



Samuel Postlethwait

University Place grounds

TIME FOR A TRAIL RUN

We really know how to “fall” in West Lafayette. We relish being outdoors in the cooler weather - no humidity, no sweating, no swimsuits. Grab a sweater and a friend and enjoy the beautiful trails and parks, thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department. New this season:

Happy Hollow Ravine Footpath A newly-constructed boardwalk provides hikers with a more secure pathway from Salisbury at Grant Street down to the Wabash Heritage Trail in Happy Hollow Park. The 2,000 ft. long pathway has a 122 ft. change in elevation and potential water crossings, so pedestrians still need to take care while walking. The footpath was funded by the West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission.

Celery Bog Overlook Deck Come check out the new overlook deck on the north end of the Celery Bog. Not only does it provide a beautiful view, it’s also fully accessible from the Cattail Trail. A \$20,000 grant from the Roy Whistler Foundation paid for the deck, and the family of Sam Postlethwait donated money for the interpretive signage.

Kiwanis Playground Parks Superintendent Janet Fawley said, “The completion of the Kiwanis playground provides families using Cumberland Park a place for children to play. Many families are in Cumberland Park to play soccer, to visit the Farmers Market, and to play softball or baseball. The Kiwanis playground will see a lot of use by our children.” Thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette for getting donations from local businesses for the project and the WL Redevelopment Commission for funding the sidewalks and infrastructure of the playground.

Riverside Skating Rink Strap on your ice skates and have some fun on the ice. Skating season begins on Friday, November 25, the day after Thanksgiving. Burn off some of those Thanksgiving calories with the family at one of three sessions that day: 1-3 pm; 4-6 pm; or 7-10 pm. The rink is open seven days a week every afternoon and evening with varying hours, with opportunities to privately rent the facility for parties on Tuesday evenings. Consult the City website for details, or call 765.775.5120 for more information.

Walk yourself out of a bad mood. Studies show that even a 10-minute walk immediately boosts brain chemistry to increase happiness. Notsalmon.com



Mayor's Column

FRESH FACES THIS FALL

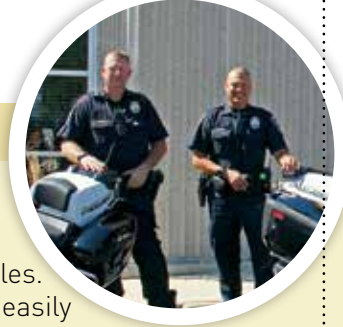
As our City continues to grow and evolve, so do the people who head our departments, adding new talent, energy, and experience to the incredible community we call home.

At the helm of the Department of Development is Erik Carlson. In the role as director, he is using his expertise in marketing, team building, and journalism in both government and private sectors to develop West Lafayette's vision of building a thriving community with a thriving economy. Erik's experience in economic development consulting for the college town of Lexington, Kentucky, along with his fresh enthusiasm and eye for art is just what we need to keep the City moving forward.

Taking over as the head of the Engineering Department is Ed Garrison. His formidable résumé includes being the project engineer and engineering assistant for the City of West Lafayette, with prior experience with INDOT and a private construction firm. He has a firm and knowledgeable understanding of the roadmap ahead concerning our roads and capital public works projects, so Ed won't miss a beat in his new leadership role.

Thanks and best wishes to Dave Buck who had an amazing influence on this community as lead engineer on projects that changed the makeup of West Lafayette. He was intimately involved with the planning and implementation of the River Road and State Street projects and his influence on WL will be felt for many, many years to come.

RIDE, CAPTAIN RIDE



Sergeant Jason Philhower and Officer Marcus Slifer are the men in blue who work on two wheels, namely BMW police motorcycles. They primarily patrol in school zones but can easily respond to emergencies in hard-to-get places like the trail system or parks. Because of their motorcycles' size and agility, they can quickly navigate construction zones (#everywhere) in case of crashes or traffic problems quicker than squad cars. The public response has been overwhelmingly positive. Being on a motorcycle makes it easier for the public to approach and get to know the officers who serve and protect them. We appreciate all our men in blue!

GLOBAL FEST REVIEW

The new street festival format this fall was a big success, allowing people to mix and mingle as they explored and enjoyed the many cultures that make up West Lafayette. Highlights included the music groups *Fendika* from Ethiopia and the *Black Voices of Inspiration* from the Black Cultural Center at Purdue. Edible favorites came from Scones and Doilies, Sunshine Lemonade, and the Purdue Lebanese International Organization. Save the date for the next Global Fest on September 16, 2017.

Chris Foley



Making finger puppets at Global Fest

MANAGING THE URBAN FOREST

Thanks to a grant from the Department of Natural Resources, the City was able to update the street tree inventory and create a management plan to identify which of the 9,425 street trees need attention and where more trees might be planted. Trees clean the air, reduce stormwater runoff, decrease energy use and costs, and increase property values.

The WL Tree Friends completed a project partnered with the City and a grant from Wabash River Enhancement Corporation to plant 78 trees in Blackbird Farms.

He that plants trees, loves others besides himself. Thomas Fuller

GOING ROUNDABOUT THE TOWN

Like a bear, construction is going into hibernation during the winter as soon as a few key projects are put to rest. Remaining developments will reawaken in the spring.

The River Road Gateway Project (formerly the CSO project) Finishing touches are underway for the project which placed an 8' interceptor pipe under River Road to hold excess stormwater to prevent CSO occurrences. The new roundabout connecting South River Road, Williams Street, and Tapawingo Drive will provide seamless movement through the area. Expect the road, complete with landscaping and a multi-use trail to be open by Thanksgiving.

Happy Hollow Road Renovation included relocating utilities, and building new underdrain structures, curbs, and concrete driveway approaches. The new road will be open for two-way traffic in November. Trail and lighting improvements will come along in spring as weather and funds permit.

State Street Project The current phase of the project is realigning Todd's Creek near Horticulture Park to divert stormwater away from the road. According to City Engineer Ed Garrison, the meat and potatoes part of the project will begin in April 2017. Expect State Street to be closed in different phases throughout the year. Side streets that are currently one-way (University, Marstellar, Pierce, Chauncey,

and Wood) will be reconfigured as two-way streets to facilitate navigation around campus. Signals with an all-red scramble phase will be installed in pedestrian-dense crossings to allow pedestrians to cross all ways while all cars are stopped. Detour routes will be posted at www.statestreetwl.com.

Community Crossing Grant The City received a 50/50 matching grant of nearly \$800,000 from the State of Indiana for road improvements. Three projects have been earmarked for road, sidewalk, and curbing improvements next year: 1) Wabash Shores neighborhood; 2) Grant Street from Salisbury to Meridian (with school zone improvements), and Salisbury Street from Grant to Robinson; 3) crack sealing and other pavement preservation methods throughout the City.

Erik Carlson,
Alan Plunkett,
and Ed
Garrison



WL FIREFIGHTERS: PREVENT, PREPARE, PERFORM

On the heels of Fire Prevention Month, Fire Chief Tim Heath strongly encourages residents to change batteries in smoke detectors. It can save your life. Free AA or 9V batteries are available, while they last, at all fire stations and City government offices. Make a family fire safety plan and practice it so your dreams don't go up in smoke.

Because the Purdue Airport is the 2nd busiest airport in the state, all WL and Purdue firefighters have been specially trained to extinguish airplane fires. The preparation included classroom and hands-on training at the Grissom Fire Training Center where they practiced putting out engine fires on a mock airplane.

The Fire Department is proud to announce that **Captain Jeff Need** is the first WL firefighter to be accepted into the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy. The four-year master's level leadership program consists of four courses which are taught in two-week increments in Maryland with projects to be performed in the WL community.

Fire Station #1 is getting ready to mark its 100th anniversary by sprucing up and renovating the historic building on North Street which has housed the Fire and Police Departments, and City Hall in its storied past. The celebration is planned for mid-year 2017.



AND THE WINNER IS...

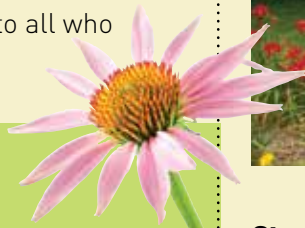


Jennifer Brovont's booth at Art on the Wabash

Art on the Wabash • Jennifer Brovont, mosaic artist and first-time participant from Lafayette won the 2016 People's Choice Award. Thanks go to KitchenArt; the Store for Cooks for their 11th year of sponsorship. The annual juried art fair was enjoyed by all for its quality art, friendly artists, music, and sunshine. Applications for next year at www.artonthewabash.com.

Boilermaker Half Marathon • Rob Mullett (age 29) from Indianapolis is a two-time winner of the half marathon with the time of 1:09:08. **Rachel Brown** (age 25) from Tuscola, IL was the fastest female with the time of 1:18:08, finishing 8th out of 1264 runners.

John Enrietto (age 54) won the hand-cycle division with a time of 55:42:9 and **Levi Taylor** (age 22) from Lafayette was the 5K winner from a field of 867 runners with a time of 15:49:40. Congratulations to all who competed during the 5th annual race.



GO GREENER GARDEN AWARD

Encouraging beautiful gardens to go one step greener, the Go Greener Commission is now awarding innovative gardeners for using native species, utilizing conscientious pest control and limiting fertilizer use, providing habitat for native species, and converting turf grass to food production. Greater Lafayette area residents will be honored in three-month increments: March-May; June-August; and September-November.

Ian and Talin Lindsay of Hillcrest Road were the inaugural award recipients, honored for their food-producing garden in their front yard while maintaining pleasing aesthetics.

Daniel Lybrook and Lisa Pantea of Salisbury Street were the fall recipients because of their creative plantings of wildflower/native plants and vegetable plots, and using rain barrels and vermicomposting practices. Nominate yourself or a neighbor for the Go Greener Garden Award by emailing mpdurr@gmail.com or nicolenelson@purdue.edu.

BEAUTIFICATION WINNERS

David Bridges and Vicki Burch Renovating a steep riverside lot with invasive honeysuckle into a haven for daffodils, bluebells, hellebores, snow drops, wood poppies, and trillium took years of hard work and love. Several ponds that David created attract birds and wildlife.

Cecilia Tenorio Creating natural beauty from a virtual blank slate, Cecilia added evergreens, hostas, daylilies, and clematis over the last 10 years. During the summer she planted pots of pink, orange and red annuals to brighten up the views of passersby.

Reid and Mary Anne Schmidt The foundation of their beautiful garden came from Mother's Day plants received over the years, thus keeping the sentiments alive in a cacophony of color. Playful hummingbirds make the garden their home at the feeders and baskets of hanging begonias.

Harlan Day



Helen and Steve Green

Steve and Helen Green Working wonders with their green thumbs, Steve and Helen transformed turf grass into gorgeous perennial gardens bursting with daisies, coreopsis, mums, Siberian iris, hostas, and beautiful oak leaf hydrangeas whose flowers change hue with the season.

Leo and Judy Weitzman The shady garden in back which overlooks a ravine is filled with lush hostas, ferns and hardscape. The sunny front and side gardens are peaceful respites with perennials and trees. Two of their daughters were married in the garden, a place they refer to as a "glen in the woods."

Elizabeth Shiffman Westminster struck pay dirt when Elizabeth began reworking the garden behind Building B. She redesigned the original garden into a gorgeous spot with plants and flowers of different colors, textures, and heights to create a beautiful place for fellow residents, butterflies, and small animals to enjoy.

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

Albert Camus

TIME TO RAKE IT UP AND SHOVEL IT OUT

Remember, you wanted to live where we have all four seasons. As you rake those lovely leaves off your lawn, we're here to help you haul them away through mid-December. Sign up for eNotify on the City website to receive alerts regarding the 2016 Leaf Schedule, trash, snow, and recycling info for your neighborhood. Please do NOT place sticks or other debris in with the leaves (leaf it alone). Trim your trees now so trucks and snowplows can get close to the curbs. Branches should be at least 8 ft. over sidewalks and 15 ft. over the street. For advice or assistance, call Bryce Patz at the Department of Development for your tree pruning or tree health questions. The WL Tree Friends will help as they are able.



Snow is on its way. Do your part to keep sidewalks shoveled within 6 hours after daylight and after snowfall has ceased. Following this City code helps you and fellow pedestrians travel safely while winter walking. Do a good deed and help a neighbor in need. Also, please remove snow from around your mailbox, keeping the street clear for mail delivery and snowplowing. Join our Street Dept. — all new attractive pay rates!



RECYCLING NEWS

As the holidays approach, don't forget to fully utilize the recycling services offered at the Recycling Drop-Off Center on S. River Road. The following clean items are accepted: mixed paper (including holiday wrapping paper), flattened cardboard, newspaper, plastic grocery bags, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles & jars, plastic (NO Styrofoam), used car batteries, motor oil, and cooking oil in plastic containers labeled "cooking oil." For complete information of what and where to recycle all of your unwanted waste, consult <http://www.tippecanoewaste.org/>.



WEST SIDE BACKSTORY

ORDINANCE NO. 1 / ADOPTED MAY 16, 1868

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DIGGING OF DITCHES OR REMOVAL OF DIRT FROM STREETS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CHAUNCEY that it is unlawful for any person or persons to dig a ditch or in any way change or remove stone, gravel, earth or other material from any of the streets or alleys within the corporate limits of said Town, excepting by and with the consent and authority of the Board of Trustees. Any person or persons violating this Ordinance on conviction shall be fined for each offense in any sum not exceeding Ten Dollars.

CITY NEWS

NEW HIRES

Drew Adams

Corey Frain

Police Department
Probationary Police
Officers

Brook King

Street and Sanitation
Traffic Maintenance/
Equipment Operator

Kinzie Lighty

Water Resource Recovery
Part-Time Lab Technician

Michael Young

Information Technology
IT Network Administrator

Travis Walters

Street and Sanitation
Driver/Collector/Processor

Marcus Smith

Engineering Department
Assistant City Engineer

RETIREMENTS

John King

Police Department

BICENTENNIAL TORCH RUN

The torch run began its 3,200 mile trek throughout 92 counties on September 9 and ran through October 15, making a stop in Tippecanoe County on October 12. The run started at Columbian Park and continued through downtown Lafayette and into West Lafayette and Purdue.



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Committed to Going Greener



A Tree City USA



LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR

Drug Drop-Off

2nd Thursday of the month
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Dec. 8 | Jan. 12
Feb. 9 | Mar. 9
WL Police Department

City Offices CLOSED

Nov. 24-25 | Thanksgiving
Dec. 23, 26 | Christmas
Jan. 2 | New Year's Day
Jan. 16 | Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 20 | Presidents' Day

Thanksgiving Farmers Market

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

Wednesday | November 23 | 3 – 5 pm
Cumberland Park

Wednesdays in the Wild

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



Riverside Skating Center

Opens Friday | Nov. 25
(weather permitting)
Tapawingo Park
www.wl.in.gov/parks
Lafayette-West Lafayette

83rd Purdue Christmas Show

Saturday | Dec. 3 | Noon, 4 pm, 8 pm
Sunday | Dec. 4 | 2 pm
Elliott Hall of Music



Christmas Parade

Saturday | December 3 | 5:30 – 7 pm
Main Street | Downtown Lafayette

Ann Hunt



www.funwiththemayor.com

