



## ON THE BANKS OF THE WABASH

Plans are in the making for a river revival – one that focuses on improved water quality, exciting urban developments, and annual festivals to make the Wabash River one to sing about.

**Water Quality** Dave Henderson, WL Wastewater Treatment Utility Director, is working on two significant ways to improve what's NOT going into our river. The first project is part of a long-term control plan that will decrease the frequency and quantity of water that flows into the river after flash flooding and heavy snow melt. Since 1993, the City has been continually upgrading the aging wastewater system through various means to improve and expand its ability to substantially reduce overflow occurrences.

A new CSO (combined sewer overflow) relief interceptor will be built under River Road to capture more of the combination storm water and sanitary flow and send it to the plant rather than the river during heavy rains. Henderson said, "By 2027 we should be able to have a 2" rain in an hour without any overflow occurring." The relief interceptor was originally scheduled to be built in

several years, but the State Street Master Plan bumped up the project in the queue of priorities to next spring because it involves installing the large tunnel-like structure under River Road, which is slated for reconstruction.

The other important water safety project involves reducing phosphorus amounts sent to the river. New processes have been implemented to remove and capture phosphorous from treated water, and then recycled into bio-solids to be used as natural fertilizer. Rigorous and regular testing of the water is performed to ensure responsible river stewardship.

**Riverside Development** Stan Lambert, Executive Director of the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation, described several projects that are cooking on the front burners. WREC actively partners with the cities of West Lafayette and Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, and Purdue University to coordinate future river corridor developments bridging both cities from the

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY INDIANA!

Plant flowers in Indiana's State colors of blue and yellow next spring to commemorate the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial. You might try pansies and marigolds. Peonies are the State flowers, and reputed to live 100 years. Plant one with the hopes it will see Indiana's Tricentennial!



## BE IN THE KNOW FOR LEAVES & SNOW

There's one good thing about snow; it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbors.

Clyde Moore



Sign up for the new ENotify service for up-to-date information regarding leaf collection and holiday schedules, snow plowing and construction information, and miscellaneous news you can use from the Street and Sanitation Department. Go to the City website and select ENotify Signup in the drop-down menu under Site Tools.

**Leaf collection is underway** through early December. Please consult the 2015 Leaf Schedule (found on the Street & Sanitation Department webpage) for tips and timing of leaf removal in your neighborhood.

**Snow is around the corner.** Help us help you in removing snow from City streets.

- Keep streets clear of cars, basketball goals, etc. for maximum snow plow access. Clear snow away from mailboxes so mail trucks can get through.
- Place garbage and recycling totes at the foot of your driveway.
- Shovel your sidewalk and driveway snow into your yard – not the street.
- While driving, yield to snow plows as they are considered emergency vehicles.
- Please be patient. Main highways and streets are plowed first, then neighborhoods. Cul-de-sacs are plowed last because they take the most time and have the least traffic.
- Remember to keep your sidewalks free from snow and ice to keep them safe for others. Arrange for snow removal if you'll be gone or help others who need assistance.



Sam Postlethwait

## CITY NEWS

### NEW HIRES

#### **Cindy Marion**

Police Department  
Property & Evidence Mgr./  
Programs Director

#### **Eric Reifel**

Parks and Recreation  
Department  
Maintenance  
Technician II

#### **Joshua Dowell**

Fire Department  
Entry Level Firefighter

### RETIREMENTS

#### **Captain Dan Marvin**

Police Department

#### **Sue Mattern**

Parks and Recreation  
Department

## IN THE RANKINGS

### John Dennis

West Lafayette is #1 in my heart but we are also #20 for being the Safest City in Indiana and the 37th Safest College Town in the U.S. according to safewise.com ranking service.

#### Mayor's Column

We outrank all other Big Ten college towns and that's not a coincidence. Our vision for the last eight years has been to make West Lafayette a safe and healthy place to live.

Police Chief Jason Dombkowski has been very proactive in working with the Purdue police force. We're very fortunate to have a great relationship with them. Because we live in one of the most densely populated cities in the nation, we now have a joint dispatch center on Purdue's campus for seamless communication between the two agencies. Our force works with neighborhood associations to educate citizens of their rights and responsibilities, and brings advanced technology to day-to-day law enforcement. Using specific and creative enforcement techniques, such as bringing back the motorcycle units, helped put us in the rankings, but more importantly it has contributed to a better quality of life here.

In addition, West Lafayette is the 14th Healthiest City in the U.S according to a 2015 ranking by 24/7wallst.com. It reports, "Indiana residents are on the whole less healthy than most Americans based on many health metrics. Still, the Lafayette area, which is the healthiest metro area in the state, is healthier than the nation as a whole." Our goal is to keep

improving that status with more multi-modal forms of transportation to encourage healthy exercise. We continue to expand our large network of trails and look forward to revamping State Street for bikes and pedestrians. Future proposals to enhance the Wabash River Corridor by adding pedestrian bridges will further allow walkers and bikers to safely navigate their way in and around West Lafayette by foot or bike. Speaking of bike safety, please be sure to visit [BikeLafayette.org](http://BikeLafayette.org) to learn the rules of the road.

It's very flattering to get national rankings, but it doesn't come by accident. We have a great community and great citizens, and naturally great things happen when we all pull together.



## YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Local artist Craig Martin created the West Lafayette Post Office mural simply titled "Send." It is a visual timeline of the various forms of communication used throughout the years, including paper, telegraph, telephone and digital messaging.

In the tradition of historic Works Progress Administration murals, this mural illustrates a slice of American life; one portrayed by ever increasing efforts to reach out to one another.

## BEAUTIFICATION WINNERS

**Town and Gown Bistro** Chef Matt O'Neill is as creative in the garden as he is in the kitchen. Colorful annuals in pots and plantings surround and enliven his new restaurant making the outdoor patio an oasis of beauty and relative tranquility despite its location on busy North River Road. Future plans include adding window boxes to the second floor and planting perennials.



**Toni Sheridan** Brightening up her front yard on Salisbury Street with multi-colored perennial and annual flowers that bloom from spring to frost, Toni strives to create a positive and welcoming environment for herself and her student neighbors. The view from the street is as pretty and inviting as the one from her front porch.

**Dave & Diane Williard** Continual improvements to their property on Northwestern Avenue have paid out in beautiful dividends, for themselves and passersby. Deep flower beds around their house contain peonies, coneflowers, sedums, and hostas to name a few. Most plants were received as gifts and as such, each plant holds a special memory.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

Anonymous

## PROTECT AND SERVE

**Police Beat** Captain Troy Harris reported on the recent addition of two motorcycle patrol units to the police force. Motorcycle units have the ability and agility to get in and help out in high-traffic areas due to accidents, construction, or during Purdue sporting events. These units will also patrol the streets and the 32-mile network of West Lafayette trails.



Better streamlined communication between WL and Purdue Police departments is now possible thanks to the creation of a combined dispatch center, located on Martin Jischke Drive. Dispatchers from both forces are now able to immediately notify each other of any issues that affect both departments, such as traffic accidents or major events.

Patrol Officer Adam Ferguson and Programs Director Cindy Marion received instructor certifications to teach the NRA Refuse to Be a Victim course to the community. This

course will help you improve personal safety strategies for yourself, your personal information, your home, your automobile, and more with its robust crime prevention curriculum. Classes for the public will be held in the near future. See WLPD's Facebook or Twitter page for more information.

**Fired Up** The Fire Department is ablaze with good news for the community. Thanks to Fire Chief Tim Heath and Deputy Chief Tony Schutter's prolific and successful grant writing, West Lafayette has received a \$154,000 grant to upgrade and replace analog radios with new digital public safety radios in order to meet federal standards to better communicate when disaster strikes. In fact, over the last 3.5 years the Fire Department has saved taxpayers \$1.3 million dollars through local, federal, and corporate grants that have paid for additional personnel and equipment. Most recently, a \$4,000 grant was awarded to pay for water rescue equipment.

Heads up – a new fire engine is coming to Station No. 2 on Navajo Street. The new scarlet and gray engine is arriving in November and will replace the older unit with more technology and a higher capacity to fight fires. Free smoke alarm batteries are still available at fire stations. Don't forget to change your batteries each November and March when you change your clocks.

## ENGINEERING INITIATIVES

The old adage of the Midwest having only two seasons, winter and construction, ran true this year. As we head into winter, here's what is coming down the road.



**Cumberland Avenue Phase III** The last phase of the project included adding landscaping, street lights, curbing, road striping, and signage to button up the 16-month endeavor along Cumberland Avenue. Completion of the project was commemorated by a ribbon-cutting ceremony in October.

**Northwestern Avenue Phase IV** Moving right along Northwestern between Dodge Street to the Lindberg Road roundabout, note new lighting and new traffic signals at the Grant and Cherry Lane intersections. New overhead

lane direction signage by the Fowler and Wiggins curve on Northwestern will provide safer vehicular traffic. Railing installation in that area will promote safer pedestrian traffic. Knowing that there are peak times for high pedestrian movement (class changes, ball games, rush hour, etc.) the goal is to make pedestrian traffic more predictable and safer for everyone along this main campus artery.

**Happy Hollow Road** Ongoing construction will continue throughout the winter as crews put in new storm sewer lines and build new retaining walls – activities that are not so temperature dependent. One-lane southbound traffic will continue from Sagamore Parkway to North River Road until October 2016, the projected completion date. Please be aware of slight lane changes as construction continues, and keep using Robinson & Salisbury and/or North River Road & Soldiers Home Road as northbound detours.

**Cattail Trail** The new extension from the Yeager roundabout to Cumberland Avenue and Sagamore Parkway is now finished and ready for winter walkers!



## AND THE WINNER IS ...

**Art On The Wabash** Mike Altman's creative cartooning won the hearts and People's Choice award from this year's Art on the Wabash. 2016 applications are at [www.artonthewabash.org](http://www.artonthewabash.org).

**Boilermaker Half-Marathon** The winner is Rob Mullett, age 28, from Indianapolis with a time of 1:10:20.3 from a field of 1,218 runners. John Enrietto, age 53, from Columbia City won the handcycle division with a time of 57:48.8. The 5K winner was Brendan Knapp, age 22, from West Lafayette, with a time of 17:57.1. This is the 4th year for the popular event that draws runners from across the state and beyond to benefit Purdue Athletes Life Success Program (PALS).



## PRESERVING HISTORY

The West Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission is currently working with residents and property owners of the New Chauncey Historic District, and is interested in establishing other historic districts within the City to preserve West Lafayette's rich history. More information about the Commission can be found on the City website under the Development Department.



Morton School ca. 1929, David Chambers Collection



## WABASH CONTINUED

North Reach (US 52 to Harrison Bridge), through the Central Reach (Harrison Bridge to Rail Bridge), and to the South Reach (Rail Bridge to US 231 Bridge).

- North Reach updates include re-envisioning the former Municipal Golf Course on a schematic design and engineering level to plan for alternative use along the riverfront, possibly including a bike/pedestrian bridge from Mascouten Park to McAllister Park and other community-friendly ideas such as extending the Wabash River Heritage Trail.
- Central Reach progress is driven by the community development of the upcoming State Street project. Many of WREC's suggestions to update this area (bike lanes, river access, etc.) were included in the State Street Master Plan and are now at the schematic design and engineering level, so as to coordinate the projects with a completion goal of December 2018.



Art on the Wabash

**Celebrating the River** Enjoy the Wabash at the river-inspired local festivals. *Wabash Riverfest* is held each July and includes canoe races, a 5K run, educational nature booths, birds of prey demonstrations, children's activities, food, and music. *Art on the Wabash* is an outdoor juried art fair showcasing the top exhibits from selected artists in our 15-county radius. Held every September in Tapawingo Park, this fair features art for sale as well as local music and food.

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## LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR



[www.funwiththemayor.com](http://www.funwiththemayor.com)

### Drug Drop-off

2nd Thursday of the month  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Dec. 10 | Jan. 14  
Feb. 11 | Mar. 10  
WL Police Dept.

### City Offices CLOSED

Nov. 26-27 | Thanksgiving  
Dec. 24-25 | Christmas  
Jan. 1 | New Year's Day  
Jan. 18 | Martin Luther King Day  
Feb. 15 | Presidents' Day

### Thanksgiving Farmers Market

Don't miss your last chance to purchase fresh locally-grown fruits and vegetables, homemade breads and pies, and fall treats from the West Lafayette Farmers Market for your feast.  
Wednesday | Nov. 25 | 3 – 5 pm  
Cumberland Park



### Wednesdays in the Wild

Wednesdays | Lilly Nature Center  
Program information and registration  
[www.wl.in.gov/parks](http://www.wl.in.gov/parks)

### Riverside Skating Center

Opens Friday | Nov. 27  
Tapawingo Park  
[www.wl.in.gov/parks](http://www.wl.in.gov/parks)

### 82nd Purdue Christmas Show

Saturday | Dec. 5 | Noon, 4 pm, 8 pm  
Sunday | Dec. 6 | 2 pm  
Elliot Hall of Music

### Lafayette-West Lafayette Christmas Parade

Sunday | Dec. 6 | 2 pm  
Main Street | Downtown Lafayette



## WINTER IS OPEN

