



Safety improvements on Northwestern Avenue

VIEW FROM THE CITY SUMMIT

Mayor John Dennis recounted achievements from 2014 in his annual State of the City address on February 2 at City Hall. West Lafayette nearly doubled in size via the annexation of Purdue and areas to the west to include US 231 corridor.

The Police Department's commitment to public safety has stepped up to meet the need of the growing population. Calls for service in 2014 increased 3%, but the number of criminal arrests decreased 15% in comparison to the previous year. WLPD provides ongoing alcohol awareness and education programs throughout the year. Since 2007, total alcohol arrests have decreased 57%. West Lafayette continues to be one of the safest college towns in the country, thanks to the leadership and dedication of Chief Jason Dombkowski and his professional staff.

The Fire Department, under the leadership of Fire Chief Tim Heath, had an extraordinary year with two generous grants which allowed the City to hire eight new firefighters, and purchase 12 defibrillators and AED wall units for public use areas. The WLFD made great strides in fire prevention with public education programs like "Keep Me In & I'll Get You OUT" that provided free batteries and smoke detectors to homes.

Many road-related projects were completed in 2014, including safety improvements on Northwestern, reconstruction work on Salisbury Street, mid-block crossings near the WL Farmers Market and Tapawingo Park,

street resurfacing, sidewalk repairs, and ADA ramps throughout the City. Cumberland Avenue and Happy Hollow Road are works in progress, and more projects are in the design stage. Public Works Director Dave Buck's skill and integrity have led the City to a new level of excellence.

The Wastewater Utility continues its stewardship and won an award from the Indiana Water Environment Association for Plant Safety and Laboratory Excellence. Work began on the Cumberland Avenue Sanitary Sewer Extension to provide sewer service to the newly-annexed area near US 231. This will provide the backbone for developments along the corridor.

The Street and Sanitation Department was extremely busy in 2014 with snow plowing, street maintenance, traffic maintenance, pollution control, storm and sanitary structure maintenance, and sanitation and recycling efforts. After 30 years of service, David Downey retired as Street Commissioner and Doug Payne became his successor. Doug looks for ways to continue to improve service to make the streets and roads the best in the state.

The Parks Department also has a new superintendent, Janet Fawley. She will continue to forge more trails and enhance programming to make West Lafayette an attractive place to live. After eight years of service Mayor Dennis concluded, "I am more optimistic about the future of our great City than I ever have been."



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS



Don Corrigan | Police Merit Commission Dr. Donald Corrigan is the longest serving member on the Commission, having served since 2004. His background in education as a Purdue professor helped him develop and direct the Police

Promotional Exams for WLPD, a tool used to promote officers based on their job knowledge, education, and tenure. He came to Purdue in 1965 from Iowa, and he and his wife, Sandra, raised their family here. Don was a wrestling coach at Purdue for over 10 years. Because of his connection to the community, he serves as a valuable source of insight for the senior staff at WLPD and is greatly appreciated.



John Collier | Art Smart John Collier has been adding beauty and function to the West Lafayette community since 1984, first as a landscape architect and campus master planner in Physical Facilities, and now volunteering on the

WL Public Arts Team, Art on the Wabash, and a member on the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation. His eye for artistic design has enhanced the aesthetics of campus and community, helping art touch the public. John is involved in the Civic Theatre, serving in multiple capacities as set designer, scenic

artist, and occasionally as actor or director. We are grateful that John so generously offers his creative talents to the City.

Purdue Christian Campus House | Jason Tennenhouse | Rob Schrumpf | In recognition

for creating and organizing the Starry Night Music & Arts Festival, Campus House, a non-denominational campus church, is being awarded for its positive impact on the campus and community.

The event creatively brings together a distinctly artistic blend of incredible music, diverse artisans, interactive creativity and storytelling activities, and excellent food – all under a canopy of lights. Proceeds benefit Read to Succeed, a literacy initiative for students. Starry Night is the brainchild of Jason Tennenhouse, executive director and consultant at Campus House. The annual event, now in its 13th year, has been most recently organized by Rob Schrumpf, lead pastor. Thank you, Jason, Rob, and all who make up Campus House, for engaging and serving those around you. Your service and leadership to this community is invaluable.



Jason Tennenhouse



Rob Schrumpf

CITY NEWS

NEW HIRES

Brad Alexander
Information Technology
IT Director

Janet Fawley
Parks and Recreation
Department
Parks Superintendent

Scott Fohr
Police Department
Communication Center
Supervisor

Octavio Gaeta
Police Department
Probationary Police
Officer

Thomas Lynch
Fire Department
Entry Level Firefighter

Charles McMahon
Street and Sanitation Department
Driver/Collector/Processor

Elizabeth Romstadt
Police Department
Probationary Police Officer

Drew Snider
Fire Department
Entry Level Firefighter



FROZEN – LET US GO!

Jack Frost has transformed West Lafayette into a winter wonderland. If you can brave the cold, I encourage you to walk, sled, or skate outside this winter. Our winding paved trails through the woods

are spectacular and made all the more majestic under a blanket of snow. Sledding at Slayter Hill or Happy Hollow Park will create lasting memories for your family. You can skate under the moon during the week and on weekends at Riverside Skating Center.

Although the weather puts the freeze on construction projects, it doesn't mean that progress isn't being made. We're moving forward in partnership with Purdue and the Purdue Research Foundation to do all the background work necessary to make the State Street Master Plan happen. We're like ducks: calm on the water's surface, but paddling like crazy underneath. MKSK consultants received the prestigious Award of Excellence for the design of the State Street Master Plan from the American Society of Landscape Architects, IN Chapter. Other exciting developments for the Research Park and the US 231 Corridor are in the works involving both local and international interests.

Lastly, I wanted to thank all of the volunteers who selflessly contribute hours of their time and talent for the good of the City. You staff our committees and commissions, lend your expertise in environmental, transportation, recreational, and educational issues. You do the heavy lifting. Thanks to your efforts, West Lafayette is a great place to live and work. Warm wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!

DID YOU KNOW?

Hold the Salt Every time the thermometer drops below 0 degrees, salting the roads is ineffective. Salt can't melt the ice and snow if it's that cold – that's why you'll see the road crews applying sand to increase road traction. See a snowplow whizzing by with its blade up? Don't fret. They already treated the road and are giving the chemicals time to work.

Strategically Speaking West Lafayette will be updating its 5-year Strategic Plan in order to guide priorities for City Government and make plans for continued growth in economic development and quality of life.

Ailing Ashes If your ash street tree is dying and needs to be removed this spring, please contact Beverly Shaw, Greenspace Administrator, at bshaw@wl.in.gov.



FIRST-CLASS TREATMENT

New processes are being implemented to help remove phosphorous from treated water to prevent algae blooms and fish kills. The captured phosphorous will end up in bio-solids and can be applied to farm fields as a natural fertilizer.

A long term plan to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSO) is in the works. The Wastewater Treatment Utility is gearing up for improvements to provide bleach disinfecting treatment to CSOs. According to Utility Director Dave Henderson, by 2027 the facility should be able to capture and treat 2" of stormwater/hour, 5x the quantity of the current handling capacity, thus diverting most CSO occurrences.



"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again."

Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass*



ONCOMING TRAFFIC

Keeping the roads plowed and safe for winter driving is Job One in freezing temperatures. Looking ahead to warmer and more favorable conditions in the spring, Dave Buck, Public Works Director, prepares for a busy construction season.

Cumberland Avenue | Phase III | Traffic lanes switched onto new pavement in December making it easier for residents and property owners to access their homes, and for snowplows to get through. Indiana American Water will be relocating and installing new water lines through March, and Milestone Contractors will work on new storm sewers as weather and water line relocations allow. Work

“Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?”

George Carlin

will be slowed through March, but will heat up in April with warmer weather.

Cattail Trail | Yeager Road to Cumberland Avenue | Construction and lighting of this segment of the trail will commence again in April, with a completion target of August 2015.

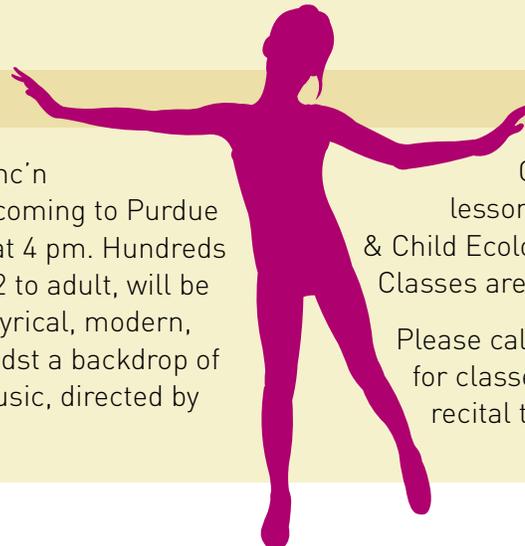
Northwestern Avenue | Phase IV | Look for more improvements on Northwestern Avenue from Lindberg to Dodge, and from Grant to North Streets this summer. Design is underway for more pedestrian safety improvements, street lighting, and signage along Northwestern.



The FUSE is home to Fresh City Market, Regions Bank, CVS, Jimmy Johns and Subway plus student apartments.

MOR' COWBELL

Don't miss the 22nd Annual Mor' Danc'n Recital, a spring showcase of talent coming to Purdue Loeb Playhouse on Saturday, May 2 at 4 pm. Hundreds of brightly-costumed dancers, ages 2 to adult, will be featured in jazz, ballet, hip hop, tap, lyrical, modern, and the amazing "Dad's dances" amidst a backdrop of professional lighting and uplifting music, directed by the talented LaVerne Mikhail.



Check out what's new at Morton: Guitar lessons, Pinterest Projects, Knitting, and Parent & Child Ecology exploration at the Lilly Nature Center. Classes are starting now!

Please call the Morton Community Center to register for classes, get more information, or to purchase recital tickets (765) 775-5120.

TALKING TRASH

Don't let your trash get left behind. Put your trash and recyclables out by the curb by 7 am on your trash pick-up day.

Trash tips:

- Use a sturdy trash can with a tight-fitting lid to store your trash. If you need one, the City sells 96-gallon cans for \$69.95.
- Big items, which aren't fit to be recycled at Goodwill or Salvation Army, may be taken to the curb to be picked up. Exceptions are large metal items. Please call the Street & Sanitation Department to arrange a special pick-up.
- DO NOT use your gray and yellow recycling toter as a trash can.

Recycling tips:

ACCEPTABLE Items: Place mixed paper, flattened cardboard, newspaper, plastic containers, plastic grocery bags, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles and jars in your recycling toter for curbside pick-up. That's it. Other recyclables need to be taken to the recycling center located at 705 S. River Road.

- **UNACCEPTABLE** Items: Trash, oils, paints, diapers, Styrofoam or anything not listed as acceptable. Thanks for being green.

Questions? for more information call 765.775.5242 or go to www.wl.in.gov.



SPRING CLEANING

Besides the weekly recycling collection, the drop-off center on South River Road also accepts motor oil and used car batteries. Collect cooking oil/grease in special plastic jugs, available at the Wastewater Treatment Utility, and drop them off at the Recycling Center to help WL create its own energy and save money.

"You never know what you have until ... you clean your room."

Anonymous

Recycle at the drop-off center



Electronics should be recycled at Oscar Winski's e-Recycling facility at 2217 N. 9th Street, Lafayette. For a full listing of acceptable items and fees, see www.oscarwinski.com/erecycling.

Household hazardous waste, such as oil-based paint, pesticides, household cleaners, pool and spa chemicals, etc. may be taken to Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Management District, 2770 N. 9th Street, Lafayette (765) 423-2858 for free disposal. For a comprehensive list of acceptable waste and hours of operation, see <http://tippecanowaste.org/hazardous-products/>.

CLEAN UP EVENT

Saturday, May 9 • 10 am – 1 pm • Morton Center lot

Bring old electronics | Oscar Winski e-Recycling

Shred documents | Lafayette Copier Eco-Shred



WELCOME New Parks Department Superintendent

Janet Fawley brings 21 years of experience from Logansport and Cass County Parks to West Lafayette. Janet is looking forward to enriching our programs and facilities.

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A Tree City USA



Sledding at Slayter Hill

LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR

West Lafayette Farmers Market

Wednesdays beginning May 6
4-7 pm | Cumberland Park

Wednesdays in the Wild

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

Riverside Skating Center

Call (765) 743-7465 for hours
\$5 per person
\$3 skate rental
Tapawingo Park



2015 JCM5k

Saturday | April 4 | 9 am
Connection Point Church
Registration: <http://bigskyevents.org>
Benefits the Lafayette Crisis Center

Friends of the WL Public Library Book Sale

April 10-17
West Lafayette Public Library

Purdue Spring Fest and Bug Bowl

April 18 & 19 | 10 am-4 pm
Purdue campus
www.purdue.edu/springfest

Purdue Grand Prix

Saturday | April 25
Purdue Grand Prix Track
1500 McCormick Road
www.purduegrandprix.org

22nd Annual Mor' Danc'n Recital

Saturday | May 2 | 4 pm
Purdue Loeb Playhouse

Round the Fountain Art Fair

Saturday | May 23 | 9 am-4:30 pm
Courthouse Square

Drug Drop-off

Thursdays | 11:30 am-1:30 pm
March 12 | April 9 | May 14
WL Police Station

City Offices CLOSED

April 3 | Good Friday
May 5 | Primary Election Day
May 25 | Memorial Day

Purdue Convocations

- 2/22 The Ugly Duckling & The Tortoise and The Hare | Family
- 2/26 Campagne Käfig | Dance
- 2/27 Sister Act | Broadway
- 3/24 Academy of St. Martin in the Fields with Jeremy Denk | Classical and Chamber Music
- 3/28 Fieldwork: Jayme Stone with The Lomax Project Residency | Jazz and Roots
- 4/9 Peter and the Starcatcher | Broadway
- 4/10 Dublin Guitar Quartet | Classical and Chamber Music
- 4/11 TEDxPurdueU | Lecture
- 4/17 The Avett Brothers | Concert
www.convocations.org

www.funwiththemayor.com

Tiny Treasure Hunt! Scan this code on your smartphone to access Tiny Places, WL's own public art treasure hunt!

