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WLFD has come a long way since 1917!

Out of the Line of Fire

Little things can make all the difference – little things like batteries. Fire Chief Tim Heath encourages changing smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks, in November and March. Functioning smoke detectors give you and your loved ones the best chance of surviving a house fire. The Energizer Corporation and Trent Johnson State Farm Insurance have teamed up with the West Lafayette Fire Department to provide over 1300 free batteries for WL residents in the “Keep Me In and I’ll Get You Out” public education program. Stickers and magnets for the program are available.

The Fire Department is also giving away 100 smoke detectors with 10-year life batteries, provided by the Kidde Corporation, while supplies last. The Fire Department will install both batteries and/or smoke alarms for those who need assistance. Nearly 2/3 of home fires occur in homes or apartments with no smoke alarms or non-functional smoke alarms. Fire Chief Heath recommends having smoke detectors installed in bedrooms, near kitchens, and by furnaces. Always know two ways out, no matter where you are. Fire safety means never having to say you’re sorry.

In other fire safety news, every City building and fire truck has been fitted with an AED (automated external defibrillator), thanks to a \$20,982 grant from Firehouse Subs. The AEDs aid first-responders in medical

emergencies to create a safer environment. In addition, all City employees are currently receiving CPR training from the Police and Fire Departments.

By all means, the biggest spark to the WL Fire Department was receiving FEMA’s SAFER grant which pays for seven firefighters for two years. The 1.15 million dollar grant strengthens the department’s service to a growing City. Most recently, firefighters were added to the staff who previously served as volunteer firefighters, or in the military and bring an experience level that complements the current staff.

As West Lafayette grows, so does the City’s commitment to keep it safe and out of the line of fire. Fire Truck #2 is being replaced by a new engine outfitted with a 1000 gallon water tank with a CAFS Compressed Air Foam System. The larger capacity water tank is a necessity for fighting fires in newly-annexed areas without fire hydrants.

“In case of fire, exit building before tweeting about it.”

Anonymous

Plant a Little Sunshine

Make your spring brighter by participating in Art in Bloom’s City-wide flower display. Yellow is West Lafayette’s official 2015 flower color.





Mayor's Column

Our History Continues ...

It's ironic that my office is currently housed in the historic Morton Community Center. Built in 1929, it was the only elementary school in West Lafayette until 1955. But the history stretches back even further. The original Morton School was built in 1892, during Benjamin Harrison's presidency,

16 years before the Model T was invented. Students either walked or rode in horse and buggies to the two-story brick schoolhouse.

A lot has changed. I don't come to work in a horse and buggy, but I do walk to meetings in the downtown district or campus, to lunch with my wife at one of the great nearby eateries, and to all the stores I can pop in quickly after work. It's this urban, neighborly feel that we're actively developing through the new State Street Master Plan.

Purdue, the Purdue Research Foundation, and West Lafayette are in full partnership to make State Street a great street in all senses. Two-way traffic, bike paths, outdoor dining, wider sidewalks, street trees and more greenspace are a few of the items in the five-year plan. Our first segment will be recreating West Lafayette's east gateway from the Wabash River to Grant Street. For all the details, check out the Executive Summary under Hot Topics on the City website.

Although Morton Center isn't a school anymore, it still throbs with activity morning, noon, and night with students of all ages. Don't be surprised if you hear music and dancing when you drop by!

www.funwiththemayor.com



www.wl.in.gov



Ready, Set, Skate!

The Riverside Skating Center opens on Friday, November 28, 1-3 pm, 4-6 pm, & 7-10 pm. Call to schedule a private rental, find out about special holiday hours and events, or confirm rink availability. (765) 743-7465

Regular ice-skating hours (weather permitting):

- Monday and Wednesday: 5-8 pm
- Tuesday: Open for private rentals only
- Thursday: 6-9 pm
- Friday: 4-6 pm & 7-10 pm
- Saturday: 1-3 pm, 4-6 pm & 7-10 pm
- Sunday: 1-3 pm, 4-6 pm & 7-9 pm

Tiny Places (one of 19 pieces) by Aaron Bumgarner



All Art Great and Small

Look for the series of murals that tell a story of "Letting People In" by artist Alexandria Monik, painted on boarded up windows and doors of the building at the corner of State and Northwestern in the Village. "Tiny Places" is another project of the WL Public Arts Team. Artist Aaron Bumgarner's 19 paintings of whimsical hands throughout the Village and the Levee "holding" a window or pointing to a door in a wall make areas that were once overlooked into areas of public interest. A Purdue English class is developing an app called Huntzz to help citizens find all the hidden artistic treasures.



Welcome Doug Payne, new Street Commissioner.

The Drive Home

Getting around town shouldn't drive you crazy. That's why we're making constant improvements to City streets and trails for you and the 70,000 people who travel our roads. Here are the fall construction updates from Public Works Director, Dave Buck.

CUMBERLAND AVENUE | Phase III (Salisbury Street to Soldiers Home Road) Progress is advancing on construction of the new median and inside travel lanes, with the plan of moving traffic onto new pavement before the end of construction season. Next we'll be moving forward with roadwork on the south parking lane through winter as weather permits, and starting work on the north lane next summer. The project should be completed by fall 2015. We appreciate your patience as we direct you to detours along the way.

NORTHWESTERN AVENUE | Phases III and IV (Mackey Arena to Grant Street) This hub of activity is getting important safety improvements by means of new traffic signals, pedestrian crossings, attractive railings and lighting, and sidewalk repairs. The upgrades are funded by the Levee Village TIF and Purdue.

HAPPY HOLLOW ROAD (North River Road to Sagamore Parkway) | The City is working with INDOT to advance this project after a delay in programmed federal funding by INDOT put this major project on hold. Progress is being made and we are hopeful that construction will commence in the spring of 2015. Please click the icon "Road Work Ahead" on the City website's home page for updates.

"Some beautiful paths can't be discovered without getting lost."

Erol Ozan

CATTAIL TRAIL (Yeager Road to Sagamore Parkway) | The final link of the Cattail Trail will connect existing trails – south to campus and north to US 231 with a spur to Wal-Mart. Construction by Milestone will finish next summer.

SALISBURY STREET | Phase III (Sagamore Parkway to Rainbow Drive) Having completed the project on time and under budget, the intersection is now vertically aligned with a new traffic signal, shared bike lanes and LED street signs that make the drive home safer-and more enjoyable.



... and the Winner is ...

Beautification Award Winners

John and Eva Christos created a welcoming entrance to their Happy Hollow Road residence with mulch and ground covers which make the garden a study of contrasts.

Jim and Marihelen Johnson continually improve and refine their King Eider Court yard by adding colorful perennials that attract butterflies and hummingbirds, and container plantings that surround their home.

Dick and Mary Jo Schwartz have created a lovely back garden at their Tuckaho residence by planting sun-loving perennials such as day lilies, iris, black-eyed susans, and sedum. Their shadier front yard is a mix of sun and shade and filled with grasses, azaleas, holly and hostas.

Art on the Wabash

Dave Barnett, a woodworker and first-time participant at Art on the Wabash, won the "People's Choice" award at the September 21st event. 2015 applications are at www.artonthewabash.com.

Responsible Retailer Award

Don St. John, owner of the Village Bottle Shoppe, was awarded the Third Annual Responsible Retailer Award by Mayor John Dennis. The store demonstrated responsibility by passing compliance checks, checking IDs, and working with law enforcement to ensure a safe environment for patrons.

City Centre Preservation Award

"Delight of Accomplishment" by Tom Torluemke, a mural that brightens up and spans the alleyway in Chauncey Village, helped the West Lafayette Public Arts Team win the award.

Boilermaker Half-Marathon and 5K

Arturs Barienis (age 28) from Crestwood, IL won the 2014 half-marathon with a time of 1:12:36 in a field of 1,315 runners (ages 13 – 71) on October 18. Eric Penington (age 36), WL, won the 5K race with the time of 16:48, and Eric Props (age 46), WL, finished the half-marathon in a hand cycle with a time of 1:16:46.

Open for Business



CENTIER BANK | The largest independent and family-owned bank in Indiana opened its second location in West Lafayette. Services include lobby and drive-through banking, 24/7 EZ Deposit ATM, safety deposit boxes, and night deposits. | 1020 Sagamore Parkway

JIMMY JOHN'S | Freaky fast delivery is now available from WL's newest location across from Mackey Arena. Free delivery, generous hours (11 am – 3 am), and catering for parties/events makes it great for lunches, meetings, midnight munchies, and just-don't-want-to-cook nights. | 720 Northwestern Avenue

CVS PHARMACY | A much-needed retail establishment for Purdue students, employees, and nearby neighborhoods, the new CVS Pharmacy is open from 7 am – midnight, seven days a week. Non-prescription pharmaceuticals, nutrition, beauty, and grocery items are available. | 720 Northwestern Avenue

REGIONS BANK | The newest of seven locations in Greater Lafayette, the Stadium Square branch offers "sit down banking" for all banking transactions from deposits, to loans, to new accounts, rather than the traditional teller queue. Mobile and online banking services are available. | 720 Northwestern Avenue

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY BANK AT FAITH WEST | The new banking center on Northwestern Avenue replaces the Potter Drive location, and serves the community with personal, commercial, construction, and mortgage lending with a full menu of traditional and online banking services. | 1980 Northwestern Avenue

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE | Celebrating 75 years, the second location for the historic campus icon is now housed across from Mackey Arena, and carries the same line of quality Purdue sportswear, custom printing, gifts, online ordering, gift cards, shipping services, and of course, textbooks. | 720 Northwestern Avenue

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES | The new and bigger store on Sagamore Parkway enables faster processing and bigger product display of the ever-changing inventory of used furniture, clothing, and household items. Items

can be easily dropped off using the drive-thru donation area. | 200 Sagamore Parkway West

HITEA | Located in the Chauncey Hill Annex, HiTea is a unique fusion dessert cafe which specializes in fresh, Asian-inspired desserts, cakes, teas, and smoothies. Hours are noon - 11 pm. | 134 W. State Street

FRESH CITY MARKET | Besides being a full-service urban-style grocery store, Fresh City Market offers catering, cooking classes, and online ordering and delivery. The spacious store across from Mackey serves the campus pedestrian population as well as the entire community. | 720 Northwestern Avenue

SUBWAY | Since 1965 Subway's mission has been to provide quick and nutritious meals to provide healthy choices in the fast food industry. The new Stadium Square location offers catering and online ordering for your made-to-order sandwiches, soups and salads. | 720 Northwestern Avenue



Department Head-Hunting

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

Morton Center | Rm. 105 | 222 N. Chauncey Avenue

ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Morton Center | Rm. 102 | 222 N. Chauncey Avenue

CLERK-TREASURER & HUMAN RESOURCES:

WL Police Station | 711 W. Navajo Street

RENTAL CERTIFICATION AND I.T.:

Fire Station | 300 North Street

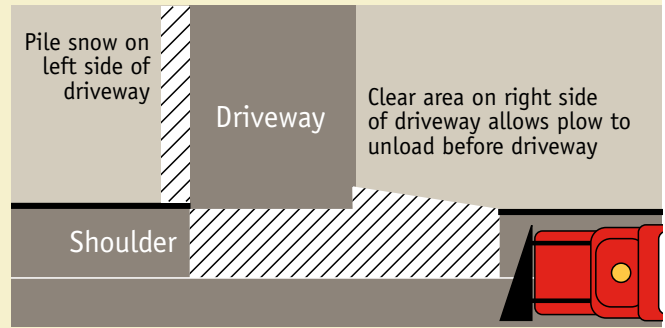


Falling into Winter

New Street Commissioner Doug Payne shares some guidelines on how to stay on top of the leaves and prepare for winter weather.

LEAVES will be picked up on all yard waste days when placed in rigid containers, OR on scheduled leaf days when raked into windrows (heaped mounds) alongside the curb at least a foot away from storm drains, making sure there are NO sticks or branches in the pile. Check the 2014 Leaf Schedule for your neighborhood's leaf pickup days on the City website.

BRANCHES from trees and shrubs will be collected when they are less than 4 inches in diameter and no longer than 4 feet in length. Place them parallel to the curb on yard waste pickup days. Pruning trees and shrubs in the fall helps keep walkways, streets, and alleys safe for pedestrians and vehicles including cars, busses, snowplows, and trash trucks. Trim tree branches at least 8 feet over sidewalks and 15 feet over streets. Contact John MacDonald, Tree Friend volunteer, if you have any questions about pruning or need assistance: macdonaj@purdue.edu or 765.463.0140. If one of your street trees (located between the street and sidewalk) is dying or has a broken limb, notify Tree Friends for safe removal.



SNOW is on its way, so be prepared. Snow and ice must be cleared from sidewalks within 6 hours after daylight and after snowfall has ceased. The Neighborhood Resource Team may levy a fine of \$50 per day to property owners/occupants if not cleared promptly, as it poses a safety risk for passing pedestrians. Please lend a hand to those who are unable to shovel, or make arrangements to have your snow removed if you'll be away this winter. Call the NRT with any questions – 765.775.5200. When shoveling your driveway, pile snow to the left side of your driveway as you face your home to prevent getting plowed in by passing snowplows. Also, clear snow from around your mailbox so the mail can be delivered.

Keep on Trekking

The Trail Trek Program, a wellness initiative used by City employees, is now available to the public. Search for all 15 clues along the colorful trails to solve wellness-themed phrases. Program packets are available at the Lilly Nature Center and also on the City's website.



Samuel Postlethwait

City News

RETIREMENTS

Scott Fohr

Police Department
Police Lieutenant

Joe Payne

Parks and Recreation
Department
Parks Superintendent

NEW HIRES

Travis Bender

Fire Department
Entry Level Firefighter

Jeanette Bennett

Police Department
Crossing Guard

Mark Gosney

Police Department
Neighborhood Resource
Officer

Jonah Johnson

Wastewater Treatment
Utility
Facility Operator

Benjamin Kennedy

Street and Sanitation
Department
Driver/Collector/
Processor

Jeffrey Lyons

Fire Department
Entry Level Firefighter

Douglas Payne

Street Department
Street Commissioner

Cody Stacy

Fire Department
Entry Level Firefighter

Tracey Stanifer

Information Technology
Department
Systems Administrator

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West Lafayette, IN 47906

Thanksgiving Farmers Market | Wednesday | November 26 | 3 – 5 pm

Committed to Going Greener



A Tree City USA



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Let's Go Event Calendar

Embracing Diversity

The West Lafayette Human Relations Commission is established to foster understanding, tolerance, and respect among the diverse members of our community. It is unlawful to deny housing, employment, education, and access to public accommodations based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual expression, disability, or familial status (families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child). If you believe your rights were violated, please contact the Commission for more information. [765] 775-5100

Thanksgiving Farmers Market

Don't miss your last chance to purchase fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables, homemade breads and pies, and fall treats for your Thanksgiving feast.

Wednesday | November 26 | 3 – 5 pm
Cumberland Park

Wednesdays in the Wild

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

Riverside Skating Center

Opens Friday | November 28
Tapawingo Park

81st Purdue Christmas Show

Saturday | December 6
Noon, 4 & 8 pm
Sunday | December 7 | 2 pm
Elliot Hall of Music



Lafayette-West Lafayette

Christmas Parade
Sunday | December 7 | 2 pm
Downtown Lafayette | Main Street

Drug Drop-off

Thursdays | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
December 11 | January 8
WL Police Station

City Offices CLOSED

November 27 & 28 | Thanksgiving
December 25 & 26 | Christmas
January 1 | New Year's Day
January 19 | Martin Luther King Day
February 16 | Presidents' Day

