



West Lafayette officials in front of old fire station at 115 North Chauncey before 1919. Photo Tippecanoe County Historical Association.

PRESERVING HISTORIC WEST LAFAYETTE

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

In honor of National Historic Preservation Month, the West Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission dedicated a plaque recognizing 115 N. Chauncey as the City's first civic building. Its storied past includes housing the first fire department, police department, City Hall, library, and various businesses. This hidden treasure is one of the few 19th-century commercial architectural styles in West Lafayette. Currently, it is home to Eclectic Hair Salon.

Akin to a home owner's association, the Historic Preservation Commission provides the framework to maintain cohesiveness and quality standards in a neighborhood. Additionally, the HPC safeguards the exterior architectural integrity of historically significant homes and businesses to help property owners keep history alive for future generations.

In West Lafayette, there are presently three neighborhoods on the National Register of Historic Places: New Chauncey, Hills and Dales, and Happy Hollow Heights. Only New Chauncey Historic Neighborhood is a designated local district with varied Queen Anne, Shingle Style, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, and Bungalow/Craftsman architecture spanning from 1890 to 1952.

The City of West Lafayette attained Certified Legal Government status from the Secretary of the Interior, making it eligible for federal and state grants and technical historic preservation assistance.

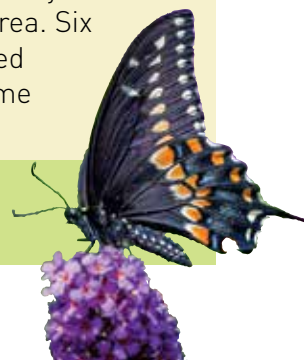
Anyone who would like to designate their historic property is encouraged to contact the Commission westlafayette.in.gov/hpc for more information.

BRINGING SAVANNA BACK

Science. History. Nature. Intrigue. A wealth of information can be learned about our local ecosystem through the informative displays and signs at Lilly Nature Center and Celery Bog Nature Area. Six new colorful and descriptive signs explain phenomena like why controlled burns are allowed on different parts of the park. Hint: to bring back something that rhymes with banana. Come visit with a friend to expand your mind and delight your senses.

Lilly Nature Center

1620 Lindberg Road, WL | Open Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm; Sun 1-5 pm | Closed Mon & Tues





John Dennis

WISHCYCLING VS. RECYCLING

What is wishcycling? Wishcycling occurs when we unwittingly place items in recycling bins that we WISH were accepted by the City and Tippecanoe County Solid Waste District but aren't. We have good intentions. It seems logical. Still, the truth is that if items are *not* explicitly accepted by our local facility (like

take-out containers and Styrofoam), they go through a long and expensive journey to the landfill. Forty-nine percent of Tippecanoe County's mixed recycling is contaminated with non-acceptable materials, thus causing trips to the transfer station and ending up in the Materials Recovery Facility, costing time and tax dollars. We can do better!

I challenge residents to stop wishing and start pitching the right recyclables. It may seem like a short list of acceptable candidates, but limiting our recycling waste best serves the environment. It prevents possible damage to sorting machinery. It's also worth reconsidering what we buy based on where its packaging ends up. Please take a moment to review the following list of acceptable recyclables. Perhaps write them down.

Recycling Shortlist:

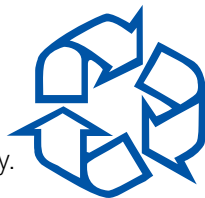
METAL | aluminum and steel food and beverage cans. Labels and lids are okay. (NO aluminum foil or other metals.)

GLASS | clear, brown, and green food and beverage bottles and jars. (NO other glass.)

PAPER AND CARDBOARD | includes milk and juice cartons and cardboard food boxes. (NO wax paper, frozen food boxes, paper plates, napkins, towels, cups, wet cardboard or shredded paper.)

PLASTIC | bottles, jugs, and jars must be marked with #1 or #2 on the lid. (NO plastic that is not a bottle or jug, including berry containers, yogurt & margarine tubs, plastic bags, and Styrofoam.)

Recyclables should be empty, clean, dry, and un-bagged. **When it doubt, throw it out.** For comprehensive information on recycling and disposing of everything from cooking oil to concrete, please see Recycling at wl.gov.in and visit tippecanowaste.org. Let's turn the recycling ship around to become the green and sleek vessel it was intended to be. Thank you!



Recycling turns things into other things, which is like magic.

Unattributed

DIRTY JOBS

Dealing with trash is a dirty job; kudos to our dedicated Street and Sanitation Department for keeping our streets and neighborhoods free of garbage. But they need your help, especially as people move in and out.

Trash & Recycling Tips

- Approved trash cans should not weigh more than 50 pounds.
- One large item outside of your approved trash can(s) is accepted.
- If necessary, excess trash should be bagged and stacked neatly at the curb or alley.
- Grass clippings are not accepted.
- Keep metal items separate from other garbage. Call 775-5242 for special pickup.
- Break down boxes for recycling and do not bag mixed recyclables – keep them loose in an approved toter. *See Mayor's Column for more recycling info.
- Please consider donating items to your favorite charity instead of throwing them in the garbage. Many charities will pick up items if you don't have a way to transport them.

It's odd that the jobs that we all depend on most are the most underappreciated in our society.

Mike Rowe

STAYING ALIVE



City Arborist Bryce Patz shares tips on watering young trees during summer and fall.

- Water trees immediately after planting regardless of rain in the forecast.
- Trees need frequent watering during their first three years: weekly the first year, twice a month the second year, and once a month the third.
- The typical rule of thumb is five gallons of water per inch of the trunk's diameter.
- Water deeply with lawn sprinklers, tree watering bags, or five-gallon buckets with five holes in the base to allow water to slowly and deeply saturate the root zone.
- Mulch helps trap moisture in the soil around the base of the tree. Make sure mulch stays off the trunk! Think donuts, not volcanos.
- Know your trees. They show signs of stress in their leaves and branches. Healthy trees are happy trees.



RIVER ROAD WORKS

A cleaner Wabash River is in the works! The River Road CSO project started this May and will significantly reduce the combined stormwater and sewage that enters the Wabash River during heavy rains or snowmelt. The 16-month project will revamp the current system, built 100 years ago, that cannot handle the demands of our growing community. It only takes rainfalls of a quarter-inch to create a combined sewage overflow event!

THE PLAN | A 1000 ft. holding tank, whose length would hold six Purdue Bell Towers end-to-end, will be buried 30 feet below North River Road between DeHart Street and Happy Hollow Road. **This section of River Road will be closed until Fall 2023.** The tank capacity measures 1.7M gallons, holding the water of three Olympic-size swimming pools! This large storage reservoir enables the Wastewater Treatment Facility to systematically treat the water before it enters the river. Once installed, the CSO events will decrease from 30-40 times per year to one event every couple of years. Less contaminated overflow equals cleaner water for all to enjoy.

EXPECT DETOURS | Most of North River Road will have local access only, so please check out the detour maps and construction updates at RiverRoadCSO.com to plan your travels accordingly. The CSO initiative is required by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and has major funding from the federal government.

It is slated for completion in Fall 2023. We appreciate your patience as we work to make a cleaner river for tomorrow.

GREEN NEWSFLASH

We're revisiting the Parks and Open Space Plan with the Area Plan Commission. Its purpose is to study current and future land use to protect open greenspace as the City grows. The last time it was conducted was in 1981. The goal is for our Parks system to accommodate our growing population of nearly 4,000 people per square mile. Stay tuned for a series of events hosted by the Parks Foundation to celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month throughout July. For upcoming information check westlafayette.in.gov.

Survey Says!

The Parks Department conducted a community survey for the 5-Year Parks Master Plan. It revealed a need for improvements to existing recreation areas and a desire for additional natural and recreation spaces. The plan spells out the scope of future enhancements-their funding sources and timetables for completion. The top five initiatives starting this year are:

- Happy Hollow Park design improvements with cost estimates
- Cason Family Park design and construction drawings
- Municipal Nursery greenhouse construction and plantings
- Cumberland Park dog park design and construction
- Lilly Nature Center grant requests for a future addition

For the complete report, please see westlafayetteparksplan.com/



Plans for Cason Park coming soon.



West Lafayette Tree Friends placed environmental tree tags on trees to highlight all their benefits to our community.

TREES IN THE CITY

Life is just better with trees. They clean our air, cool our streets, conserve energy by reducing air conditioning needs, prevent soil erosion, capture rainwater, serve as windbreaks, provide fruit for people and birds, and beautify space. West Lafayette is celebrating its 31st year as a Tree City USA. This special designation is based on meeting criteria in four areas:

- 1 Maintaining a tree board or department;
- 2 Having a community tree ordinance;
- 3 Spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry; and
- 4 Celebrating Arbor Day.

Last year, West Lafayette Tree Friends launched a campaign to fund a self-sustaining tree nursery for street trees. Currently, Operation Re-leaf is in full

swing. We're planting trees this spring around the City and inviting residents who are interested in a free street tree to fill out an application. To learn more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4nphmwhk>.

This year, we teamed up with West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School to celebrate Arbor Day. We placed environmental tree tags on trees to highlight all their benefits to our community.

West Lafayette is part of the Urban Green Infrastructure Resilience CoHort with Lafayette and Tippecanoe County. We will be working with Davey Resource Group and IU-Bloomington Environmental Resilience Institute to conduct our community's tree canopy assessment, urban tree canopy management strategies, planting plan, and resource allocations.

Trees. All bark and no bite.
Unattributed

DUMPSTER RENTAL INFO

The West Lafayette Sanitation Department now has a dumpster rental program for unusually copious amounts of trash. Consider sharing a dumpster with a neighbor for spring cleaning! Dumpsters must be paid for in advance at WL City Hall. One rental period equals seven calendar days or one dumpster load, whichever comes first.

Rental dumpsters are available for residents of dwellings no more than four units that are eligible to receive City wastewater service and City trash and recycling services. Rental prices include delivery, pickup, and landfill fees. 20-yard: \$300.00 per rental period; 30-yard: \$350.00 per rental period.

Where can I get an approved* trash can?

The City offers 48-gal. toters for \$59.33 or 96-gal. toters for \$69.55. They come with a 12-year warranty and free delivery. To purchase one, send an order form and a check made payable to "City of West Lafayette" via mail or use the dropbox in the parking lot at the Wellness Center or Margerum City Hall.

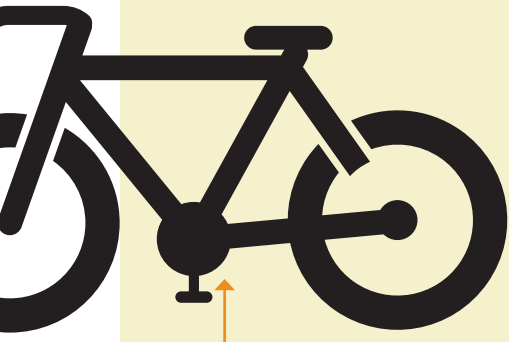
Margerum City Hall
222 N. Chauncey Ave.
West Lafayette, IN 47906

West Lafayette Wellness Center
1101 Kalberer Rd.
West Lafayette, IN 47906

*Approved trash containers should be leak-proof, have two handles, include a metal catch bar (bale) and an attached tight-fitting lid, hold no more than 96 gallons and kept in a sanitary condition.



HOT TIPS FROM THE POLICE



Lt. Jon Eager suggests documenting the serial numbers on your high-value property. In case of theft, the police can readily identify proper ownership of the item. Examples are cell phones, vehicles, appliances, bicycles, and firearms.

New legislation from the State of Indiana passed to require new cars to have an identification number on their catalytic converters. Identification will deter theft and resale of this auto component.

Bike serial number is usually here.

FREE CAR SEAT INSTALLATION

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states that 80% of child car seats are installed incorrectly. Only 33% of Indiana drivers know what a top tether is (on forward-facing seats). These factors can lead to injury and possibly even death if the vehicle is in an accident.

The focus is to ensure that every child travels safely in a properly installed seat, appropriate for the child's age and weight. WLFD has several certified technicians on every shift to properly inspect and install child safety seats. While doing so, they educate parents and caregivers on the correct way of installing a variety of seats.

Simply call the WLFD at **765-775-5175** to set up an appointment. For those who cannot afford a car seat, the department has access to various sizes of car seats.



5K RUN FOR THE PARKS

Save the Date: Saturday, October 15 at 8 am The Parks and Recreation Foundation is sponsoring the 5K Run to benefit West Lafayette Parks programs. See westlafayette.in.gov for registration information.



CITY NEWS

NEW HIRES

Caitlin Benbow

*Probationary Patrol
Dispatcher
West Lafayette Police*

Jesus "Chris" Benavidez

*IT Manager
Information
Technology*

Jason Foster

*Driver/Collector
Street & Sanitation*

Paul Johnson

*Equipment Operator/
Laborer
Street & Sanitation*

Joshua Lee

*Project Engineer
Engineering*

Seth Marsell

*Driver/Collector
Street & Sanitation*

Carrie Pedigo

*Engineering
Administrative Assistant
Engineering*

Kevin Puczowski

*Horticulture Technician
Parks & Recreation*

Cory Woolard

*Horticulture Technician
Parks & Recreation*

RETIREMENTS

Randy McKenzie

*Operator
18 years of service
Water Resource
Recovery Facility*



**WEST
LAFAYETTE**
HOME OF PURDUE

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Committed to Going Greener



A Tree City USA

Land Acknowledgement

The City of West Lafayette, and the Wabash River, are located on the ancestral lands of the Bodewadmik (Potawatomi), Lenape (Delaware), Myaamia (Miami), Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Peoria, Kaskaskia, and Shawnee People, who were removed unjustly, and that we in this community are the beneficiaries of that removal. We honor them as we live, work, and play here in the Wabash Valley. Indigenous peoples have inhabited Indiana since time immemorial. According to the 2020 US Census there are over 50,000 Native Americans living in the state today.

LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR

ALL EVENTS are subject to change. Check individual venues before you go.

RX/OTC Take Back

2nd Thursday • 11:30 am-1:30 pm
June 8 • July 14 • Aug. 11 • Sept. 8
West Lafayette Police Station

City Offices Closed

Juneteenth • Monday • June 20
Independence Day • Monday • July 4
Labor Day • Monday • September 5

Wednesdays in the Wild

Wednesdays • 1-3 pm
westlafayette.in.gov/parks

West Lafayette Farmers Market

Wednesdays • May-October • 3:30-7 pm
Cumberland Park

West Lafayette Municipal Pool

12-1:50 pm • Daily Adult Lap Swim
2-7:50 pm • Daily Public Swim
Salisbury & Kingston Streets

Mosey Down Main Street

June 11 • July 9 • August 13
Sept 3 • Downtown Lafayette

Taste of Tippecanoe

Saturday • June 18 • 6 pm-Midnight
Downtown Lafayette

Indiana Fiddler's Gathering

Friday-Sunday • June 24-26
Tippecanoe Battlefield

**Stars & Stripes
Celebration**

Monday • July 4
Family activities begin at 5pm
Fireworks begin around 10 pm
Riehle Plaza • Downtown Lafayette



Wabash Riverfest

Saturday • July 9 • 9 am-4 pm
Tapawingo Park • West Lafayette

Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair

Saturday-Saturday • July 16-23
Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds

Star City Blues and Jazz Festival

Saturday • July 23 • 5-11:30 pm
5th Street between Main & Columbia
Streets, Downtown Lafayette

Quibache Music Festival

Friday • August 26 • 6-11 pm
Saturday • August 27 • 6-10 pm
East end of Downtown Lafayette

St. Boniface Germanfest

Saturday • September 10 • 5-11 pm
318 N 9th Street Lafayette

Global Fest

Saturday • September 17
See wl.in.gov for times
Northwestern Avenue, Columbia,
and Chauncey
Downtown West Lafayette

Tippecanoe Latino Festival

Saturday • September 24 • 12-5 pm
Lafayette Columbian Park

Art on the Wabash

Sunday • September 25 • 10 am-4 pm
Tapawingo Park • West Lafayette

5K Run for the Parks

Saturday • October 15 • 8 am
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registration information

