



THE TALE OF TWO SISTERS

Purdue residence halls renamed for Winifred and Frieda Parker

Perhaps you've heard about Winifred and Frieda Parker. Perhaps not. But life in West Lafayette changed, nonetheless, because of them. From their black & white 1946 photographs, the sisters look like any typical co-eds from that era—attractive, well-groomed, intelligent. But inside, they possessed deep convictions of courage and tenacity, undetectable by the camera. When the Parkers first enrolled at Purdue, they were denied university housing, forcing them to live in a boarding house in Lafayette. Student housing was entirely segregated in 1946 at Purdue and in the City of West Lafayette. The two sisters became torchbearers to lead the campaign to integrate student housing on campus. If not for the Parker family's persistence—particularly that of the sisters' father, Frederick—their attempt to convince the Purdue administration to reconsider its housing policies might have been unsuccessful. This summer, Griffin Residence Halls, located near the Black Cultural Center on Russell Street, were renamed Frieda Parker Hall and Winifred Parker Hall in their honor.

The buildings serve as reminders of their accomplishments at Purdue and in their professional lives as educators, promoting the advancement of underrepresented populations. A microbiologist by Purdue training, Winifred Parker White returned to college in the 1970s and completed a master's degree in guidance and counseling at the University of Wisconsin-

Milwaukee. She spent the remaining years of her professional life as a career counselor and advocate for the physically challenged and those from other underrepresented groups. Winifred and Walter Parker White's four children all graduated from college.

Frieda worked for more than 50 years in education, including at Milwaukee Public Schools, where she was one of the founding organizers of the teachers' union. Beyond her teaching responsibilities, she also coordinated child development and daycare programs and created vocational training programs for the Milwaukee Public Schools. Frieda and her husband, Ralph Jefferson, sent both of their sons to Purdue. Not only did they complete undergraduate degrees, but all six of the sisters' children went on to complete graduate programs.

When Frieda passed away in 2020 (Winifred died in 2003, seven years after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease), the Jefferson family requested that well-wishers donate to a Purdue Black Alumni Organization scholarship endowment to revere her memory. The residence halls are the first buildings on Purdue's campus to be named for black alumnae. The City of West Lafayette is planning on commemorating the sisters with a day in their honor in 2021.

SHOUT OUT

For two years, two 20-year-old missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ, Jefferson Harbaugh and Luke Chandler, have volunteered each week in the spring and summer to spread wood chips along the 1.5 miles of mulched footpaths at Celery Bog Nature Area. According to Chandler, the Celery Bog is an excellent place to get away from the busyness of life and enjoy God's creation. Thank you, Jefferson and Luke, for doing the heavy lifting and serving our community.



Volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ mulch the Celery Bog Nature Area trails.



John Dennis, Mayor

SEPTEMBER IS THE NEW JANUARY

Of course, September is still September, but it feels like a new year. The air is charged with all the possibilities a new semester brings: a winning football season, new and returning

friendships, challenges to meet and overcome. Welcome, new and returning Purdue students. We are thrilled that you and your nearly 46,000 peers are here.

Heartfelt welcomes also extend to the permanent citizens of West Lafayette. Our government takes care of the essentials (roads, parks, police, fire, development, sanitation, wastewater, etc.). However, our community thrives because of the selfless contributions made in every civic way by our volunteers. Caring arborists prune our street trees, knowledgeable nature-lovers staff our Nature Center, and history buffs and skilled workers resurrected the Morris Schoolhouse with their brains and brawn. School programs and nonprofit organizations wouldn't exist without volunteers.

We value your input in local government, whether you are here for four years or forty. We now have a Purdue representative on our City Council, so please reach out if you think a change is needed. As we commence the new school year, I encourage you to take advantage of the parks and trails and the new Wellness Center. Knowing that we are equipped with knowledge and preventative medical measures we didn't have a year ago, I am confident that together we can weather the storms that come our way, leaving our world a better place to live.



Morris Schoolhouse

WHAT'S UP WITH WELLNESS

Let the Games Begin | Fall is the perfect time for new sports. Register now for fall youth and adult sports programs at the West Lafayette Wellness Center. Youth basketball and adult volleyball seasons run from October to December 2021. Team sports build muscle while building camaraderie and teamwork. Individual youth swim lesson registration begins on September 20.

Parents Night Out | Enjoy a night out, October 15 or December 17 from 5:30-8 pm, while your children (ages 4-12) have pizza and play in the gym and supervised areas at the Wellness Center. Cost: \$15 for a single child; \$10 per each additional sibling. Registration is now open.

Saturday Story Time | Children ages 3 & up can enjoy hearing stories while you're exercising.

September 25 *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*

October 23 *Spookley the Square Pumpkin*

November 20 *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie*

December 11 *The Gingerbread Man*

*All sessions begin at 10 am and require registration through CivicRec at the Wellness Center.



Saturday Story Time at the West Lafayette Wellness Center

EAT, DANCE, AND BE MERRY



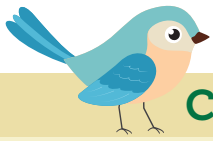
26th Annual Global Fest | Saturday, Sept. 18

Global Fest returns as a jubilant expression of our global community heritage with an all-out dancing-in-the-streets celebration. Enjoy international cuisine, craft beers, global music and dance, a craft market, and educational workshops. This year's festival features live contemporary hand-clapping, toe-tapping, body-moving funk and Brazilian *forró* from Nation Beat, and a Honduran fusion of fiery *Bomba* with folkloric *guaracha* and salsa from Los Hacheros.

Don't miss the fun that begins at 3:30 pm in downtown West Lafayette. Presented by Purdue Convocations, the City of West Lafayette, and the International Center, the festival footprint is on Northwestern Avenue (from Columbia to State) and South Street (Chauncey to Northwestern). Admission is free and family-friendly. Prevailing COVID-19 precautions will be in place. convocations.org.

There are shortcuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them.

Vicki Baum



COME AND SEE

The Lilly Nature Center is open again for visitors! During the 16-month closure, the staff procured several new exhibits for an enhanced nature experience. Here's what's new:

Display case featuring 35 Lenox birds | The family of Bonnie and Jim "Tubby" Cahoon donated a stunning lifelike collection of Indiana birds, all made of porcelain from Lenox.

Exhibit featuring common bird pictures, nests, and eggs
The Purdue student chapter of Environmental Educators created a display of various authentic bird nests filled with corresponding replicas of their eggs, made from wood.

Display of common rocks transported here by the last Ice Sheet | Graduate students of Purdue's Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences Department collected specimens of Indiana rocks formed from glaciers to educate local citizens of our rich geological history.

A new entrance banner and new automated doors will usher you into Lilly Nature Center. Come, see, and explore for yourself.



Two face cut-out boards with nature scenes for photo ops
Nature Center volunteer and artist Jo McGraw hand-painted bigger-than-life scenes of local flowers and birds with cut-outs for guests' faces to commemorate their visits to the Celery Bog Nature Area.

Open Wednesday-Saturday 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday 1 - 5 pm.
Closed on holidays and Purdue home football game days.

VIRTUAL EXTINCTION



How do you practice putting out fires without having to burn anything? Like many things today — it can be done virtually. The West Lafayette Fire Department acquired a state-of-the-art fire simulation system that uses a digital panel to simulate the appearance and sounds of a real fire. Firefighters can use water-filled fire hoses to put it out; the public can practice using digital laser hose lines or fire extinguishers to do the job. The virtual panel reacts to how well you perform the task, and fires will not go out until performed correctly.

The Digital Training Panel is part of the Community Risk Reduction plan to train and educate adults and children about fire safety. The WLFD demonstrated how to properly use a fire extinguisher using the digital panel at two WL Farmers Markets and trained several City departments on usage. They plan to go to local businesses and residential facilities to provide hands-on fire extinguisher training with the new technology. These efforts, along with neighborhood smoke alarm blitzes, provide lifesaving strategies in case of fire.

Welcome, Fire Chief Jeff Need, to your new leadership role.

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

Don't forget to review these vital computer security strategies for a safe new school year.



- Keep your software up-to-date.
- Install antivirus software on all your devices — even mobile.
- Research apps before downloading them.
- Use VPNs and don't access personal or financial information on unsecured or public WIFI.
- Don't take the phish bait – check the sources before you click on links or attachments.
- Keep your device on you at all times to prevent theft.
- Use strong passwords on all your devices.

Our citizen self-service portal has moved. Please update our URL in your browser favorites.

<https://cityofwestlafayettein.muniselfservice.com>

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.

Alvin Toffler

RENT, MORTGAGE & UTILITY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

Citizens within City limits who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and who meet income qualifications can apply for grant money to help with rent/mortgage assistance, utilities and arrearages. HomesteadCS is utilizing Cares Act funding from the West Lafayette Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Applications are on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please send inquiry emails to info@homesteadcs.org.

HISTORIC STORMS

When you live in a climate with all four seasons, sometimes you get extreme weather. If you are new to the area, you may be unaware of several historic weather events that occurred here over the years: floods, blizzards, tornadoes. Here are the highlights.

The 1913 Flood

Easter Weekend in late March 1913 brought the worst recorded flood to Tippecanoe County, preceded by high winds, rain, and snow. In the Lafayette area, 3-5 inches of rain fell in 24 hours, falling on frozen ground that could not absorb it, swiftly flooding the Wabash River and its tributaries. By the end of the day on March 26, both Main Street and Brown Street bridges collapsed. The river crested at just below 33 feet, 22 feet above flood stage. Railroad service and mail delivery stopped, schools closed, and Lafayette's water, gas, heating, and electric plants discontinued operations. High water isolated West Lafayette from Lafayette, with only the railroad bridge left standing. Several streets were hidden under chest-deep water. You can still see the 1913 watermark etched under the railroad bridge on South River Road. Major river flooding is still possible in the Lafayette area, however, bridges are stronger, dams are more effective, and cities are planned more carefully.

1978 Blizzard

Five inches of snow were already on the ground, and north-south roads had drifted shut when more snowfall and freezing rain fell on January 24, 1978. Eleven inches fell before the storm stopped. Temperatures dropped to near zero, and the wind gusted to 50 mph, creating

massive 10-20 foot snow drifts, making travel virtually impossible for motorists, trains, and travelers. Indiana State Police considered all Indiana roads closed, and Purdue closed classes for only its third time since 1950. People could climb atop a snowdrift and reach their housetops. Dangerous wind chills dropped to 65 degrees below zero. It was the worst blizzard recorded in northern Indiana and one of the most severe blizzards in US history.

1994 Tornado

The April 27th tornado was one of the fiercest outbreaks in the country that year, touching down in West Lafayette. The winds reached 210 mph and would be classified as an EF5 (the highest category) today on the Enhanced Fujita Scale. Arriving just after midnight, the twister roared through the northwest edge of the City. It damaged/destroyed 37 homes, 88 mobile homes, Lafayette Venetian Blind, two gas stations, the State Police Post, and Morris Bryant Inn, a well-known local restaurant and motel which had just been rebuilt after a fire.

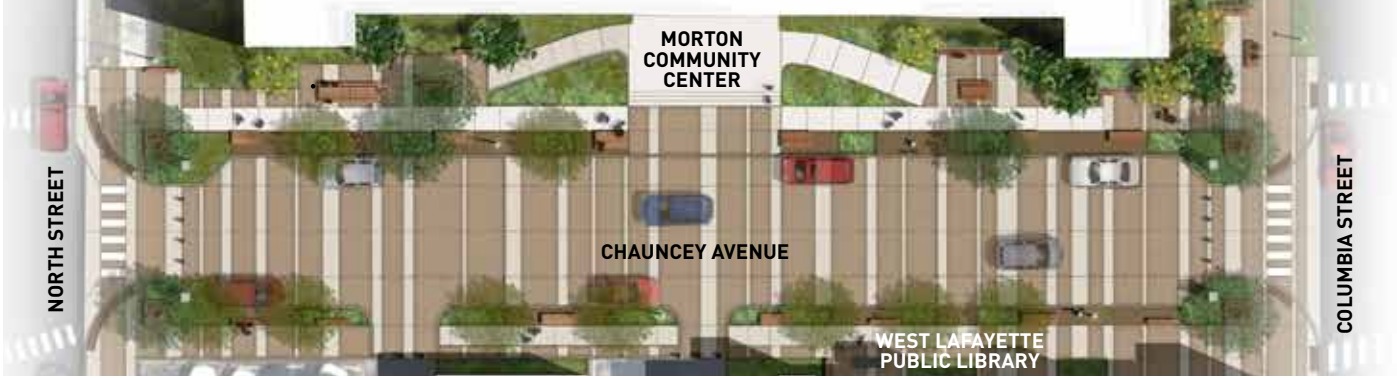
Mother Nature has many moods, and it is best to know the warning signs when she's in one.

Be prepared by using these tips: be calm, consult credible news sources (National Weather Service or WLF1), sign up for NIXLE weather report texts, and be observant.

*See more information and pictures at the Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Lafayette Journal & Courier, and Wikipedia.



Looking toward West Lafayette, after the 1913 flood.



Chauncey Plaza between City Hall and the West Lafayette Public Library

CITY SIDEWALKS, BUSY SIDEWALKS

Take a stroll in New Chauncey neighborhood and see the new ADA-accessible curb ramps on Dodge, Evergreen, Hayes, Allen, and Garfield streets. The ramps have detectable warning bumps to aid the vision-impaired by their color and texture. The City ground down trip hazards on the sidewalks to provide even walking surfaces. **Still in progress:** construction of Chauncey Plaza between City Hall and the West Lafayette Public Library, slated to be completed by November 2021.

BIKE ZONE

West Lafayette is a Bicycle Friendly Community: one of only 14 designated communities in Indiana. Furthermore, the City was given the Bronze Award by the League of American Bicyclists based on bikeable roads, events, education, safety, and bike-friendly businesses, among other factors.

Own a business? Join hundreds of leading companies across America that have created bicycle-friendly workplaces and destinations. Apply to the program and see how bicycling can help your business make more energized, alert, and productive employees, decrease your healthcare costs, attract and retain top talent, and draw more customers. For more information, visit apply.bikeleague.org.



TRASH CONTAINERS 101

Waste not in an unapproved trash container. If your can doesn't meet the following description, please replace it with an approved toter from the City of West Lafayette.

SUITABLE CONTAINERS for waste pickup shall be leak-proof and two-handled, no larger than 96 gallons, with a metal catch bar (bale) and an attached tight-fitting lid.

The City offers approved trash and recycling toters for purchase; one recycling toter per residence is provided at no charge.

48-gallon trash toter: \$59.33
 96-gallon trash toter: \$69.55
 48-gallon yard waste toter: \$59.00

See ordering information for toters and dumpster rental at westlafayette.in.gov under Street & Sanitation Department.

CITY NEWS

NEW HIRES

Douglas Ashman
 Maintenance Tech II
 Parks & Recreation

Roxanne Deck
 Accounting II
 Finance

Curtis Donohue
 Operator
 Water Resource
 Recovery Facility

Jenna Faulkner
 Receptionist
 Street & Sanitation

David Hoover III
 Driver/Collector
 Street & Sanitation

Amanda Jeffries
 Hub Services Associate
 Parks & Recreation

Silvija Kreillis
 Operator
 Water Resource
 Recovery Facility

Liliana Mobley
 Lab Technician
 Water Resource
 Recovery Facility

Rob Talkington
 Senior Specialist
 IT Department

Jared Watson
 Driver/Collector
 Street & Sanitation

Henry Williams
 Hub Services Associate
 Parks & Recreation

RETIREMENTS

Brian Claxton
 Driver/Collector
 32 years of service
 Street & Sanitation

Timothy Heath
 Chief
 31 years of service
 West Lafayette Fire

Bruce Sigman
 Battalion Chief
 32 years of service
 West Lafayette Fire



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Exploration Acres Corn Maze • Sept. 17-Oct. 30

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LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR

RX/OTC Take Back

2nd Thursday • 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Sept. 9 • Oct. 14 • Nov. 11
West Lafayette Police Station

City Offices Closed

Labor Day • Monday, Sept. 6
Columbus Day • Monday, Oct. 11
Veteran's Day • Thursday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving • Thursday & Friday,
Nov. 25 & 26

West Lafayette Farmers Market

Wednesdays May - Oct. • 3:30-7 pm
Cumberland Park

Wednesdays in the Wild

1-3 pm • Lilly Nature Center
westlafayette.in.gov/parks

St. Boniface German Mini-Fest

Saturday • Sept. 11 • 5-11 pm
318 N. 9th Street • Lafayette

Global Fest

Saturday • Sept. 18 • 4-8 pm
Northwestern, Columbia and
South streets

Exploration Acres Corn Maze

Sept. 17-Oct. 30
explorationacres.com

Feast of the Hunters' Moon

Saturday • Oct. 9 • 9 am-5 pm
Sunday • Oct. 10 • 9 am-4 pm
Fort Quiatenon

Purdue Half Marathon

Saturday • Oct. 16 • 8 am Start
Ross-Ade Stadium

Fall Festival

Friday • Oct. 29
5-8 pm
West Lafayette
Wellness Center

