



Sagamore West Farmers Market opens May 1

Fresh from the Market

Sagamore West Farmers Market features fresh activities and vendors this season! Opening on May 1 from 3 – 6:30 pm and continuing each Wednesday through October 30 at Cumberland Park, the market introduces several innovative programs to delight young and old.

These programs include: Art@theMarket, a children's craft/art area led by local artist Rachel Witt; Grow@theMarket, a forum to explore the fertile minds of local Master Gardeners; Bike@theMarket, a venue for bicycling enthusiasts to exchange tips for better biking; and Dinner@theMarket, featuring regular cooks demonstrating delicious dinner ideas from market produce. These new programs will take place once a month, rotating weekly. See the schedule at www.wl.in.gov, like the Sagamore

West Farmers Market facebook page or ask at the information booth on market days.

Reawaken your taste buds with just-picked asparagus and juicy strawberries – the first fruits of the season; revive your winter-weary senses with scented soaps and fresh-cut flowers. Returning to the open-air market are many of your favorite vendors, plus a few new ones this season. They grow fresh produce and flowers, raise local eggs, pork, beef and lamb, and sell assorted baked goods, handmade soaps, clothing, crafts, and one-of-a-kind jewelry. Relax and enjoy a perfect Indiana evening, sipping wine and sampling food from local restaurants while musicians perform in the convivial marketplace. For more information, contact Market Masters Sue Gerard and Robin Pickett at sagamorewestfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Art in Bloom

Pretty in Pink Dress up your flower beds with a pop of hot pink this season! In anticipation of the 5th Annual Art in Bloom, West Lafayette is encouraged to think pink. Order discounted flats of hot pink annuals from the City's website by May 7 for pickup at Cumberland Park just in time for Mother's Day.



Art in Bloom, West Lafayette's innovative garden tour is Saturday, June 22 from 10 am – 3 pm at six Beautification Award winners' homes and the butterfly garden at the Celery Bog Nature Area. Exceptional landscaping is coupled with displays of local artwork and musical performances at selected locations. Maps for the free, self-guided tour will be available on the City website two weeks prior to the event. Grab a friend and get inspired!

Trailblazer Award

The new four-mile portion of the Wabash Heritage Trail through Happy Hollow Park is the winner of the 2013 Concrete Achievement Award for Excellence in Concrete Construction. Purdy Concrete nominated the project which used hundreds of their concrete blocks

to create the intricate switchback trail that winds up from the hollow to Rose Street. This new trail is bike, foot, and handicap friendly. The Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association presented the award to city officials at their annual state meeting in February.



*There's a long trail
a-winding/Into the
land of my dreams.*

Stoddard King

New trail at Happy Hollow Park

Community Partnership

Creative collaboration between the City of West Lafayette and Purdue University benefit both parties with the new license agreement allowing the City to collocate their computer file servers in Freehafer Hall. This leasing arrangement provides the extra data

storage space that the City needs at a much lower cost than operating a separate unit. The university will receive approximately \$1,000 annually from the joint venture. The partnership is another example of the strong bond between town and gown.

Get Involved!

Art in Bloom Docents are needed Saturday, June 22, 10 am – 3 pm. Contact Lynn Layden at layden.lm@frontier.com to apply.

Global Fest Worldly volunteers are welcome to help on Saturday, August 31, 10 am – 9 pm. For details contact Pennie Ainsworth at painsworth@wl.in.gov.

RIP Squad (Remove Invasive Plants) – Green thumbs are needed to remove invasive garlic mustard from WL and Tippecanoe County Parks on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3 – 5 pm this spring. Contact Joan Mohr Samuels at mohrsamuels@comcast.net to RSVP.

WL Tree Fund Committee Contribute your mind and muscle power as a member of this dynamic committee. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon. For more info contact Bev Shaw at bshaw@wl.in.gov.

City News

NEW HIRES

Wendy Jenkinson
Police Department
Probationary Patrol
Dispatcher

Jessica Jones
Engineering
Department
Office Assistant

RETIREMENTS

Emma Neill
Parks and Recreation
Department
Office Assistant

City Hall Closed

May 27 | Memorial Day
July 4 | Independence Day
September 2 | Labor Day

We Moved!

The Parks and Recreation Department has a new address: 1101 Kalberer Road, the former Fire Station #3 location.



Spring It On

by Mayor John Dennis

West Lafayette is truly an excellent example of a springlike city. Now don't get me wrong, there's plenty to do here in the winter months, but when spring arrives and the weather gets warmer, West Lafayette jumps to life.

Our engaged citizens

take to the trails from early morning to late evening running, walking, spending time with their families, and generally enjoying the benefits of the beautiful outdoors. It's no secret that West Lafayette residents take pleasure in being outside and being active. As a matter of fact, your City employees have embodied the "outdoorsy" spirit of the citizens in a wellness program, collectively losing over 827 pounds! The City employees literally "walked the walk" about exercise and good nutrition.

Another way we show our true spring patina is by creating and nurturing amazing home gardens and landscapes in our neighborhoods. With a growing number of talented gardeners in our midst, our neighborhoods are more colorful and creative each year.

The sights, sounds, and scents of our city are created through individual and community efforts that become social events: neighbors sharing gardening tips across the fence; families enjoying music and fresh food at the farmers market and local festivals; grillmasters sending inviting aromas from backyard barbecues. We walk our dogs for our benefit and theirs, and end up making friends along the way. We take pride in our neighborhoods, clearing away brush and debris from the cold winter months to make way for springtime flowers.

So, as the weather improves and the temperatures rise, please take advantage of all the city has to offer. Take a walk on the trails, visit the parks, and become a tourist in your own city. We have done our spring cleaning and wonderful outdoor recreational opportunities are ready and waiting for you!

Riverfest 2013

Enjoy a summer day on the banks of the Wabash on Saturday, July 13 from 9 am – 4 pm at Tapawingo Park. The family-friendly festival features free pony rides, face painting, a bounce house, falcon demonstrations, and a kids' parade. Cheer on your city and favorite businesses as they compete against each other in voyageur-style canoe races throughout the day. The City of

West Lafayette will be defending its 9-year winning streak at 12:30. SAMI (Songwriters Association of Mid-North Indiana) musicians and the Dulcimer Gathering provide a musical backdrop during the event. Learn everything you ever wanted to know about conserving our natural resources from local environmental experts.

Feel the need for speed? Sign up to participate in the 5K Run/Walk starting at 8 am with proceeds benefiting the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation. All activities can be found at www.wabashriver.net/wabash-riverfest. Contact Gene Hatke at gene@hatke.com or Sara Peel at speel@lafayette.in.gov for more information.

Jon Munn captains the West Lafayette team to victory.



Purdue Boilermaker Half-Marathon and 5K

After the success of the Purdue Boilermaker Half-Marathon, the second annual event will be held on October 19 with a new route including more of West Lafayette and the Purdue campus. A shorter 5K race is available for those not wishing to do the full 13.1 half-marathon.

The inaugural event was held last October with 25,000 participants from 31 states and 3 countries, and was sponsored by both cities, Purdue, and local businesses. Sign up now to take advantage of reduced rates at www.purduehalf.com. Free for children 8 years old and younger.



Mayor's Column

North by Northwestern

Construction Zone

Northwestern Avenue is undergoing several thrilling changes this summer, including a refurbished gateway to the city, four major private developments, INDOT resurfacing, installation of new sidewalks and trails, plus relocation of water and gas mains. "It's turned out to be a perfect storm," said Public Works Director Dave Buck, describing the intensive activity. Please be aware of continued lane restrictions along Northwestern Avenue this summer and consider using Salisbury and Happy Hollow as alternate routes to avoid delays.

Northwestern Gateway Project • To enhance the entrance into the city along Northwestern Avenue, the City will be adding landscaping and street lights, trail connectors and pedestrian crossings, and a new traffic signal at Lindberg and Northwestern. The City's improvement project runs from the new roundabout at Yeager to Lindberg Road.

Building Momentum

Faith West • 1920 Northwestern • Located just north of Lindberg, the development includes Lafayette Community Bank, apartments and public exercise facilities and will open this fall.

720 Northwestern Avenue • Located across from Mackey Arena, the 5-story building includes Regions Bank and a grocery store, apartments and a 2-story underground parking garage. It is scheduled to be completed by August 2014.

Wang Hall • 516 Northwestern • The 3-story office/academic/retail multiplex is under construction and is expected to be completed by fall 2014.

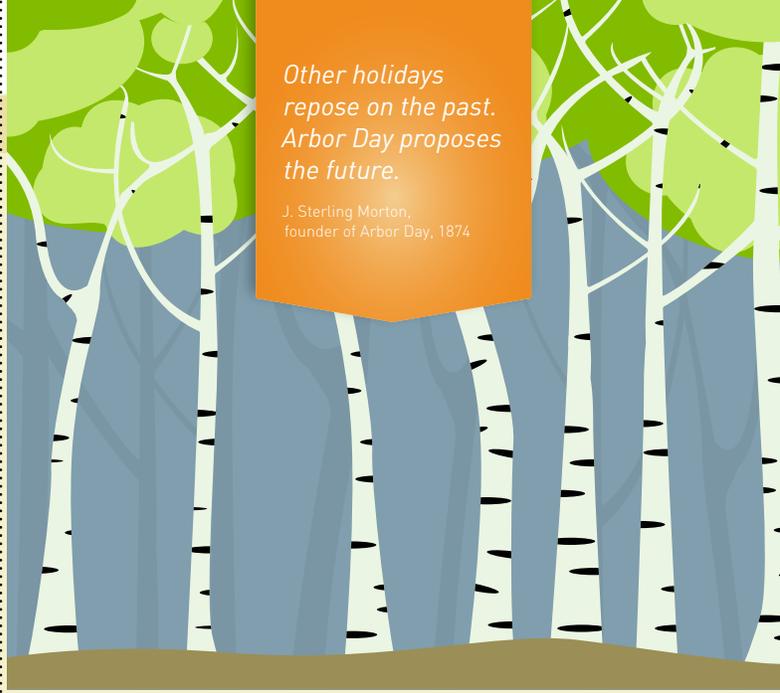
Bailey Hall • Plans are finalizing for the new home of PMO on the triangle between Northwestern and Grant, and if bids are within budget, Purdue will be moving forward with the project.

Street Savvy

As the university winds down during the summer, street crews gear up making needed road repairs throughout the city. INDOT will resurface all of Northwestern and the existing 231 from South River Rd to US 52 by early August before Purdue begins the fall semester and in preparation of the opening of the new 231. INDOT will also be installing accessible ramps along Northwestern and doing other repairs to curbs and traffic signals.

Curbside Appeal

Selected neighborhoods are eligible for Community Block Grant funds and will receive renovated curbs, sidewalks, street resurfacing, driveway approaches and trees. These funds supplement the City's budget, creating more bang for your buck. Additionally, an innovative method was tested to repair sidewalk trip hazards in University Farms. It is estimated to have saved \$170,000, created little to no mess, and took only two weeks to complete. This time and cost-saving technique for relatively new sidewalks is hoped to be used in other neighborhoods in the future.



*Other holidays
repose on the past.
Arbor Day proposes
the future.*

J. Sterling Morton,
founder of Arbor Day, 1874

Arbor Day Planting Party

Dogwood, serviceberry and redbud trees were planted along the new trail located on the southeast corner of State Street and Tapawingo Drive on April 26, in celebration of Arbor Day. Children from Tippecanoe County Child Care assisted the West Lafayette Tree Fund volunteers and City staff in planting the flowering trees. Starbucks managers also helped plant 30 shrubs in the same area on Earth Day, April 22. Other trees will be planted in Northwestern Heights, on Lindberg Road and in New Chauncey neighborhood thanks to grants from the DNR, EnviroWatts and CDBG, which will provide beauty and life for years to come.

Getting the Skinny

The 12-week health and wellness program produced both losers and winners for the City employees who took on the recent Get Fit Challenge. The goal of each team (and individual) was to achieve the highest percentage of weight loss, and in doing so, collectively add to the City's overall weight loss goal. Progress was tracked through weekly weigh-ins at Miracles Fitness and was posted with encouraging health and fitness tips.

Human Resources Director Diane Foster scheduled several health and wellness sessions on fitness training and lifestyle changes, among other topics. Monthly drawings were held to reward those who attended these sessions. Implementation of "Friday Snack Attack" provided an opportunity to introduce healthy food/snack choices at the office.

The initiative succeeded with employees losing a collective total of 827 pounds. David Smith topped the individual percentage of total body weight lost with 17.5%. Team Weapons of Mass Reduction tallied an impressive 17.25% loss. Teams and individual "big losers" were recognized on April 12. Healthy individuals make for a healthy organization, and wellness in the workplace makes everyone a winner!

Clean Sweep

Springtime is a great time to make a fresh start in your home and yard. When you're ready to pack it up or pitch it out, remember to use the City's roll-out dumpsters (for garbage only) available from May 2 – May 20 located at the corners of Williams & Chauncey, Vine & Pearl, Garfield & Evergreen, Vine & Stadium, Lutz & Salisbury, and Grant & Harrison.

For reusable items in good shape, Goodwill is now offering home pickup service (855-GW-PIK-UP or www.goodwillindy.org/pickup) in addition to their drop-off facilities. For electronic recyclables, go to Oscar Winski eRecycling facility at 2217 N. 9th Street. See www.oscarwinski.com/erecycling for a full listing of acceptable items and fee schedule.

Leaves, weeds, and grass clippings will be picked up when placed in rigid containers with handles on yard waste pick up days. (No bags, please!) Limbs no wider than 4" in diameter and no longer than 5' in length may be stacked along the curbside for pick up.



Clean Out Your Medicine Closet

Take your unused over-the-counter and prescription drugs to the West Lafayette Police Department on the second Thursday of each month from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

May 9 | June 13 | July 11 | August 8 | September 12



Janet Winslow running the Drug Drop-Off Program



Sam Postelkweit

Mind BOGgling Event

Discovering Nature's Wonders

Celery Bog Nature Area | Lindberg Road

Saturday | May 18 | 9 am – 5 pm

Explore the wonders of the outdoors in a day filled with family friendly hands-on nature activities, nature hikes, live demonstrations, and musical performances by SAMI musicians. Discover wild animals, butterflies, and birds that are native to our area. Learn about the wetlands, the environmental effects of last summer's drought, and the importance of trees from local experts. Hear about the history of the Celery Bog from a previous celery grower. These topics and more will concurrently take place from 9 am – 3 pm.

Starting at 4 pm, enjoy the EMMY award-winning film *Green Fire*, a documentary on Aldo Leopold, the legendary environmentalist influential in the development of modern environmental ethics and wilderness conservation. A complete schedule of all these free activities can be found at www.wl.in.gov, in the Parks Department, under Hot Topics.

The Mind BOGgling event is sponsored by West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County Parks and Recreation Departments in partnership with volunteers from the Lilly Nature Center, Sycamore Audubon Society, Indiana Plant and Wildflower Society, NICHES, and Tippecanoe County Master Gardeners.



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Sam Postlethwait

Let's Go! Event Calendar

Sagamore West Farmers Market

Opening Day | May 1
Wednesdays through October
3 – 6:30 pm
Cumberland Park

Wednesdays in the Wild

Wednesdays | Lilly Nature Center
www.wl.in.gov/parks

Mosey Down Main Street

Saturday | May 11 | June 8
6 pm - midnight
Main Street, Downtown Lafayette

Gallery Walk

Friday | May 17 | July 12 | September 20
6 – 10 pm | Downtown Lafayette

3rd Mind BOGgling Event

Saturday | May 18 | 9 am – 5 pm
Celery Bog Nature Area

West Lafayette Municipal Pool

Splash Bash – season opening
Friday | May 24 | 1 – 4 pm
Open daily | noon – 7:50 pm

Round the Fountain Art Fair

Saturday | May 25 | 9 am – 4:30 pm
Courthouse Square

Taste of Tippecanoe

Saturday | June 15 | 4 pm – midnight
Myers Pedestrian Bridge | Downtown Lafayette

Art in Bloom

Saturday | June 22 | 10 am – 3 pm
Site maps posted at www.wl.in.gov

Stars & Stripes Celebration

Thursday | July 4
Concert | 7 pm | Riehle Plaza
Fireworks | dusk | Tapawingo Park,
Myers Pedestrian Bridge

Wabash Riverfest

Saturday | July 13 | 9 am – 4 pm
5K | 8 am
Tapawingo Park

Dancing in the Streets

Saturday | July 20 | 4 pm – midnight
Tapawingo Park, Downtown Lafayette

Uptown Jazz and Blues Festival

Saturday | August 24 | 5 pm – midnight
Downtown Lafayette

Global Fest

Saturday | August 31 | 10 am – 9 pm
Morton Community Center

**Art on the Wabash
a local artists' fair**

Sunday | September 15 | 10 am – 4 pm
Tapawingo Park

