



WEST LAFAYETTE
TREE FRIENDS
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Tree News You Can Use

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West Lafayette Named Tree City

For the twenty-fourth year, West Lafayette has been awarded the prestigious designation of "TREE CITY" by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation website, "The Tree City USA program is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America.

Communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting [four core standards](#) of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day.

Participating communities have demonstrated a commitment to caring for and managing their public trees. Together the more than 3,400 Tree City USA communities serve as home to more than 135 million Americans."

There are 64 communities in Indiana that receive this designation, and only seven other communities have more years as TREE CITY than West Lafayette.

WL Tree Friends celebrate Arbor Day with an annual tree planting also involving area students and citizens. With the help of Mayor John Dennis and others, we have planted Arbor Day trees at Cumberland School, West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School, and the West Lafayette Public Library.

If you would like to receive the "Building Greener Communities" e-Newsletter, go to www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/newsletter.cfm.

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Recent Autumn Activities

Tree Friends volunteer group completed 4 of 6 pruning outings. 1,541 street trees were pruned during 2014

Tree Friends wrapped dozens of young trees with sweaters. Read all about it in the [Purdue Exponent](#).

Autumn Donation Drive. To donate contact: laydenlm@frontier.com

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To learn more go to the [Tree Friends website](#)

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Meet A West Lafayette Tree Friend Lynn Layden



My interest in trees actually goes back to my roots in Minneapolis where tree planting is important as it is here. To celebrate the bicentennial in 1976, I organized a street tree project on Ashland Avenue here in West Lafayette. Unfortunately lindens were not such a good choice, attracting Japanese Beetles and aphids. Much has been learned since then about tree choice and location!

In 1983, I started my association with Helen Lillich, a champion of trees in W.L., when my Girl Scout troop needed a community project. We adopted and watered trees along Sagamore Parkway during that record drought. My work with Helen continued and after her death in 2010 I was asked to take on WLTF continuing her mission of planting, pruning, and protecting the trees which add to the beauty and health of our community.

Since then working with other volunteer members who represent diverse experiences and professions has been rich and rewarding. Together we have fun while planning, planting, and caring for our city trees. Bev Shaw's energy and enthusiasm is invaluable to the success of our work as is the support of the City of West Lafayette.



The West Lafayette Tree Friends meet monthly and encourage your participation or inquiries about your tree projects. For more information about our projects, volunteering, or donating options, feel free to contact me at laydenlm@frontier.com.



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Quote-Requted

"Every time I hear about a government program that is going to spend billions of dollars on some carbon capture and storage program, I just laugh and think, what is wrong with a tree?"

-Niger Sizer, Director of Forest Programs at the World Resources Institute

Approved Street Trees

Not all trees are a good fit to be "street trees". A list of approved trees as well as landscape trees for yards can be found on the city website by [clicking here](#). Here are some examples of approved trees.

Hackberry



Celtis occidentalis

Height: 40 to 60 feet

Spread: 40 to 60 feet

Bloom Time: April to May

Bloom Description: Green

Flower: Insignificant

Attracts: Birds, Butterflies

Fruit: Edible

[More information](#)

Autumn Donation Drive

WHY ARE DONATIONS NEEDED? Donations to the West Lafayette Tree Friends go to work buying and planting street trees in West Lafayette. These trees make our city more attractive, raise property values, cool the air, save energy, absorb carbon dioxide from the air, and give off oxygen (one tree gives off enough oxygen each day for four people).

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM? While the bulk of the money comes from donations of community members and businesses, WLTF also benefits from Community Development Block Grants, grants from the Department of Natural Resources, and the City of West Lafayette Development, Parks and Street Departments., Parks acts as our financial agent and loans us the much-needed services of Dan Dunten and Bob Cheever. The Street Department takes down many of the dead or dying trees and contracts out the larger ones. The Development Department provides funds for pruning equipment, safety vests, a water pump, etc., and provides staff to the Tree Friends.

HOW IS THE MONEY SPENT? The largest portion of your money goes to buying trees. At present, 145 ash trees were removed because of emerald ash borer, and the 743 ash trees still standing will have to be replaced. In addition, new trees are being planted in neighborhoods around town. In total, 1007 trees were planted in 2014, at a cost of about \$200-250 for each tree.

DONORS TO THE WEST LAFAYETTE TREE FRIENDS (through 2014) - Thank you to:

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White oak



Quercus alba

Height: 50 to 80 feet

Spread: 50 to 80 feet

Bloom Time: May

Bloom Description:
Yellowish-green

Flower: Insignificant

Fruit: Showy

[More information](#)

*The best time to
plant a tree is
twenty years ago.
The second best
time is now. - -
Chinese proverb*

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