way:

New curbs, sidewalks, universal access ramps and drive approaches are going in on Robinson between Stadium and North River Road, Rose between Stadium and Robinson, and Harrison Street.

Harrison Street is also being reconstructed to four lanes and a roundabout is going in at Jischke Drive.

On Cumberland and Yeager, utility relocations will occur this summer and fall, making way for road reconstruction in 2012.

Wabash Heritage Trail will wrap up along North River Road and into Happy Hollow Park, providing even greater access, connectivity and safety for trail users.

Many streets throughout our city are also being resurfaced, repaired and made accessible for all users.



City Engineer David Buck eyes progress on the Lindberg Bridge.

“Our engineering department and contractors are tackling an aggressive schedule, all for safe pedestrian and vehicle travel,” says Mayor John Dennis. “We ask for a little caution and patience, and we’ll soon reap the benefits.”



Work has begun to create Wabash Commons on Sagamore West. Pictured (from left) are Development Director Chandler Poole and Mayor John Dennis.

New Developments Valued, History Preserved

Interested eyes are scouting West Lafayette sites for commercial developments, reports Chandler Poole, West Lafayette director of development. “This shows the strength and character of our community.”

New Wabash Commons

The long-vacant lot on Sagamore West that once housed a Kmart store is about to be transformed to a well-designed,

multi-building commercial site to be known as Wabash Commons. The developer is Golden Paws Investments, owned by local residents Alan and Julie White.

“You’ll see lots of activity this summer,” Poole says. “They are a great partner, working with us to make this right for the community.”

So far, a bank and Mike’s Car Wash have committed to the 8-acre site, which can be accessed from Nighthawk, Navajo and Sagamore West.

Smitty’s Demolished

The 2-acre Northwestern site that housed Smitty’s grocery until six years ago is now a clean slate for new development. The building was torn down earlier this year to make it more marketable, Poole says.

Historic Preservation

Discussion continues on a possible historic preservation ordinance. Check www.westlafayette.in.gov for notices of public meetings.

“We have to decide what we want to accomplish,” says Poole, who’s been involved in historic preservation for 20 years. “It’s a delicate balance: inviting investment while protecting the past.”

Digging Up Our History

by Mayor John Dennis

Having Purdue in our community is a plus I often cite. The city is benefitting once again as graduate student Laurie Pinkert works on a project about our history.

We're opening our archives to her in a project we are calling DIG—Discover, Index and Guard our history. She's logging some interesting tidbits, such as these 1895 budget items: a day's work for \$1.25 and 400 stakes for street use for \$3.

"I'm interested in the ways organizations and communities preserve and tell their histories, and the hidden histories that might be untold," she reports. Inventorying materials housed at City Hall follows a "Memories Road Show" a Purdue class hosted.

With our 150th anniversary in 2017, DIG helps Laurie with her studies while we gain insights into happenings since West Lafayette was chartered as the town of Chauncey in 1867.



Art in Bloom June 25

Residents and visitors are invited to tour West Lafayette landscapes and meet local artists at work in the gardens. The event is the third annual Art in Bloom, Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stops include Cumberland Gardens by the Farmers Market area in Cumberland Park and a selection of private homes, all previous Beautification Award winners. Two of the stops will be accessible for those who use wheelchairs.

Addresses of tour stops will be posted at www.westlafayette.in.gov. Subaru of Indiana Automotive Inc. is sponsoring this free event.

High School Students Recycle Food Waste



Mayor John Dennis recently recognized West Lafayette High School students Agustina de la Fuente (left) and Arthi Puri for their renewable energy project, collecting school food waste for conversion to electricity.

"We read that Purdue was doing this," de la Fuente says, so she and Puri recruited Eco Club volunteers to stand at waste bins and encourage recycling.

In eight days, they collected more than 176 pounds of scraps, says Utility Director David Henderson. "It's important to encourage young people to tackle some of these big issues."



They also surveyed some 20 restaurants on possible recycling. "They all said, 'yes,'" de la Fuente says. "Now, we're trying to get transportation to do that."

The students have entered their project in a Siemens energy competition.



Sagamore West Farmers Market is open Wednesdays from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Local Fare Featured at Farmers Market

Local, fresh and original describes the 7th season of Sagamore West Farmers Market, open Wednesdays from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in Cumberland Park through October 26.

Dozens of returning and new vendors have signed on. Products are primarily grown, made or produced in Indiana by the vendors, and range from fresh produce to meat, herbs, flowers, baked goods, food crafts, and original art, crafts and jewelry. Weekly wine tastings continue. And expanded take-out options and new seating areas will allow eating onsite.

Community activities are also on tap, including plans for grilling

demonstrations, ride-your-bicycle to market day, Purdue Day and musical performances. A "Feed Your Body and Mind" partnership with West Lafayette Public Library will offer programs for families.

Shoppers who visit the market three times can pick up a free Sagamore West Farmers Market tote bag, while supplies last. The fourth edition in this collectible series features a beet.

For news, activities and information, visit Sagamore West Farmers Market on Facebook or www.westlafayette.in.gov/farmersmarket.



R.A.D. for Seniors June 13 to 24. The West Lafayette Police Department is launching R.A.D. for Seniors, a free 10-session national safety program for senior citizens covering scams, frauds and personal safety. The first class meets weekdays from June 13 to 24, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Greentree, 3575 Senior Place, in the Arbor Dining Room. Pick up registration forms in advance at the Police Department or download from www.westlafayette.in.gov, clicking on "documents," then "forms." Questions? Contact Sgt. Cindy Marion, 775-5225 or camarion@westlafayettepd.us.

Recycling Center Enhanced. The 24-hour recycling center at 705 S. River Road now has shelters over all receptacles, adding to the convenience of using the center, especially in inclement weather.

Firefighter Bret Yundt holds world record. Running up a five-story stair tower, moving a 175-pound rescue mannequin and hoisting a 42-pound roll of fire hose up five flights were among the feats firefighter Bret Yundt completed to set a new world record in the over 50 division, 2010 Firefighter Combat Challenge in Elkton, Maryland. "Combining his 25 years of firefighting experience with his ability to perform the physical tasks of firefighting as well as anybody in the nation makes him a highly valued member of our department," says Fire Chief Phil Drew.

Free Shredding May 14. Residents may bring documents for free shredding to West Lafayette City Hall, Saturday,

May 14, from noon to 2 p.m. A secure mobile shredding unit will be in the public parking lot. Residents will place documents in a large toter; when it is full, it will be dumped into the shredder. Two police officers will provide security. Residents are limited to six banker boxes per household. Cardboard and binders cannot be shredded. Besides guarding against identity theft, the process helps the environment because all paper is recycled.

New/Retired Employees. Jordan Glick has joined the West Lafayette Police Department as a probationary patrol dispatcher. Jeff Ray, recently retired after 23 years with the West Lafayette Police Department, has been rehired as a code enforcement officer. Donna Van Meter, employed 28 years in the Street and Sanitation Department, and Phil Wright, who spent 34 years with the Wastewater Treatment Utility, have both retired.

West Lafayette and Purdue Community Partnership Teams. The teams' last meeting included discussions on enrollment, housing plans, Purdue Research Foundation plans, crime, upcoming events and the New Chauncey neighborhood. They meet regularly to keep communication lines open.



Business News *New businesses and growing ventures making headlines:*

Backyard Grill has opened at 300 State St.

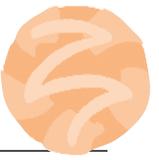
Cornerstone Autism Center is now open in Purdue Research Park.

Dow AgroSciences will open an additional facility at Purdue Research Park and move its Iowa seed quality lab here.

Endocyte completed its IPO in February and is now traded on the Nasdaq at ECYT.

Gretel's Fine Gifts, 1558 Win Hentschel Blvd., was named Greater Lafayette Commerce's February Small Business of the Month.

Global Fest Brings Cultures Together



Morton Community Center becomes a world stage Saturday, September 3, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. as the city hosts the 17th annual Global Fest, with support from many local businesses.

The community is invited to enjoy international foods, music, dancers and displays.

"This year we are going to have even more activities for children, including some international games," reports Pennie Ainsworth, assistant superintendent, Parks & Recreation Department.



Larry and Judy Hodge, March Beautification Award winners.

Beautifying Our City

Plant Orange. Orange you glad it's summer? That's the question the Beautification Committee is asking as it suggests planting orange flowers across West Lafayette in 2011. Among the annual choices are zinnias, marigolds and impatiens; perennials include daylilies and poppies.

Award Winners. Recent Beautification Award winners were:

March: Larry and Judy Hodge
108 Chippewa | a landscape of grasses, perennials, spring blooming trees and azaleas.

April: Jim and Ruthie Shook
4 Hitching Post Road | featuring daffodils, ferns, rhododendrons and more.

Summertime Sizzles

City Offices Closed

May 3, 30 | July 4 | September 5

Sagamore West Farmers Market

Wednesdays through October
3 to 6:30 p.m. | Cumberland Park

Document Shredding

City Hall Parking Lot
Saturday, May 14 | 12 to 2 p.m.

West Lafayette Municipal Pool

Splash Bash, season opening
Friday, May 27 | 1 to 4 p.m. | \$1

Taste of Tippecanoe

Saturday, June 18 | 4 p.m. to
midnight | Tapawingo Park,
Downtown Lafayette

Art in Bloom

Saturday, June 25 | 10 a.m. to
3 p.m. Sites to be posted at
www.westlafayette.in.gov

Bach Chorale S.I.N.G.S.

Saturday, June 25 | 1 p.m.
West Lafayette High School

Stars and Stripes Celebration

Monday, July 4 | dusk
Downtown Wabash River banks,
West Lafayette and Lafayette

Wabash Riverfest

Saturday, July 9 | 9 a.m. to
4 p.m. | Tapawingo Park
Kids parade | 10 a.m.

Dancing in the Streets

Saturday, July 16 | 4 p.m. to
midnight | Tapawingo Park,
Downtown Lafayette

Meet and Greet

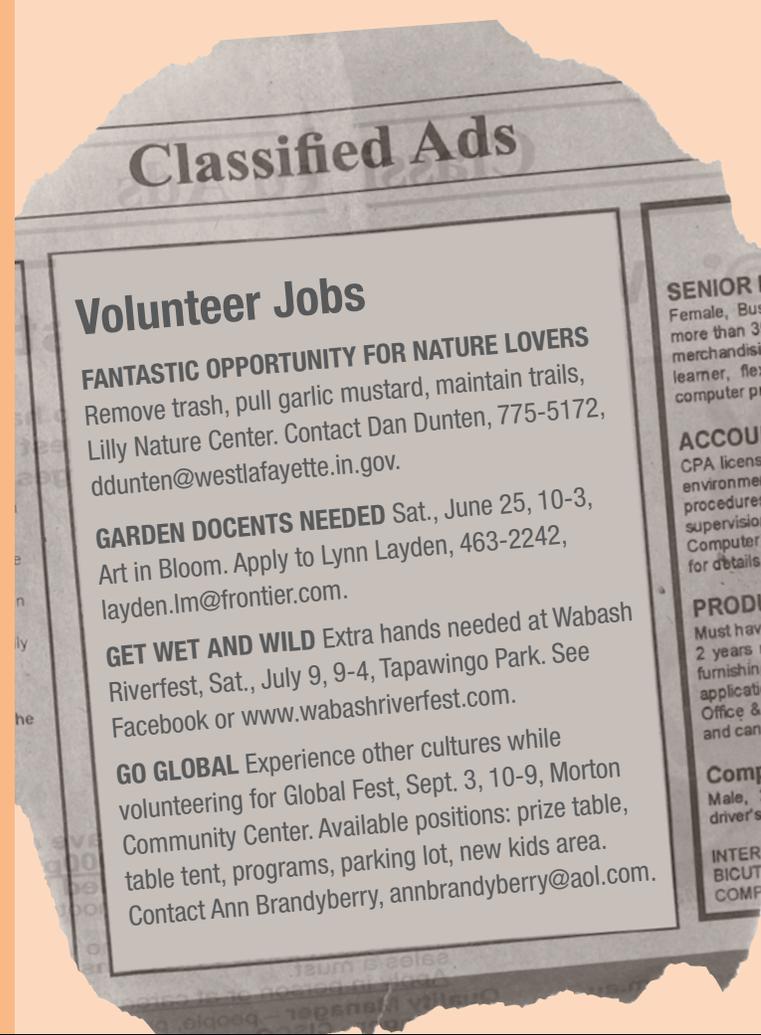
Tuesday, August 23 | 6:30
p.m. Gather at Purdue Visitor
Information Center | Residents
invited to help Community
Partnership Teams go door-to-
door to welcome newcomers and
hand out information packets.

Global Fest

Saturday, September 3 |
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
Morton Community Center

Art on the Wabash: *A Local Artists Fair*

Sunday, September 18 | 10 a.m.
to 4 p.m. | Tapawingo Park



Classified Ads

Volunteer Jobs

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR NATURE LOVERS
Remove trash, pull garlic mustard, maintain trails,
Lilly Nature Center. Contact Dan Dunten, 775-5172,
ddunten@westlafayette.in.gov.

GARDEN DOCENTS NEEDED Sat., June 25, 10-3,
Art in Bloom. Apply to Lynn Layden, 463-2242,
layden.lm@frontier.com.

GET WET AND WILD Extra hands needed at Wabash
Riverfest, Sat., July 9, 9-4, Tapawingo Park. See
Facebook or www.wabashriverfest.com.

GO GLOBAL Experience other cultures while
volunteering for Global Fest, Sept. 3, 10-9, Morton
Community Center. Available positions: prize table,
table tent, programs, parking lot, new kids area.
Contact Ann Brandyberry, annbrandyberry@aol.com.

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Enjoy West Lafayette gardens and artists at work in them. Third Annual Art in Bloom, Saturday, June 25.



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