



West Lafayette Farmers Market opens May 4 | Photography by Ann Hunt

FARMERS MARKET FORECAST

Trending now: Fresh and locally-grown asparagus, rhubarb, radishes, spinach and lettuce are at their season's peak and ready for your dining enjoyment. A bright forecast for a tasty spring is in store when you shop the West Lafayette Farmers Market, located at Cumberland Park. Market hours are Wednesdays from 3:30 – 7 pm, May-October, with opening day on May 4.

You're sure to find something delicious to eat or lovely to have, as all of the vendors bring the best of their home-grown, home-made, or hand-crafted items to the market. Check out the new website, wlfarmersmarket.com. In the Vendors section, discover who participates and what they sell, with links to their websites. In the Seasonal section you'll find what produce is bountiful that month. You'll get the best flavors and lowest prices while the supply is abundant. It's economics at its tastiest.

Stumped on what to prepare for dinner? No problem, there are appetizing recipes using the market's farm-fresh items in the website's Recipe section, thanks to contributions from vendors and KitchenArt. Musical performances,

wine-tastings, demonstrations, and other special happenings are listed in the Events section.

Sign up to receive the newest tote bag with an orange pepper motif when you make three visits to the market, while supplies last. The market forecast looks great for quality shopping, sipping, snacking, and sharing a sense of community with fellow neighbors and friends. Volunteers and new vendors are welcome to apply.

ART IN BLOOM

Saturday | June 25 | 10 am – 2 pm

In celebration of Indiana's 200th birthday, the Art in Bloom tour is featuring a Bicentennial Sampler of great gardens from New Chauncey to the north end of town; some decked out in blue and gold flowers, the State's colors. Besides interesting landscaping, these gardens will also include beautiful artwork for sale from local artisans. Check the City website two weeks prior to the event for the complete 2016 garden tour map.



BLOOMING BLUE AND GOLD

Get in the spirit of the Bicentennial by planting blue and gold annuals in your yard or planters this spring. Suggestions include *Celosia Fresh Look Yellow*, *Salvia Evolution Deep Violet*, *Petunia Easy Wave Blue or Yellow*, and *Lantana Lucky Pure Gold*. These and many more varieties are discounted for residents. Order forms are on the City website, with payment due by May 9 and delivery on Saturday, May 14 at Cumberland Park. Join the beautiful buzz!





SPRING AWAKENING

Life is good, especially when you live in West Lafayette in the springtime. The longer daylight allows us to really get outside and enjoy the City's beautiful trails where flowering trees and flowers are bursting into bloom. I suggest that you pause during your run, walk, or ride to appreciate the awesome beauty that surrounds you. It's a priority

to keep the City's 450 acres of recreational areas (which include 13 parks, various picnic areas and playgrounds, 27 miles of paved trails, 5 miles of footpaths, and 10 miles of bike trails) as well as public places as attractive and appealing as possible for residents and visitors.

While construction heats up, traveling by foot or bike can make the journey more enjoyable. For the most part, you can get from point A to point B by foot or bike on our trail network. If you don't own a bike, share one while on campus. Zagster bikes can be rented for a nominal cost at 14 bike stations throughout campus via their free mobile phone app or online at www.zagster.com/purdue. Take a spin for an hour or a day and return it to a bike station. *Easy*. There are plans to expand the bike share program to WL and Lafayette in the near future. Be sure to follow the rules of the road by checking out www.bicyclelafayette.com.

Spring is an excellent reminder that I was supposed to get in shape before spring.

Anonymous

We're looking forward to spring cleaning to spruce up our City and parks while campus is relatively quiet. Not many cities have this opportunity to refurbish, and we take full advantage. You'll see our trucks and people repairing sidewalks and landscaping to make our community even safer and more attractive. I invite you to join in on the spring cleaning spree by taking advantage of yard waste pick-up days for branches and leaves, and recycling whatever you don't want anymore.

There's a good reason why West Lafayette ranks top among cities across the country. We value safety, health, education, art, and a diverse community. Our university attracts students from across the globe, and our quality of life with exciting job opportunities attracts families who want to make our home, their home. As we embark on celebrating Indiana's Bicentennial this year, we realize that our honest-to-goodness Hoosiers are the true source of celebration.



BECOME A ROADS SCHOLAR

Getting from here to there can be a little tricky and challenging during the Season of Construction, but it needn't be if you use these tools to outsmart the traffic.

TOOL 1 Sign up for Nixle traffic text alerts to get real-time alerts on road closures, delays, detours, and accidents from the WL Police Department. Find the link on the home page of the City website, under "How Do I?" You can receive alerts on your email or home phone as well. Like a good Boy Scout, it pays to be prepared.

TOOL 2 Get the free WAZE app for your smartphone to help avoid traffic and accidents and get to places faster. Join the GPS-driven community of drivers who automatically share real-time traffic and road information with each other to save time, gas money, and improve daily commuting or long trips.

TOOL 3 Get a book on tape or CD for those expected and unexpected delays. Hearing a story or learning a new subject *¿Hablas Español?* can keep you in a positive state of mind, less prone to frustration or road rage. Pop into the West Lafayette Library to peruse free materials. Or, as psychotherapist Richard Carlson of *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff* fame suggested, try prayer, meditation or deep breathing as coping techniques that go a long way on a congested roadway.

TOOL 4 Allow more time to get where you're going.

NOW HAPPENING IN A STREET NEAR YOU

You must be from Indiana if you measure distance in minutes.

Public Works Director Dave Buck has many moving parts in play this spring and summer. Please exercise caution while driving near construction zones to keep the workers safe. *Safety is no accident.* Here's what's coming down the road ...

CSO Relief Interceptor Project Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) occur during periods of heavy rainfall or snow melt thus causing an overflow in the combination storm and sanitary sewer system that ends up sending flows directly into the Wabash River before they can be treated. The CSO project along River Road is addressing and eliminating such occurrences by storing the excess storm water and wastewater in the 8 ft. diameter pipe (being placed under the road) until it can be processed at the treatment facility. Not only does this project meet EPA requirements, but also it will be in place prior to the State Street redevelopment project, starting later in 2016 and running through 2017 and 2018. The CSO project will have three main construction phases:

Phase I Currently underway, this is a critical portion of the CSO pipe through the State Street & River Road intersection.

Phase II After Phase I, the State Street intersection will be re-opened, but South River Road will be completely closed at the Williams & Tapawingo intersection for the construction of a new roundabout. River Road from Quincy Street south to State Street will be restricted to one-lane traffic in each direction with State St. re-opened to east-west traffic. This phase is slated for completion by November 2016.

Phase III In November, the Quincy Street intersection will be closed on the west side of North River Road in order to connect flows to the new pipe. This phase should conclude in May of 2017. Please consult www.riverroadwl.com for all the details. Oh, what a relief it will be when it's all completed!

State Street Redevelopment This major endeavor will completely change the look of Purdue's main artery, but like most makeovers, this will take time and patience before it's all said and done. The baton has been handed off to Plenary Roads State Street, the development team who was awarded the contract to redevelop the area, using the plans proposed by the joint committee of the City of West Lafayette and Purdue University. Roadwork will occur on

MANY streets as part of the plan, including Stadium, McCormick, Williams, Airport, Harrison, Russell, University, Wood, Sheetz, Chauncey, Northwestern, Vine, and Pierce in addition to State Street.

Construction will start this summer by widening Airport Road which will serve as part of the Perimeter Parkway. Sections of State Street will be reconstructed one or more at a time from US 231 to the Wabash River during the time frame of 2016 – December 2018. Please consult the Project website, www.statestreetwl.com for traffic alerts, detours and up-to-date information throughout construction. Plans are to reconfigure the streetscape to include dedicated bike lanes and pedestrian walkways, street trees with grates, benches, umbrella tables, and public art spaces. The long view looks beautiful from here and will be worth the wait.

Happy Hollow Road Due to unforeseen delays with water pipe relocation, the Happy Hollow project is now back on track. Retaining walls and storm sewer relocations are in progress and Happy Hollow will once again support two-way traffic before winter sets in. The road is now slated to be completed in the spring of 2017.



Water and Gas Pipe Relocations Several streets and neighborhoods will see Indiana American Water or Vectren Gas crews working to relocate or replace pipes to keep them in safe and good working condition. The individual utilities will contact homeowners when the updates will occur with information on what to expect during the service period, such as boil advisories or temporary interruptions in service. Take note — the upper Hills & Dales neighborhood between Lindberg and Carrolton are due to have both water and gas pipes updated, and other areas south of Kingston Drive will be affected. If you have any questions, please call the individual utility companies.

RADKIDS

Sign up your 5-12 year old child for the annual radKids free safety camp from June 13-17 at Faith West Community Center. This national program, conducted by the West Lafayette Police Department, teaches children what to do in an emergency. radKIDS stands for Resisting Aggression Defensively. For more information and application forms, please visit the WLPD webpage, or email Cindy Marion, Program Director, at camarion@westlafayettepd.us.



SCENIC SNIPPETS

Sign sculpture at Celery Bog Nature Area The Public Arts Team (PAT) has recently added some significant pieces to beautify West Lafayette. Jeff Laramore's "Heron" welcomes visitors at the entrance of the Celery Bog. It was dedicated on April 15 with a poem by Mary Oliver who describes herons as "columns of blue smoke hunkered in the frozen marsh."

PopArt Surprise, live, flash musical performances presented by PAT have been popping up all over the City. Swing dancers, a brass quintet and others were spotted in April throughout West Lafayette. Keep your eyes open because this project may pop up again in the future!

Pop! Goes Purdue PAT celebrates those who have influenced pop culture with ties to Purdue. Think Orville Redenbacher popcorn king, Dow Jones & the Industrials punk band, actor Stephen Henderson, and the inventor of Stovetop Stuffing, etc. These Boilers will be immortalized in a series of portraits drawn by local artists and hung at Purdue's Fountain Gallery from May 10 – June 10. The Purdue photography club, CLICK, will reproduce the portraits on vinyl so they can hang in West Lafayette Public Library windows and on street signs throughout the Village.

Public Art initiatives

Since 2012, PAT has been breathing life and color into the streets and parks of WL. Public art, through sculptures and murals, or found on windows or alleys makes one stop and appreciate imaginative artistry. Creating a sense of community through public art was initiated by the Mayor

and local people who care about the community. Thanks to West Lafayette PAT members for their vision and dedication: Eric Lucas, Tim Brouk, Shelley Lowenberg-DeBoer, Petronio Bendito, Amy Budd, Steve Kohler, Lynn Lee, Katelyn McDonough, Katie Morrison, Bev Shaw, Jeremy Slater, Temre Stanchfield, Renee Thomas, Scott Tracey, and Bess Witcosky.

Art on the Wabash The annual artistic event is scheduled for September 25, 2016. Applications are due 5/5/16 at 5 pm. For more information see www.artonthewabash.wordpress.com.



Photos of live art performances by PopArt participants.



Prophetstown

DID YOU KNOW?

Fun fact about West Lafayette – a glimpse back in our history

An Ordinance Prohibiting Bathing in the Wabash River

Be it ordered by the Trustees of the Town of Chauncey (West Lafayette) that it will be unlawful for any person or persons over the age of ten years to bathe in the Wabash River within the corporate limits of said Town during daytime, and on conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Five Dollars. This ordinance is to be in force from and after its legal publication.

Adopted June 26, 1868

We've come a long way since then to improve water quality and enhance riverside enjoyment!



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

West Lafayette Police Department is proud to announce the addition of four new officers to the force, bringing it up to full staff. Three of the four new officers began their official training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in March.

Officer Matthew Holtman is a graduate of Purdue with a degree in chemistry. Originally from Brownsburg, Holtman served with the Indiana National Guard for seven years prior to joining the force.

Officer Christopher Jewell worked for the Department of Corrections for three years prior to interning at the WLPD in 2015. A graduate from Twin Lakes High School in Monticello, Jewell is currently completing his degree in sociology from Purdue University.

Officer FN Lutz, a lifelong resident, came to the force after graduating from Indiana State University with a degree in criminal justice. His interest in law enforcement began at Harrison High School where he had coaches who were police officers.

Officer Sanford Swanson comes to the WLPD after 10 years of prior law enforcement experience with the Indiana State Excise Police. He is a graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and LaSalle High School in South Bend.

Do or do not.
There is no try.
Yoda, The Empire
Strikes Back

CITY NEWS

NEW HIRES

Matthew Holtman
Police Department
Probationary Police Officer

Christopher Jewell
Police Department
Probationary Police Officer

FN Lutz III
Police Department
Probationary Police
Officer

Jennifer Mullett
Engineering Department
Administrative Assistant

Sanford Swanson, Jr.
Police Department
Probationary Police Officer

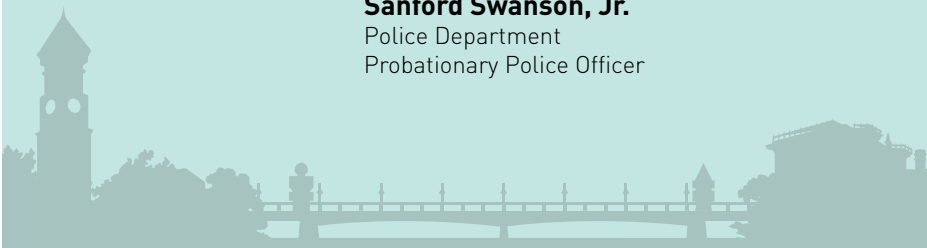
RETIREMENTS

Jeffrey Holder
Fire Department

Terry Jones
Fire Department

PAPER TRAIL CLEANUP

The Shred-It truck will be at Morton Community Center on Saturday, May 7 from 10 am – 1 pm to help you protect your identity by safely shredding any unwanted personal papers.



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A Tree City USA

A community consists of many things: safety, security, sustainability, growth and a high quality of life. Central to a high quality of life is public art. Time and time again, a community's spirit is judged by the visual. Public art captures the spirit and personality of a community and makes it more attractive to residents, visitors and those interested in assisting in a community's growth through their investment.

Mayor John Dennis

LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR

Drug Drop-off

Thursdays | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
May 12 | June 9 | July 14 | August 11
WL Police Station

City Offices CLOSED

May 30 | Memorial Day
July 4 | Independence Day
September 5 | Labor Day

West Lafayette Farmers Market

Wednesdays | May – October
3:30 – 7 pm | Cumberland Park

Wednesdays in the Wild

April – June | Lilly Nature Center
www.wl.in.gov/parks

Mind BOGgling Event

Saturday | May 21 | 10 am - 3 pm
Celery Bog Nature Area

West Lafayette Municipal Pool

Opens May 27
Noon – 7:50 pm
Salisbury & Kingston
Streets

Round the Fountain Art Fair

Saturday | May 28 | 9 am – 4:30 pm
Courthouse Square

Taste of Tippecanoe

Saturday | June 18 | 4pm – midnight
Downtown Lafayette

Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering

Friday – Sunday | June 24 – 26
Tippecanoe Battlefield

Art in Bloom

Saturday June 25
10 am – 2 pm
Tour maps posted
soon www.wl.in.gov

Stars & Stripes

Monday | July 4
Concert | 7:30 pm
Fireworks | dusk
Downtown Lafayette

Wabash Riverfest

Saturday | July 9 | 9 am – 4 pm
Tapawingo Park

Tippecanoe County Fair

July 16 – 23
Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds



Dancing & Cruising in the Streets

Saturday | July 16 | 4 pm – midnight
Downtown Lafayette

Uptown Jazz & Blues Festival

Saturday | August 27 | 5 pm – midnight
Uptown Lafayette

Global Fest

Saturday | September 17 | 11 am - 7 pm
On Columbia and Chauncey Streets

Art on the Wabash

Sunday | September 25 | 10 am – 4 pm
Tapawingo Park



www.funwiththemayor.com

