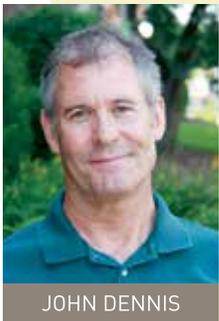




Fall at the Celery Bog, photo by Sam Postlethwait.

## A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING



JOHN DENNIS

### MAYOR'S COLUMN

As we're wrapping up another year, it's a great time to reflect upon the many things I'm grateful for in this City where I've had the privilege to serve you. If there's anything I've learned over the years, it is that I take nothing for granted. Our City would not be what it has become

without the brains and brawn of our visionary and hardworking teammates. You inspire me, and for this, I'm grateful.

**OUR AMAZING STAFF** We are blessed to have such dedicated department heads and employees who envision a project, help secure funding, and expertly plan and execute each project. From roads to parks to buildings to police and fire, our staff works tirelessly for you. It is through their hard work that we win prestigious awards across the board, such as the Public Works Project of the Year and the AIM Community Placemaking Award. I may be biased, but I think we have the best municipal staff in the State.

**OUR CITIZENS** You have a voice and ability to make a difference, no matter how old you are. Second-grader Jack Wietbrock made national news when he wrote a letter to the Mayor's Office asking for turtle crossing signs to protect turtles from "car-nage" near the Celery Bog

— so we put up signs! Last year, 2nd-grade students from Cumberland School lobbied for the Say's firefly to be our State Insect. They succeeded, and you can see them atop the praying mantis sculpture at the main Happy Hollow Park entrance. Sam Postlethwait, who lived until age 100, was an invaluable educator and prolific photographer for the City. Whatever your age, thanks for speaking up and making a difference!

**OUR VOLUNTEERS** We couldn't do it without you. Seriously. From the Tree Friends who trim and plant City trees, to the Lilly Nature Center volunteers who basically run the center, to the team that transformed the Morris Schoolhouse from a dream into a reality. So many of you have contributed in physical and financial ways, and whether it's two cents or \$200, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**OUR PARTNERS** The synergistic partnerships between the City, Purdue, PRF, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, and the business community are as rare and valuable as diamonds. I'm thankful for the strong relationships we've mined over the years.

I'm thankful for all of the people who live and contribute to this wonderful City. Season's Greetings! Best wishes for peace, prosperity, health, and happiness in the New Year.

In 2020, we will have a lot of puns about vision, but at least we saw it coming.  
Anonymous

## GARDEN AWARD WINNERS

The Go Greener Commission recognized the following residents this year for going above and beyond in creating beautiful and environmentally sustainable gardens. Congratulations!

Spring Winner:  
Jill Sutor and Scott Feld | Stadium Ave.

Summer Winner:  
Vicky and Keith Woeste | Morgan St.

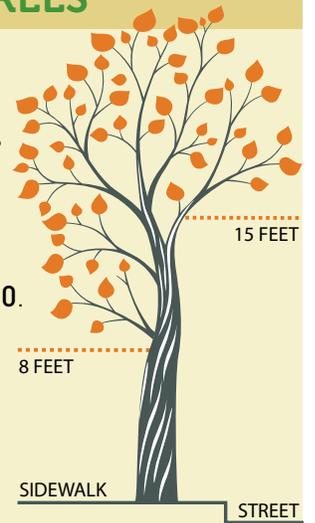
Fall Winner:  
Laura Esman and Reuben Goforth | Hamilton St.



## TRIMMING THE TREES

Before the snow falls and Santa arrives at the mall, please trim your street trees and shrubbery for optimal tree health. See diagram.

For tree health questions, call Bryce Patz **765-775-5160**. See [wl.in.gov](http://wl.in.gov) for 2019 Leaf Schedule and to sign up for eNotify to receive alerts regarding leaves, snow, trash, and recycling news.



## SNOW PLACE LIKE HOME

Don't let the first snowfall catch you by surprise. Be ready with shovels and salt to clear your sidewalks to ensure safe pedestrian travel (and to avoid a possible fine). City code requires that sidewalks be cleared of snow and ice within six hours after daylight and after snowfall has ceased. Need help shoveling walks or driveways? Check the list of fee-based resources on the City website under Snow Removal Contacts.

### Snowplowing 101

- Shovel snow from your driveway & sidewalk into your yard, **not the street**.
- Keep streets clear of cars, and shovel snow away from your mailbox for best access by snowplows and mail trucks.
- Place garbage and recycling totes at the foot of your driveway.
- Yield to snowplow drivers as they are emergency vehicles with a limited field of vision.
- Please be patient. These dedicated public servants work around-the-clock during inclement weather to clear the roads. Main roads and streets are plowed first, then neighborhoods, and finally cul-de-sacs as they take the most time and have the least traffic.



## CITY NEWS

### NEW HIRES

**Ryan Baker**  
Operator Wastewater  
Treatment Utility

**Jakob Bratton**  
Maintenance Tech II  
Parks and Recreation

**Oscar Licon**  
Probationary Officer  
West Lafayette Police

**Chloe Martin**  
Probationary Officer  
West Lafayette Police

**Cody Rossiter**  
Driver/Collector/Operator  
Street and Sanitation

**Cody Turner**  
Driver/Collector/Operator  
Street and Sanitation

**Monica Wontor**  
HR Manager  
Human Resources

### RETIREMENTS

**William Dearing**  
Police Officer First Class  
West Lafayette Police

**John Watson**  
Captain of Patrol  
West Lafayette Police



## STATEWIDE RECOGNITION OF STATE STREET



West Lafayette wins a state-wide competition for State Street's outstanding design.

West Lafayette won the prestigious 2019 Placemaking Award from Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) for cities with populations of 15,001 to 50,000 for the State Street Redevelopment Project.

Placemaking is a holistic approach to creating a community using its assets and potential to promote health, happiness, and well-being.

The two-year project transformed the outdated City artery into a multi-modal heart of campus, throbbing with quality-of-life amenities, and, frankly, a place to show off. Visitors, alumnae, and residents (past and present) will be amazed at the difference. It's totally Big Ten.

AIM recognizes communities in municipal government for excellence and outstanding achievement to encourage innovation and talent. Many aspects of the State Street Redevelopment Project appealed to the nine-member panel that chose West Lafayette from a competitive field of 14 qualified nominees.

Modern sky-high student housing, one-way to two-way street conversions, widened sidewalks and dedicated bike lanes, beautiful landscaping, a new drainage system, and the high-tech aerospace district were among the attributes that made WL a clear winner. Take a stroll down WL's vibrant State Street and see all the award-winning changes.

“I recently decided to start getting the e-edition of the J&C. I was amazed by the growth in West Lafayette and all that is going on. I am not sure when we will get home, but I can't wait to see all the changes. Great job and keep up the great work.” Gary Neal, Taylors, SC

## ACCESS FOR EVERY BODY

To promote awareness and facilitate compliance with ADA (American Disabilities Act) standards, the Accessibility Coalition of Tippecanoe County (ACT) was created between the City and the County. ACT serves as an advocacy program to help businesses become ADA compliant and as a sounding board for those with disabilities to report accessibility concerns. Forms can be found on the City website under ADA. Contact Tim Clark, WL ADA Coordinator, at [tclark@wl.in.gov](mailto:tclark@wl.in.gov), for information or to serve as a volunteer for the committee.



## A GREAT DAY IN THE PARK

What a glorious day for the 2019 Art on the Wabash! The City of West Lafayette would like to thank all the volunteers, steering committee members, food vendors, Parks and Recreation staff, the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, WBAA, musicians, the sponsor KitchenArt-The Store for Cooks, guests, and especially the participating artists. These 43 artists charmed, wowed, and delighted all the people who came to enjoy the day at Tapawingo Park. Next year's Art on the Wabash will be Sunday, September 27, 2020.



Bonnie Zimmer booth at Art on the Wabash

## SEECCLICKFIX

### New Smartphone App for WL Residents

Soon it will be easier than ever to report a pothole or safety issues or express concerns that affect you or your neighbors. The new app, SeeClickFix, allows citizens to take pictures and upload them to the correct department for more accurate documentation of the problem and its quick resolution. You can download the free app for this on-the-go citizen portal on your smartphone. Launch is estimated for some time first quarter 2020.



## RENT-A-DUMPSTER

If you're planning a non-commercial remodeling, major clean-up, or demolition project this year or in the future, consider renting a 10, 20, or 30-yard dumpster from the City of West Lafayette. The Street and Sanitation Department is now renting the dumpsters previously used for public recycling. Rentals are available for temporary use, not to exceed seven days. Eligibility for use is limited to owners/occupants of single houses and townhouses as well as multiple housing dwellings up to four units who receive City sanitation services. Dumpster rental prices include delivery, pickup, and landfill fee and range from \$250 - \$350 per rental period. Contact the Street and Sanitation Department to schedule a dumpster delivery: **765-775-5242**.



It was a terrible summer for Humpty Dumpty, but he had a great fall.

Unattributed

## STOP, CHECK, AND REPLACE

### Free Smoke Detector and Battery Program

November is the perfect time to check and replace smoke detector batteries. A memory aid is to change batteries when the time changes. At least one smoke detector per floor is recommended, especially near sleeping areas. West Lafayette firefighters will install FREE batteries and 10-year smoke/carbon dioxide detectors in your home or apartment upon request. They would rather take a short time to prevent a possible fire than put out a real one. It could save your life and your home. You may also pick up the lifesaving equipment at all fire stations. Please call the Fire Department at 765-775-5176 for a fire safety check of your home or to take advantage of the free smoke detector and battery program.



Help WL firefighters make the holidays a little brighter for local children this Christmas. Please send donations to "Shop with a Firefighter," Fire Station #1, 300 North Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Children will shop with these everyday heroes at Walmart for toys and apparel.

### Big Bugs in Happy Hollow Park

Regardless of which way you enter the park, you'll be greeted by enormous insects. These huge but harmless creatures were designed and fabricated by award-winning artist Bill Secunda. He specializes in making strong yet delicate-looking structures that are bigger than life. The main entrance on Happy Hollow Road is flagged by a gigantic praying mantis with flickering Say's fireflies to light up the night sky. Look for big bugs at other park entrances: a massive cricket at Rose Street; a dragonfly at Salisbury Street; and a large Luna Moth at Indian Trail. The sculptures were dedicated on October 13 in a special ceremony at the park. Special thanks to the Arts Commission for their guidance and vision.

### Unleashed! Dog Park Coming

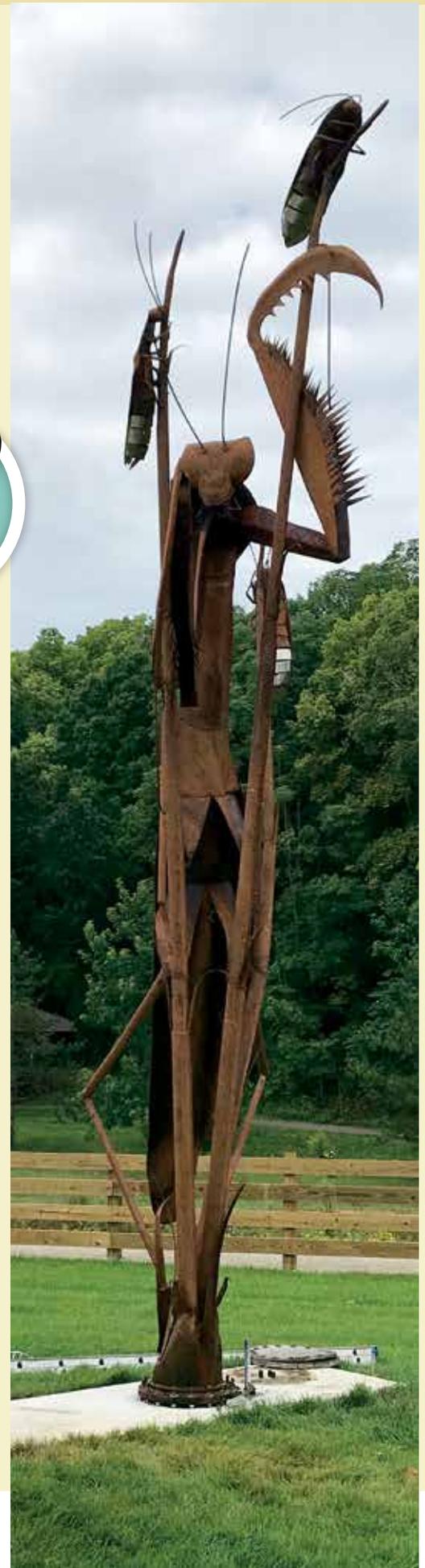
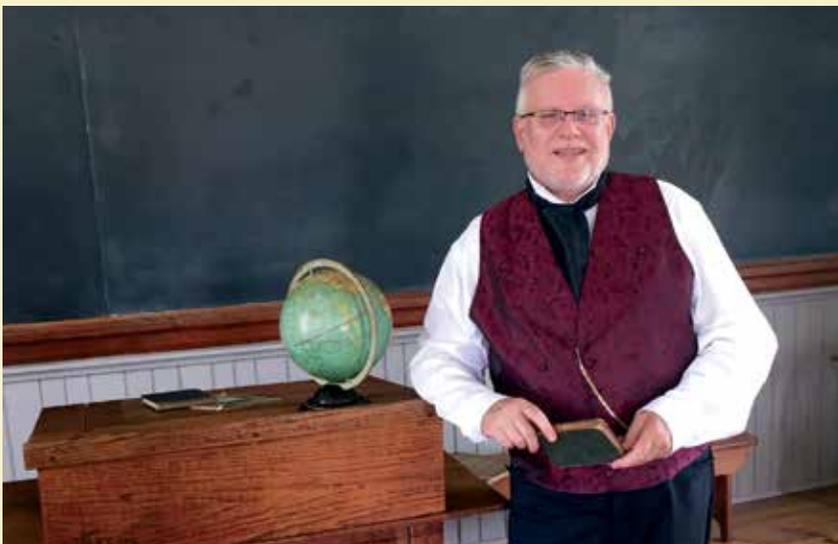
Plans are underway this fall to create a new dog park in Happy Hollow Park. Located on the grounds of the previous caretaker's house, the fenced-in dog park will allow dogs to play with other canines off-leash and give owners the opportunity to visit with other dog lovers.



### Old School is in Session

The 1879 Morris Schoolhouse is furnished and virtually restored to its former glory, thanks to the hard work of countless volunteers, including the Tippecanoe County Woodworkers, organizer Sue Eiler, and generous donations from residents. Contact Kathy Lozano, Parks Superintendent, to schedule a special event or group visit with schoolmaster and schoolmarm re-enactors to experience school back in the 1800s. Consider making a tax-deductible gift of \$200 to purchase an engraved brick for the patio around the schoolhouse. [wlparks.org/](http://wlparks.org/)

Retired teacher Lou Camilotto portrays a schoolmaster from the late 1800s.



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Riverside Skating Center opens Friday, Nov. 29, weather permitting.

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A Tree City USA



LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR

**Rx|OTC Take-Back**

2nd Thursdays | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Dec. 12 | Jan. 9 | Feb. 13 | March 12  
West Lafayette Police Station

**City Offices CLOSED**

Thanksgiving  
Thursday & Friday | Nov. 28 & 29

Christmas  
Tuesday & Wednesday | Dec. 24 & 25

New Year's Day  
Wednesday | Jan. 1

Martin Luther King Day  
Monday | Jan. 20

Presidents' Day  
Monday | Feb. 17



**Thanksgiving Farmers Market**

Wednesday, Nov. 27 | 3 – 5 pm  
Cumberland Park  
[wl.farmersmarket.com](http://wl.farmersmarket.com)

**Wednesdays in the Wild**

Wednesdays | 1 – 3 pm  
Lilly Nature Center  
[wl.in.gov/parks](http://wl.in.gov/parks) | 765-775-5172



**Riverside Skating Center**

Opens Friday, Nov. 29  
(weather permitting)  
Tapawingo Park  
765-743-7465



**86th Annual  
Purdue Christmas Show**

Saturday, Dec. 7  
Noon, 4 pm, and 8 pm  
Sunday, Dec. 8 | 2 pm

**Christmas Parade 2019**

Saturday, Dec. 7 | 5:30 – 8 pm  
Downtown Lafayette

HELLO  
*Winter*

